







# Texas Society, Military Order of Stars and Bars



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#### FROM THE TEXAS SOCIETY COMMANDER

Gentlemen of the Texas Society,

The Texas convention is fast approaching. I hope you can take time to join us in Huntsville. We always have a good time, but as they say, "The more the merrier."

Make your reservation today while you're thinking about it. Call 936-295-4300 for the Huntsville Holiday Inn Express. Ask for the "MOSB" or "Military Order of the Stars and Bars" rate. You can go to the Texas web site for more information, www.texasmosb.com.

We have a few Texas items to discuss and we want to be getting ready for the National Convention in Oklahoma City scheduled for the last of April. I hope you are making plans now for your chapter to be represented in Oklahoma. This is an election year and we need a strong turn out from Texas.

I would like everyone to think about who they know in the Order that is making a difference and recommend them to me as candidates for an award at National. As you know there are several different awards and I know there are Texans deserving of them.

I am at your service, Gary L. Loudermilk Commander

Texas Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Military Order of Stars and Bars Texas Society 2010 Convention Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27

The Texas Society 2010 Convention will be Saturday, March 27th at the Holiday Inn Express in Huntsville, Texas. There will also be a reception at the hotel Friday evening, March 26th. Contact the hotel at 936-295-4300 and ask for the MOSB rate. Rooms are limited so reserve early. The cut off time to get our discount rate is March 15th.

Holiday Inn Express 148 I-45 South Huntsville, Texas 77340 936-295-4300

(Contact information for the hotel can also be found on our website www.texasmosb.com.

Registration Form for the convention is an insert in this issue of the Clarion Call.

Military Order of Stars and Bars National 2010 Convention Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 29 - May 1

The MOSB 2010 National Convention will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City - telephone 405-947-7681 www.biltmoreokc.com. MOSB room rate is \$79. We are fortunate to be able to attend a National Convention so close to home. More information, including registration forms, can be found on the MOSB Headquarters website,

www.mosbihq.org.



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Eligibility: Applicants for the MOS&B Scholarships must be genealogically proven descendants of a Confederate Officer or descendants of a member of the Confederate Executive or Legislative branches of government or descendants of a member of the Confederate States' legislatures, judiciary or executive branches of state government. Written documented proof must be provided with the application.

Scholarships: The MOS&B scholarships shall be named as follows: The General Robert E. Lee Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Northern Virginia. The Lt. General Nathan B. Forrest Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Tennessee. The Major General Patrick R. Cleburne Scholarship shall be awarded to applicants residing in the Army of Trans-Mississippi. On recommendation from the committee, the General Executive Council shall determine scholarship amounts annually. Funding will be from available resources as determined by the Executive Council.

General Information

Time Schedules: Scholarship applications must be submitted to the MOS&B Scholarship Committee by March 1st each year. Award winners will be notified as soon as they are selected and funds awarded scholarships will be forwarded to selected institutions as soon applicant notifies Scholarship Committee of enrollment.

Review: Priority is given to students moving from H. S. to College. The committee will review all criteria and provisions and may request additional information or clarification from the applicant. The committee may waive a provision if in the minds of the committee extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver. The provision waived should not significantly affect the merits of the application. All matters being equal, preference is given to current MOS&B members and close relatives of current MOS&B members. The committee's decision eligibility and merit is final.

Disbursement of Funds: Applicants awarded scholarships must be enrolled in an accredited degree-granting two-year or four year college/university institution before funds are disbursed. Scholarship funds will be placed on deposit at the institution where the person is enrolled for the benefit of the applicant and any unused portion shall be returned to the MOS&B by the institution. Awarded scholarships are for one year only.



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### Unknown Soldier of the Confederacy Laid to Rest in Far North

By G. Jeffrey MacDonald Special to The Herald-Sun April 22, 2001 Sent along by Compatriot Dale Fowlkes DCS

DURHAM, Maine ~ Though the final battles of the Civil War put untold numbers of Confederate soldiers in caskets marked "Durham" for several towns by that name, only one ended up here in Durham, Maine. That one most likely missed the soldier's Durham, N.C. home in a shipping mixup, only to arrive here unidentified on the doorstep of a bewildered local family. Although no one ever learned his name, the town this weekend ensured that his role ~ as an American soldier and son of the Confederacy ~ would never be forgotten.

