

# The General Barton and Stovall History and Heritage Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Louis Wagner**

Fran Wagner reports that her husband, Louis, has been released from the Emory University Hospital and has returned home to Canton, GA. Louis suffers from congestive heart failure. He will receive loving care from Fran and in-home hospice care.

### **We are happy to welcome two new members:**

Reita Stallings Childers of Ball Ground, GA has joined as a new member. She descends from Lieutenant James Ernest Stallings, 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia. She is also related to Captain Jared Edwards Stallings, Co. A, Commander, 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia. Research shows that following the battle at Franklin, TN, Captain Stallings was the acting regimental commander of the 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia for a time.

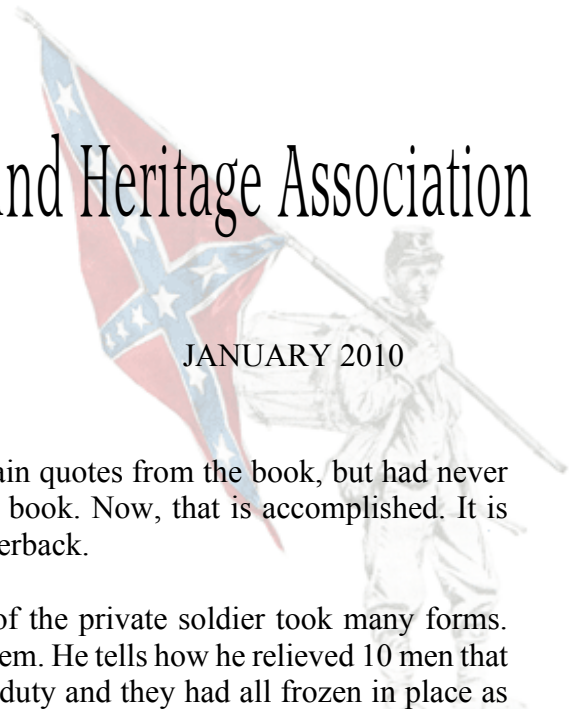
Darrell L. McGraw of Hixon, TN has joined. He descends from Private Charles C. Verable, Co. A, 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia. Hopefully, we will be able to meet you in person soon. At this point I am not sure how you found us, but I am glad you did.

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### **Co Aytch** by Private Sam R. Watkins

Private Sam R. Watkins joined Co. H, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry in May, 1861. He was one of seven of the original 120 in his company to survive all of the battles. Twenty years after the surrender on April 26, 1865, he wrote his memoirs of what he had witnessed. It was first published in 1882 under a different title. I have just finished reading the book and would recommend it to you for a better understanding of what the soldiers endured and how they thought and acted.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee was in all the battles that our ancestors were in, for the most part, with the exceptions of Vicksburg, Murfreesboro, and Chickamauga. They missed Vicksburg. Our ancestors missed Murfreesboro and Chickamauga.



I had read certain quotes from the book, but had never read the whole book. Now, that is accomplished. It is now out in paperback.

The suffering of the private soldier took many forms. He describes them. He tells how he relieved 10 men that were on guard duty and they had all frozen in place as if they were statues of marble. He explains how he always shot Union privates because they were the men who could kill him. Officers were not a threat to him as they were armed with pistol; and sword. Turner's Battery shows up several times in the book but it is not listed in the Index. He describes the fighting at the Dead Angle where we stood in 2008. He describes Tupelo where we were in 2009.

The connection to our Association is that his regiment was right down the line, was on the same march or was in the same camping area. His description must describe conditions in our five regiments too.

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### **General John Bell Hood**

David Richardson of Hayworth, OK reports that a new movie, *The Electric Mist*, starring Tommy Lee Jones, has a scene where Tommy Lee Jones character talks to General Hood during hallucinations. Actor and musician Levon Helm plays General Hood.

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### **Civil War Talk**

Lee Ivester has found a free forum of discussion of any WBTS subject. It can be reached at [www.Civilwartalk.com](http://www.Civilwartalk.com).

## Recruit Presentation

Kay Borden and Jonathan Perryman, both of Marietta, Georgia, have completed a recruiting trip to Waco, GA. They were the guest speakers of SCV Camp 673 of Waco, GA. This camp calls themselves The Haralson Invincibles.

Jonathan Perryman portrayed his gg- grandfather, First Sergeant Marcus A. Perryman of the Haralson Invincibles, Co. K, 40<sup>th</sup> Georgia. It was a near perfect connection.

The presentation included big copies of group pictures at past

Congress locations; Brigade Strength Chart ; Regiments by counties with nicknames of the company units ; Coffee Mug with battles and dates ; copies of *Georgia Confederate 7,000* by Gary R. Goodson and the history of the General Barton and Stovall History/Heritage Association.

Kay had membership forms at the ready, flyers with website address, a stack of her GBSHHA business cards (40th Georgia Historian) and other items. She met James Garner, a 40<sup>th</sup> Georgia descendant who is a member but has not been able to get to a Congress. She also met Billy Bearden, a 41<sup>st</sup> Georgia descendant. There were others in the Camp with our heritage too. She and Jon think they will join.

Now, they know about us and we know about them. This travel was made during icy conditions and at night. On behalf of the members who could not assist, I thank you both for representing us in such a fine fashion. I think you have developed what will become a standard for a recruiting presentation.

That is what I have for this month. Please check in about February 15 for the next Newsletter.

Mike Griggs  
President

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## Facts from the 43rd

Greg Land

Many people ask questions regarding the following simply because the terms are not normally used in today's military terminology, and they are not sure about their meaning.

There were three different classes of flags carried during the war of Northern Aggression:

Color, was a Flag carried into Battle by dismounted Troops

Standard was carried by Mounted Troops such as the Calvary

Ensign was a flag flown from a Ship

Artillery rounds were classified as either "SHOT" or "SHELL"

Artillery shot was a metal projectile fired out of the various cannons used during the war and an artillery shell was a hollow device that was filled with black powder and other metal fragments that exploded when fired with a "TIMED" fuse set into the shell. Its timed fuse was set to burn and explode for the particular distance that was being fired upon. Examples were GRAPE and CANNISTER. Both were extremely deadly when fired under the direction of a skilled Artillery Officer.