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Bell Project

As reported in the May 2006 issue of the Gazette, the school house at the fort at one time had a bell to ring in the start of the school day. While the original bell has since been lost, Friends member, Dr. Billy Dippel, has pledged \$100 toward the purchase of a reproduction bell to be used at the school house during special events. A 15 3/4" cast iron bell is available for \$320 plus shipping. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the bell, please send your tax deductible donation to the Friends of Fort McKavett, PO Box 87, Fort McKavett, Texas 76841. Please include "Bell Project" on the memo line of your check.



Feb 10-11, “Remember the Maine” SpanAm event Battleship Texas

March 9-10, Fort Clark Springs, School Day on the 9th, Open to the Public on the 10th

March 17, Fort McKavett, “JSCAS Star Party”

March 23-24, Fort McKavett, "West Texas Heritage Days" Education Day on Friday

April 13-15, "Fort Richardson Days", 140th anniversary, Friday is Education Day

April 27-28, Lake Brownwood SP, “Open House and Youth Outdoors”, Education Day on Friday

April 27-28, “Texas Forts Trail Muster”, Fort Worth Stockyards

May 4-5, Fort Chadborne, School Day on Friday the 4th, General Public on the 5th

May 12, Mission Tejas Folk Festival, 1820 to 1880 Living History

May 18-20, Texas State Railroad, School Day on Friday the 18th

Jun 23-24, Last Frontier Heritage Celebration, Morton

Oct 12-13, “Fort Griffin Living History Days”, 140th anniversary

Dec 7-9, “Christmas at Old Fort Concho”, San Angelo

News from Fort McKavett

The Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department has a new fire fighting tool. A 2007 Ford F550 Brush Truck has been obtained through a grant from the Texas Forestry Service and through generous contributions by area ranchers. The new brush truck will greatly increase the effectiveness of the fire department.



Buddy Garza, congratulates county commissioner Pete Crothers, on his recent appointment as Fire Chief of the Fort McKavett Volunteer Fire Department. Photo and Write up by Ken Lester



Park Ranger Ken Lester represented Fort McKavett SHS at a special program for Tour Bus Operators. This program was held at the newly remodeled and rededicated Indian Lodge State Park in the Davis Mountains. The goal was to exchange information between the tour bus operators and the parks, encouraging the operators to utilize the parks as rest stops along their tour routes.

The March Event is coming up soon!

Snow Days at the Post!