To the tune of "Dixie", dozens of Civil War re-enactors in blue and gray dedicated a freshly engraved tombstone Saturday on the site where townspeople buried the unknown Confederate more than 130 years ago. For participants, it was a fitting, if belated, tribute. "By some terrible twist of fate, this soldier of the South was sent here, never to see his homeland again," said Hall Hoffner, Confederate chaplain at the ceremony. "For a long time, no one cared. But we care. He died a Confederate soldier. But here lies an American soldier."

How he came to lie in this farming town of 3,300, seven miles northwest of the headquarters of the L.L. Bean mail-order business, is a mystery. Local historian Stevens Bunker figures a Maine family sent for one of their own and received the wrong casket. Perhaps, he said, a family in Durham, N.C. received the body of a Union soldier from Durham, Maine. But because the town's burial records burned 100 years ago, even the most dedicated sleuths find themselves at a loss.

What is certain, however, is that Mainers have honored his Confederate roots with increased attention in recent years. For decades, veterans groups put only an American flag on the unmarked gravesite once a year. But for the past six years, Memorial Day has brought out Confederate flags and a rendition of "Dixie" on the fife. Now the new headstone features a cross and reads like many scattered across the South: "UNKNOWN, C.S.A.," for Confederate States of America.

In a region where Confederate symbols are more controversial than popular, surging interest in the unknown's heritage begs an explanation. It wasn't immediately obvious, for instance, why Kathy Gowen drove an hour with her daughter to play the part of the unknown Confederate's widow at the occasion. But she had a reason, one that others echoed throughout the day. "He fought for a cause," Gowen said. "He deserves the same accolades of any soldier who we'd bury today."

Accolades he got. The presence of local selectmen, a state legislator and honor guards from as far away as Mississippi made the grave dedication Durham's social event of the season. And the 200-plus who turned out for it tasted a proportional helping of pageantry. Uniformed Confederate re-enactors led a processional march down U.S. 9 from Durham Elementary School to Strout Cemetery. Then came Union soldiers, drummers and flute players, women and children decked out in period attire. Had it not been for the leafless tree limbs and patches of melting snow among the graves, a passer-by could have thought he was in 1865 North Carolina.

"This is one of the few times in the North where we're really able to showcase our Confederate heritage and what it means to be Southern," said Syndi Holmes, a Portland resident who counts five Virginia Confederates among her ancestors. "It's nice to be able to do it without a lot of issues surrounding it."

The liturgical service first honored Maine volunteers whose donations brought the headstone from idea to reality. Later, Hoffner preached a sermon, all said the Lord's Prayer and the 15th Alabama Honor Guard re-enactors fired a salute. Someone played "Taps" on a bugle, and everyone sang the first three verses of "Nearer My God to Thee." Then they adjourned to a reception at the Congregational church in the center of town. The gravesite, meanwhile, has not seen the end of its ornamentation. Collector Darrell English of Charlemont, Mass., blocked the illegal auction of a stolen Confederate grave marker in 1998 and later acquired it from police in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. As soon as it can be permanently secured, it will adorn the gravesite in Durham, Maine. "It seems right that a marker taken from an unknown grave would come to mark the grave of an unknown soldier," said Thomas DiGiuesppe, New England Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The gathering Saturday morning adorned the head stone with flowers, a wreath and a Confederate-gray uniform at its base. And with them they carried away a sense of having done the right thing. "We know there are a lot of Maine boys buried down South, since most of the action during the war took place down there," Bunker said. "And we know our friends down South will take as good care of our boys as we're taking care of this one here."

# Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 NOW . . . . . . . The Texas Chapter #5 Houston, Texas

The Texas Chapter, Military Order of the Stars & Bars, the first chapter in Texas, was chartered on June 30, 1970, in Houston, Texas. In those days, Chapters affiliated with SCV Camps, and the Texas Chapter affiliated with the now defunct Dick Dowling Camp #1305.

38 members of the MOS&B came together to form this once great Chapter. A number of notable Texans were among this group, including Msgr. Anton Frank of the Houston-Galveston Diocese, two future Commanders General of the MOS&B, Dennis W. Rainoshek and Dr. Ralph W. Widener, Jr. One of the Charter members is our current Adjutant-General Toni Richard Turk. About ten years ago this chapter ceased to exist because of lack of interest and lack of new blood to replace those who passed away.

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 of Houston was formed shortly after The Texas Chapter and affiliated with Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #67, SCV. Two Heritage organizations of the same name in the same city has always caused confusion. ASJ#5 has been the largest Chapter in the MOS&B for several years and is also one of the most active. It was decided at the recent business meeting to change the name of ASJ#5 to The Texas Chapter #5 for two reasons: 1) eliminate the similar name confusion with the local SCV Camp, and 2) restore the great traditions of The Texas Chapter.

When The Texas Chapter first organized, they conceived the idea of presenting a replica of the Davis Guard Medal to any person who made a substantial contribution to preserving Southern Heritage. The Davis Guard Medal was the only medal awarded by the CSA during the War Between the States. It was given to Lt. Dick Dowling and his small group of men who defeated the Yankees as they attempted to invade Texas at Sabine Pass. The Davis Guard Award, as presented

by The Texas Chapter, is similar to the ASJ#5 Ron Aldis Award that was conceived after Ron's death several years ago. These two honors will be merged. We have a list of all the past recipients of the Davis Guard Award and it looks like a Who's Who of great compatriots. Included on that list of 33 are Dr. Frank Vandiver, Ralph Green, Charles Smith, Pete Orlebeke, Jim Vogler, several UDC presidents, and Dr. William McCain, to mention a few.

It is the intent of ASJ#5, now The Texas Chapter #5, to restore the honor of this great Chapter and the honor of the men who put The Texas Chapter on the forefront of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

David G. Whitaker DCS, ATM Executive Councilor



#### Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter #261 Tyler, Texas

The Third Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner sponsored by the Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter was held on January 23, 2010. It was another successful Birthday Party. I think our speaker, Rev. Don Majors, was fantastic. He spoke on Being Southern, The Confederacy, what is happening now, and the Twin Towers, Lee and Jackson.

It was an enjoyable evening. The food is always good and the restaurant had been remodeled and enlarged since we were there last year. In addition to folks from our Tyler area, we had several people from the Sulphur Springs area, and from as far away as San Antonio, Texas - Compatriot Egon Tausch, and his wife, Phyllis. (See article-"Secret Ledger"-Page 5). There were at least five Confederate Heritage organizations represented: Military Order of Stars and Bars, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Descendants of Confederate Veterans, Order of Confederate Rose, and United Daughters of the Confederacy. We are all looking forward to the fourth celebration next year.

Bob G. Davidson DCS, Texas Society Chief of Staff

# To All Chapter Commanders and Adjutants of the Texas Society, MOS&B

Procedure for Submitting Membership Applications

from David G. Whitaker DCS, Texas Society Genealogist

All applications come from the Chapter to the Texas Society Genealogist with a check to MOSB IHQ for \$50.00 (\$35.00 for dues and \$15.00 for certificate, lapel pin, postage, etc.) and a second check to MOSB TEX for \$5.00. After review and approval, the application will be forwarded with the \$50.00 check to the Genealogist General for his approval. The appropriate information from the application with the \$5.00 check will be sent to the Texas Society Adjutant. Chapter dues are collected by the Chapter.

Applications can be downloaded from the MOS&B Website at <a href="https://www.mosbihq.org">www.mosbihq.org</a> Please follow the instructions fully and if you have any questions you may call or email the Texas Society Genealogist. It is the responsibility of the Chapter to provide a complete and correct application. Any errors or omissions will cause the application to be returned to the Chapter for correction.

