



# THE ROSE CITY STAR

Newsletter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler TX

## Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,**

**January 3, 2023**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Eat**

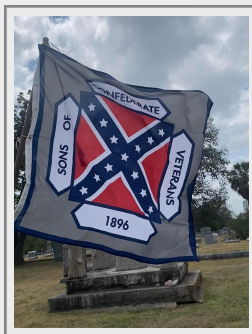
**7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**

**Spring Creek  
BBQ**

**5810 Broadway Tyler  
TX 75703  
(903) 561-5695**

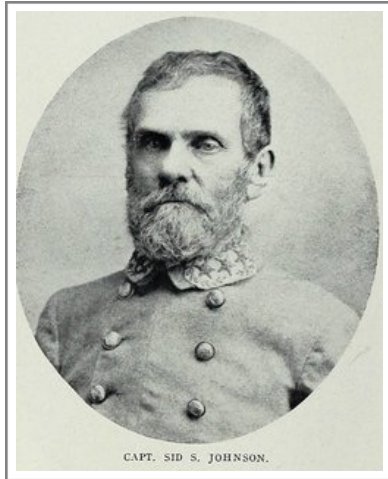
**SUBJECT:**

**Annual Lee/Jackson  
Memorial Service**



**Please Note That Our  
Meeting Place Has  
Changed!**

**Smith County  
Confederate Veteran  
Spotlight...**



**Sidney Smith Johnson  
1840-1910**

Sidney Smith (Sid) Johnson, Confederate cavalry officer, journalist, and author, son of D. T. M. and Adeline (Smith) Johnson, was born in Choctaw County, Mississippi, on April 19, 1840. He came with his family to Texas in 1849. They lived in Cherokee County until 1854, when they moved to Tyler. Johnson served on the Mexican border with the Texas Rangers under John S. "RIP" Ford in the late 1850s. He enlisted on June 9, 1861, in Capt. D. Y. Gaines's Company K of the 3rd Texas Cavalry and was elected third lieutenant of his company. He was elected captain a year later and served with this rank until the end of the war. The regiment served in Arkansas and Missouri with Ben McCulloch's Army of the West until McCulloch's death. Johnson fought at the battles of Oak Hill, Missouri; and Elkhorn Tavern, Arkansas. East of the Mississippi River he served during the siege of Corinth, and was in the battle at Iuka, Mississippi, where the Third Texas distinguished itself. After Corinth, he and his company served the remainder of the war in Lawrence Sullivan Ross's Texas Brigade, which saw action in the capture of Holly Springs, Mississippi, and the engagement at Thompson's Station, and later in the Georgia campaign from Resaca to Atlanta and Jonesboro. In the Georgia Campaign Johnson was severely wounded at Lovejoy Station. He served the rest of the war in Tennessee under generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and W. H. Jackson.

Following the war he was admitted to the bar in Tyler, where he practiced law from 1866 until about 1880. He owned and wrote for various newspapers in the city, including the *Tyler Reporter* and *Courier*. Johnson was married to Zelda Smith on October 15, 1867. They had eight children. In 1900 he wrote and published *Some Biographies of Old Settlers, Historical, Personal and Reminiscent*, which covers the history of Smith County from its organization in 1846 until 1900. This volume was republished by the Smith County Historical Society in 1965. Johnson's second book, *Texans Who Wore The Gray*, was published in 1907. It consists primarily of biographical sketches and photographs of Texas Confederate veterans. Presumably, most of the sketches were compiled by Johnson. Although both of his books are labeled "Volume I," no second volume of either was published. After 1901 Johnson served as editor of the *Confederate Soldier*, later the *Confederate Soldier and Daughter*, published in Tyler, the official organ of the state division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He was a charter member of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #48 Tyler, TX of the United Confederate Veterans, which he served for two years as an adjutant.

Captain Johnson died on January 26, 1910, and is buried in historic Oakwood Cemetery in Tyler, TX.

Note: Capt Johnson does **NOT** have a Texas Division Guardian



Texas Division  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
GUARDIAN APPLICATION

Print and Mail to:  
Phillip L. Davis  
1299 Private Road 4011  
Gilmer, TX 75644  
Email: pdavis37@etex.net  
Phone: 903-790-7137

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ SCV ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
SCV Camp: & Number \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Confederate Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of grave (Include name of cemetery, city, county & state) (Latitude & Longitude & map if possible)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Date candidate began tending grave \_\_\_\_\_  
a. If grave has been tended to for more than a year indicate how many visits per year. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Flag placed on grave for Confederate Memorial Day: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Marker on grave indicating CSA service: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Services performed:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the Texas Division Guardian rules for as long as I am able. In the event I am no longer able to carry out my duties, I shall notify the Guardian Review Committee immediately.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -- FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY!**

Guardian Review Committee Action:		
I. Application Approved	Disapproved	For Full Guardian.
II. Application Approved	Disapproved	For Guardian Pro Tem.
III. Wilderness Grave:	Approved	Disapproved
IV. Pro Tem Period:	Months: From _____	to _____

Committee Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Previous forms may be used.

The Texas Division has instituted a special program to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting places. All members in good standing are welcome to apply. The Guardian program is overseen by Commander Bill Elliott of Marshall, TX.

