



***Camp Cresset  
Finley's Brigade  
Camp #1614  
Havana, Florida***



***Recipient – 2011 and 2012 Dr. George R. Tabor “Most Distinguished Camp” Award***

***"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."***



***May Camp Meeting Cancelled***

Due to the current pandemic situation, Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 May Meeting scheduled for May 12th has been cancelled.



Compatriot David Cline, shown above, getting his hair scalped by his daughter who looks to be enjoying it just a little. David is donating his hair to Wigs for Kids, a charity organization that helps make custom wigs for kids primarily diagnosed with cancer. David thinks he also heard his wife Paola say in the background “about time” on his haircut, but supposedly she denies this. Great job David on giving back to those in need.



### **Work Days – Remembering Our Ancestors**

Cemetery Cleanup Report – Chris Miller

No Report due to Cancellations caused by the Coronavirus.



### **Tallahassee Veterans Village**

Finley's Brigade has been a sponsor of the Tallahassee Veterans Village for at least 8 years, maybe more. Food is always needed; toiletries and linens are welcomed. The Director has suggested that we could give hotdogs as a food item, in addition to can goods. During the winter months, blankets are very needed item and are welcomed. Please contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter if you have any questions on donations.



### **Finley's Brigade Color Guard – Service with Honor**

Color Guard Report – Lt. Lee Norris

No Report due to Cancellations caused by the Coronavirus



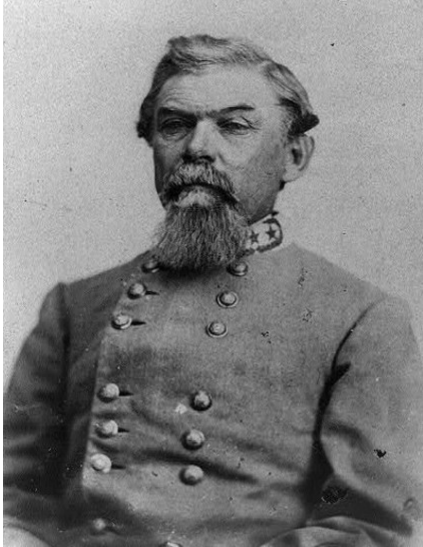
## **A Civil War Father - Son Tragedy: General William J Hardee**

*By Norm Dasinger*

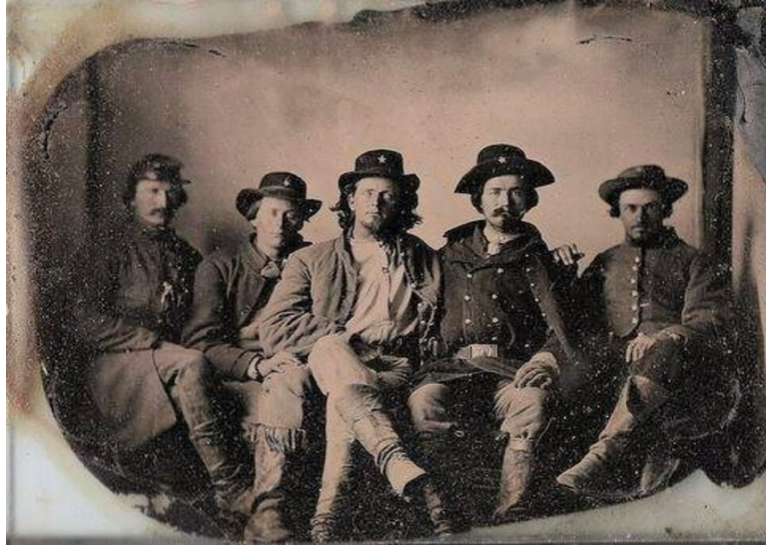
On March 23, 1865, three weeks before Robert E Lee surrendered to U.S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse Virginia, 16-year old Willie Hardee was killed. Willie was one of nearly 750,000 Americans that died in the War Between the States. His story, however, is overly tragic.

The son of Confederate States Army General William J Hardee, Willie was in school in Marietta, Georgia in 1864 when Terry's Texas Rangers rode into town. The boy was in awe of them and immediately tried to join the rough but fun-loving Texas cavalrymen. Knowing Willie was not a normal recruit, the commander of the unit found Willie's father and turned the boy over to him. Willie was disappointed. General Hardee appreciated the bravery and enthusiasm of his

son and decided to make him an officer on his staff. Willie was in the thick of the fighting around Atlanta and was present with his father at Savannah as he tried to defend that town against Sherman in December of 1864.



*William J. Hardee*



*Those fun loving Texas Rangers!*

By March of 1865, the Confederate Army of Tennessee had moved to North Carolina. This once proud organization was reduced drastically in number and their commander, General Joseph E Johnston, had little hope of stopping the massive Federal Army led by Sherman. The Hardees followed orders and met the enemy in battle around Bentonville.

General Hardee had a spectacular reputation as a hard fighter and master tactician. He was nicknamed “Old Reliable” by his comrades and had been in the War from the very start.

On March 21, 1865, Old Reliable faced an especially difficult assignment. He oversaw the defense of the Confederate left flank. Also, he was pre-occupied by the recent actions of his young son. Willie had become bored with the life of a staff officer. He encountered the men of Terry’s Texas Rangers, again, and begged his father to let him rejoin his old friends. The apprehensive father agreed. On this day, General Hardee personally led an assault on the Yankees, and he was joined by, among several units, Terry’s Texas Rangers. In a dramatic move, the two Hardee’s tipped their caps to one another as the assault began.