Proof of ancestry must be noted such as 1860 TN Census, Birth Certificate, etc. The actual record need not be submitted unless you are specifically requested to. However, the actual proof of Service for the Confederate Officer shall be submitted. For instance, this may be records from the National Archives, records from Broadfoot's Research Service or from the State Pension Records. Another source available on the internet is the Civil War Soldier's and Sailors system. www.itd.nps.gov/cwss. This information comes from the National Park Service and is provided to them by various organizations like the National Archives.

If an applicant is joining under the Legacy Provision (a son, a brother, a father or a grandson, etc) then simply complete page 1 of the application form and provide the name and the membership number of the MOS&B relative in the place provided, plus the proper amount of money as outlined above.

This is Important: Please submit the following number of copies: <u>Two</u> copies of the application for MOS&B National Headquarters and <u>one</u> copy for the Society Genealogist's records <u>for a total of three copies</u>. The Texas Society Genealogist will provide the necessary information to the Texas Society Adjutant.

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#### A Book Review - A First

by Bob G. Davidson DCS, Texas Society Chief of Staff

#### "The Secret Ledger of An Early Texas Doctor"

Dr. William Joseph Calhoun Lawrence and the "base, mean, low-down, trifeling,' lying, lazy, hog-thieving, indolent, dogon', chisel-fisted, cheating, worthless, insignificant, 'contemptable,' wife-abusing, wife-deserting, wife-neglecting, diabolical, cowardly, dastardly, loafing, sponging, filthy scamps, poltroons, scoundrels, puppies, rascals, bad ones, dead-heads, fools, bastards, reprobates, sons of bitches, 'bouncing baby boys without any papa' and others of our noble Texas ancestors

by Compatriot Egon Richard Tausch (MOSB member ) 2024 S. Flores Street, San Antonio Texas 78204 Phone: 210-227-2022

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Mr. Tausch asked me if I would read "The Secret Ledger", and put a review in the Clarion Call. I have never done a book review, but I liked this book very much, and I think it will be enjoyed by everyone who reads it. The book includes a lot of history which had been unknown

to me, and with emphasis on the War Between the States and Reconstruction, along with the detailed ledger of the Early Texas Doctor of German heritage, it should be of special interest to our members; and is a book which needs to be read by every Texan, and non-Texan.

Mr. Tausch is a practicing attorney in San Antonio. A fifth generation Texan, he has been a rancher, a professional army officer and a history professor at West Point. He was a decorated combat infantry leader in Vietnam.

Mr. Tausch has had countless articles in publications as varied as The National Review, Chronicles of American Culture, The Handbook of Texas, The Texas Republic, Southern Partisan, and numerous legal, military, and educational periodicals. He is currently working on a book about The Texas Germans in The Southern Crisis, which is definitive, and dispels a long-held myth. His research shows that most Texas Germans supported the Confederacy. Mr. Tausch has written several other books and articles, with more upcoming.

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### U.S. Laws Pertaining to Confederate Soldiers

U.S. Public Law 38, 59th Congress, Chap. 631-34 Stat. 56)
U.S. Public Law 810, Approved by 17th Congress 26
February 1929 (45 Stat 1307 - Currently on the books as 38
U.S. Code, Sec. 2306)

This law, passed by the U.S. Congress, authorized the "Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers who served in the Confederate Army and to direct him to preserve in the records of the War Department the names and places of burial of all soldiers for whom such headstones shall have been erected."

U.S. Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 Approved 23 May 1958 (US Statutes at Large Volume 72, Part 1, Page 133-134)

"The Administrator shall pay to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War a monthly pension in the same amounts and subject to the same conditions as would have been applicable to such person under the laws in effect on December 31, 1957, if his service in such forces had been service in the military or naval forces of the United States."

U.S. Code Title 38 - Veterans' Benefits, Part II - General Benefits, Chapter 15 - Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death or for Service, Subchapter I - General, § 1501.

