



The General's Aide

**Gen. Tom Green Camp #1613
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



August 2023

Can't Let A Dead Horse Lie

Special points of interest:

17 August - Gen Tom Green Camp meeting. 7:00 pm at Ft Concho LHSC.

8-10 September - Confederate Muster & Living History at Proctor, Texas.

21 September - Gen Tom Green Camp meeting @ Ft. Concho LHSC, 7:00 pm.

23 September - Seminole Canyon History Fair, Comstock, Texas.

23-24 September - San Angelo Gun Show @ Foster Communication Coliseum.

29 September-1 October - School of the Piece @ Ft Concho LHSC.

If you have not heard, the scumbags in charge of Washington and Lee University went around the campus the other day ripping out historic plaques and ripping up the headstone on Traveller's grave. Lee's noble mount is buried just outside Lee's Chapel -- where the General and many members of the Lee family are buried.

To show they will stop at nothing, Washington and Lee University has desecrated the grave of General Lee's horse Traveler. See the attached before and after photographs. It is my understanding that Washington and Lee's Executive Director of History and Museums,

Lynn Rainville played a big part in this disgusting destruction. All we can do is show our displeasure. I have learned from working with politicians that currently that what gets their attention is snail mail letters, not email. I am asking that everyone who appreciates history and who is disgusted that they will



stoop so low as to desecrate the grave of even a horse to write snail mail letters to and call the office of this pitiful excuse for a human. The

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If you are into Texas history, you might want to check out Copano Bay Press, [Step Inside Texas History](http://StepInsideTexasHistory.com) – [Copano Bay Press](http://CopanoBayPress.com) (copanobaypress-gallery.com).

They bring back to life old works of history, books maps and prints. They do so in-house from Corpus Christi, Texas. Now I

bring up Copano Bay Press because of an essay Mark Pusateri wrote concerning Texas and slavery and have includ-

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7th Brigade Confederate Muster and Living History

There will be a Confederate Muster and Living History event in Proctor, Texas September 8-10, 2023. This event is 'open' to the SCV Texas Division and is on 70+ acres of "Private Lands." There will be Reenactments and Drills for the troops with Sutlers, a Blacksmith, Spinning wheel and loom and a chuckwagon display. There will be Artillery and Infantry representation. If you wish to represent Cavalry, please check with D.W. Davis for information (254-433-9402).

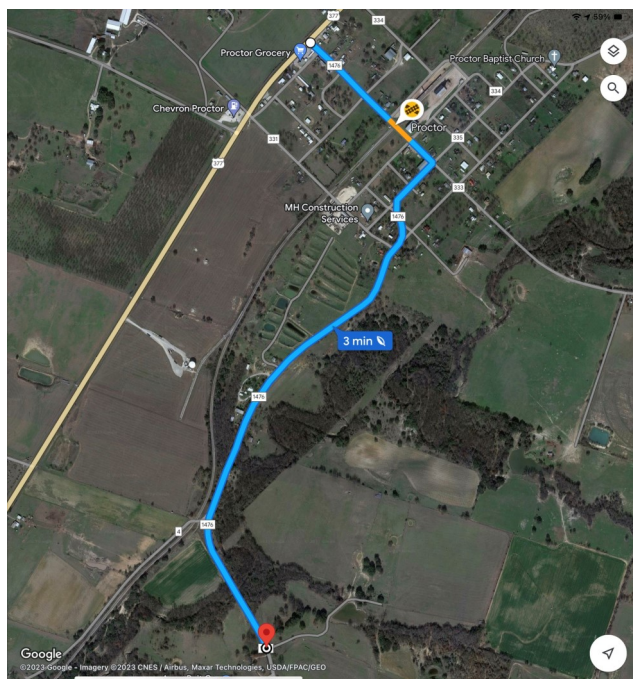
The public is welcome to this event (Admission by Donation) and may participate in the events scheduled which include Black powder Turkey Shoot, Horseshoes and Corn Hole tournaments. The Boy Scouts of America will be present to Post and Retire the 'Colors'. More to be added!

NEED TO KNOW: Camping is allowed, self-contained RVs are welcome...there is no water or electricity available. Food and Drink trucks are scheduled to be there but, they also say "Fend for Yourself", so 'Be Prepared.'

BURN BAN is in effect, no open fires.

Propane stoves are allowed. Your ATV is welcome and must be operated in a 'Safe' manner from point 'A' to point 'B', NO riding around the countryside. Rule #1 – You Pack It In – You Pack It Out! So, bring trash bags, let's be respectful of our Southern Brothers. And most importantly there will be a Sunday morning Church Service.