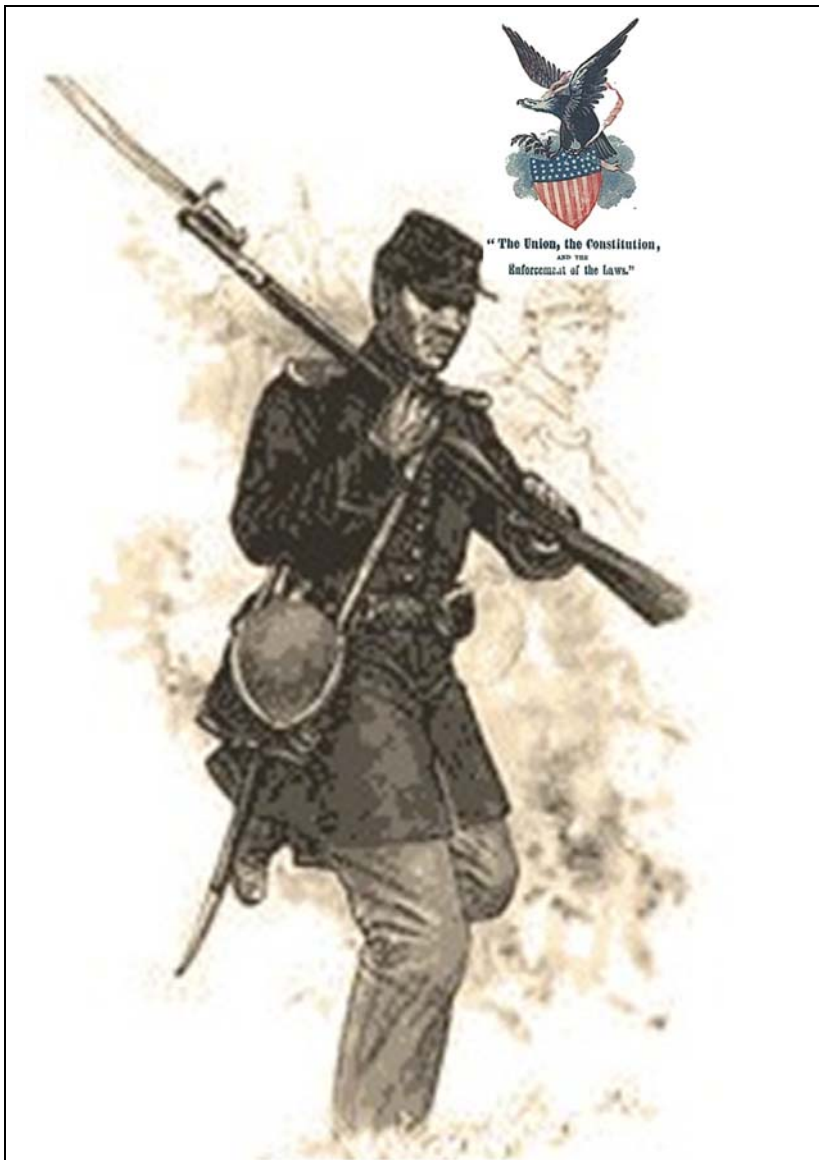


*January
17th,
2007,
Fort
McKavett
woke up
to a
blanket
of snow*

*Thanks to
Postmaster
Heather and
Ranger Ken
Lester for
these
photographs*



*Snow is
not
unusual
for the
Post, but
this one
was pretty
deep!*



West Texas Heritage Days

March 23rd and 24th, 2007

Fort McKavett State Historic Site



West Texas Heritage Days

The staff at Fort McKavett has sent out the registration forms to possible participants of our West Texas Heritage Day event on March 23rd and 24th. If any one who wishes to participate has not yet received a form, please contact Alfredo Munoz ASAP (325-396-2358) or by email (mckavett@airmail.net) to have a form mailed to them. With our dedicated volunteer's help, we will have another great event!

We will need desserts, salads, and vegetables for the meal. If you can help, contact Alfredo on this as well. Don't forget, we need help serving as well!

Also, if you have items for the Silent Auction, contact the Post so they can plan for it.



A U.S. Army Lock

Built by several manufactures, the Army Lock was large, heavy and very well built to take the punishment they were to receive. That is why there are so many of these still around and working today.

Company I, 24th Infantry at Fort McKavett

Company I served at Fort McKavett from April 1871 until August 1872. This is some of the people who were stationed at the Post.

1st Lt. John M. Thompson stayed with the Company and later became their Captain.



Thompson, John Milton. NH, NH. Pvt E 7 N H inf 7 Nov 1861 to 14 Jan 1863; 2 lt 33 U S c inf 15 Jan 1863; 1 lt 27 Jan 1863; capt 7 Nov 1863; hon must out 31 Jan 1866; 2 lt 38 inf 28 July 1866; 1 lt 4 Nov 1867; tr to 24 inf 11 Nov 1869; capt 23 Dec 1878; maj 24 inf 26 Apr 1898; col 42 U S V inf 17 Aug 1899 to 27 June 1901; lt col 14 inf 19 Oct 1899; col 23 inf 22 Apr 1901; bvt 1 lt 2 Mar 1867 for gal and mer ser at James Island S C.

Above left: John M. Thompson in later years. Right: Thompson military record from Heitman's Registry.

