



September 2008

Last Meeting: Our last meeting had 22 in attendance. S. Waite Rawls III gave an interesting and exciting presentation on the future of the Museum of the Confederacy. The Museum is planning to expand into three additional locations: Appomattox, Fort Monroe and Fredericksburg. Each location will feature a different aspect of the history of the Confederacy. We initiated Hunter Vermillion into our camp and discussed several new ventures including, manning the SCV booth at the State Fair, assisting in a Brigade convention in Williamsburg, assuming the care of the Confederate park on Penniman Road and continuing care for various area cemeteries.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at Hog Wild Barbeque in Toano on September 23 at 7pm. Our speaker will be our own Compatriot Bob Tuck who will enlighten us on WBTS ordinance. He will present at 7:30. Come and bring a guest.

Prayers and Sympathies: Our thoughts and prayers are with Compatriot Ray Adams, his family and his wife Linda as we ask God to continue to be with them in the recent loss of Linda and we pray for the blessed repose of her soul.

Name Tags: We are taking orders for plastic name tags. The tag has the SCV logo, the camp name and number and your name. A sample will be at the next meeting. The cost is \$10. Your order will be available at the following meeting. See Ken Parsons to order.

Messages from the Adjutant:

Compatriots,

The Virginia Division Treasurer, Joe Wright, has gone bureaucratic on us and requires us to resubmit our Division and National dues. He has refused to accept the information and check I (and other camps) sent earlier because we did not handle the invoice form according to directions.

Here's what has to be done: I am sending him a list of members name, addresses and numbers, he will send to those members a NEW invoice, those members will fill it in as to what they are paying (most of you have already paid). Then the member must send me that entire form, (I cannot fill it in for you) and I will then send it back to Treasure Wright along with payment for Division and National dues.

If you are one of the few who have not sent me anything yet, just ignore the redo nonsense and send it as described above along with your check....be sure to include \$10.00 for camp dues as it is not shown on the invoice. They don't put that on the invoice!

The problem he is worried about is that some camps keep the "other" contributions and does not send the money into the Div. In other words, he does not trust me to send in the amounts you have already sent to me!

You should get the NEW invoice in the mail shortly, just mark it accordingly and send it on to me...please hurry and do this the same day you receive it. I don't need any more grief over the simple process!

Thank You for your cooperation.

Ken Parsons, Adjutant
Camp 2095, James City Cavalry

State Fair of Virginia

Our date for working the state fair has changed to Thursday the 2nd. Please change your schedule and make plans to go to Richmond. They will send us 6 tickets and parking passes so it will not cost us to get in. I plan to get there at 3pm for the evening shift, anyone going with me needs to get in touch so we can plan to drive together.

Contact Adjutant Ken Parsons for transportation arrangements.

DRAWINGS!

Compatriots - At the next meeting we will start the big raffle for the painting of Stonewall Jackson which was kindly donated to the camp by Associate Peter Jelinek. Peter is a local artist. His studio is located in The Village Shops at Kingsmill. This will in fact be a DOUBLE DRAWING. Tickets will cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We will hold a drawing each month for a smaller prize . . . probably a book on the war . . . the winning ticket will be dropped back in "Stonewall's Jug". . . and the process will be repeated each month until we hold our actual Stonewall drawing. So it is WIN - WIN. You can win monthly, your tickets get put back in the jug, and of course you have who knows how many chances to win the grand prize.

Compatriot Jeff Toalson will offer copies of *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion* for sale at our camp meetings in September and October as we approach the holidays. Take a look at your holiday shopping list. What better Christmas present than stories of our Confederate ancestors? Jeff will donate \$5 from each \$30 sale to the James City Cavalry general fund.

Joint Meeting: As you know, many of us were originally members of the Longstreet Camp in Richmond. They have proposed a joint meeting of our camps in October. Their meeting date is on the 21st, ours is on the 22nd. Should we accept this invitation? Should it be in lieu of our meeting or in addition to it? We'll discuss at our next meeting. If it's decided to go, we'll need a head count of those who plan to attend.

The Virginia Division Executive Committee meeting will be held in Williamsburg at the Fort Magruder Inn, (Crowne Plaza) September 28th at 1:00 pm. ALL members are invited to attend.

The idea is for the next Virginia Division conference to be held in Williamsburg at the Fort Magruder Inn. The topic is on the agenda and will be discussed by attendees. Please make plans to be at this meeting, an effort to have the meeting in this part of the state is underway.

