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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

MARTHA HARTZOG

Dear Friends,

Such exciting news! HTBAR is the recipient of so much good will around the state. **The Texas Collection at Baylor Library** has offered to host us for the June 6th Muster and to display some of its precious archival material relating to the early years of the original association. Thanks to **Ellen K. Brown** for her hospitality.

Then, *Dr. Don Frazier*, Professor of History at **McMurry University in Abilene and CEO of Buffalo Gap Historic Center** has offered the hospitality of these institutions for our Fall 2009 Seminar, which will be on Vicksburg. Those of you who know Don and his expansive spirit will expect a grand time.

New members are coming in. We have a new pin to purchase and wear proudly, and members are sending in photos of the graves where their ancestors are buried.

if you have received this newsletter and would like to join HTBAR, please see our website for forms you can fill out for membership. If you do not count a soldier in Hood's Brigade in your ancestry, you can still join as an Associate Member. In Comradship,

Martha Hartzog, President
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COMING EVENTS

•**June 6th, 2009, HTBAR Muster at the Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (see p. 2 for agenda).**

•**November 20-21, 2009: Seminar on Vicksburg and the Role of Texas Troops, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas. Pre-Event at Buffalo Gap Historic Village (<http://www.buffalogap.com/>). SAVE THE DATE!**



Ed Bearrs, photo courtesy of South Mountain Expeditions

VICKSBURG: THE FATAL FULCRUM

NOVEMBER 21, 2009 • MCMURRY UNIVERSITY

ABILENE, TEXAS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ED BEARRS, HISTORIAN EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND SPEAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE

To say that Ed is nationally known is an understatement. To say that he is a phenomenal speaker with a photographic memory for detail is no exaggeration. To say that he knows his history inside out is demonstrated over again in endless contexts and subjects. To say that he is a living legend is just plain fact. To say we have "hooked a big one here" is to state the obvious. He had a rare opening in his schedule between tours for the Smithsonian, Blue and Gray, and National Geographic, and we snapped him up. I think he wants to visit Abilene again.

Dr. Susanna Ural (formerly Bruce) who has accepted a position at the Department of History in Southern Mississippi in August will draw on her extensive indexed archive of Civil War letters to speak on the morale of the troops that sad summer of 1863.

We are firming up other details with speakers and will keep you informed.

A pre-event is being planned for Friday, November 20th, with a guided tour of Buffalo Gap Historic Village and a dinner with speakers.

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**HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE ASSOCIATION,
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JUNE 6TH, 2009**

Schedule of Events:

- **9:00: Optional tour of Oakwood Cemetery** led by Joe Walker—We will concentrate on the Confederate Generals' buried here, and do a photo-documentation of the ones we locate. Bring your cameras! We will say a prayer in honor of our Confederate ancestors.
- **10:30 The Texas Collection, Baylor University.** A brief business meeting and a talk by Dr. Rick McCaslin, Chairman, Department of History, University of North Texas, on the J. D. Polley Letters.
- **12:00 break for lunch**
- **1:30-4:30: Gems from The Texas Collection of the Frank B. Chilton Archives.** This extraordinary collection of materials was assembled by a President of Hood's Texas Brigade Association. It includes reunion photos, reunion medals, manuscript of Chilton's book on the Hood monument, early records of the Association, and other wonderful items. Archivist Ellen Brown, our host, will take us through the highlights of the collection.

Please RSVP to Martha Hartzog at m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu. There is no charge to attend, but seating is limited at the Texas Collection.

For a searchable map of the Baylor Campus, see www.baylor.edu/map/. (Search for the location of the Texas Collection.)