**For details Contact Bill Elliot at 903-363-9092 or email: etaia@att.net**

**Camp T-Shirts Are In!!**  
**If You Ordered A Shirt**  
**Please Pick up at our meeting!**

**Cost \$20 per shirt**



**A WORKING CAMP IS A GROWING CAMP!**  
**CAMP PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. The Camp has been asked by the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee to remove overgrown vegetation and clean the cemetery sign. We need to set a day for the work.
2. The Camp has been asked by the Smith County Veterans Services Office to research, and put back in place a Confederate marker they have in their possession for Private Irby Holt, 14th TX Cavalry. Compatriot Monty Williams has taken the lead on the research. Once the grave is identified we will need to schedule a rededication of the headstone.
3. The Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee has announced plans to remove the large wooden posts and ropes which surround the Confederate monument at the soldier's plot. These will be replaced by metal posts and black chain. I would like the camp to discuss if/how we can assist with this change.
4. April is Confederate Heritage Month - We need to discuss how the camp would like to observe the contribution of local Confederate Veterans in the month of April 2023.

# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Smith County, Texas

1st Texas Infantry Hood's Texas Division "The Ragged Old First" - Colonel Louis T. Wigfall

3rd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - General William R Scurry

11th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Major Nathaniel J. Caraway

14th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Edward Clark

15th Texas Infantry Polignac's Brigade, Speight's Regiment - Lt Colonel James E. Harrison

17th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - Colonel Robert T. P. Allen

22nd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Hubbard's Regiment - Colonel Richard B. Hubbard

28th Texas Cavalry (dismount) Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Horace Randal

Douglas Texas Battery of Artillery, Army of the Tennessee - Captain James P. Douglas



15th Texas Infantry



11th Texas Infantry



3rd Texas Infantry



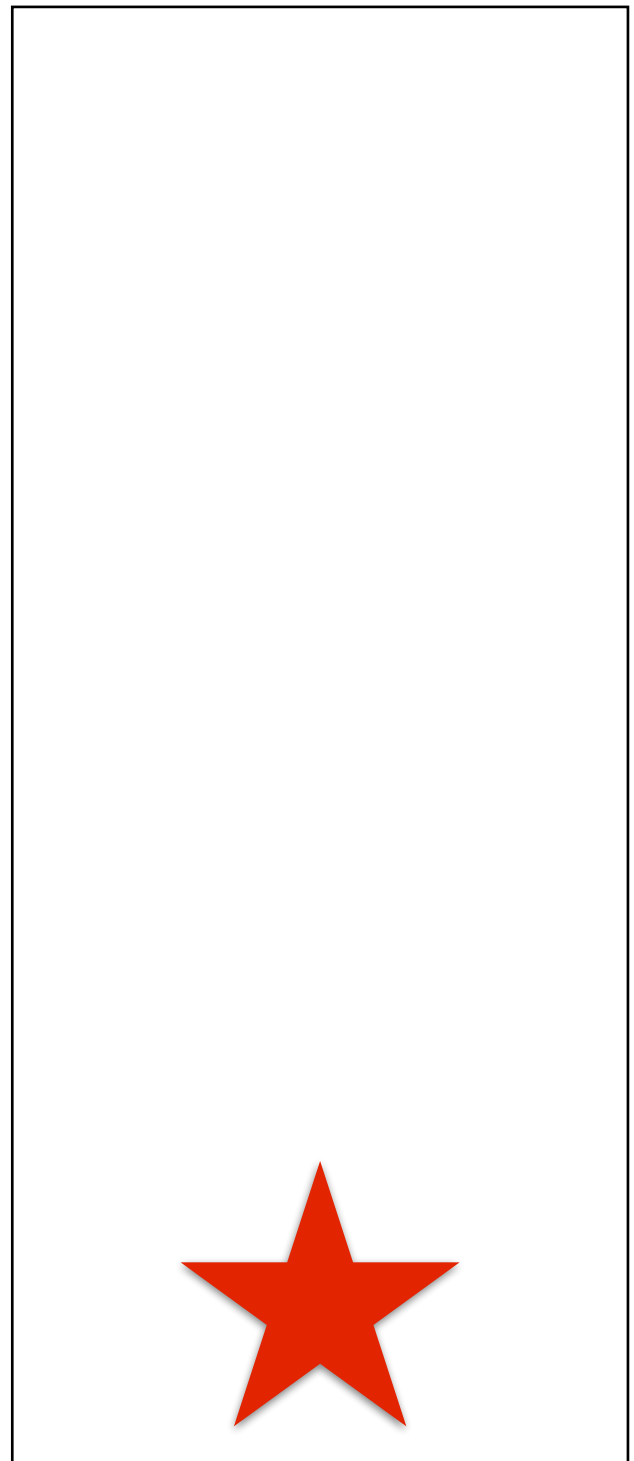
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- ◆ **January 7, 2023 at 9:00 am**~ Texas Division Executive Council Meeting. Papa Rollo's Restaurant, 703 N. Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX
- ◆ **January 10, 2023** - 88th Texas Legislature Begins
- ◆ **February 7, 2023** - Out next monthly Camp meeting
- ◆ **February 11, 2023** - SCV Camp Leadership Training. Sponsored by the Captain Walter T. Saxon Camp #1982, Hico, TX; from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Hico Community Center, 101 North Railroad, Hico, TX. Small fee for lunch.
- ◆ **March 4, 2023** - SCV General Executive Council Meeting at Elm Springs, TN
- ◆ **March 7, 2023** - Walker's Greyhounds Camp Meeting
- ◆ **June 2-4, 2023** - 126th Annual Texas Division Reunion, Lubbock, TX. To register and details: [www.scv1352.com](http://www.scv1352.com)
- ◆ **July 19-22, 2023** - SCV National Reunion, Hot Springs, Ark To register and details: [www.2023scvreunion.org](http://www.2023scvreunion.org)

*If you wish to attend any of these meetings and would like to ride share, please see Michael Hurley.*



### How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.