

# Virginia Military Institute

## Central Texas Alumni Chapter (CENTEX)

*In Pace Decus, In Bello Praesidium*  
*"In Peace a Glorious Asset, In War a Tower of Strength"*



## A Tribute to Distinguished Texans

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Sesquicentennial Class of 1992

# VMI CENTEX - NEW MARKET ROLL CALL

Ladies and Gentlemen. The New Market Call to Order. This toast is to be respectful, but not somber.

On 15 May 1864, 257 Cadets under the Command of Confederate General John C. Breckinridge marched into Battle at New Market. Ten died on the field of honor and are remembered each spring at the Institute. Sixteen Distinguished Graduates (14 of which were New Market Veterans) went on to lead distinguished lives here in the great State of Texas. Others have followed to become ranchers, rangers, engineers, judges, bankers, educators, physicians, soldiers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and State politicians. One alumnus has held the high seat of Governorship. One a US Senator. One an Ambassador. One a US Supreme Court Justice. All Texans. Each has helped guide our State by the hand of Providence toward health, wealth, and unity. May we together honor their name and our Alma Mater by our word and deed.

## TO OUR ALUMNI:

**[ALL] (toast)—HEAR, HEAR**

In honor of our New Market history we make special toasts to 15 Alumni representing all four original companies. Six of these New Market Veterans lay at rest here in Austin, Texas. Each roll call will follow with a toast. Each toast is drawn from the VMI Archives and the traditions of military history.

### ROLL

### THE TOASTS (Repeat)

**George SPILLER\*+**  
(At Rest in Jacksboro)

**Class of 1866 Pvt, A Co.**

Surveyor, Real Estate, Insurance  
Slightly Wounded in Action

**[ALL](toast)—TO THE WOUNDED**

**Chester Grafton ASHLEY**  
(At Rest in Austin)

**Class of 1867 Pvt, A Co.**

Worked on the Railroads  
A Veteran

**[ALL](toast)—TO OUR VETERANS**

**Robert H. COUSINS+**  
(At Rest in Austin)

**Class of 1867 Pvt, A Co.**

An Engineer  
He served in the trenches at Richmond

**[ALL] (toast)—TO VIRGINIA**

**Fleming Wills JAMES+^**  
(At Rest in Abilene)

**Class of 1868 Pvt, A Co.**

Commandant of Cadets  
Texas Military Institute – Austin

**[ALL] (toast)—RAH TEXAS MIL**

**Harris Walker GARROW**  
(At Rest in Houston)

**Class of 1865 Sgt, B Co.**

A Cotton Merchant  
A Texan

**[ALL](toast)—TO GREAT STATE TEXAS**

**John Thomas CRANK**  
(At Rest in Denison)

**Class of 1867 Pvt, B Co.**

Worked on the Railroads  
A Family Man

**[ALL](toast)—TO OUR FAMILIES**

<b>Albert BOGGESS</b> (Resting Site Unknown)	<b>Class of 1864</b>	<b>2Lt, C Co.</b>	Drillmaster, POW, Professor of Math Brought VMI Spirit to Baylor <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THE BAYLOR BEARS</b>
<b>Hardaway H. DINWIDDIE+^@</b> (At Rest in Austin)	<b>Class of 1867</b>	<b>1Cpl, C Co.</b>	4 <sup>TH</sup> Chairman, Texas A&M, 1883-1887 Brought VMI Spirit to Aggie Country <b>[ALL] (toast)—GIG ‘EM AGGIES</b>
<b>John Garland JAMES+^@</b> (At Rest in Austin)	<b>Class of 1866</b>	<b>Cpl, C Co.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> President of Texas A&M, 1879 Brought VMI Spirit to Aggie Country <b>[ALL] (toast)—GO KEYDETS</b>
<b>Hilary Langston GOODE+</b> (At Rest in Austin)	<b>Class of 1867</b>	<b>Pvt, C Co.</b>	Accountant, Worked “by the Numbers” Passed at the Texas Confederate Home <b>[ALL](toast)—TO OUR ELDERS</b>
<b>William Taylor SMITH</b> (At Rest in Ravenna)	<b>Class of 1867</b>	<b>Pvt, C Co.</b>	A Rancher, Family Man (9 Kids, 2 Wives) (Headstone) “Gone but Not Forgotten” <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THE UNFORGOTTEN</b>
<b>William NELSON+</b> (At Rest in Austin)	<b>Class of 1865</b>	<b>Sgt, D Co.</b>	A Lawyer A Servant of the Law <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THOSE WHO SERVE</b>
<b>Robert Joseph WHITE*</b> (At Rest in Denison)	<b>Class of 1866</b>	<b>Pvt, D Co.</b>	A Merchant A Texan <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THE WORKING MEN</b>
<b>Jesse Irvine DICKINSON*+</b> (At Rest in Austin)	<b>Class of 1867</b>	<b>Pvt, D Co.</b>	A Farmer Wounded in Action at New Market <b>[ALL](toast)—TO 16 CITIZEN SOLDIERS</b>
<b>William Macon JERDONE^</b>	<b>Class of 1871</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of 46</b>	Professor, Texas Military Institute Lawyer, No Military Record, State Senator <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THE PEACEMAKERS</b>
<b>Charles Allen CULBERSON</b>	<b>Class of 1874</b>	<b>UVA Law</b>	Attorney General, Governor, U.S. Senator Lawyer, No Military Record <b>[ALL](toast)—TO THOSE THAT FOLLOW</b>

Please know that flags have been placed today at the Austin Oakwood gravesites of Mr. Robert H. COUSIN, Mr. Hardaway H. DINWIDDIE, and Mr. John Garland JAMES, as well as at the Austin State Cemetery gravesites of Mr. Hilary Langston GOODE, and Mr. Jesse Irvine DICKINSON. But, this tribute to OUR TEXANS--is in honor of all who serve as Citizen Soldiers.

