



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



August 2016 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Camp #2095  1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

A patriotic honor society dedicated to service and preserving the true history of the War  
Between The States.

## Next Muster

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



### Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

Lasagna, house salad, broccoli & dessert  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

### Honored Confederate Soldier:

Captain John D. Grantham  
61st. Alabama Infantry

### RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:

All are encouraged to attend.

## August Guest Speaker

Billie Earnest  
Suffolk



### “Rev. William Mack Lee”

This is the story of a man who was born into slavery, was set free and followed General Lee through 4 years of War.

Born and raised in Franklin, VA, Billie's ancestral families were from the surrounding counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton. She joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1994 and has held offices at both the Chapter and Division levels. She was awarded the Jefferson Davis Medal for her extensive research and subsequent articles on Major General George Pickett and his wife Sallie Corbell. Her love of Confederate History and genealogy has grown over the years to include many subjects, including tonight's program.

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held 27 July at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 30 attendees

Call to Order given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

## Invocation:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

## Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

Welcome and Recognition of guest John Holland by Commander  
Jeff Toalson

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of  
**Private Abraham T. Link – Co I – 4th Virginia Infantry**

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest  
speaker: Mike Hendricks.

Mike presented "*The Richmond Clothing Bureau*", an enlightening  
discussion of the evolution of Confederate army uniforms during  
the war, with examples of his own work.



Mike Hendricks and Ed Engle

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Inductions and Presentations

Induction of Warren Raines as Chaplain

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve

### Old & New Business

- State Fair (9-23 to 10-2) – Anyone interested in working the SCV booth?
- Bridget Grimes article in July-August issue of Confederate Veteran
- Any one interested in a copy of the camp charter should contact Adjutant Ken Parsons.



### Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury  
for the raffle of the three donations.

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

### Adjournment

8:40 PM

## Camp Officers



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Chaplain Raines inducted by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Commander's Comments

The Jean Keating – James City Cavalry Endowment will create earnings from investments to help fund the annual operations of the James City Cavalry. One of Jean's main interests was the preservation of 'Southern history.' Toward that end our Camp will endeavor each year to work with the 'Special Collections Department' at the Swem Library at the College of William and Mary to enrich the 'Southern history' holdings in their archives.

Monies which we use from the endowment, with the Special Collections Department, will be used to acquire Confederate correspondence, regimental histories, letters, diaries, journals, newspapers, broadsides, photographs, imprints, military documents, monies, and similar items that represent life in the Confederacy from 1854 to 1877.

In this vein we have donated General Order #11 of June 14, 1864, while Williamsburg was under martial law. This order was issued from Fort Magruder, serving as Federal headquarters, and prohibited the "galloping or fast driving of all public animals." Although a Federal document, it illustrates what life was like for Southern civilians in Williamsburg while occupied.

We have donated regimental histories of the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry and Lee's Louisiana Tigers. We also donated a copy of Heath Lee's "Winnie Davis – Daughter of the Lost Cause."

This past month we donated \$100 to assist the Special Collections department in the acquisition of a letter written by Private Thomas J. Head, Company B – 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry. Thomas wrote the letter from Yorktown on June 15, 1861. **My transcription of this letter appears in this issue of the 'Picket Lines.'**

All of these items will be coded with the following citation: Donated by the James City Cavalry, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 2095, Williamsburg, Virginia, through the Jean Keating – James City Cavalry Endowment. In the case of the Private Head letter it will note that we donated monies toward the acquisition.

The preservation of our Southern history is our highest obligation to the memory of our ancestors and to General S. D. Lee's SCV Charge.

Jeff Toalson



# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

This month we look at the life and service record of Albert Marquess, frequently spelled Marquiss in the records. He was born on October 7, 1830, in Madison County, Virginia. His parentage has not been satisfactorily established. Remembering that early census records listed only the head of household by name and all others were listed by age group, the 1840 census for Madison County was completed on August 13th. It included Miles Marquiss, age 70-79, one male 5-9 which could be Albert who would have been nine years old, one male 10-14, one male 15-19, two females under 5, 1 female 10-14, and one female 30-38. Was Miles the father or grandfather of Albert? The oldest female could be the mother of these young children, perhaps widowed and living with her father-in-law.

