



**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."



October Camp Meeting

Finley's Brigade Camp 1614 will hold its monthly Meeting scheduled on October 12th at the VFW, with social hour starting at 6:00 and meeting at 6:45. For our October Meeting, we will be dedicating our meeting to the following Compatriots who have crossed over the river and has rested under the shade of the trees.

**Chaplain John Howell
Compatriot Scott Osteen
Compatriot Wes Sutton**



Color Guard – Sergeant at Arms: Mark Bess

Compatriots,

On Friday the 24th, 1st Lt. Commander Larry Thomas, Sergeant at Arms Mark R. Bess, Cpl. Rob Crissler, and assisting was 1st mate Rick George of the CSS Chatahoochee Camp, posted colors at the service at Riverside cemetery. The history of the battle was explained, the roll call of the slain was called and the bell tolled for each soul lost.

We then manned the 12 pound cannon “Baby”. Captained by Theophilus West Camp member James Harrell, we fired two shots in honor of those valiant souls.

On Saturday the 25th, Finley's returned for the memorial in the square. This time we were joined by Cpl. Jim Windsor. Finley's once again demonstrated our commitment and dedication our Southern heritage.

Finleys' Brigade was also honored to participate in the annual “Battle of Marianna Memorial” event.

Please email Compatriot Mark Bess at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.



Grave Keepers Report – Remembering Our Ancestors – Cemetery Chairman: Mark Bess

Compatriots

As we enter this autumn season, I hope you are all well. Our camp has suffered the loss of several Compatriots, wives, and associates. We will mourn their loss every day, but find solace in the fact that we will see them again. I anxiously await that meeting and hear the stories they no doubt will tell of their new life in heaven.

Our work here continues. September was ushered in with a renewed effort to improve the Confederate Section of Old City Cemetery. Florida Division commander Kelly Crocker has done countless hours of research into those interred there. Our goal is to secure V.A. Headstones for as many of these forgotten souls as we can. Kelly's exuberance is infectious, and I hope that all of Finley's Brigade will catch this ailment and we can restore that area to the glory it deserves.

Commander Crocker has also received the stone for Robert Berry Gorman. In case you didn't know, R.B. Gorman was and ordinance Sergeant in the 5th Florida Infantry, the first elected mayor of Tallahassee, the Postmaster of Tallahassee, and the grand Master of the Florida Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is buried in Old City and everyone one of us has walked past him without knowing it. He is in Section #22, which is directly behind the information sign at the entrance. We are have additional engravings placed on the stone reverse. Once a date for dedication in confirmed, this will be planned as a large event with the Color Guard, IOOF members, and Finley's member. I will keep you informed.

The work on obtaining stones for unmarked veterans throughout our area continues as well. Compatriot J.R. Miller applied for and received a stone for "George Nazworth." We are arranging for the placement of that stone and I will notify every one of the date. We have also applied for three additional stones, Erastus Clark, Herman Damon, and Charles Clark, all unmarked residents of Old City. If you have never applied for a stone, I encourage everyone to do so.

Our cleanup day for Soldiers Cemetery has been changed to October 10, at 08:30. This will be in preparation for the monument dedication scheduled for October 16. Details to follow.

Please email Compatriot Mark Bess at saafinleysbrigade@icloud.com with any questions.



Tallahassee Veterans Village – Veterans Chairman: Keith Lassiter

Compatriots:

It is with sorrowfulness of heart that I begin. We have lost so much in the past few months, and to be honest, I really don't even know how to begin; however, as the LORD says, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and who am I that I should question Him? I am so very grateful for the time the LORD allowed us with our friends and brothers... Wes, Scott, and our chaplain, Bro. John. Our sincere condolences go out to their families. I am always reminded, at these times, of a verse in the pages of Holy Script that says (to paraphrase) "Sorrow endures through the night, but joy cometh in the morning." I am looking forward to that glorious morning.

OK, in regard to our collections for Veterans' Village, we have collected several boxes of assorted food items and several boxes of cleaning supplies, valued at several hundred dollars. We also had a truckload of miscellaneous supplies, including frozen and fresh chicken, boxed food items, toaster, and coffee pot, valued at five hundred dollars.

