



May 2009

Williamsburg, Virginia

Last Meeting: Our last meeting had 19 in attendance. The Camp put together the final touch on the 2009 Division Convention.

Next Meeting: There is no formal meeting scheduled for May. James City Cavalry will honor its Confederate Ancestors with a Memorial Day Service. The details and the order of the day are located on the Upcoming Events section on the website. **(May 29th is rapidly approaching, please contact Adjutant Ken Parsons with your intentions of attendance. Cost for the picnic is \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 per couple. Bring a lawn chair for the picnic.)**

Commander David Ware: "The Cause for Which We Fought"

Many people cheered when the former Soviet Union broke up into many independent countries. Most of these same people would recoil with horror at the thought of such happening in the United States; indeed, our Pledge of Allegiance says that we are "indivisible."

Our forefathers would be astounded. Secession was a generally accepted remedy to combat excessive Federal power up until the War to Prevent Southern Independence. Our heritage is one of Jefferson: Government that governs best governs least. Many early Virginians, including Richard Henry Lee, encouraged Virginia to cede territory to make the government of the colony (state) more efficient. To have the same ratio of population to representation that Americans had in 1789, the House of Representatives today would have seven thousand members. Secession was taught as a right in textbooks used at West Point in the mid 1800's.

Jefferson Davis was a learned constitutionalist and West Point graduate. He declined promotion to Brigadier General after the Mexican War, because he did not believe that the president of the United States could appoint an officer in the Mississippi Militia. After the War, he was held ex-communicato at Fort Monroe for two years. The Pope sent him a crown of thorns. He welcomed treason charges and never asked for pardon or citizenship because he did not believe he did anything wrong. The federal government was terrified to charge him because they thought he might well be acquitted, therefore negating their justification for war on the south. His one hundred thousand dollar bail was met in minutes by Horace Greely and other northerners who stood ready to bankroll Davis's defense if he were charged. Jimmy Carter signed a bill to restore Davis's U. S. citizenship and he (Davis) probably would not have been pleased.

After Lincoln's war to "Save the Union," the Federal government is left to its own devices to determine the limits of its power. The States and people are powerless to react to government abuse except for elections where the choice is between bad and worse.

Long Live the South and her Ideals

Adjutant Ken Parsons: Compatriots, The convention was a smashing success!

At least that is what many messages from around the Virginia Division are saying...and, I must agree! As many have said it was fun, interesting, timely, efficient, reasonably inexpensive and just plain good fun and comradeship.

In my opinion we did several things right. The cost to the attendees was reasonable and worthy, food and lodging was held to a reasonable level (we did not attempt to have this event as a fund raiser). Our system of handling registration was efficient and quickly done without delay. Pre-registration was a big help so when they showed up, each conventioneer was quickly handled by our team and they were able to move on to the events. There were just over 80 attendees.

We were able to keep on schedule for all planned events therefore the attendees were able to plan their free time and use their time as desired. The lunch Saturday was not to my liking but it was adequate and allowed everyone to use the time to mingle.

The supper on Saturday night was tasty, filling and everyone seemed to have fun and commented extensively on the excellent quality of the "Southern Supper." The speaker, Michael Moore of Endview Plantation and Lee Hall Mansion was informative and entertaining. We accomplished our goal of making the Gen. S. D. Lee Charge very real in the minds of our Compatriots and guest. Compatriot Charles Bush presented the charge in a most informative and historical manner. We finished with a bang and were awarded for our efforts by the Division Commander.

I know we "raised the bar" for those who follow with future conventions. James City Cavalry is on the map as a full and solidly based, Southern oriented, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp. I'm proud of us and especially those who participated in making this convention "special".

Our heartfelt thanks go out to those Camp members and others who helped make this a success. They are: Don and Betsy Woolridge, Jeff and Jan Toalson, Fred Satterwhite and Ann, Steve White and Lorraine, Ray Adams and Jerry White, Fred Boelt and Charles Bush, David Ware, Bob Tuck, my daughter Kathryn and Ms. Diane Grimes for their part in the program. And, of course, all the Camp members who approved of our Camp hosting this grand event.

We accomplished another important goal and that was **NOT** to burden the Camp with a cost overrun. For all practical purposes, we did a little better than break even on the money side, we even made a little money and I have a proposal on how to spend it.

