

Col E.W. Taylor,

Commander R.E. Camp Fort Worth:

Your committee appointed to draft <sup>a</sup> suitable memorial on the death of our late comrade James T. Townsend would show : That he was born in Logan county Kentucky in 1844 and enlisted at Russellville that state in 1861

at the tender age of 17<sup>+</sup> years under that famous cavalry leader John H. Morgan and was attached to the 2nd Kentucky <sup>regt</sup> under then Col Basil Duke.

He participated in the various adventures by flood and field of this celebrated Confederate regiment of cavalry following it in the Ohio campaign under the chivalrous Morgan and was captured at the same time he was in July 1863 and came near being executed as a spy because in trying to evade being made a prisoner he incautiously put on <sup>a</sup> citizen's suit over his Confederate uniform. His captors carried him to Louisville and to save being hung as a spy his father, who came to his aid, executed with other citizens a heavy bond and the subject of this sketch was required to take the oath of allegiance to the Lincoln government and was placed under strict surveillance till near the end of the war when he eluded his captors and was preparing to come South with a party of Confederates when the surrender of Lee occurred which ended his eventful career as a true and tried Confederate soldier.

In 1867 he came with his people to Fort Worth from Kentucky and cast his lot with us as one of our best known citizens of the olden days of the infant city and has ever been foremost in forwarding the interest of our city in making a mark as a careful and conscientious good and law abiding member of our community.

Up to the last moment he acted this part and died an ideal death, literally in the harness of duty. On Wednesday the 23rd day of May 1906 he was serving as a jurymen in our district court in an important case on trial and that night when he went home was taken with an affection of the heart so that he was compelled to let the court know next morning that he ~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> not finish his duty as jury <sup>man</sup> and by noon that day on the 24th day of May he, after a few moments of suffering passed to the great beyond.

Therefore resolved that in the loss of our kind good comrade we are ~~are~~ deeply sensible of a bereavement which we bear in common with his family with true Christian resignation. Resolved further that they have our most heartfelt condolence and <sup>we</sup> can but look to a source higher than we for solace in this hour of deepest distress.

J. J. Brimm  
J. W. C. Cummings } committee  
J. W. Adams

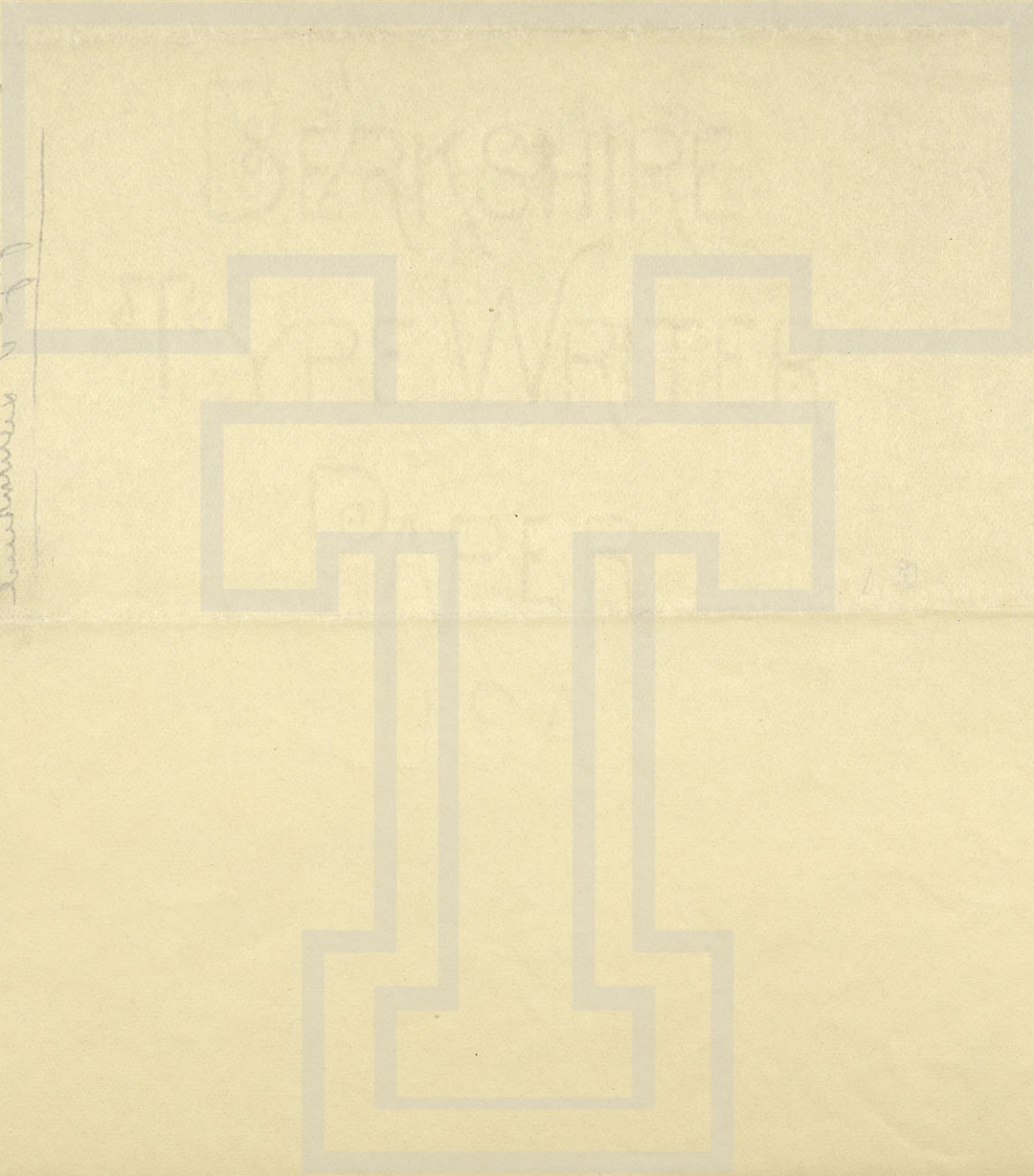


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Commander B. E. Smith Long March:  
Col E. M. Taylor.

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