

1931 Reunion, Bryan, TX

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Bryan Plays Host Today To Thinning Line of Gray VETERANS OF CONFEDERACY HOLD REUNION

The official register at reunion headquarters shows the following names; John H. Roberts, Co. e, 5th Texas Regiment, Arcadia; S. W. Borden, Co. B, 8th Mo. Reg., Austin; Charles Johnson, Co. D, 1st La. Cav, Austin; P. H. Pettifils, C. C, 39th Texas Cav., Austin; J. J. Pressley, Co. E, 38th Ala. Reg., Caldwell; E. R. Lang, Confederate Home, Austin; H. C. Wright, Co. F, 4th Texas Cav., Green's Brigade; Mrs. Juliet Wright, Austin; H. P. Cobb Confederate Home, Austin; W. W. Curry, Co. H, 1st Tenn., Reg., Austin; Wm. Adams, Co. H, 23rd Ga Reg., Austin; Mrs. J. M. Dallas, Houston; J. W. Maddox, 1st Kentucky Cav, Austin; I. H. Parker, Co. A, 1st Mo. Reg.; Supt. R. R. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, Austin; Bill Smart, Austin; Mrs. L. H. Roberts, Miss Josephine Roberts, Austin; Mrs. Whit Boyd, Houston; Miss Katie Daffan, Ennis; Mrs. Libbie Wade Cameron, Dallas.

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Confederate Veterans Close Annual Reunion Here OFFICERS ARE NAMED, TAKING VACANT POSTS Austin Veteran Heads Green's Brigade Survivors

[...] morning, beginning promptly at 9 o'clock, and the Sixtieth annual reunion of Hood's and the Fifty-first annual reunion of Green's Brigade passed into history.

Mrs. Libbie Wade Cameron, life secretary of Green's Brigade, announced that on account of there being only three members of that brigade present, no separate business session would be held, and Miss Katie Daffan, life secretary of Hood's Brigade, made the same announcement because only four of Hood's Brigade were in attendance. So the business of both brigades was transacted in open joint session.

The following were elected to honorary membership in both Hood's and Green's Brigade: Mrs. Whit Boyd of Houston; Mrs. Homer Wade, Dallas; Col. Bill Smart of Dallas and Fort Worth; Mrs. L. Lichenstein, Houston; Mrs. Estella M. Sparks, Houston; Mrs. C. L. Guild, Houston; Mrs. J. Shepard, Houston, and the daughter-in-law and niece of Captain John H. Roberts of Arcadia, who accompanied him to this convention.

The following visitors were introduced and made brief talks: Mrs. Browning Matthews of Lampasas, daughter of Life Commander W. H. Browning, and also his grand daughter, Mrs. J. V. Gerens of Taylor; Col. Bill Smart; Mrs. J. S. Doane of Bryan; Mrs. Lichenstein of Houston; Miss Juliett Wright of Austin, daughter of Col. H. C. Wright, chaplain of Green's Brigade.

Mrs. H. C. Wright of Austin, known as the "song bird" of the reunion, sang a group of Southern melodies all of which were thoroughly enjoyed. An outstanding musical feature of the morning program was a violin number given by Mrs. J. V. Gerens of Taylor, grand daughter of Judge Browning, who accompanied him to the reunion.

Greeting from absent friends of the reunion were read by Mrs. Cameron and Miss Daffan, from Miss Decca Lamar West of Waco; Col. R. D. Chapman, Houston; the two daughters of Mrs. Libbie Wade Cameron at Dallas; William A. Cline at Houston.

This morning the following telegram was received from Col. John B. Hood, Jr., son of the commander of Hood's Brigade, from his home at Jonestown, Miss. The wire read: "Returned late last night from Boston too late to accept invitation this year. With you in spirit. Loving greetings to Miss Daffan, brigade and friends."

A message was sent from the assembled reunion, to Col. J. O. Bradfield of Austin, chaplain of Hood's Brigade, who is ill in a hospital in that city, expressing sincere regret because of his absence. A telegram was also sent to Mrs. B. B. Knolle, of Houston, friend of the brigades who is ill at her home.

Judge W. H. Browning paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of Captain Jim Dallas, who was the vice president of Hood's Brigade (Continued on page 6) and had passed on since the meeting held in Bryan in 1930. Captain E. W. B. Leach of Houston, was elected vice president, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Captain Dallas.

After expressions of deep regret because of the death of Captain W. E. Selman, president of Green's Brigade, on June 19, 1931, at his home in Terrell, by unanimous vote Capt. W. T. Wroe of Austin was elected president of Green's Brigade.

An address was made by Hon. F. L. Henderson of Bryan, in which he paid glowing tribute to the remnant of the "line of Gray" assembled for this reunion, for all Confederate veterans everywhere and for the inspiration their lives brought to the citizenship of today.

The closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung, the benediction was said by Rev. Father J. B. Gleissner, and the convention was adjourned.

A resolution of sorrow over the death of the president of Green's Brigade, W. E. Selman, who died recently was adopted this morning by that organization, after being reported by Juliette Wright, chairman.

Compiled by Shirley Ferguson