**TO THE UNION.**  
**[All] (toast)—HEAR, HEAR**

# **TEXAS NEW MARKET ROLL CALL**

## **16 DISTINGUISHED VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE GRADS**

<b>George SPILLER (1866)</b>	<b>Surveyor, Real Estate, Insurance</b>
<b>Chester Grafton ASHLEY (1867)</b>	<b>Railroad Service</b>
<b>Robert H. COUSINS (1867)</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
<b>Fleming Wills JAMES (1868)</b>	<b>Educator (TMI), Banker</b>
<b>Harris Walker GARROW (1865)</b>	<b>Cotton Merchant</b>
<b>John Thomas CRANK (1867)</b>	<b>Railroad Service</b>
<b>Albert BOGGESS (1864)</b>	<b>Educator (Baylor)</b>
<b>Hardaway Hunt DINWIDDIE (1867)</b>	<b>Educator (TMI, A&amp;M)</b>
<b>John Garland JAMES (1866)</b>	<b>Educator (TMI, A&amp;M), Banker</b>
<b>Hilary Langston GOODE (1867)</b>	<b>Accountant</b>
<b>William Taylor SMITTH (1867)</b>	<b>Rancher</b>
<b>William NELSON (1865)</b>	<b>Lawyer</b>
<b>Robert Joseph WHITE (1866)</b>	<b>Merchant</b>
<b>Jesse Irvine DICKINSON (1867)</b>	<b>Farmer</b>
<b>William Macon JERDONE, (1871)</b>	<b>Professor (TMI), Lawyer, TX Senator</b>
<b>Charles Allen CULBERSON, (1874)</b>	<b>Lawyer, Governor, U.S. Senator</b>

## PROFILE: GEORGE SPILLER (1845-1931)

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### Historical Rosters Database

Details for ID 2773

First Name	Middle Name
George	
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
Spiller	1866

#### Biography & Genealogy

George Spiller, Class of 1866: Genealogy: Born- Dec. 5, 1845 in Nelson Co. Va. Father- James Madison Spiller; Mother- Caroline Kyle. Pat. Grandfather- George Spiller; Pat. Grandmother- Mary Spears. Mat. Grandfather- Barclay Kyle; Mat. Grandmother- Jane McDonald. Married- Belle Loring in 1879. Children- 1- Carrie Belle Spiller; 2- E. B. Spiller; 3- James Spiller; 4- Kyle Spiller; 5- William M. Spiller; 6- George Spiller; 7- Col. Hampden Spiller; 8- Major Oliver Spiller; 9- John L. Spiller. VMI Record: Entered VMI- Jan. 1, 1862; Graduated July 4, 1866 standing 9th in a class of 10. Military Record: **Private in Co. A of the VMI Corps of Cadets in the Battle of New Market (May 15, 1864) where he was slightly wounded in action;** promoted to Cadet Sgt. of Co. C March 1, 1865; **served with the Corps of**



<p><b>Cadets in the trenches in Richmond, Va. until April of 1865.</b> Careers: Civil Engineer; in real estate and insurance business. Died- April 14, 1931 in Jacksboro, TX. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery there.</p>	
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## TEXAS ONLINE HANDBOOK OF HISTORY ©

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**SPILLER, GEORGE** (1845-1931). George Spiller, surveyor, abstractor, and insurance executive, was born in Nelson County, Virginia, in December 1845, the son of James M. and Caroline (Kyle) Spiller. He grew up in Botetourt County and the city of Lynchburg and studied civil engineering at Virginia Military Institute. He was at VMI when the [Civil War](#) began and was one of many students who joined the school's corps of cadets. The sixteen-year-old Spiller **saw action at Lexington and Newmarket, where he was wounded**. He returned to VMI after the war and graduated in 1866. In 1870 he was a civil engineer in Alabama with the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad Company. He left Alabama for Louisiana, where he worked on the Teche Division of the Southern Pacific system. In December 1872 Spiller moved to Graham, Texas, where he formed the land and surveying firm of Graham, Hillard, and Spiller. Four years later he was elected district surveyor of the Young County Land District, the first surveyor selected under the new state [Constitution of 1876](#). Spiller's district included sixteen counties, a huge expanse of land that extended from the Young County line west to New Mexico. At Graham he met and married Belle Loving, the granddaughter of [Oliver Loving](#), "Dean of the Trail Drivers." Her father, [James C. Loving](#), was a prominent Jack County rancher and one of the founding members of the Texas Cattle-Raisers Association (see [TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION](#)). Spiller worked as an assistant secretary of the association while his wife wrote the first draft of the organization's constitution and bylaws. The couple were the parents of ten children, nine of whom were sons. After a brief business venture in Jackson, Tennessee, where he worked for the northern division of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, Spiller moved to Fort Worth. In 1884 he returned to Jack County and established a successful insurance and abstract business in Jacksboro. In 1894 he was selected county surveyor, a position he held for twenty years. Spiller died at Jacksboro on April 14, 1931. His surveyor's account books and a diary that covered the years 1873-75 are in the [Barker Texas History Center](#), University of Texas at Austin.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** *Cattleman*, May 1931. Buckley B. Paddock, ed., *A Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of North and West Texas* (Chicago: Lewis, 1906). – David Minor

# PROFILE: CHESTER GRAFTON ASHLEY (Arkansas 1847-Texas 1876)

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### Historical Rosters Database

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Chester	Grafton	
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Ashley	1867	
Biography & Genealogy		
Chester Grafton Ashley, <b>Class of 1867: New Market Cadet; Private, Co. A.</b> Genealogy: Born- August 13, 1847, in Little Rock, Ark. Father- Gen. William E. Ashley; Mother- Fanny Grafton. Pat. Grandfather- Chester Ashley; Pat. Grandmother- Mary Watkins Worthington Elliot. Never married, no children. Career: Railroad Service Died- September 30, 1876, in Houston, Texas.		
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# PROFILE: ROBERT HENRY COUSINS (Virginia 1847-Texas 1907)

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### Historical Rosters Database