“The South was always proud and independent and believed with the Founding Fathers, that centralized and powerful government invariably slides into tyranny. But the North, less proud, less conscious of national tradition, less independent, less manly in many ways, craves the dictator’s hand, the tyrants force, for many of its people have come from nations whose people were subjected to and dependent on government. It may be, in the future, that it will be the South who will prevent, for many long decades, the collapse of American freedom into Caesarism.”

Taylor Caldwell, from “Captain and the Kings”

We continue our journey through time with Fred Boelt's Great-great uncle:

GREENMOUNT FARM JOURNAL

We continue here with excerpts from Thomas Wynne's farm journal and his insights on the war locally in September 1861:

Monday, September 2nd... William and Moses returned home from Warwick where they have been employed, since last Tuesday week, on the fort on Mulberry Point.

Tuesday, September 3rd... Two men from the 14th Virginia Regiment, stationed at Land's End in Warwick Co., came by here this evening en route for Wmsburg and asked lodgings for the night.

Wednesday, September 4th... Magruder sent again for my hands to work on the fort in Mulberry Island – Sent down Moses.

Thursday, September 5th... Hired out my wagon and mules for \$6 to a number of sick soldiers. Three sick soldiers stopped here tonight amongst them Mr. Picon of the 2nd La. Regiment. This regiment and the 15th Va. are ordered down to Cockletown [Grafton].

Saturday, September 7th... Father and myself went down to Yorktown – 6 companies of the La. Regiment went below this morning – 4 companies of the 10th Georgia regiment camped out in my apple orchard late this afternoon on their way to Warwick Ct. House. Major Weems and Lt. Miller spent the night with me.

Monday, September 9th... Went down to Land's End with Ma [his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Curtis] – Two of the soldiers, belonging to the 14th Va. Regiment died there of Typhoid Fever. They had been kept out of ground so long that they smelled very offensive indeed. That portion of the regiment stationed here had been removed to Mulberry Island Point near Mr. Crafford's.

Tuesday, September 10th... Some of the soldiers from Williamsburg with beeves for Young's Mill stop here tonight. They sleep in my barn.

Wednesday, September 11th... Had two applications for carts to convey sick soldiers down to Young's Mill.

Saturday, September 14th... Went down to Yorktown today to deliver three of Dr. Fred Power's mules to Capt. Bloomfield, the Quartermaster to whom he had sold them for the Confederate States.

Wednesday, September 18th... Went down to Yorktown to collect some money due Ma from the Confederate States, but was unable to get it. This is the third time I have been on the same errand and so far have accomplished nothing.

Thursday, September 19th... Went down, with Father [Richard Cary Wynne], to Mulberry to see the Quartermaster of the 14th Va. Regiment on business.

Friday, September 20th... A soldier of the 10th Georgia Regiment, who had been up to Williamsburg for the mail, stopped with us tonight.

Tuesday, September 24th... A soldier from the 5th La. Regiment came by tonight and requested lodgings – We took the weary man in.

Wednesday, September 25th... Went down to Mulberry Island Battery in company with father to get my money for work of hands on the fort for the month of August.

Thursday, September 26th... Mr. Schwabe paid us a visit this afternoon. He came down from Richmond yesterday where he is engaged in the Ordnance Department making a fulminating composition for percussion caps. He gets \$160 per month.

Friday, September 27th... Capt. Selden came by tonight to get out of the rain. He belongs to the Chas. City Cavalry where he has the commissary's office.

Saturday, September 28th...The papers give an account of another glorious victory by the Confederates at Lexington, Missouri.

Monday, September 30th...Received a check of \$76.12 from the Engineer Department for Ma for the work of her servants on the fort at Mulberry Island Point. *To be continued.*

JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES by Fred Boelt

The Stonehouse Commerce Park on Barhamsville Road is located on a farm formerly known as La Grange. Early tax records show that the property was owned in the late 18th century by Edward Power and eventually by the Piggott, Taylor and Enos families. It has been said that Lafayette's troops were quartered there in 1781 and on his return tour in 1832, the Marquis de Lafayette visited there and the farm was then named after his estate in France.

Today, there is one gravestone located under the large pecan tree across the parking lot from the entrance door to the building at 3005 John Deere Road. This marks the grave of Eliza Billups, wife of the Reverend Humphrey Billups, a Methodist minister who served at the James City Chapel Methodist Church from time to time. Eliza was the sister of Warner Enos who owned La Grange at the time of her death in 1857.