1st Sgt. George Hobson, had enlisted December 31, 1863 Co. D 15th Colored Infantry. Enlisted February 11, 1867 Co. D 41st, transferred Co. D 24th October 31, 1869. Discharged February 11, 1870 1st Sgt. Enlisted July 9, 1871 Co. I 24th, discharged July 9, 1876 as Sgt. Enlisted December 17, 1877 Co. E 24th Infantry, discharged December 16, 1882 1st Sgt. There are no photographs of Sgt. Hobson on record.

Private Levi Carter. During the Civil War, Carter served in the 108th U. S. Colored Infantry Company A. He enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of sergeant. Carter reenlisted in the army on May 13, 1870 in Jacksboro, Texas. He listed his birthplace as Carroll County, Kentucky, age as 23, and his former occupation was a soldier. From April 1871 to August 1872, Carter was assigned extra duty in the Quartermaster Department at Fort McKavett. Carter was discharged from the army on September 1, 1874 at Fort Davis, Texas as a private.

We have several of Company "I" soldier's records at the Post Library. We are working on more now for other Companies and Regiments as well.

Births at Fort McKavett 1852-1859, 1868-1883

MAR 26, 69	CAPT. CARROLL	F	9 TH CAV	DAUGHTER
JUL 7, 72	MRS. MAGER		POST TAILOR	DAUGHTER
JUL 28, 72	CAPT. JOHN W. CLOUS	C	24 TH INF	SON
AUG 25, 73	JOHN AND REBECCA HENSON		CIVILIAN	SON
AUG 29, 76	2 ND LT. CLAYTON S. BURBANK	I	10 TH INF	SON
NOV 6, 76	PVT JAMES JACKSON	C	10 TH CAV	SON
DEC 1, 76	1 ST LT. WILLIAM BECK	C	10 TH CAV	SON
FEB 3, 77	SAMUEL WALLICK		POST TRADER	DAUGHTER**
FEB 28, 77	2 ND LT. H.B. CHAMBERLAIN	F	10 TH INF	SON***
JUN 7, 77	MAJOR P.M. ANDERSON	HQ	10 TH INF	DAUGHTER
SEP 15, 77	MRS. MAHON		LAUNDRESS	SON*
OCT 16, 77	SGT SKEELY	F	10 TH INF	DAUGHTER
DEC 11, 77	SGT MAJOR O'BRIAN	HQ	10 TH INF	DAUGHTER
APR 12, 78	SGT BONEAUIS	A	10 TH INF	SON
MAY 15, 78	ORD SGT STEARNS	HQ	10 TH INF	SON*
JUL 21, 78	SAMUEL WALLICK		POST TRADER	SON
JUL 31, 78	CAPT. LACEY	A	10 TH INF	SON
DEC 24, 78	SGT JOHN SHECKY	F	10 TH INF	SON
JAN 24, 79	PVT WILLIAM CORCORAN	C	10 TH INF	DAUGHTER
FEB 7, 79	SGT MAJOR O'BRIAN	HQ	10 TH INF	SON
Ju. 18, 79	PVT Patrick McHue	C	22 ND INF	DAUGHTER
SEP 25, 79	SGT WALSH	C	22 ND INF	DAUGHTER
OCT 4, 79	1 ST SGT TEMPLE	C	22 ND INF	SON
OCT 6, 79	ORD SGT F. STEARNS	HQ	22 ND INF	SON
NOV 4, 79	2 ND LT M.L. MARTINS		22 ND INF	SON
APR 14, 80	CORP ADAMS	G	22 ND INF	DAUGHTER

This is a list we have been putting together from the medical records of Fort McKavett. Since the mother was not military, it would depend on the Doctor if they were mentioned in the Medical Journal or not. In most cases, they were not.

If anyone has any documented births they would like to add to this list, please contact John Cobb at cobbfarm@airmail.net, or Ken Lester at Fort McKavett State Historic Site and we will see if we can add to this list. We know there are many, many more names to be added.

Keep in mind, we are looking for the time periods listed above.