In 1850, Albert Marquiss, a twenty year old laborer, was living in the household of Erasmus Kennedy, a cooper in Madison County. By 1860, Albert had married and he and his wife Martha had a six year old son, Benjamin, and a six month old son, unnamed. Albert was employed by the B. R. Whitelaw Company.

Albert Marquiss was conscripted in Madison County on January 11, 1864, and as a private, was assigned to Company K, 56th Virginia Infantry on January 15th. He was present on all rosters until June 13, 1864, when he was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond with typhoid fever. His last service record ended in August 1864, and he was listed as "absent sick."

In 1870, Martha Marquiss and two sons were living in Madison County; her husband Albert has not been found in that census. In 1880, Martha Marcus [sic] and her younger son Walter were still in Madison County. Albert Marquess was living in Henrico County with his sister Lucy and her husband Mordecai Strother and their family, and he was engaged in farming. Again in 1900, Martha and Walter were in Madison County but Albert has not been found.

In 1902, Albert Marquess filed his pension request in Madison County, stating that he had lived there all of his life. Perhaps Madison County was his permanent home address, but he had worked in other areas. On September 27, 1909, he applied for admission to the R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers Home in Richmond. In the application, he said that he had been discharged at Appomattox at the end of the war. He listed his sister, Lucy Strother, as his next of kin and requested that her son, W. B. Strother of Chester, Virginia, be notified if anything happened to him. He was admitted to the Soldiers Home on November 17, 1909.

Albert Marquess was transferred from the home to Eastern State Hospital on March 26, 1910. In the 1910 Williamsburg census, he was enumerated as an inmate there. He died on January 21, 1912, at the hospital and he was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery. In addition to his name and dates, his tombstone is inscribed "Member of Hunton's Brigade, 1861-1865."

## Crenshaw's Battery Battle Flag

In the MOC collection, this tattered battle flag, has been preserved. Note the 11 stars in an unbalance pattern. The battle honors, which the battery was authorized to place on their banner, speaks volumes: Chickahominy, Gaines Mill, Warrenton Springs, Manassas Aug 29 & 30, Harpers Ferry, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville May 1, 2, & 3. Crenshaw's Battery of Virginia Light Artillery provided a continuous record of outstanding service to the Army of Northern Virginia.



## “York Town . . . is a very old and dilapidated town . . .”

York Town Va

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dearest Sallie

I now seat myself to write you a few lines acknowledging the receipt of your most lovely letter dated June the eighth, and I assure you it was with the greatest pleasure that I received it.

I have been moved as you will see from the heading of this letter to the great place York Town. This place is a very old and dilapidated town there has not been a house erected since Cornwallis delivered the sword to General Washington.

The old fortifications of Cornwallis are very visible in some places I visited his cave the other day, it is situated right on the river banks and it has a hole just large enough for a man to crawl through it is hewn out of solid rock and is about ten feet square inside. We are making great preparations for a fight here. The soldiers are throwing up breast works for a mile out of town.

I have been sick ever since I came to this place but am getting nearly well and who could help from getting well when they get such consoling and loving letters as the one I received from you last night it is almost enough to revive the dead.

We are expecting a fight every day we have been sleeping under arms for two or three nights and we don't know what moment the enemy will attack us. We received orders the other day to march immediately to the other side of town that the enemy was in two miles of this place but it was all a farce. I think it was done to see how the men would stand it. There was about two hundred in the regiment that was excused from duty that day but when the orders came I don't think there was excusing a dozen men who stayed in camp. It seems that they all anxious for a fight. The Virginia and North Carolina regiments had a fight the other day with the abolitionists and our men killed about two hundred of the enemy and they only got one man killed and five or six wounded. You asked me to write you a long letter I would do it with great pleasure but I have so much to tell you and about so many important things that I hardly know which to write first. And another thing we must not expect a soldier to write much at a time because we are not fixed for writing as we would be if we were seated in our quiet country homes where we have nothing to disturb us. I am now sitting on the ground in my tent beside my trunk writing and my chum laying sick with the fever and some of the boys in the tents near mine are playing the violin and some of the companies are out on drill with drums beating and amidst all of this confusion I am trying to write to the only being on earth that is nearer to me than a Father & mother.