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First Name	Middle Name
Robert	Henry
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
Cousins	1867
Biography & Genealogy	
<p>Robert Henry Cousins, Class of 1867: <b>New Market Cadet; Private, Co. A. Served with the Corps of Cadets in the trenches at Richmond, Va. until the Corps disbanded in April, 1865.</b></p> <p>Genealogy: Born- November 24, 1847 (grave marker says 1848). Father- Alexander Winfield Cousins; Mother- Martha F. Newbill. Pat. Grandparents- unknown. Mat. Grandfather- Henry Newbill; Mat. Grandmother- Jane Crenshaw Moore. Married- Julia Weber Wooldridge. Children- 1st: Robert Winfield; 2nd: Julia Stone; 3rd: Albert Sidney Cousins. Careers: Assistant Professor of Math at VMI, 1867-69.; Civil Engineer; Railroader. Died- Mar 3, 1932, Austin, Texas. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Austin. Others buried in family plot: Cousins, Julia W. Mar 13, 1852 - Jan 12, 1916. Cousins, Albert S. Aug 18, 1884 - Aug 17, 1907.</p>	
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### **Robert H. Cousins**

**VMI Cadet, Class of 1867**

**Private, Company A, Battle of New Market**

Robert Henry Cousins, the son of Alexander Winfield Cousins and Martha F. Newbill, was born on November 24, 1847. He entered VMI from Crimea, Virginia on February 16, 1864 and participated in the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864. After the Civil War he returned to the Institute and was graduated on July 4, 1867, standing 4th in a class of 11. Little is known of his post-VMI career. He moved to Texas, where he was a civil engineer. He died in Austin, Texas in 1932.



# PROFILE: FLEMING WILLS JAMES (Virginia 1847-Texas 1918)

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### Historical Rosters Database

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First Name	Middle Name
Fleming	Wills
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
James	1868

### Biography & Genealogy

Fleming Wills James, Class of 1868:  
 Genealogy: Born- April 11, 1847 in Richmond, Va. Father- Henry James; Mother- Eliza Maria Wills. Pat. Grandfather- Rev. Garland James; Pat. Grandmother- Sallie Peatross. Mat. Grandfather- Dr. John Wills; Mat. Grandmother- Mary Maria Quarles. Married- Isabel May Porter of Austin, Tx. on June 27, 1870. Children- 1- Henry James; 2- Isabele James who became Mrs. Hadsen; 3- Edith M. James who became Mrs. Hardin; 4- Winfield Scott James. VMI Record: Entered VMI- Aug. 11, 1862; Graduated- July 3, 1868 standing 1st in a class of 11. Civil War Record- **Fought in the Battle of New Market May 15, 1864 as Private in Co. A of the Corps of VMI Cadets; Stationed with the Corps in Richmond, Va.** until he was elected as 1st Lieut. of Co. B in Col. J.G. Tucker's CS Regiment (1st Confederate States Regt.); on roll of troops surrendered at Greensboro, NC April 28, 1865; returned to VMI Sept. 1866. Careers- **One of the founders of Texas Military Institute;** Commandant of Cadets and Prof. of Engineering and Military Tactics at Texas Military Institute; Founder and Major General of the Texas Volunteer Guard in 1880; **Judge** for the 32rd (Tx.) Judicial District; Organized (in



1884) and became President (in 1889) of the First National Bank in Baird Tx.; banker for Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Abilene, Tx. and Abilene Trust Co.; Organized and built Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railroad; was also a poet. Died- Sept. 21, 1918 in Abilene, Tx. Buried- Abilene Municipal Cemetery, Taylor County, Texas; Section: Independent Order of Fellowship Block 35 Lot Space 15

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**JAMES, FLEMING WILLS** (1847-1918). Fleming Wills James, teacher, soldier, judge, and financier, was born in Richmond, Virginia, on April 11, 1847, the son of Henry and Eliza (Wills) James. He entered Virginia Military Institute in 1862. He was a **cadet private in Company A at the battle of New Market on May 15, 1864, after which he reentered VMI and remained until the company was disbanded on April 2, 1865.** He returned again to VMI in 1866 and graduated **first in the class of 1868 as fourth cadet captain.** He then moved to Texas and, **with his two brothers, Charles A. and John Garland James, organized Texas Military Institute at Bastrop in 1868. TMI was moved to Austin in 1870.** At the institute Fleming James was commandant of cadets and professor of engineering and tactics until 1879. John James was superintendent and professor of philosophy and mathematics. Charles James was professor of modern languages. Texas Military Institute prospered and became one of the leading Texas educational institutions of the time.

During **Reconstruction** James organized the Texas militia and was commissioned a colonel. He was later promoted to major general and put in charge of the volunteer organization. He had also studied law and practiced in Austin and elsewhere in Texas. He served as a county judge and twice as judge of the Thirty-second District of Texas.

He organized the First National Bank at Baird in 1884 and served as its president. In 1889 he organized the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Abilene, of which he became managing vice president. He organized and built the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific Railway. He established the Abilene Trust Company, of which he was president and general counsel for many years. He was instrumental in attracting large sums of eastern capital to West Texas. James died in Abilene on September 21, 1918. He was survived by his wife, Isobel May (Porter) of Austin, who died in 1922. The couple had four children.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** William Couper, *The V.M.I. New Market Cadets* (Charlottesville, Virginia: Michie, 1933). Allan Robert Purcell, *The History of the Texas Militia* (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 1981). – *Les Gronberg*

## PROFILE: HARRIS WALKER GARROW

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Harris	Walker	
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Garrow	1865	
Biography & Genealogy		
<p>Harris Walker Garrow, Class of 1865: <b>New Market Cadet; Sergeant, Co. B.</b> Genealogy: Born- November 16, 1846, in Mobile, Alabama. Father- Judge William Mallory Garrow; Mother- Virginia Louisa Cunningham Walker. Pat. Grandfather- Samuel H. Garrow; Pat. Grandmother- Mary Brown. Mat. Grandfather- Judge Robert Walker; Mat. Grandmother- Ann Martha Cooper. Married- Lina Miller, 1875. Children- 1st: Harris Walker Garrow, VMI 1896; 2nd: J. von Wanroy Garrow. Career: <b>Cotton Merchant.</b> Died- December 13, 1916 in <b>Houston, Texas.</b></p>		
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## PROFILE: JOHN THOMAS CRANK (Virginia 1847-Texas 1923)

