



## ***THE ROSE CITY STAR***



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

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
April 15, 2025  
6:00 P.M. to Eat  
7:00 P.M. to Meet**

**Manny's Tex-Mex Cafe  
1433 S. Beckham Ave.  
Tyler TX 75701  
*Need Directions?  
903-630-5163***

**Topic:  
"The Camel Regiment"**

By Scott Bell

Wives are welcome  
and encouraged to attend.

**April is Confederate  
History Month!**





***Mollie Moore Davis 217,  
Tyler, Texas***

***United Daughters of the Confederacy®***

***Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338,  
Tyler, Texas***

***Sons of Confederate Veterans®***

***Invites You to Attend  
Wreath Laying Ceremony  
Before the Confederate Monument  
Honoring  
The Fallen Confederate Soldiers Laid to Rest  
At Oakwood Cemetery***



***When: Sunday, April 27, 2025***

***Where: Oakwood Cemetery- Tyler, TX***

***Located at the corner of Oakwood and N. Palace Streets***

***When: 2:00 pm***

***Suggested Dress: Business Casual, Confederate Uniforms are welcome,  
and Heritage/Military decorations are encouraged.***



## Fun At The March Camp Meeting



We had a friendly crowd at our March camp meeting as we conducted camp business, planned for our upcoming Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony, and heard 1st Lt Commander Monty Williams speak on the Confederate Spirits at Oakwood Cemetery.



Great job by 1st Lt Commander Monty Williams

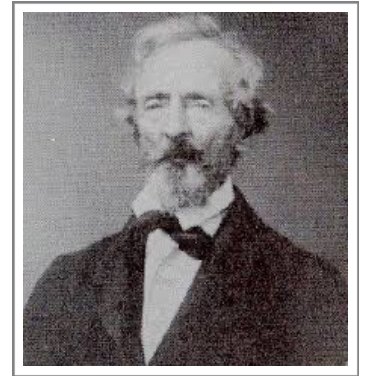
# Joseph E. Davis

## Trailblazer of the South

by W. Michael Hurley



Imagine you are on a steamboat gliding gently along the Mississippi River in 1858, with the scents of magnolia and cigar tobacco filling the air and the sound of banjo music playing on deck. Near Vicksburg, you spot the grand Hurricane plantation. As is the Captain's custom, the boat pauses, allowing passengers to stretch and shop for honey, fresh eggs,



and flowers at the Hurricane plantation store. Eliza Davis, the plantation owner's wife, often welcomes visitors and offers them tours of the beautiful gardens. This heightens the plantation's glory, a testament to a family that built their success from humble beginnings.

### **\*\*The Early Years of Joseph Emory Davis\*\***

Joseph Emory Davis was born on December 10, 1784, in Georgia. His family moved to Kentucky in 1793, settling on 100 acres. After his father's death, Joseph became the patriarch of the family. He took on a fatherly role for his eight siblings, including young Jefferson, who would go on to be President of the Confederate States of America, providing mentorship that would last their entire lives.

### **\*\*Life in Natchez and the Law\*\***

After earning his law degree in 1820, Joseph settled in Natchez, Mississippi, where he became a respected lawyer and one of the town's most eligible bachelors. Shockingly, before 1827, He had three children out of wedlock, whom he publicly acknowledged, gave them his last name, moved them into his home, and ensured they received the finest education. In 1827, he married Eliza Van Benthussen, of the prominent and wealthy Van Benthussen family. Joseph and Eliza Davis shared a strong and loving marriage lasting forty-five years.

### **\*\*Hurricane Plantation\*\***

Dissatisfied with city life, Joseph purchased a peninsula along the Mississippi River's banks, which became known as Davis Bend. There, he set about creating Hurricane Plantation, which grew to over 5,000 acres and became the top cotton producer in Mississippi. A true trailblazer, he aimed for a model plantation that prioritized the well-being of the 365 enslaved individuals. Hurricane Plantation offered its slaves improved living conditions, better nutrition, medical and dental care, and increased autonomy for the 365 enslaved individuals. This included establishing plantation laws and a court that featured a slave jury and even a slave judge. Notably, he worked with a slave named Benjamin Montgomery, teaching him to read and write and allowing him to operate a store at the plantation. As a result, Benjamin was allowed to keep the store's profits.

