

# Victory Bell Now In Use

The Old Grafton Bell



Student Body President Brent Crosby and Marvin Terry are pictured above hanging the old Grafton Bell. It is used as the College victory bell.

About 1891 Bishop James Monroe Ballard of Grafton, a small ghost town in eastern Washington County, purchased a bell and installed it in a belfry on the building as a church and school building.

The bell has a very pleasing tone and was often heard at Rockville over two miles away. It was used to call the children to school and to call the saints to their church gatherings on the Sabbath.

On account of the Virgin River washing away the farming land of the little village it was finally abandoned.

In 1944 Mrs. Marvin Terry, who had taught school in Grafton, purchased the bell from the decedents of Bishop Ballard. Mrs. Terry was afraid that the timber in the old school building would rot and let the bell fall. She has tried to have it installed in some place where it could be used for some

public cause so she is pleased that the Dixie College has the bell and hopes they will take good care of it.

In the picture, helping with the bell is Marvin Terry. In 1898 his mother rode a horse from Rockville to Grafton where she taught school. Mr. Terry rode behind his mother on the horse each morning. Later on his wife taught school in this little village also.

[NOTE: The bell on picture below was given to the Grafton Ward by James Monroe Ballard. It was later removed from the Church and in possession of someone from Rockville, who donated it to Dixie College. His great grand-daughter's husband, Walter Cox, helped install this bell at Dixie College. Why it was taken there, we do not know.]

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X-CLUBBERS COX, JENNINGS, CROSBY, AND FREL with the Rebel victory bell. "To get this they'll have to melt it down."