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John	Thomas	
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Crank	1867	
Biography & Genealogy		
John Thomas Crank, Class of 1867: <b>New Market Cadet; Private, Co. B.</b> Genealogy: Born- June 8, 1847, near Charlottesville, Va. Father- George H. Crank; Mother- Miss E. Branham. Pat. Grandparents- unknown. Mat. Grandparents- unknown. Married- Miss V. Hume, in November 1883. Children- 1st: Douglas Crank; 2nd: George H. Crank; 3rd: Thomas Vernon Crank; 4th: Thelma Corneille Crank. Career: <b>Railroad service.</b> Died- August 29, 1923, in Dallas, Texas. He is buried at Fairview Cemetery, aka Maple Grove Cemetery, <b>Denison</b> , Grayson Co., Texas		
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# PROFILE: ALBERT BOGGESS (Virginia 1839-Texas 1891)

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Albert		
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Boggess	1864	
Biography & Genealogy		
<p>Albert Boggess, Class of 1864: <b>New Market Cadet; 2nd Lt., Co. C.</b> Genealogy: Born- April 23, 1839 at Ten Mile Creek, Va. now Lumberport, WVa. Father- Albertus Boggess of Harrison Co. Va. ; Mother- Anne Wood of Harrison Co. Va. Pat. Grandfather- Samuel Boggess; Pat. Grandmother- Elizabeth D'Arcy of Maryland. Mat. Grandfather- Benjamin Wood; Mat. Grandmother- unknown. Married- Nannie Elizabeth Shivers, daughter of Dr. O .L. Shivers of Marion, Ala. on July 11, 1877. Children- 1- Albert Boggess; 2- Annie Lou Boggess, who became Mrs. J. F. Kimball; 3- O. S. Boggess; 4- John Wood Boggess; 5- Robert Woodfin Boggess. VMI Record: Entered VMI- July 30, 1860; Graduated June 27, 1864 ranking 10th in a class of 14. Military Record: 2nd Lieut. in Co. C of the VMI Corps of Cadets who <b>fought in the Battle of New Market, May 15, 1864</b>; after graduating, joined Confederate Army and appointed <b>2nd Lt. and Drill Master on Aug. 1, 1864; on list of POW's as Lt. in 5th Battalion Va. Reserves.; signed parole May 18, 1865 in Staunton, Va.</b> Careers: Received a Master's Degree from an unknown school; moved to Texas in 1866; <b>Professor of Math, Engineering and Astronomy at Baylor University, 1870-73 and 1885-91.</b> Died- Dec. 13, 1891.</p>		
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**1911-13**                  Albert Boggess



# PROFILE: HARDAWAY HUNT DINWIDDIE (Virginia 1844-Texas 1887)

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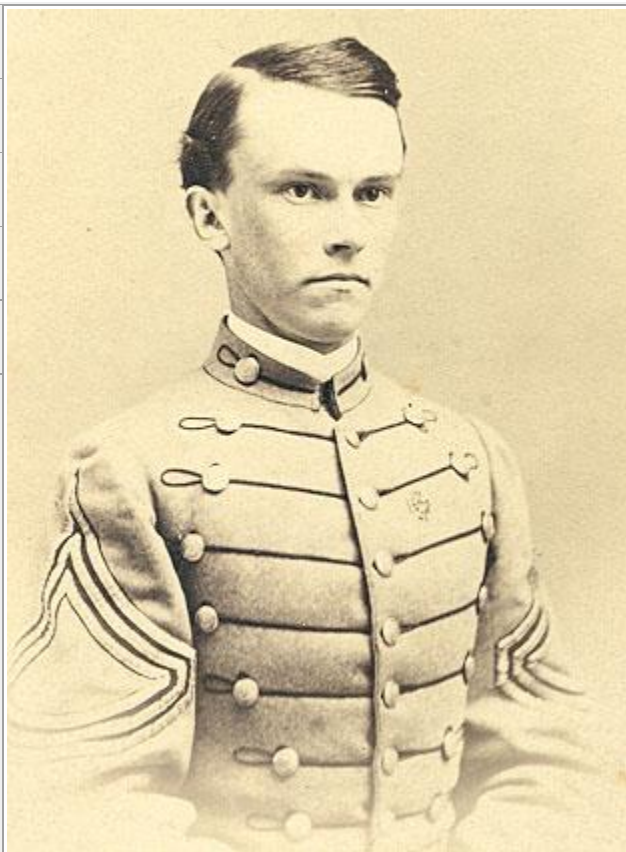
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First Name	Middle Name
Hardaway	Hunt
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
Dinwiddie	1867

### Biography & Genealogy

Hardaway Hunt Dinwiddie, Class of 1867: New Market Cadet; 1st Corporal, Co. C. Genealogy: Born- October 25, 1844, in Lynchburg, Va. Father- James Dinwiddie; Mother- Mary Turner. Pat. Grandparents- unknown. Mat. Grandparents- unknown. Married- Frances Jeannette Evans, on June 17, 1874. Children- Dr. Robert L. Dinwiddie. Matriculated to VMI from Lynchburg, VA. At VMI 5 years: repeated 2d Class (Junior) year. Military Record: Entered VMI on Sep. 6, 1862; served as a **Corporal with Company C at the Battle of New Market; with the Corps of Cadets in Richmond trenches during the Fall of 1864 until it disbanded on April 2, 1865.** Post War Career: served as the Post Adjutant of VMI 1867-68; **founded Texas Military Institute with Cadet James JG, Class of 1866; became Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Texas A&M in 1879; elected "Chairman of the Faculty" (College President) in 1883** and retained that position until his death; he was instrumental to the development of the school. Died- December 11, 1887. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Travis Co., Texas

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### **Hardaway H. Dinwiddie** **VMI Cadet, Class of 1867**

Hardaway Hunt Dinwiddie, the son of James Dinwiddie and Mary Turner, was born at Lynchburg, Virginia on October 15, 1844. He attended Lynchburg High School before entering VMI on September 4, 1862. Dinwiddie participated in the Battle of New Market on May 15, 1864 as a cadet corporal in Company C. He was graduated on July 4, 1867, **standing 1<sup>st</sup> in a class of 11. After leaving VMI, Dinwiddie went to Texas, where he helped to establish the Texas Military Institute near Austin. He held the chair of chemistry and physics until the school was closed in 1878.** He subsequently taught the same subjects at Texas A & M, where he later served as president of the University. On June 17, 1874, he married Frances Jeannette Evans, whose family was among the first to settle San Antonio in the 1830's. They had one child, Dr. Robert L. Dinwiddie, a physician who practiced in San Antonio. Hardaway Hunt Dinwiddie died on December 11, 1887.