The Sam Davis Youth Camp

The May/June issue of our Confederate Veterans magazine features a report on this summer's camp for our younger generation. Please review this information and be prepared to discuss the camp making a donation towards sending a young person to the camp this summer. My proposal is for us to join with another Camp that has a history of raising money and sending kids to the camp. There are several nearby and we can help them meet their goal and ourselves very quickly while we have the money on hand this year. We will be fulfilling the S.D. Lee charge and our obligation to future generations by doing so.

Book Auctions: Compatriot Jeff Toalson will conduct the auction for the painting of Stonewall Jackson at the Confederate Memorial Day Picnic. The painting was kindly donated to the camp by Associate Peter Jelinek a local artist. His studio is located in the Colonial Town Shops at 6955 Richmond Road (Lightfoot Area). Peter has graciously offered to have the painting framed at no cost to the winner when the auction is held. This painting is of the finest artistic quality and would be a treasure to anyone that holds our Confederate General Stonewall Jackson in the highest esteem.

Honoring our Confederate Soldier – April

Lt. William M. Haselden Company G “Williamsburg Rifles” – 15th S. C. Infantry

William M. Haselden was born December 12, 1840.
The 1860 census listed William as a teacher, common school.
He married Sarah B. Grier on January 31, 1861 while war clouds brewed.

William enlisted, at age 21, in Company G (Capt. J. B. Chandler’s Company) of the 15th South Carolina Infantry. The 15th was officially mustered in on September 16, 1861 at Lightwood Knot Springs near Columbia, S. C. William was elected 2nd Lieutenant for the Company. William was promoted to 1st Lt. on December 5, 1861.

In 1862 the regiment is transferred to Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia.
CSA pay records indicate Lt. Haselden received recruiting bounty totaling \$1300 to be disbursed to 26 recruits in Company G on June 13th and \$1200 for 24 recruits on November 1st. These were re-enlistment bonus payments for the duration of the war.
On 11-27-62 William and Sarah’s first child (a son) is born.
William is wounded at Fredericksburg in 1862, hospitalized in Richmond, and furloughed home for 27 days to recover beginning February 26, 1863.

On May 12, 1863 he is wounded near Fredericksburg in the Chancellorsville campaign. He is not hospitalized. William is present at Gettysburg.
Sept. 4, 1863 William requisitions 4 pair of drawers (@ \$2.50 each) for Co. G.
Nov. and Dec., 1863 in temporary command of Company G.
February 19, 1864 Lt. Haselden requisitions 6 pr. Shoes for Co. G soldiers.
Home on leave in April, 1864 returned to Richmond on May 8, 1864.
May and June, 1864 absent serving as Acting AQM for the 15th South Carolina
July 21, 1864 at Petersburg requisitions 3 weeks feed for 13 animals in 15th – 2337# corn, 4256# oats issued (oats short 300#). He requisitioned 403 rations for the men – none issued.
August 1, 1864 for 7 horses and 8 mules requisitioned feed for 1 week & received 570# corn, 2000# oats, and 3800# hay.
August 5, 1864 requisitions 1 horse, 3 mules & 1 wagon to replace unserviceable animals and wagon left in Richmond. Signed Lt. W. M. Hazelden AQM-15th S. Carolina Inf.
Sept. 10, 1864 requisitions and receives 5 quires letter paper, 20 quires ____ paper, 4 quires note paper, 100 envelopes and 40 steel pens.
No further record.

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On May 29, 1869 William and his brother Andrew bought the Daniel farm of 730 acres for \$500. William farmed, taught at country schools and did private tutoring the rest of his life. He died April, 10, 1905 at age 65. His wife Sarah preceded him in death in 1898.

[*The Haseldens in South Carolina*, Stan Barnett, copied family document, p12-14; Microfilmed CSA Service Records, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Microcopy 267, Roll 280; Copies of microfilm CSA documents from State of S. Carolina provided by Ken Parsons.]

JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

By Quartermaster Fred Boelt

In the April 2009 edition of Picket Lines, reference was made to the possibility of a fifth Confederate grave at James City Chapel Cemetery. The veteran had a marker at his grave in a survey done in the 1980s, but this marker was not found in 2004. The earlier marker had said simply, "William P. Taylor, CSA." Based on the location from the earlier survey, a trip back to the cemetery in April of this year revealed that a new Veterans Administration marker had been placed at the grave. The new stone is inscribed, "William P. Taylor, Co A, 9 Virginia Infantry, CSA." There was a William P. Taylor from Dinwiddie County who did serve in the 9th Infantry. However, the veteran buried at JCC Cemetery served in the James City Artillery.