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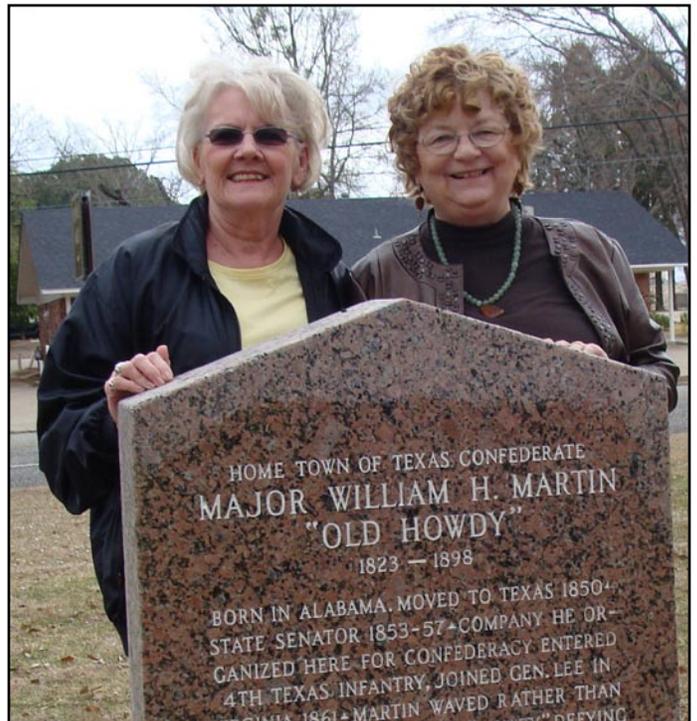
**NOVEMBER 1, 2008 SEMINAR
A GREAT SUCCESS!**

**THANKS TO THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE
TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE**



*Dr. Richard McCaslin speaking
at the 2008 HTBAR Seminar in Austin, Texas*

**PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBERING
AND CELEBRATING OUR ANCESTORS!**



**Ann Oppenheimer and Martha Hartzog
at the W. H. Martin Monument in Athens, Texas**
photography by Arthur Hall

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OAKWOOD CEMETERY, WACO, TEXAS

BY JOE WALKER

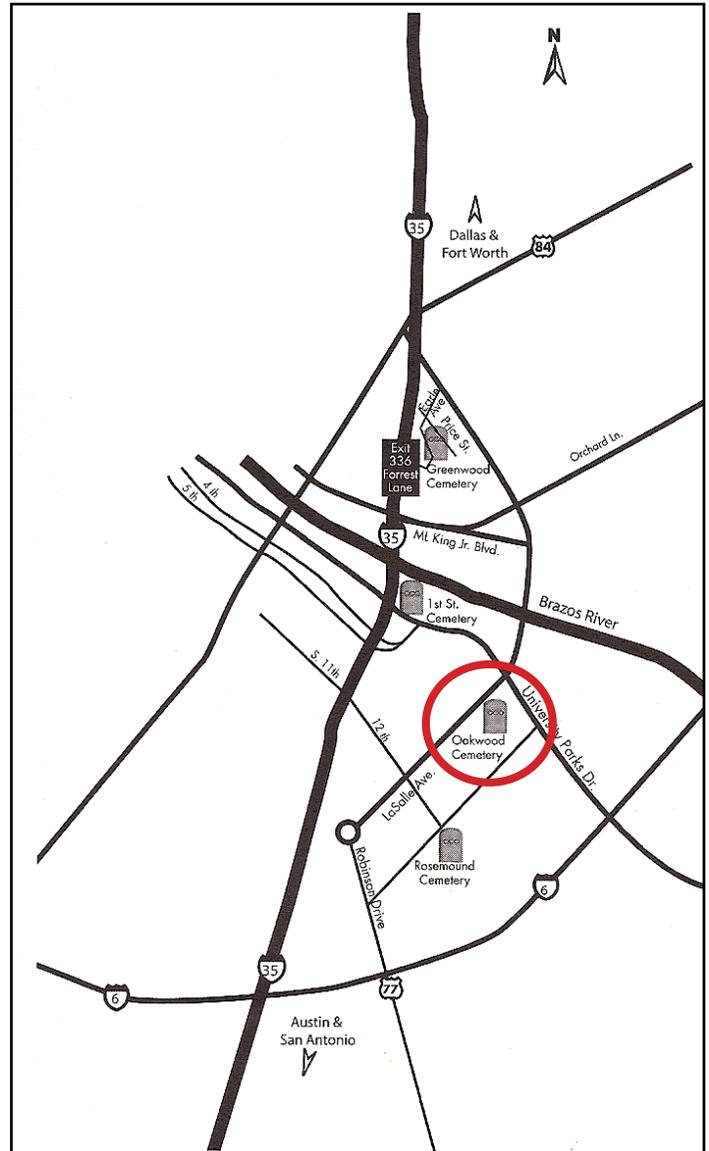
The city of Waco is unique in that for community its size (in 1860, the total county population was 8,000), it produced six men who became Confederate generals during the War. In addition, Waco is the resting place for six Confederate generals (not the same six—one who didn't return is General Granbury who many do not associate with Waco). This surpasses Atlanta, Georgia's five generals.