## PROFILE: JOHN GARLAND JAMES (1844-1930)

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First Name	Middle Name
John	Garland
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
James	1866

#### Biography & Genealogy

John Garland James, Class of 1866:  
**New Market Cadet; Corporal, Co. C.**  
Genealogy: Born- December 1, 1844 in Chatham, Va. Father- Henry James; Mother- Eliza Maria Wills. Pat. Grandfather- Rev. Garland James; Pat. Grandmother- Sallie Peatross. Mat. Grandfather- Dr. John Wills; Mat. Grandmother- Mary Maria Quarles. Married- Clara Trowbridge; February 6, 1883. No children. Career: **Educator-Financier.** Died- February 12, 1930, in Dallas, Texas. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas

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**JAMES, JOHN GARLAND** (1844-1930). John Garland James, Confederate soldier, college professor, writer, and banker, son of Henry and Eliza Maria (Wills) James, was born at Chatham, Fluvanna County, Virginia, on December 1, 1844. **He graduated from Virginia Military Institute with second honors on July 4, 1866. During his college career he served in the Confederate Army, acting as color guard and third corporal in the battle of New Market** and fighting in the intermediate lines when Richmond was evacuated in 1865. In 1866-67 he was a professor at Kentucky Military Institute. In 1867 the family moved to Bastrop, Texas, where James was **president of Texas Military Institute in 1868. He was superintendent**, business manager, and professor of philosophy and mathematics; his father and brothers, Charles and [Fleming Wills James](#), assisted him in the enterprise. He moved his school to Austin and conducted it there from 1870 through 1879. After 1875 he was for a number of years a **member of the board of visitors of the United States Naval Academy**.

About the middle of the 1870s James conceived the idea of bringing out a school reader and speaker to be made up exclusively of poems and prose (including speeches) by Southern authors and orators. The result was ***The Southern Student's Hand-Book of Selections for Reading and Oratory***, published by A. S. Barnes and Company in 1879. A revised edition came out less than a year later. Work on this book brought James into correspondence with numerous writers all over the South, including [Sidney Lanier](#) and Paul Hamilton Hayne.

**James became president of Texas A&M in November 1879** and held the office until he resigned on April 1, 1883, to join his brother, Fleming, in a bank that they had organized at Colorado, Texas. On February 6, 1883, James married Clara White (Brigham) Trowbridge of Detroit. She had two daughters by her first marriage. By 1884 James was in Wichita Falls as president of the Panhandle National Bank, which he had organized. After a brief return to Austin, he lived from 1900 to 1929 in Roff, Oklahoma. About 1906 he began to focus on mortgages and real estate. He went to Dallas for medical attention in 1929 and, after an extended illness, died there on February 11, 1930. Two days later he was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin.

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### **Southern Student's Hand-Book of Selections for Reading and Oratory / by John G. James**

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**The Southern Student's Hand Book of Selections for Reading and Oratory. By John G. James, Superintendent Texas Military Institute. New York, Chicago and New Orleans: A. S. Barnes & Co.**

We are indebted to the publishers for a copy of this book, and, despite the edict of Senator Blaine (one of the heroic gentlemen "who were invisible in war and are now invincible in peace" ), we most cordially commend it to our schools and families. [400]

It is emphatically a *Southern* book, designed for Southern youth, and made of selections from Southern authors. And yet the charge that it is so sectional as to keep alive the bitter memories of the war, and sow seed which may ripen into a future "rebellion," is utterly false, as any candid man may see by reference to the book itself. It does teach that the men who fought for Southern independence were not "rebels" or "traitors," but as pure patriots as the world ever saw. Yet on the other hand, it teaches a full "acceptance of the situation" and of all the "logical results" of the war, and that henceforth the people of the South must meet all of their obligations as citizens of our common country. Mr. Blaine interprets "loyalty to the Union" to mean obedience to the behests of the ultra wing of the Republican party. The whole spirit of the selections of this book teaches obedience to the constitution and laws of the land.

If we find here and there a selection which a more rigid standard of excellence would have excluded, and miss some which we would have expected to find, yet it is due to Colonel James to say that he has performed his delicate task with sound judgment, rare discretion and fine literary taste, and has produced a book which deserves, as it will no doubt have, a wide circulation.

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Papers concern the educational, military, legal, and banking careers of three brothers, Charles Albert James (1841-1875), John Garland James (1844-1930), and Fleming Wills James (1847-1918), who moved to Texas from Richmond, Virginia after the Civil War. The papers mainly relate to the Texas Military Institute, a military academy founded by the brothers in Bastrop and later moved to Austin (1868-1879), and to the Texas Volunteer Guard of which Fleming Wills James was founder and Major General. Miscellaneous business, legal, and banking papers and documents are also included.