So what does all of this have to do with the Confederacy? This is where oral history comes into play. Land records indicated that Warner Enos sold La Grange to a Dr. Jennings in 1861 and much later, the farm was sold to Littleberry Haley. In a conversation with Elizabeth Haley Glass who had grown up at La Grange, I asked her what she knew about the Billups grave. She remembered it well, but knew nothing about it, but she asked me if I knew that Dr. Jennings and his wife were buried nearby in unmarked graves? She said that one of the Jennings' grandsons had been a frequent visitor to her home and on many occasions, he had showed her where his grandparents were buried under a cedar tree about twenty feet from the Billups grave. The tree is now gone, but the hunt was on to complete the story.

Alvan James Edmund Jennings was born June 25, 1820 and eventually studied medicine. He married his first wife, Judith Edwards Vaiden, in 1850 and they had two children. After her untimely death, he married Virginia Hall Enos, daughter of Warner Enos, and they had one son. In 1861 Enos sold La Grange to his daughter and son-in-law. War erupted soon after this transaction, and Dr. Jennings enlisted in Company W, 3rd Virginia Cavalry on June 24, 1861 in Williamsburg and his occupation was listed as "Physician." He was listed as sick in July with no further record. However, he was listed on the post war roster for Company H, 5th Virginia Cavalry.

The family suffered losses to both the Confederate and Union armies. Dr. Jennings listed hogs and bacon taken by the Confederates as they retreated up the Peninsula in 1862 and he listed mules, sheep, cattle, fowl and a tumbrel cart and gear taken by Union soldiers between 1862 and 1864. He, himself, as a civilian, was held prisoner at Camp Hamilton near Fortress Monroe. Letters written by him to his wife in December 1864 and January 1865 assured her that he was all right but needed clothing. After the war, he listed twenty-one slaves that had belonged to him and six slaves that had belonged to his children that had been emancipated.

Dr. Jennings did not live long after the war, dying on January 19, 1868 at his residence, and was buried nearby. His wife died in 1897 and was buried beside him. Bible records, tax records, military records, wills and deeds provided a wealth of knowledge about Dr Jennings and his family. However, none of these told where he was buried. Without the oral history provided by Mrs. Glass, the final resting place of this Confederate veteran may never have been known.

"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."

Thought for the Month

"I am with the South in life or in death, in victory or in defeat"
Major General Patrick Cleburne C.S.A

CAMP JOURNAL

August 27, 2008

- Meeting held 7:00 PM at Hog Wild, James City County, VA
 - 21 attendees
- Welcome given by CDR David Ware
- Invocation given by Chaplain Bill Blizzard
- Salute to the flags
 - US flag pledge, CS flag salute, Virginia flag salute by the group
- The Charge was read by CMP Jeff Toalson
- Recognition of guests
- Announcements
 - Support the Museum of the Confederacy (MOC) by joining
 - Adjutant accepting donations for cemetery upkeep etc.
 - Circulate Camp news letter to those that need them
 - Possible care/upkeep by Camp of Ft Magruder located on Penniman road
 - Volunteers for both at State Fair
- July minutes approved as published in "*Picket Lines*"
- July Treasurer's Report presented
- Committee Reports:
 - None
- Old Business:
 - Induction of Compatriot Hunter Vermillion
- New Business:
 - Camp donations collected by CMP Jeff Toalson, \$68
 - "Defend This Old Town" book donated by CMP Fred Boelt
 - Need to establish scheduled work days for cemeteries etc
 - Sponsorship of Virginia Division convention in 2009? Think about it
- Program: *Future of the MOC* by Mr. Waite Rawls executive director of the MOC:
 - Mission: use of collection to educate the public
 - 90% locked in vault
 - 45,000 visitors
 - Problem: How to get more of the collection out for public view
 - Proposal: Statewide system to exhibit collection and educate public
 - Three probable locations, combined estimate 200,000 to 300,000 visitors
 - Richmond: Government of Confederacy administrative, library, and research
 - Appomattox: End of "War of Northern Aggression" and reconstruction (Fall of 2010-2011)
 - Fredericksburg Area: Military and role the Negro played in the South during the war (2012-2013)
 - Ft Monroe: Confederate Navy and emancipation (2014)
- Next Meeting: September 24, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. @ Hog Wild
- Benediction given by Chaplain Blizzard
- Adjourned @ 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Tuck