Special thanks to Don and Cathy Turner who are, and who have been for years, friends of the Veterans' Village. Also, a huge thank you to RIP O'Steen who is always ready to donate what is needed at the time, no matter what the need may be.

I again want to challenge our membership to bring \$10.00 with them to each meeting. If each of us were to donate \$10.00 at each meeting, we could raise over \$200.00--\$250.00 each month! Please help these men and women who served us, and may the LORD bless each of you, as you do! Deo Vindice!

If you have any questions, contact Compatriot Keith Lassiter at greynole01@yahoo.com.



The Confederate Section of Tallahassee's Old City Cemetery

By Kelly Crocker

Using the work of Finley's Brigade member, Richard White as a starting point; I recently began to do serious research in the Confederate Section of Old City Cemetery. In addition to the work of Compatriot White, I found two different lists by Raymond Watkins of Virginia (now deceased). One of Mr. Watkins lists was of Tallahassee Hospital deaths (13), and the other was a 1982 survey of headstones in the Confederate Section (37 named). We have uncovered a few anomalies, but more about that later.

I have been at Old City when tour guides pointed to the Confederate Section and stated, "These are all casualties of the Battle of Natural Bridge". Then they point to the Colored Section where the USCT are/were buried and say the same thing. Both statements are absolutely, false. There were five Natural Bridge Confederate deaths and one of them, Captain H.K. Simmons is buried in St. John's Episcopal Cemetery, another was Corporal Mathew Hawkins who died in route to Lake City, FL. It is possible, even likely, that the other three: Privates John B. Ellis, John Grubbs, and Eli Triplett, are buried in the Confederate Section. As for the USCT in Old City, they were all "Occupation" deaths after the War.

For some reason, I always believed that those buried in the Confederate Section were all war-time deaths. I may be correct in that, but the names on the markers reveal some Post-war deaths. Whether these men who died after the War, are buried there or not, may never be known. Whichever the case, they need to be marked and remembered.

One of the markers in the Confederate Section bears the name "Tom Ford". Tom Ford was born in the 1820's in Chile, South America. His obit says he came to America when he was 18 years old. On January 27, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Live Oak, FL and was officially mustered in at Pensacola, FL in the 1st Florida Infantry, Company K. Private Ford was in the Battle of Shiloh and the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. He was wounded in the left leg at the Battle of Murfreesboro and was captured about January 3, 1863. His left leg was amputated by W.G. Workman in a US Hospital in Nashville, TN. He was exchanged at City Point, VA in May 1863, and appointed Hospital nurse by the Confederate Secretary of War in late 1863. He was hospitalized in Richmond then Charlottesville and furloughed 11/16/1864. He applied to the Confederate Government for an artificial limb while in Richmond. He came home to Tallahassee and was on the Muster Roll for the Tallahassee Hospital. He was paroled 5/12/1865 in Tallahassee, FL. He was described as: 5'5" tall, black hair and eyes, dark skin. After the War, Thomas Ford was employed as a Night Watchmen somewhere in Tallahassee. On August 3, 1872, he married Frances Dalulah Williams in Leon County. Tom and Frances were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Parochial Records show that Frances was baptized in the Ford home on November 29, 1879, by Rector W H Carter. Frances died on August 1, 1880. Her funeral was at St John's, and she was buried in the City Burial Grounds (Old City Cemetery) Thomas Ford was married again on May 28, 1881, to Rebecca Williams. It is not known at this time if Thomas Ford had any children. Thomas applied for and received a Confederate pension (A12970) on June 13, 1885. His Pension was \$5.00 per month. Thomas Ford died on May 28, 1888, of pneumonia. His Funeral was also at St John's, with his burial following in the City Cemetery. It is most likely, that Tom Ford and his wife Frances are buried somewhere else in Old City Cemetery in unmarked graves.

To submit a story, please send in a Word Document to Compatriot Jay Lindsey at jc071172@yahoo.com. FYI, I do publish the stories on a first come, first serve basis, unless the SCV Commander, SCV Div. Commander, SCV Brigade Commander, or SCV Camp Commander tells me otherwise. Thank you.