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## PROFILE: HILARY LANGSTON GOODE (Virginia 1846-Texas 1925)

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Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Goode	1867	
Biography & Genealogy		
<p>Hilary Langston Goode, Class of 1867: <b>New Market Cadet; Private, Co.C.</b> Genealogy: Born- June 6, 1846, Mossingford, Charlotte Co., Va. Father- Hilary Mackiness Langston Goode; Mother- Sallie Anderson Boyd. Pat. Grandfather- Hilary Goode; Pat. Grandmother- Sallie Bacon. Mat. Grandfather- Richard Boyd; Mat. Grandmother- Lucy (last name unknown). Married- Helen Owen. Children- 1st: Benjamin; 2nd: Elgin. Career: <b>Accountant. Died- December 23, 1925, at the Texas Confederate Home in Austin.</b> Buried in State Cemetery in Austin, Texas (Section:Confederate Field, Section 1 Row:R Number:6 ). Note: date of death stated here is from grave marker. Other records have a conflicting date, but cemetery records indicate DOD 23 DEC 1925 and burial 24 DEC.</p>		
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Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Smith	1867	
Biography & Genealogy		
William Taylor Smith, Class of 1867: <b>New Market Cadet; Private, Co. C.</b> Genealogy: Born- April 26, 1838? 1844?, in Clarksburg, [now] WVA. Father- Augustine Jaquelin Smith (b. 1802, Fairfax Co., VA); Mother- Louisa Martha "Patsy" Wilson (b. 1811, Clarksburg [now] WVA. Grandparents- unknown. Married twice. First marriage to Mary Carter in 1866 at Fannin Co. TX. Six children: 1. Augustine 2. Lula 3. William 4. Gertrude 5. Mortimer 6. Gay. Marriage 2: to Judith Mary "Judy" Lyle on 23 April 1891 in Fannin Co. TX. Children from second marriage: 1. Boyd 2. Alice 3. Winnie. Careers: <b>Rancher.</b> Died- June 9, 1928, Henrietta, Clay Co., Texas. Burial: I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Ravenna, Fannin County, Texas. Inscription on grave marker: "SMITH, W.T. Apr. 26, 1838- Jun. 9, 1928 <b>Gone but not forgotten</b> "		
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## PROFILE: WILLIAM NELSON (Virginia 1845-Texas 1877)

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William		
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
Nelson	1865	
Biography & Genealogy		
William Nelson, Class of 1865: <b>New Market Cadet; Sergeant, Co. D.</b> Genealogy: Born- April 25 (grave marker says April 17), 1845, in Yorktown, Va. Father- William Nelson; Mother- (first name unknown) Whiting. Pat. Grandfather- William Nelson; Pat. Grandmother- Sarah Burwell Page. Mat. Grandfather- John Shield; Mat. Grandmother- unknown. Married- Molly Duval. No children. Career: <b>Lawyer</b> . Died- September 10, 1877 in St. Louis, Mo. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Texas.		
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## PROFILE: ROBERT JOSEPH WHITE (Mississippi 1845-Texas 1894)

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First Name	Middle Name	digital image not available
Robert	Joseph	
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation	
White	1866	
Biography & Genealogy		
<p>R. Joseph White, Class of 1866: <b>New Market Cadet; Private, Co. D.</b> Genealogy: Born- June 30, 1845, in Aberdeen, Miss. Father- Zachariah Johnston White; Mother- Eliza Jane Williams. Grandparents: unknown. 1st marriage- Mattie McDonald; one child- Maggie White. 2nd marriage- Alice Elizabeth McDonald (b. Aug. 12, 1854, d. May 30, 1920; 5 children: including 1. Alford Glasgow White (b. 1887 d. 1940) and 2. Hardy McDonnold White (b. 1880 d. 1896); other names not known. Careers: <b>Merchant.</b> Died- October 17, 1894, in Texas. Note: There appears to be two gravestone locations for Robert Joseph White: Allison Cemetery north of Whitesboro and Fairview Cemetery aka- Maple Grove Cemetery in Denison.</p>		
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## PROFILE: JESSE IRVINE DICKINSON (Virginia 1848-Texas 1929)

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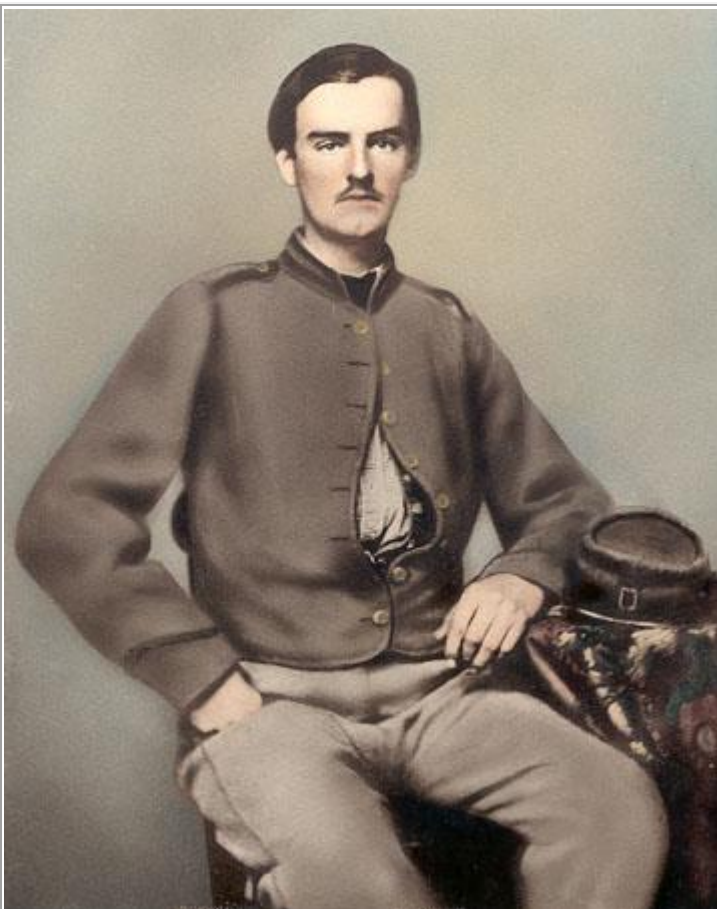
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First Name	Middle Name
Jesse	Irvine
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
Dickinson	1867