As you enter Proctor, Texas, look for FM 1476. Turn south on FM 1476 and drive approximately 1.5 miles looking for a gate on the left side of the road. Area will be marked with flags.



What's Happening In September

Gun Show

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning what it takes to be on the crew of an Artillery piece there is a School of the Piece coming September 29th thru October 1st, 2023. The school will be held at the Fort Concho Living History Stables Classroom, 210

Henry O Flipper, San Angelo, Texas. Contact Ray Johnson if you are interested: 325-642-8853. Classroom size is limited and can fill fast.

The Texas State Parks system is celebrating it's 100 anniversary and elements of Good's Light Artillery will be participating at the Seminole Canyon History Fair located near Comstock, Texas. This event will be September 23, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



The San Angelo Gun Show will be held September 23-24, 2023 at the Foster Communication Coliseum. Hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday. Contact Rod Smith if you can help out at 325-450-4452.



Essay on Texas and Slavery (con't)

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ed it with permission.

A couple days ago I sent out a little essay I wrote about how the land we call Texas changed hands over time. (The title was "15,000 Years in 417 Words")

A reader responded to say I should have included the fact that some Anglo colonists brought their slaves with them when they came to Texas.

He related how he attended an event some years ago where a speaker said that while Stephen F. Austin is hailed as the Father of Texas, he must also be considered the father of slavery in Texas. He said it was something he had never considered and he found it jaw-dropping.

Here is the response I sent him: I have to disagree, as mentioning slaves would then require a description of unfree labor in the rest of Mexico, so as not to paint an inaccurate picture of the agricultural labor situation in Mexico as free vs slave.

The fact is slavery existed in Mexico and in Mexican Texas long before Austin's colony.

Aztec society was a slave socie-

ty. All Native American societies were slave societies to greater or lesser extent. The Cherokee were immigrating to Mexican Texas with chattel slaves at the same time as Austin.

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Tejanos with the means to own slaves often did (see Jose Antonio Navarro for example.) And most importantly, agricultural labor in Mexico during the time of Texas colonization was mostly unfree.

A good question to ask is this: How and why did unfree labor differ in Texas from the rest of Mexico?

The answer is that in the majority of Mexico, in the mines and on the haciendas (plantations), unfree labor took the form of debt peonage. Peons were laborers who had taken loans from a patrón (land owner) and agreed to work for him until the debt was paid.

That seldom occurred, as interest and the cost of provisions was added to the debt load. These debts passed on to the children of the peon, who had also incurred their own debt load as minors when they received food and clothing from the patrón.

Peons were treated in much the same manner as chattel slaves in the US and Texas. They were not free to leave and were subject to physical abuse. The major difference was that peons could not be sold separately from the plantation. They were tied to the land.

During the mid nineteenth century, about 30% of the population of the northern Mexican states were peons, about the same percentage as slaves in Texas.

This created a situation where Mexican peons attempted to flee north across the Rio Grande, while Texas slaves attempted to flee south. Both groups were seeking the freedom afforded them by the laws on the other side of the river.

So, why did unfree labor take the form of chattel slavery in Texas instead of the Mexican norm of peonage?

Because there was not a population in Texas which could be made into peons. Had there been, Mexico would not have needed to seek colonists to act as buffer to the Comanche and prevent squatters from the US moving in.

I find this history fascinating, but it doesn't have a logical place in a short essay about how the

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contact information will be listed below. Wouldn't it be fantastic if she got thousands of letters?

If "those people" as General Lee called them, do not know that thousands object, why should they not continue and go ahead and also dig him up like they did General Hill. I have a feeling that Traveller is just a test to see what

a reaction might be to that.

Be very careful not to put anything in a letter, email or call that could in ANY way can be interpreted as a threat of any kind. It is "those people" that are violence prone and break the law, not our side.

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I request that this be forwarded in every way possible to everyone possible. We need a huge response.

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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."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

Be sure to check out the Calendar on the Camp's website: www.generaltomgreen.org.

Please keep Compatriot Harold Johnston in prayer. He is home from the hospital and resting.



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land we call Texas changed hands over the years. It will be fun to tackle this subject with similar brevity in a future piece.

I guess I accomplished the mission without intending to. That was 455 words.

Mark
Anyone interested in Mark's essay, "15,000 Years in 417 Words", email the Editor at gentomgreen1613@gmail.com.

om and it will be sent to you.



One of the maps from Copano Bay Press.