Oakwood cemetery has many notables such as governors Ross and Coke who wore the gray. Seventeen companies were formed here for the Confederacy, plus many others who volunteered for other units including Company E of the Fourth Texas Infantry (Lone Star Rifles). Its most famous private— John C. West— is buried in Oakwood, along with General J. B. Robertson, longest commander of Hood's Brigade.

Sam Houston made a speech here in Waco in an attempt to stave off secession. Someone blew up a keg of gun powder next to his hotel and he left town quickly so it is easy to understand the city's sentiments regarding secession. Oddly enough, with all the Confederate history here, there is no Confederate soldier styled monument on the county courthouse grounds like so many other counties have. Perhaps there should be.

Note: Joe will lead our group to the Confederate graves where we will say a prayer in their honor and photo-document the graves. Oakwood Cemetery is located on LaSalle Avenue which runs roughly parallel to IH-35. It is just south of University Parks Drive. Meet us at the main gate at 9:00 am. Wear sensible shoes!
-- Martha

General Location map for Oakwood Cemetery



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For the forms, see www.hoodstexasbrigade.org

ORDER THE NEW HTBAR PIN



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PAY YOUR 2009 DUES!

Send in your \$20 dues to Ann Oppenheimer, 11 Dallari Court, San Antonio, Texas 78216



Examining the Louis T. Wigfall Archives, brought to the 2008 Seminar by Jim and Marty Rogers

**“Forever The Cause,” a biography of Col. R. M. Powell, by Bob Reichardt.
Available on Lulu: <http://www.lulu.com/content/5244591>**

Letter by Colonel Robert M. Powell (1827-1916) 19 June 1910, to Captain Frank Bowen Chilton (1845-1926), Houston, Harris County, Texas, originally published in the Houston Chronicle, and subsequently included in Mr. Chilton's book, *The Unveiling and Dedication of Monument to Hood's Texas Brigade on the Capital Grounds at Austin, Texas, Thursday, October twenty-seven, Nineteen Hundred and Ten.*

4314 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

June 19

Dear Captain:

My inclination and desire to meet you and the survivors of the old brigade has to yield to the commands of the doctor and the protests of my family. My disappointment amounts to grief.

I enclose a message which I trust will be received in the spirit it is offered. It would be a great satisfaction to see you and all those who by the ties of kinship belong to the brigade. Memories are the only personal belongings the old have they can not give away or the thief can not take from us. They are each keepers of other possessions for those who come after them. When we can toil no more they are our only means of mental diversion or solace. My old friends are about me. I hear their voices in the whispering winds, their footsteps in the rustling leaves, their faces are in the changing shadows of light and shade. So I live a life apart from the stirring activities that interest the younger generations. I can only rejoice with them in their sweets and share their griefs.

Your letter pleased me so much it is a real joy to have such evidences of esteem and regard from an old friend and beloved comrade who earned merited distinction with the old brigade. My love to all the boys.

Yours truly,

R. M. Powell



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