



THE PIG & SNAKE

News from the Executive Director

“Who are the Pigs, and who are the Snakes?”

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The First Annual Muster and Second Board Meeting

Starting at 3 PM and lasting until 5:30 PM on November 6, Foundation Fellows and Senior Fellows gathered in suite 1001 at the Radisson Atlanta to visit and honor the first recipient of the Jerry Coffey Memorial Book Prize, Dr. Richard Bruce Winders, author of *Mr. Polk's Army*. Foundation members who came by included David Coffey, Robert Pace, Steven Woodworth, Tom Mays, Ben and Neva Wall, Dan Sutherland, Anne Bailey, Richard Berringer, Stan McGowen, Robert Maberry, Richard Lowe, Mike Denham, Gary Mills, Grady McWhiney, and Bruce Winders. This was in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association (SHA).

The Second Board of Directors Meeting occurred on November 7 at the Radisson Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. A lot has happened in the past few months, and board members discussed the changing circumstances of the foundation. We also heard reports from the executive director, president, and committee heads regarding the progress of their various initiatives.

Jerry Coffey Memorial Prize

Committee members include David Coffey, Tom Mays, and this year's winner, Bruce Winders. To that end, we have contacted more than 100 presses regarding the prize, and the response has been overwhelming. So far, the prize committee has more than a half-dozen books to judge, and the deadline is not until 1 May 1998. From conversations I had with publishers at the SHA, enthusiasm for the prize is great, as there are few such prizes for 19th Century military history.

Symposium at McMurry University

On October 25, 1997, the McWhiney Foundation and the Summerlee Foundation sponsored a workshop that discussed the future of Fort Phantom Hill, Texas, an 1850s army post north of Abilene. Forty history professionals from across the country participated, including Robert Pace, David Coffey, and Stan McGowen. The owners of the property—and the granting agency—were pleased by the event and convinced that the McWhiney Foundation was a viable partner for future projects. A useful plan for the future of the site is currently being developed. Recommendations will include a comprehensive document and a bibliography search as well as a preliminary site survey by archaeologists and historic preservationists.

The Future of Confederate History

This conference is going to happen and I need all of your help. I intend to write a grant request to the Summerlee Foundation that will cover the expenses of any fellows or senior fellows that would like to attend. I am now firming up the dates, with the weekends of **September 26**, October 17, and 31 leading the way. Please respond as to the best weekend in light of your particular schedules.

The McWhiney Collection at McMurry University

Tracy Shilcutt, as Collections Manager of the McWhiney Collection, has progressed steadily toward her goal of creating a preliminary inventory of Doc's books and getting the library in order. We have received a great response from trustees and administrators at McMurry over the work we are doing. We are currently evaluating other impressive collections from potential donors that will augment the collection. Books coming in as part of the Coffey Prize are also being added..

The Ryan Place Purchase is Complete!

The Foundation has purchased the *Commanders and Campaigns* series from Ryan Place Publishers. We have, in turn, signed a consortium agreement with Texas A&M to handle all aspects of marketing, including warehousing, advertising, and order fulfillment. The McWhiney Foundaiton Press will appear in the spring '98 catalog. When sales permit, we will continue the series. Anyone considering textbooks for the spring are urged to take a look at the series for use as supplemental reading. We will have a web page hotlink from <http://www.tamu.edu/upress>. Retail price is \$12. The titles and ISBN numbers are as follows:

Author	Title	ISBN#	Inventory (Jan 1997)
Bailey, Anne	<i>Texans in the Confederate Cavalry</i>	1-886661-02-2	1,581
Frazier, Don	<i>Cottonclads! The Battle of Galveston and the Defense of the Texas Coast</i>	1-886661-09-X	2,212
Hallock, Judith	<i>General James Longstreet in the West: A Monumental Failure</i>	1-886661-04-9	1,950
Jamieson, Perry	<i>Death in September: The Antietam Campaign</i>	1-886661-01-4	661
Kinaird, Jeff	<i>The Battle of the Crater</i>	1-886661-06-5	1,857
Lowe, Richard	<i>The Texas Overland Expedition of 1863</i>	1-886661-12-X	1,664
Mays, Tom	<i>The Saltville Massacre</i>	1-886661-05-7	2,032
McWhiney, Grady	<i>Battle in the Wilderness</i>	1-886661-00-6	4,028
Shea, William	<i>War in the West: Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove</i>	1-886661-14-6	1,579
Smith, Gene	<i>Iron & Heavy Guns: Duel Between the Monitor and Merrimac</i>	1-886661-15-4	1,708
Sutherland, Dan	<i>The Emergence of Total War</i>	1-886661-13-8	1,664
Tucker, Spencer	<i>Raphael Semmes and the Alabama</i>	1-886661-11-1	2,357
Waugh, John	<i>Sam Bell Maxey and the Confederate Indians</i>	1-886661-03-0	1,372
Woodworth, Steven	<i>A Deep Steady Thunder: The Battle of Chickamauga</i>	1-886661-10-13	2,093
TOTALS			28,636

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