#### Biography & Genealogy

Jesse Irvine Dickinson, Class of 1867: New Market Cadet; Private, Co. D. Genealogy: Born- April 25, 1848 in Prince Edward Co., Va. Father- Asa D. Dickinson; Mother- Sallie Cabell Irvine. Pat. Grandfather- Robert Dickinson; Pat. Grandmother- Mary Purnell Dupuy. Mat. Grandfather- Jesse Irvine; Mat. Grandmother- Clementina Cabell. Never married, no children. Military Record: entered VMI on Jan. 22, 1864 as a **Private in D Company; fought with Corps of Cadets at New Market** where he was Wounded in Action (leg); **briefly with Corps at Richmond** in the early fall of 1864, but left when academic work resumed; appointed Cadet in the Confederate Army from the 5th Congressional District of Virginia on March 25, 1865; war ended before he could report for duty. Post War Career: At Hampden-Sydney College in 1867; moved to Texas in 1884; farmer. Career: Farmer. Died- October 12, 1929; buried in the State Cemetery at Austin, Texas (Section: Confederate Field, Section 1 Row:V Number:32 )



## PROFILE: WILLIAM MACON JERDONE (1845-1931)

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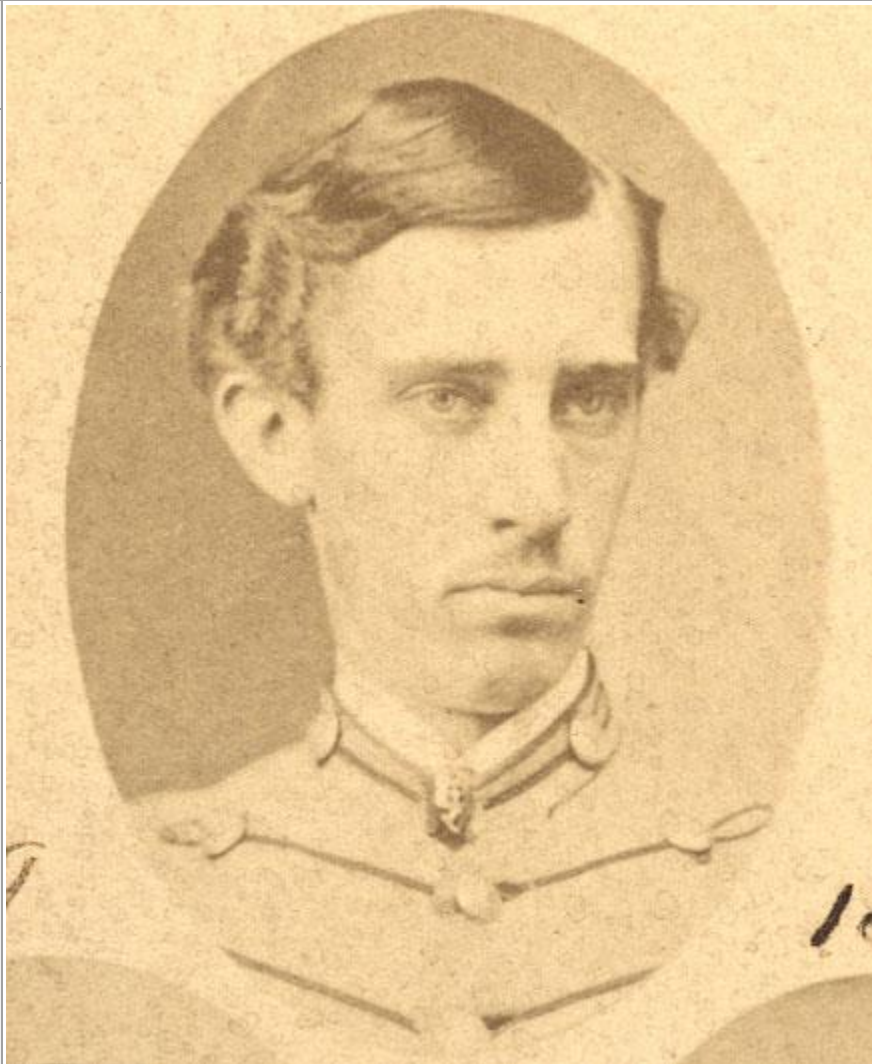
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First Name	Middle Name
William	Macon
Last Name	VMI Class or Affiliation
Jerdone	1871

#### Biography & Genealogy

William Macon Jerdone, Class of 1871.  
Genealogy: Born at Stirling, Charles City County, VA on November 8, 1848. Father- William Jerdone, b. March 4, 1805 Louisa Co., VA; Mother-Anna T. Burfitt, b. Hampshire, England, October 15, 1824. Maternal grandparents- Thomas Burford or Burfitt and Maria Godfrey of Maiden-Bradley, Wiltshire, England; Paternal grandparents- Francis Jerdone, b. Louisa Co., VA Feb. 9, 1756 and Polly Biars; m. June 1799. VMI Record: Entered 1867 and graduated 1871, standing 4th out of 46 graduates. Military record: none. Marriage: none. Career: briefly a professor of mathematics at the Texas Military Institute (Austin); studied law and was admitted to the bar in

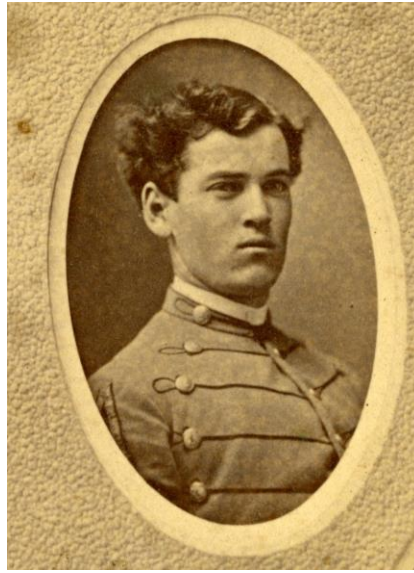


1873; Texas state senator. Jerdone died at Galveston, Texas on November 27, 1900.

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## PROFILE: CHARLES ALLEN CULBERSON (1855-1925)

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**CULBERSON, CHARLES ALLEN** (1855–1925). Charles Allen Culberson, state attorney general, governor, and United States senator, son of Eugenia (Kimball) and [David Browning Culberson](#), was born in Dadeville, Alabama, on June 19, 1855. His father was active in Texas and national politics. Eugenia Culberson belonged to the Crawford family of Georgia, a member of which, William Harris Crawford, had been a United States senator, minister to France, secretary of war, and secretary of the treasury in the early nineteenth century. The Culbersons moved to East Texas in 1856. Charles attended school at Gilmer and Jefferson, entered Virginia Military Institute in 1870, graduated in 1874, and later graduated from the University of Virginia law school. He was admitted to the bar at Daingerfield, Texas, in 1877 and was elected county attorney of Marion County shortly thereafter. He married Sally Harrison, daughter of William M. and Elizabeth Ann (Epperson) Harrison of Jefferson, in 1882. The couple moved in 1887 to Dallas, where Culberson practiced law in the firm Bookout and Culberson.