William P. Taylor, born c. 1843, was the son of Pinkethman A. Taylor and his wife, Susan Bowis Marston. The 1860 census listed him at age 17, living in his parents' household. On June 24, 1861, he enlisted in the James City Artillery at Williamsburg, just a month after his older brother, Cornelius Wesley Taylor, had enlisted in the same unit. William was absent, sick on the February and April 1862 rolls, present through April 1863, furloughed in May and June, but he was in Chimborazo Hospital #1 from July 25 to September 5, 1863. He was present on all other rolls through December 1864.

After the war, William Taylor returned to James City County and on May 28, 1868, he married Mary Virgilia (Gillie) Hankins, widow of Thomas J. Taylor (who had also served in the JC Artillery and died at City Point, Virginia on April 17, 1865, having suffered multiple wounds at Five Forks on April 1st). William and Gillie had five children and farmed until his early death on June 14, 1888. He was buried with other family members in the James City Chapel Cemetery. He will be honored along with the other four veterans interred there on May 29th.

One man from Warwick County served in the James City Cavalry and will be among the other veterans to be honored at the centennial rededication of the Confederate monument located on the historic Warwick County Courthouse Square, 14415 Old Courthouse Way, Newport News (old Denbigh) on Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 AM. The event is sponsored by Bethel Chapter, UDC; Fort Eustis Historical and Archaeological Association, and Tidewater Genealogical Society. There will be exhibits opening at 10:00 AM in the 1810 and 1884 courthouses and Les Jensen, author of the 32nd Virginia Infantry regimental history will be the keynote speaker. All are welcome to attend this historical event.

Richard Cary Lee, born in Warwick County on March 28, 1828, was the son of Thomas Wynne Lee, Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth Cary Wynne. Richard married Mary Sheppard Phillips in 1855

and they eventually had seven children. Richard was the Sheriff of Warwick County when the 1860 census was taken. He enlisted on June 24, 1861 in Williamsburg into Company H, 3rd Virginia Cavalry. His service record is sketchy at best; absent, sick through October 1861 – no further record. However, on the roster of Confederate veterans written in 1909 at the time of the monument dedication, R. C. Lee is listed, “James City Cavalry, 5th Regiment, County Sheriff.” The list was drawn up by Lee’s contemporaries, so like so many other men from the 3rd Cavalry, he must have transferred to the 5th Cavalry at some time. Richard Lee died on December 18, 1874 and was buried at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Hampton.

So, there will be two opportunities to honor our Confederate Veterans in May: the rededication of the Warwick County monument on May 23rd and our own ceremony on May 29th honoring the veterans interred at Peach Park, Sunnyside and James City Chapel Cemetery.

Newsletter: "In an effort to help save on the cost of the newsletter, you can now have it e-mailed to you in an adobe format. E-mail 1st Lt. Commander Don Woolridge at dsw317@earthlink.net to be added to this list."

Visit our website at: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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Thought for the Month

"Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, CSA 

Certificate of Appreciation

presented to

James City Cavalry, Camp 2095

Whereas, those individuals and organizations, ever conscious of their obligation to the preservation of true history, and

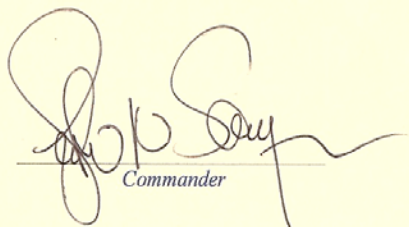
Whereas in fulfilling this great obligation they become a force in strengthening the basic foundation of American liberty, now

Therefore, be it resolved that the

Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

express, in this way, gratitude and appreciation for the inestimable benefits which have accrued from a cordial relationship, together with the hope that the future witnesses the same splendid co-operation.

Given this 25th day of April, A.D., 2009, in the City of Williamsburg, Commonwealth of Virginia


Commander



Adjutant

Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans



Meritorious Service Award

Be it known to all that

Kenneth D. Parsons

has distinguished himself in the service of his Confederate Ancestors. He has served the Sons of Confederate Veterans in an outstanding manner. In doing so, he has brought Honor and Dignity to himself and his forefathers. The Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans is pleased to present this award in recognition of his service and achievements.

*In Witness Whereof, this Award is Presented under
the hand of the Virginia Division Commander this
the 25th Day of April, 2009*


Virginia Division Commander

