



THE GAINES' MILL MONUMENT DEDICATION

May 19, 2012, Richmond, Virginia

Martha Hartzog, President, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated



Photo courtesy Judith Scott

May 19th, 2012, Near Mechanicsville, Virginia

The day was clear and not too hot. Close to 200 folks traveled down a beautiful country road near Mechanicsville, Virginia, to attend the dedication of the Texas Historical Commission Battlefield Monument to the brave men of Hood's Texas Brigade, who on June 27, 1862, charged the enemy and against all odds saved Richmond from falling to the Federal Army.

At 2:00 in the afternoon, the Color Guard of the William Latané Camp, Virginia Division, SCV, marched in to place the flags beside the monument. They were accompanied by the 4th Texas Regiment, Hood's Texas Brigade Reenactor Group from Pennsylvania. The St. Andrew's Legion Pipes & Drums brought music to the procession. The 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry (riding motorcycles) added their roar and color. Boy Scout Troop #116, Stonewall Jackson Council, led by Col. Colt Puryear, directed the parking. And up in the sky, a small airplane flew overhead trailing a banner in homage to the flag under which the men fought. There were prayers, and speeches, and poems. The complete program appears on p. 6 of this report.

"Come from the four winds, oh breath, and breathe upon the slain that they may live." ~ Ezekiel, 37:9

~ Inscription on Tiffany Stained Glass Window at Blandford Church, Petersburg, dedicated to the Texans by the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy c. 1908 ~

More Important Than Gettysburg

The crowd was electrified by the keynote address given by Dr. Gary Gallagher, the John L. Nau, III Professor in the History of the American Civil War, the University of Virginia. John Nau, III, former Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Past Chairman Texas Historical Commission, and Chairman Emeritus of the Civil War Trust, introduced Dr. Gallagher, who remarked that the battle of Gaines' Mill was arguably more important than Gettysburg, for it saved Richmond from being conquered by the Union Army and established Robert E. Lee's generalship and his tie to the Texans.



Dr. Gary Gallagher, photo courtesy Judith Scott

Attended by a Broad Array of Groups

It is estimated that around 200 people were in attendance at the dedication. In addition to descendants of the soldiers and members of the general public, many historic and heritage organizations were represented. Descendants of General John B. Hood, General Jeb Stuart, and Gen. James Longstreet were in attendance. Represented at local and national levels were the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Also represented were The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross, the Museum of the Confederacy, the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas State Archives, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Richmond National Military Park, the Hanover County Virginia Historical Society, and the Caledonian Foundation, USA. Doubtless this is not a complete list and forgiveness is begged for any lacunae.

A Joint Effort...

The events of the day represented a joint effort between Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Richmond Battlefields Association.



The Col. Bradfute Warwick Sash, held by Bradfute W. Davenport Catches the Wind (photo courtesy 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry, VA SCV, Camp 9)

The Wind Catches Col. Bradfute Warwick's Sash

To honor the fallen soldiers at this battle, the red silk sash worn at the battle by Col. Bradfute Warwick, who died of wounds received while leading the 4th Texas' charge, was brought forth by his descendant, Bradfute W. Davenport, escorted by three Latané Camp Ladies dressed in mourning. Clark Scott read an excerpt from Sir. Walter Scott's "The Lady of the Lake" honoring fallen warriors. The wind caught the flag like the spirits of the slain.



Col. Jeb Stuart IV and grandson; Victoria Hood, Holly Hennen Hood, Donna Hood Pointer; Sam Hood (collateral descendant); Dan Paterson, great grandson of James Longstreet

The Ceremony Ended Beautifully and a Tour was Offered

The ceremony concluded with the bagpipes playing Amazing Grace, the Honor Guard firing a 21-gun Musket Salute, the Retiring of the Colors, and taps. *Thanks to Captain William Latané Camp #1690, Virginia Division, SCV, 4th Texas Company B Reenactors, 1st Battalion ANV, Pennsylvania, Steve Ward, Bugler, St. Andrew's Legion Pipes & Drums, Boy Scout Troop #116, Stonewall Jackson Council.*

After the dedication ceremony, the Texas Historical Commission offered refreshments under a tent, and Robert E. Lee Krick, Chief Historian of the Richmond Military Park gave a battlefield tour. Later Krick was to remark that he has waited 25 years for there to be a monument erected to the Texas troops at Gaines' Mill.