After being elected attorney general in 1890 by an overwhelming margin, Culberson was involved in several landmark federal cases, including the successful defense of the newly established [Railroad Commission](#). He was reelected in 1892. Two years later, with the help of [Edward Mandell House](#), he became governor. The [People's party](#) was at the height of its popularity in the 1890s, but Culberson, conservative and penny-pinching in a period of mostly national depression, and his efficient political allies easily beat back the Populist gubernatorial challenge in both 1894 and 1896. The most talked-about event of his administration was the proposed prizefight featuring James J. Corbett, heavyweight champion of the world, and Bob Fitzsimmons, challenger (1895). An old political foe from East Texas, Dan Stuart, and others had already expended a fortune promoting the fight in Dallas when Culberson called the legislature into special session and passed a law making prizefighting a felony. Corbett later described the action as nothing but a grandstand play for the voters, but the fight was cancelled. The next year [Roy Bean](#) staged an outdoor "championship" fight just across the border in Mexico.



During the hectic days of the Spanish-American War, E. M. House was quietly working to get Culberson into national office. On January 25, 1899, the Texas House and Senate sitting jointly elected Culberson to succeed [Roger Q. Mills](#) as senator. Thus was launched a senatorial career that lasted twenty-four years. Culberson served as Senate Democratic minority leader from 1907 to 1910 and served on numerous legislative committees, the most important of which was the Committee on the Judiciary, of which he was chairman from 1913 to 1919. He was forced to resign as minority leader in 1910 due to physical problems exacerbated by alcoholism. One Democrat stated in 1910 that Culberson had been "in a comatose state for five years." Periodic trips to health resorts and spas earned him the derisive title "sick man of the Senate." Culberson announced early for reelection in 1910 and drove potential contenders from the field, but persistence of frailties including Bright's disease made rivalry certain in the campaign of 1916. Because another "breakdown" in April 1913 had left him unable to campaign, he depended on seniority, friends, and inertia to carry him through and never set foot in Texas during the campaign. Voters were not told of his illness or dependence on alcohol. Culberson's duties increased sharply in 1917. He introduced measure after measure regarding espionage, foreign relations, sabotage, and other wartime matters during Woodrow Wilson's presidency. At last the senator's health, never robust, broke under the strain. He was unable to take to the stump for the campaign of 1922. His illness and the opposition of the [Ku Klux Klan](#) brought about the first political defeat he had ever suffered.

Any evaluation of Culberson is difficult because of his caution and a reserve bordering on aloofness. These qualities with his intellect and good looks made him a tempting target for opponents. Many contemporaries speculated on how far he could have risen had he been a brash, forceful politico with more "color." In his favor were the respect in which the king-maker House and other prominent men held him, his undoubted abilities as a lawyer, his reputation for adhering to party discipline, his honesty, and his ideas regarding strict accountability for the public purse. While residing in Washington, Culberson died of pneumonia on March 19, 1925. He was returned to Fort Worth for burial in the Harrison family plot. He was survived by his wife, their only child, Mary, and his only sibling, Robert Upton Culberson.

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## TEXAS MILITARY INSTITUTE

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**TEXAS MILITARY INSTITUTE, AUSTIN.** The Texas Military Institute, Austin, was organized in Bastrop by R. P. T. Allen and was operating as the Bastrop Military Institute by 1858. Before the **Civil War** the institution saw increased attendance and functioned in both preparatory and collegiate capacities. Studies included mathematics, geography, the natural sciences, Latin, and Greek, as well as surveying and civil engineering. By 1861 Bastrop Military Institute consisted of a faculty of four professors and three assistants. Students paid \$230 for a term of forty weeks. During the Civil War attendance reduced drastically. The original campus contained only the barracks and the recitation halls and was insufficient to handle the school's planned expansion into the main institution of general and applied science in Texas. The school officially reopened in September 1867 but with very low attendance. During the winter of 1869–70 leaders of the institute decided to move the school to Austin. That city had recently raised a building fund of \$10,000 in gold. A thirty-two-acre campus was purchased in March 1870, and on June 10, 1870, the new Texas Military Institute, Austin, opened. By 1872 the physical plant was worth \$50,000, with a cadet barrack large enough to accommodate 400 students. The institute modeled its disciplinary operations after the United States Military Academy at West Point, but it included instruction in literary subjects as well as the sciences. The military department existed only to provide exercise, not to train professional soldiers. All cadets were required to live in the barracks. In 1873 there were 150 students at the school. Tuition, board, and miscellaneous fees averaged \$375 an academic year. The college, nonsectarian but religious in nature, operated successfully until 1879, when **John Garland James**, the president, and faculty were all employed by Texas A&M.

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Texas A&M is a university known for its rich traditions and rich history. As the state's oldest public institution for higher education, Texas A&M's past successes, current directions, and future visions are all due to the leadership of its presidents. Past presidents of Texas A&M range from former governors and legislators to professors and researchers. Some have guided the university through the nation's darkest hours, some have helped further Texas A&M as a national and international leader in teaching and research. A list of those who serve and have served is provided below with information regarding their presidency.

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##### **Hardaway Hunt Dinwiddie**

*Chairman of the Faculty July 23, 1883-December 11, 1887*

Dinwiddie originally came to the College in November of 1879 as professor of physics and chemistry. However, following the authorization of the office of chairman of the faculty on July 19, 1883, the faculty elected him as its chairman on July 23, 1883—a position which he filled until his death on December 11, 1887.

#### **Second:**

##### **John Garland James**

*President November 22, 1879-April 1, 1883*

John Garland James was elected November 22, 1879 as president. He resigned just over 3 years later on April 1, 1883.

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