Definitions: (3) The term "Civil War veteran" includes a person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, and the term "active military or naval service" includes active service in those forces.

#### Your MOSB Store

Our "store" continues to receive new and different merchandise. If you haven't checked it out lately, log on to <a href="https://www.mosbihq.org">www.mosbihq.org</a> and click on the Store link. There are a variety of items for members and for gifts. Some recent additions to our inventory include new shipments of Bow Ties, Blazer Patches, the popular \$5.00 coffee mug, and the "Warriors of Honor" DVD. New items include several books by Southern Authors, a Garment Bag with MOSB logo, and several varieties of Polo Shirts. A Personalized Pocket ID Badge is also available.

You may order via e-mail at <a href="mailto:headquarters@mosbihq.org">headquarters@mosbihq.org</a>. However, if you don't have access to the Internet, you may regular mail to: MOSB IHQ, P. O. Box 1700, White House, TN 37188-1700 Or call toll free: 877-790-6672

#### Together We Served

Toni Turk, Adjutant-General 12/22/2009

Compatriot:

A communication recently came to my attention regarding the *Together We Served* websites. I have thoroughly investigated these sites, and I highly recommend them to the military veterans and current active duty servicemen, who are members of the MOS&B. I have created profiles for myself, my father (deceased), my father-in-law (deceased), my father-in-law's brother who was KIA in the Hurtgen Forest during WWII, and a great uncle who was KIA due to U-Boat activity during WWI. One of my sons has also chosen to list his veteran status. Under "Additional Information" members may list their affiliation with heritage groups, such as the MOS&B – should they choose to do so. There is a "Military Association Memberships" section where an individual lists associations for their personal military service, e.g. VFW.

Those wishing to check these sites out may do so by clicking on the following URLs:

http://airforce.togetherweserved.com http://army.togetherweserved.com http://coastguard.togetherweserved.com http://marines.togetherweserved.com http://navy.togetherweserved.com

Currently profiles exist for Air Force 106,433, Army 258,666, Coast Guard 3,788, Marines 257,521, & Navy 482,521. You may find one of your buddies there. You can check out my own profile under the Army link. Should you choose to post a profile, you'll be prompted for a member referral number. You may use mine, which is 261863. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Toni Turk, Adjutant General



# Edward Clark, Unknown and Unsung Hero of Texas and the Confederacy

By Ray Stocks

Just across the street from the South entrance to the State Capitol grounds, is what you would call a "pocket park" of less than a quarter of an acre. There are a few benches and stuck away in its southwestern corner is a life-sized statue identified as "Edward Clark, March 16, 1815–May 4, 1880, Governor of Texas 1861." Here, out of the way and likely unnoticed is a smallish statue of a one year governor.

We all have heard of Sam Houston - he was crammed down my throat as a Texas hero throughout my school years. Well, when Houston refused to sign the Ordinance of Secession drafted and approved by the citizens of Texas, he was booted out of the Governor's office and replaced by his Lt. Governor, Edward Clark, who did sign the Ordinance. For that reason alone, I had come to consider Houston as a traitor to Texas rather than a hero.

In the University of Texas archives is a collection of Clark's papers. As Governor of a Confederate State, he was charged with recruiting an army for Jefferson Davis, as well as pursuing the war against the Union here in Texas. In his papers, he outlined to Davis the huge problems he was faced with at home. First was the defense of his citizens against Indian attacks, notably from the Comanches. The Union was supposed to furnish a defense against the Indians for the past 15 years and had failed to do so and that was one of the primary complaints that Texas had in the Secession Ordinance and the original purpose of the Texas Rangers. Secondly, and this blew me away, SAM HOUSTON HAD RAISED AN ARMY AND WAS ATTACKING PRO-CONFEDERATE COUNTIES HERE IN TEXAS TO THWART THE SOUTH'S WAR EFFORT! Like most of you, I had always believed that after Houston was booted out of office he quietly retired to his home in Huntsville and had no part in future politics or the War. Were we ever wrong, instead he pursued his Union sympathies long after! It is said that toward the end of the War, Houston relented in his stance and came around to the Southern Cause, as did Ben McCullough and other opponents of the cause.