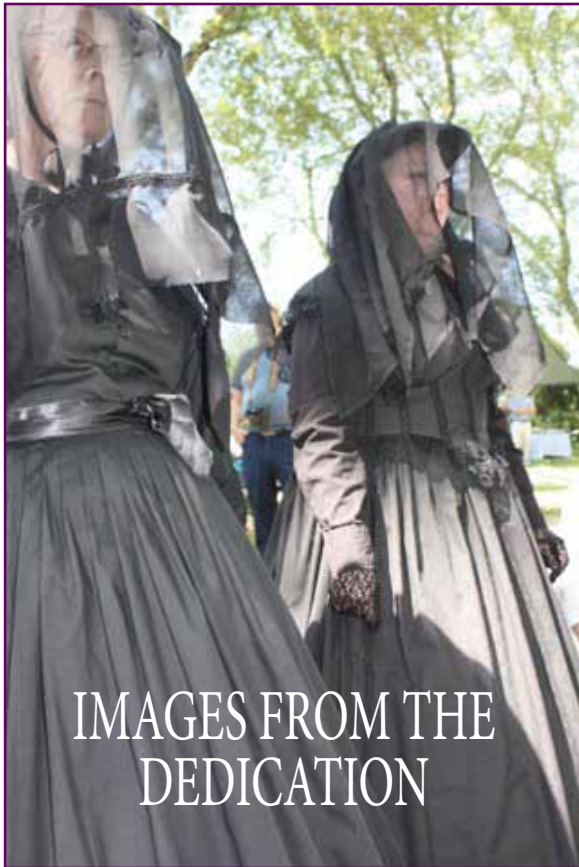
21-Gun Musket Salute (photo courtesy 13th VA Mechanized Cavalry)

Without Whose Help...

Those who could not attend these events were well represented in spirit by those who could. Without the dedicated assistance of Board members Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Recording Secretary/Treasurer, Judy Callaway Ostler, Chaplain, as well as Pamela Rouse Wright, Advisor, the ceremonies would not have been successful. Jeff Ellett, Color Guard Commander of the William Latané Camp gave the unitirring assistance of a true Southern Gentleman throughout the planning process. Rick Eiserman, Alan Holman, and Dr. Danny Davis are thanked for all that they contributed.

William McWhorter of the Texas Historical Commission was a constant collaborator, and thanks goes to Ben Brockbrough of the Richmond Battlefields Association for consultation and site preparation. Everyone who was on the two programs deserves deepest thanks.

Martha Hartzog



The Latané Ladies (photo courtesy 13th VA Mechanized Cavalry)



The Monument Shrouded (photo courtesy Judith Scott)



Jeff Ellett, Color Guard Comander, Wm. Latané Camp, VA SCV and the Color Guard Advancing the Colors (photo courtesy of 13th Mechanized Cavalry, VA SCV)



Judy Callaway Ostler, Chaplain HTBAR, Pamela Rouse Wright, Advisor to HTBAR and Special Advisor to the President General, UDC; Martha Hartzog, President, HTBAR; Sam Hood, collateral descendant of Gen. John Bell Hood; and Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Recording Secretary/Treasurer, HTBAR



Dana Stubbs, Corsicana, Texas (Dana has published a photo album on Picasa)



Jeff Ellett, Color Guard Comander, Wm. Latane Camp, VA SCV and the Color Guard bringing in the flags (photo courtesy of 16th Mechanized Cavalry, VA SCV)



13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry, VA SCV Camp 9



Pamela Rouse Wright and Edward M. Stack, Historian & Newsletter Editor, 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry, VA SCV Camp 9



Great Granddaughters of Gen. John Bell Hood: Victoria Hood, Holly Hennen Hood, Donna Hood Pointer



The Gaines' Mill Monument Miniature

Reception/Brunch Prior to the Dedication

In the morning, prior to the dedication, a small reception and brunch was held at the historic Linden Row Inn, downtown Richmond. In this beautiful setting, descendants of Hood's Texas Brigade soldiers, including the William Edwards Family, the Gaines Family, and the Col. Bradfute Warwick descendants, along with others presented selected historic artifacts. A harpist played Celtic Music while an array of Southern delicacies was enjoyed. The miniature of the Gaines Mill monument made its debut.