And as you say I hope that the day will not be far off when we will spend a great many pleasant hours together. If I am not with you now my thoughts are ever with thee there is not a day that passes over my head but what I think of thee.

And if I am called out on the battle fields I will remmember thee and the more I think of thee the more I will strive to conquer my enemies. I will know that there is one being that cares for me and one I care for Dearest Sallie you must not think I am a flatterer when I say that you are the most lovely being I ever saw.

You must write to me immediately when you receive this letter for we may be removed from this place in the course of two or three weeks. Write soon, and may god bless you I remain forever your true lover

T. J. Head

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Address T J Head

6<sup>th</sup> regt of Ga Vol

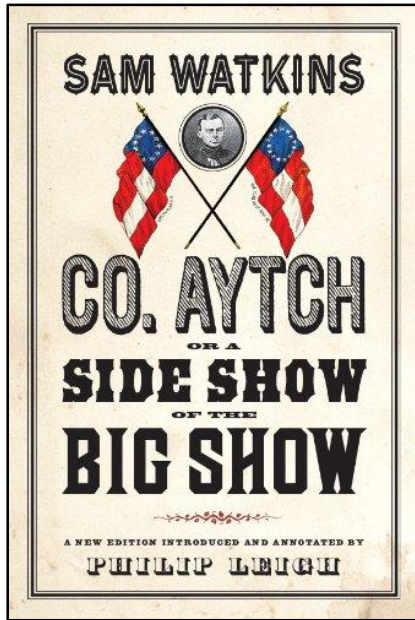
York Town Va

*(ed: T. J. is a private in Company B of the 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry. He enlisted on May 20, 1861, in Dade County, Georgia. The swampy environment, of the lower peninsula, and contact with soldiers with a wide variety of diseases results in Thomas receiving a disability discharge on September 20, 1861, while still stationed in the Yorktown area. He will serve in Co. H of the 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Militia beginning on April 15, 1864, and will be discharged from service in Augusta, Georgia, on April 9, 1865. )*

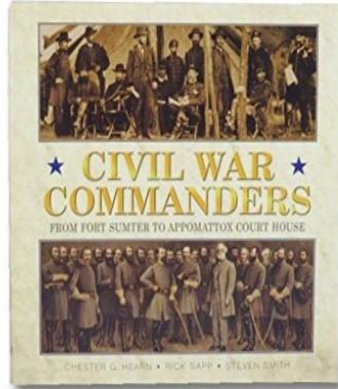
*(ed: In the middle part of the letter when he writes of the “fight the other day” and “killed about two hundred of the enemy” he is making reference to the Battle of Big Bethel which was fought on June 10, 1861.)*

Transcribed from scanned copies of the original letter and Brian Green transcription on bmgcivilwar.com website June 29, 2016. The enlistment information and service record of Private Head was also included on the site. This is the website that offered this 6 page letter for sale. Future permission to quote all or parts of this letter should come from the Special Collections at the Swem Library at the College of William & Mary.

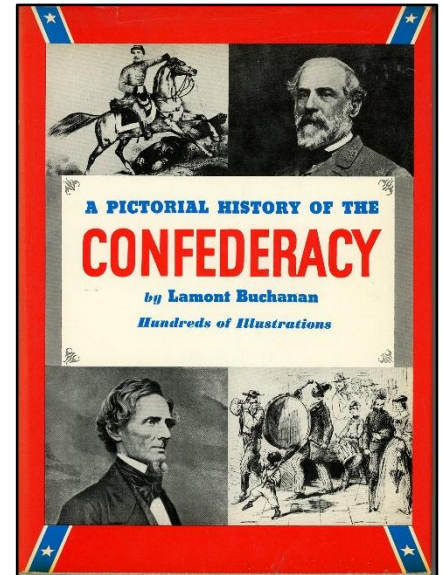
# August Book Raffle



CO. AYTCH", A Side Show of the Big Show, by Sam R. Watkins, Private C.S.A.



Civil War Commanders, From Fort Sumter to Appomattox Court House. Chester G. Hearn, Rick Sapp, Steven Smith



A Pictorial History of the Confederacy by Lamont Buchanan

## August Trivia Question:

Which legendary Confederate officer made a humbling first visit to Falls Church in late August 1861?



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

No meetings over the summer. Next meeting is on September 27<sup>th</sup> on the Battle of Glendale