*Field where Willie fell charging against the Union line*

Soon, Old Reliable returned with a bright face and feeling of triumph as his charge had slowed the Union advance. Quickly, however, his exultation changed to sorrow as he noticed his son was hurt. Shot in the chest, Willie was removed from his horse and his father ordered he be placed in an ambulance and taken to the Kirkland home, Ayr Mount, in Hillsborough, North Carolina. There Willie's stepmother and sister were staying with a niece. Willie lingered but died two days later. He is buried in the Matthews Episcopal Church Cemetery, Orange County, North Carolina.



*The Kirkland Home, Ayr Mount, Hillsborough, North Carolina*



*Willie's grave marker - Willie was 16 when he was killed, but the marker has his age as 17.*

# *The 50 Annual Florida Division Reunion*

*220 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Trenton, Florida – June 6, 2020*



## **Recommended Hotels in Chiefland and Fanning Springs:**

### **Fanning Springs: Suwannee Gables**

27659 US 19

Old Town, Florida 32680

352-542-7762

Code: "Sons of Confederate"

Rates: were 99.00 per night will cost us \$82.00 plus tax

One mile west of the Suwannee River bridge.

#### **Amenities**

- Wi-Fi
- Free parking
- Outdoor pool
- Air conditioning
- Pet-friendly
- Kitchen in some rooms
- Wheelchair accessible
- Kid-friendly
- No hot tub

### **Chiefland: Quality Inn**

1125 N. young Blvd

Chiefland, Florida 32626

352-493-0663

Cost \$65.00 plus tax total \$70.63

Code: "Sons of Confederate"

#### **Amenities**

- Premium Free Wi-Fi
- Pet-friendly Hotel\*
- Free Hot Breakfast
- Truck Parking
- Free accessible parking
- Outdoor Parking
- Copy Machine\*
- Phone for Hearing Impaired
- Government Travelers: FEMA Approved
- Bus Parking
- Free Local Calls
- Fax Machine
- Flat Screen/Plasma TV
- Hotel has Safe
- Late Check-Out Available
- Seasonal Outdoor Pool
- Laundry\*
- Meeting Room\*
- Business Center
- Convenience Store\*
- Sun Deck

#### **Room Amenities**

- 1-Person Sofa bed
- Exterior Corridor
- 40-inch LCD/Plasma TV
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Showtime



The 50th Annual Florida Division Reunion  
220 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Trenton, Florida  
June 6, 2020



Ancestor Memorial for the 2020 Division Program

*Ancestor memorials are \$5.00 for the 2020 Florida Division Reunion program.  
Please complete the memorial information below and forward this  
form along with your check to 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Clement  
Lindsey*

7469 NE 15TH ST TRENTON FL 32693-4845

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestors Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestors Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestors Company & Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestors Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for memorials is May 15, 2020. Please make checks payable to the SCV  
Florida Division Inc.**

*The 50th<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Division Reunion*  
*220 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Trenton, Florida - June 6, 2020*



**Reunion REGISTRATION FORM**

**Quantity Total**

**Registration Fee: *Members Only***

If Postmarked by May 15th \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After May 15th \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Memorials \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total remitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**We will have an Awards Luncheon and no Evening Banquet**

**NOTE: We will not be able to take meal reservations received after May 15th**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP NAME & NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail Registration Form & Check to:**

7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Clement Lindsey

7469 NE 15TH ST TRENTON FL 32693-4845

Please Make Checks Payable To: SCV Florida Division Inc

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## SCV Florida Division Headquarters



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## Commander's Guidon

Fortunately things are starting to clear up in this pandemic situation, and it appears that we will be getting together very soon. Unfortunately, we will not be meeting this month. However, we can get together in smaller groups – currently 10 or less, and soon more. So with that said, we will be planning some cemetery clean-ups, and hopefully we can lay the headstone for Acting Ensign Phillip Seabury. We will have our quarterly Natural Bridge Road clean-up on June 13.

Also, the Florida Division Reunion will be held on June 6 in Trenton. See the information included in this Cresset. Then July 15-18, the National Reunion will be held in St Augustine.

I would like to recognize our members having a birthday this month – Compatriot Earle Gramling, Compatriot Chris Miller and Compatriot Joe Moye. A very Happy Birthday to you all!

If any Camp member needs any assistance during this time, please contact me or one of the Camp Officers. If you need help with picking up groceries or other items, let us know. Together we will stay strong.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts





### *Dates in History - April*

May 6, 1861 – Confederacy recognizes state of war with United States.

May 11, 1862 – CSS Virginia (Merrimack) is scuttled by Confederate forces off of Norfolk, VA.

May 10, 1863 – Confederate General Thomas ‘Stonewall’ Jackson is killed in action at Chancellorsville.

May 7, 1864 – Union forces under Sherman begin march to Atlanta.

May 4, 1865 – Confederate forces under General Richard Taylor surrender in Citronelle, AL.



### *Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities*

May 12 – Monthly Camp Meeting – Cancelled

June 6 – SCV Florida Division Reunion at Trenton, FL.

June 9 – Monthly Camp Meeting, Social hour 6 pm, Meeting 6:45 pm

June 13 – Natural Bridge Road Clean-up, 8:00 am

July 15-18 – SCV National Reunion at St. Augustine, FL.

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Roberts at [commander@finleysbrigadescv.com](mailto:commander@finleysbrigadescv.com) or 850-591-9221.



### *Camp Meeting Dedication*

The month of May will be dedicated to the honor and memory of Private William Eaves, Jr., Company D, 35<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry Regiment who was killed at age 18 at Battle of Corinth on October 4, 1862.

William was Compatriot Jay Lindsey’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Uncle.

“Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees”.