Reception Program: Presentation of Historical Materials

Margaret "Peggy" Gaines Anderson Mathis, The Diary of Fanny William Gaines Tinsley

Brian Blake, Condolence Letter from Cap. W. H. Martin, Co. K, 4th Texas Infantry, to the Widow of William Edwards

Norman Stubbs, Bowie Knife of James Polk, 4th Texas Infantry, Navarro Rifles & Early Commemorative Medal of HTBAR

Bradfute W. Davenport, The Battle Sash of Col. Bradfute Warwick, 4th Texas Infantry

Rick Eiserman, Collection of Badges and Other Items from Original Hood's Texas Brigade Association and the Re-activated Association



Martha Hartzog, President, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated

*"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not
breaking:
Dream of battled fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking.
In our isle's enchanted hall,
Hands unseen thy couch are
strewing,
Fairy strains of music fall,
Every sense in slumber dewing.
Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er,
Dream of fighting fields no more"*

*from Lady of the Lake (1810)
by Sir Walter Scott*



Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Blake at Reception/Brunch
(photo courtesy Judith Clark)



St. Andrews Legion Pipes & Drums (photo courtesy 13th Virginia Mechanized Cavalry)



Sam Craghead, President, Richmond Battlefields Association Accepts the Monument (photo courtesy Judith Clark)



John Nau III, Martha Hartzog, & Lisa Avra of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

*Dedication Ceremony for the Texas Historical Commission
Civil War Battlefield Monument*

Hood's Texas Brigade at the Battle of Gaines' Mill

- Call to Order by Martha Ann Hartzog, President, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated (HTBAR)
- Invocation by Judy Callaway Ostler, Chaplain, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated (HTBAR)
- Presentation of the Colors by Color Guard, William Latané Camp, Virginia Division, SCV, accompanied by St. Andrew's Legion Pipes
- Introductory Remarks by Martha Ann Hartzog, President, Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated (HTBAR)
- Welcome by Sam Craghead, President, Richmond Battlefields Association
- Recognition of Special Guests by Pamela Rouse Wright, General Chairman 150 Years of Remembrance Committee, UDC; Aide to the President General, UDC; Advisor to HTBAR
- Recognition of Donors by Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer, HTBAR
- Recognition of Descendants of Hood's Texas Brigade Soldiers by Judy Callaway Ostler, HTBAR
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker by John L. Nau, III, former Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Past Chairman Texas Historical Commission, Chairman Emeritus of the Civil War Trust
- Keynote Address by Dr. Gary Gallagher, the John L. Nau, III Professor in the History of the American Civil War, the University of Virginia
- Presentation of the Col. Bradfute Warwick Sash, 4th Texas Infantry, by Bradfute W. Davenport, escorted by the Latané Ladies
- Unveiling of the Monument & Formal Acceptance of Monument
- Closing Remarks by William McWhorter, Military Sites Program, Texas Historical Commission
- Benediction by Dr. Timothy C. Tatum, Chaplain (Colonel) US Army Retired
- Amazing Grace by the St. Andrew's Legion Pipes
- Honor Guard Musket Salute, Retiring of Colors, and Taps

Special Thanks to

- Jeff Ellett, Color Guard Commander, Captain William Latané Camp #1690, Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
- 4th Texas Company B Reenactors, 1st Battalion ANV, Pennsylvania
- Latané Ladies of the William Latané Camp #1690, Virginia Division, SCV
- Norman Stubbs, Navarro Rifles, 4th Texas Infantry
- Boy Scout Troop #116, Stonewall Jackson Council and Scout Master Col. Colt Puryear, Virginia National Guard
- St. Andrew's Legion Pipes & Drums
- Steve Ward, Bugler
- Dr. Danny Davis, Lt. Col. (Ret.), Monument Committee, HTBAR
- Alan Holman, HTBAR
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- Ben Brockenbrough, Richmond Battlefields Association
- R. E. L. Krick, Chief Historian, Richmond National Military Park The State of Virginia
- The Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- Bradfute W. Davenport
- Clark Scott, Caledonian Society
- Fred McGhee

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- Descendants of Confederate Veterans (c/o Steve Lucas)
- Descendants of Confederate Veterans, Dallas (in honor of Ralph Green)
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