Died,
On Wednesday morning, March 28, at 3 o'clock Mr. Thomas Ford, a citizen of Tallahassee since 1866. The deceased was a native of Chili, and came to the United States when 18 years old. He served throughout the war in the Confederate service, and lost one leg in the battle of Shiloh. He was 68 years of age, and his death was caused by an attack of pneumonia. For several years he was a member of the Episcopal church.

State of Florida, }
Leon County, }

We, the Board of County Commissioners of said County, Certify that Thomas Ford was a regularly enlisted in Captain Daniel William Company, of the 1st Regiment of Florida Volunteers, and served as such during the late war; that he is unable to labor and support himself by reason of wounds received in the line of duty while so serving; that he is now a citizen of this County and State; that he is not receiving a pension from any other State or from the United States; and that the pension allowed by the Act approved February 16th, 1885, "To Provide an Annuity for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Florida," is necessary for his maintenance and support.

Done at Tallahassee the County Site,
this 13th day of July 1885-

M. M. Milam
John K. Briggs
J. H. Taylor
Thos. Briggs
County Commissioners.

Marion A. Bryan
Clerk.

(CONFEDERATE.)

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Th. Ford
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Appears on
Hospital Muster Roll
of General Hospital,
at Tallahassee, Fla.,
for Nov & Dec, 1863
not noted

Enlisted:
When Jan'y 25, 1862
Where Live Oak, Fla.
By whom Capt M. McDonald
Period war
Attached to Hospital:
When Oct 8, 1863
How employed nurse

Last paid:
By whom Maj Ganson
To what time Oct 31, 1863

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100
Present or absent Present
Remarks:
Book mark:
B. Britton
(645) 676 Copyist.



Photos





Left to Right: Chaplain John Howell, Compatriot Scott Osteen, and Compatriot Wes Sutton. RIP Brothers.



- L to R: 1. Compatriot Michael Thomas receiving his Membership Certificate from Comm. Ned Roberts.
2. Compatriot Jay Lindsey receiving his 20 year SCV service pin from Comm. Ned Roberts.
3. Compatriot Edwin 'Buddy' Perryman receiving his 25 year SCV service pin from Comm. Ned Roberts.

Commander's Guidon

My Fellow Compatriots –

I hope everyone will be joining me on October 16, 3:00 PM at Soldier's Cemetery in Quincy for the Friends of Soldiers Cemetery Monument Dedication. We need all Camp Members and friends to show up, and provide support. Food will be served after the ceremony.

Camp elections will be held during the November Camp Meeting, Nov 9th. Absentee ballots and proxies are not allowed, so you need to be present to cast your vote.

The 30th Annual Lee-Jackson Southern Heritage Event has been scheduled for January 29, 2022 at the Shriner's Lodge. Our guest speaker will be SCV Lt Commander in Chief Jason Boshers. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Respectfully,

Ned Roberts



Dates in History of the War – October

October 9, 1861 – At Pensacola, 1000 CSA troops under Gen. R.H. Anderson and routed one union camp.
October 3-4, 1862 – Battle of Corinth, MS with CSA forces led by Gen. Van Dorn and Price were repulsed.
October 5, 1863 – USS New Ironsides is attacked and damaged by torpedo boat CSS David.
October 7, 1864 – CSS Florida is captured off of Brazil by USS Wachusett after claiming 37 prizes.
October 11, 1865 – Several CSA cabinet members are paroled by Pres. Johnson.



Upcoming Heritage Events and Opportunities

Oct 10th – Soldier's Cemetery Clean-up at 8:30 AM.
Oct 12th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Oct 16th – Soldier's Cemetery Monument Dedication, Quincy, FL – Time 3:00 PM
Nov 9th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.
Nov 11th – Veterans Day. Parades in Monticello, FL and Tallahassee, FL – Time TBD.
Dec 14th – Regular Camp Meeting at VFW. Social Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting at 6:45 PM.

For times, locations, and details for the following events please contact Commander Ned Roberts at commander@finleysbrigadescv.com or 850-591-9221.