### **\*\*The Fall of Hurricane\*\***

After the fall of Vicksburg in July 1863, Joseph and his family fled to Alabama. Tragically, Eliza died the following year; they had no children together. While the Davis family was gone, Ulysses S. Grant confiscated the plantation, leading to its burning. Joseph returned to Vicksburg post-war but never again to Hurricane Plantation. He passed away on September 18, 1870, and is buried in the Brierfield Family Cemetery at old Davis Bend, Mississippi.



**Compatriots  
participate in  
the "Spirits of  
Oakwood  
Cemetery  
Fundraiser."  
March 22, 2025**



**Thanks to  
Compatriots  
(from top to bottom)  
Billy Pribble Sr;  
Monty and wife  
Patty Williams,  
and Michael  
Hurley**



## Smith County Confederate Veteran Spotlight...

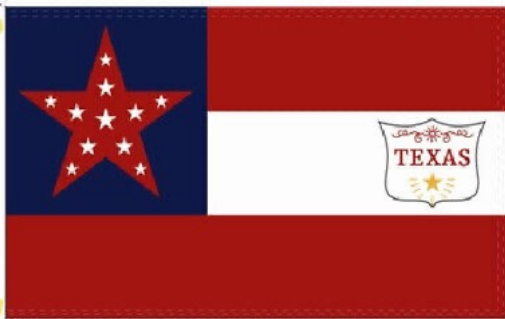
### Benjamin Franklin Scott 1842-1893

#### Private, Company I, 6th Texas Cavalry, Ross's Brigade

**B**enjamin Franklin Scott III (aka Franklin) was born in Pike County, Arkansas, on 17 October 1843. He was the fourth of eight children of Benjamin Franklin Scott Jr. and Sarah Fretwell Scott. The Scott family moved to Smith County, Texas, before 1850, as the family is found on the census in 1850 living outside of town on the family farm. Franklin was educated in local schools in Tyler, TX.



When the war for Southern Independence broke out in 1861, Franklin answered the call to defend Texas. At the age of 18, he volunteered by enlisting in Dallas, TX, on 12 September 1861 in the Sixth Texas Cavalry, Stone's Regiment, and Ross' Brigade, where he served as a Private in Company "I." The Regiment was made up of ten companies, a total of about 1,150 men, and all were volunteers. The 6th Texas Cavalry's first engagement came on 26 December 1861 in Chustenahlah, Indian Territory. Although the fight was short, the 6th Texas Cavalry lost 13 men killed and 30 more injured. The unit fought under Major General Earl Van Dorn the battle of Elkhorn Tavern, Arkansas. During this fight, the 6th Texas Cavalry lost its commanding officer when famed Texan General Ben McCulloch was killed. Following the battle and the subsequent reorganization of the Army, the 6th Texas Cavalry was dismounted with the strength of 935 men ready for action. They were remounted following the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, in December 1862. Franklin Scott was Wounded in action at Davis Mill, Mississippi, on 21 December 1862. He remained in the hospital for 9 months, until August of 1863, when he rejoined the 6th Texas Cavalry and served until late 1864. Over its career, the Sixth Texas Cavalry participated in over eighty-five skirmishes, engagements, and battles. These included Elk Horn Tavern, Holly Springs, Corinth, the Atlanta campaign and siege, and John Bell Hood's operations in northern Georgia and Alabama. The 6th Texas Cavalry was near Jackson, Mississippi, in May 1865, when the regiment surrendered; there were only 160 men left from Ross's Brigade.



**Regimental Colors**  
**6th Texas Cavalry Ross' Brigade**

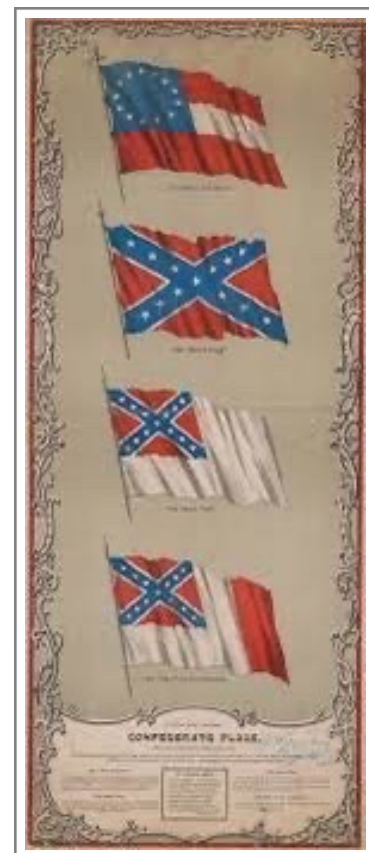
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*Scott Benjamin F.*  
Co. I, 6 Texas Cavalry.  
(Stone's Regiment.)  
(2 Texas Cavalry.)  
(Confederate.)  
*Private Private*  
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After the war, Franklin returned to Tyler, becoming a businessman and owner of a local Mercantile store. On September 12, 1875, at age 36, he met and married 22-year-old Ada Strayhorn (1857-1933). God gave six children to this union, including his oldest son, Benjamin Franklin Scott IV (1877-1948).