In spite of the aforementioned handicaps, Clark was able to hold the Comanches at bay, defeat Houston's efforts to undermine the War effort and still furnish thousands of troops and huge amounts of materiel to the South. I guess it was due to the reputation that Houston gained in the Texas Independence of 1836, (I even have my doubts about that in that I have never forgiven him for abandoning two of my ancestors along with the others at the Alamo and leaving them to face overwhelming Mexican forces alone while he retreated to San Jacinto) but in 1862 and particularly in Gainesville, Texas, many people were hung for their Union sympathies, how did they miss Sam Houston?

Clark was defeated when he ran for re-election by a mere 124 votes so he joined the Confederate Army as a Colonel in the 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. He was wounded at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, and later was promoted to Brigadier General before his discharge. After the War, he went to Mexico briefly (I am left to wonder if General Jo Shelby had anything to do with that) and returned to business and a law practice in Marshall, Texas where he died.

Now my part of the story gets weird. I had a number of ancestors in the Marshall area between 1845 and 1880, some of them were Evans. When I was reading about Clark, the fact that he went to Marshall in 1841 (as did my gggrandfather), practiced law there before and after the War (ditto my gggrandfather) were they acquainted or related? It turns out that Clark's wife was Martha Evans of Marshall whom he married in 1849 and she was the sister of my gggrandfather's mother! Ain't genealogy grand.

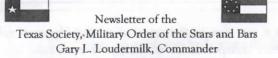
I hope that you enjoyed this brief look at Edward Clark and that you will join with me in commemorating this great Texan and Southerner. It's about time!

Below I have listed some of his accomplishments. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana
Nephew of John Clark, Governor of Georgia (1819-1823)
Moved to Alabama in 1832 and studied law
Opened a law practice in Marshall, Texas in 1841
Married Martha Evans in Marshall in 1849
Elected to the Annexation Convention of 1845
Elected to the first Texas State Legislature in 1845
Elected to the State Senate in the second legislature
Served under General J. Pinckney Henderson

at the Battle of Monterrey
Appointed Secretary of State (1853-1857)
Appointed Commissioner of Claims 1858
Elected Lt Governor 1859
Became Governor 1861
Colonel 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry (CSA) 1861

Brigadier General 14th Texas Infantry (CSA) 1863

After War practiced law in Marshall, Texas. Died 1880



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#### Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge

We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and Civil Officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the Cause of the fundamental American principles of self determination and States' Rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn.



# FELIX HUSTON ROBERTSON 1839 – 1928

Robertson was the last survivor of the general officers of the Confederacy and the only native Texan to achieve a wreath around his stars. He was born at Washington, Texas, March 9, 1839, the son of General Jerome B. Robertson. He attended Baylor University when it was located at Independence, Texas. He was appointed to West Point in 1857, but resigned January 29, 1861, to offer services to the Confederacy.

Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of artillery on March 9, 1861, he took part in the reduction of Sumter, served in Pensacola on the staff of General Gladden; and at Shiloh, commanded a battery with the rank of

Captain. He distinguished himself at Murfreesboro where he was promoted to Major, and led a battalion in Longstreet's Corps at Chickamauga. In January 1864 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and placed in command of the artillery of Wheeler's cavalry corps, with which he served during the Atlanta campaign. Promoted Brigadier General on July 26, 1864, he served for a time as Wheeler's Chief of Staff, then led a Brigade composed of 8th and 10th Texas, and 4th Tennessee cavalry regiments. He was leading a Division of cavalry until he was severely wounded at Buckhead Creek near Augusta, Georgia on November 29, 1864. He saw no further active service, but April 1865 he was sent by General Howell Cobb to treat for the surrender of the City of Macon with his old West Point classmate, Major General James H. Wilson.

After the war he returned to Waco, studying law. At the time of his death in Waco, April 20, 1928, he had for many years been the dean of the local bar.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.