In his obituary, Mr. Scott was said to be a man of much force of character and was a successful man of affairs. He is buried alongside his wife, Ada, in Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX.



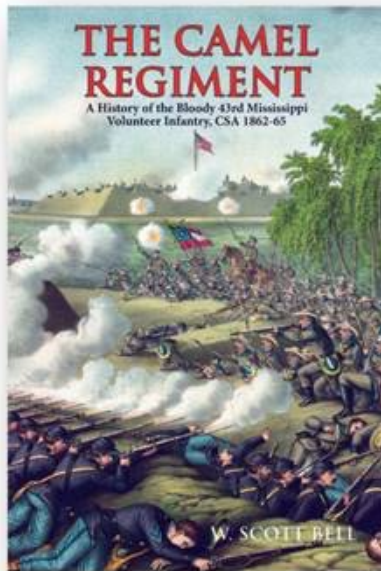
The Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Places  
Two Billboards along I-H 35 south of Waco, TX, in  
observance of April as Confederate History Month.  
The billboards are expected to have  
3.6 million views in April!





## Information About Our April Meeting Speaker

### *The Camel Regiment* *The History of the Bloody Forty-Third Mississippi* *Volunteer Infantry, 1862-65*



#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GRETNA, LA, July 17, 2017—Pelican Publishing announces the release of a new book from author W. Scott Bell. *The Camel Regiment: The History of the 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, 1862-65* is now available through local bookstores and online retailers.

The 43rd Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America is the only regiment east of the Mississippi to have used a camel martially. Referred to as the Camel Regiment, the troop was organized in 1862 and surrendered in 1865.

Using a variety of resources, the author provides a roster of the regiment along with detailed information on the formations, battles, and controversies surrounding the men.

From the acquisition of the African dromedary Old Douglas who carried baggage and musical instruments until his death at Vicksburg to the exploits and ultimate fate of his fellow soldiers, Bell provides an entertaining historical narrative of this little-known chapter in American history.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

W. Scott Bell is a Life Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and its Texas Division. Due to his scholarly research and published literature, he has been awarded membership into the Bonnie Blue Society of the SCV. He is also a recipient of the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy for his research, writings, and presentations to schoolchildren, as well as his efforts in the restoration of Confederate monuments. Bell's great-great-grandfather was Cpl. John K. Bell, a member of the 43rd Mississippi, who provided much of the inspiration to research and write about the regiment. Bell currently resides in Maydell, Texas.



To schedule an interview with the author or to request a review copy of the book, please contact the publicist, Antoinette de Alteriis at (504) 368-1175 ext. 331 or via email at [antoinette@pelicanpub.com](mailto:antoinette@pelicanpub.com)



# 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

3rd Texas Cavalry McCulloch's Division - Colonel George W. Chilton

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

14th Texas Cavalry "Johnson's Mounted Volunteers", Ector's Brigade - General Matthew Ector

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.



Tyler Guards - 3rd Texas Cav



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry



1st Texas Infantry



Douglas Battery





- ◆ **April 12-13, 2025** - Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment, Pleasant Hill, LA. Info: [www.battleofpleasanthill.com](http://www.battleofpleasanthill.com)
- ◆ **April 19, 2025** - Texas Wide Confederate Heritage Month Celebration at the Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia, TX
- ◆ **MAXEFFORTEVENT - April 27, 2025, at 2:00 PM** - Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Confederate Monument at historic Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, TX.
- ◆ **May 3-4, 2025** - Battle for Jefferson Reenactment, Jefferson, TX. Info: [www.battleforjefferson.com](http://www.battleforjefferson.com)
- ◆ **June 6-8, 2025** - 128th Annual Texas Division SCV Reunion, Mineral Wells, TX
- ◆ **July 16-20, 2025** - 130th Annual Reunion of the Sons of



### 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.