



# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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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, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

### Guest Speaker:

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Henrico County, Virginia

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Bo will lecture on his new book of the same title. Join him as he discusses the classic agricultural nature of the Old South and its inevitable collision with the industrial North. He will show why war was Lincoln’s choice. “It was a war against Southern secession, not a war against slavery. The South didn’t need the North or they would never have seceded in the first place. But the North, despite despising the South, sorely needed them under their thumb, and their war against the South proved it. They needed the South’s cotton; they needed the tariff revenues; they needed the Southern markets; they needed control of the mouth of the Mississippi River. So they launched a war to “Preserve the Union.” A war of imperialism!”

Bo graduated from VMI in 1967 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He served in the Army as an engineer officer in Vietnam, winning a bronze star. He resigned his Captain’s commission before getting his Merchant Marine license. He then was a tugboat captain out of West Point, VA, for nineteen years. He retired and began writing in 2010, although he still serves as a relief captain when needed. He received an MS in Library Arts from Richmond University and has a variety of publications to his name.

Bo will have copies of his book for sale at \$20 each, including tax. See [www.empireoftheowls.com](http://www.empireoftheowls.com).

Bring a guest to our January meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30PM, and we will introduce Bo Traywick at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons @ [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or (757) 564-0878 to confirm your reservations.

- 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –**  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

**Honored Confederate Soldiers:**  
5<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Roland H. Woodward  
Private Robert A. Woodward  
Co. B – 53<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Infantry  
(Ancestors of Compatriot George Bridewell)

**No RSVP Required**

**Compatriots’ Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As 2014 begins we enter our 9<sup>th</sup> year as the James City Cavalry – Camp 2095 of the SCV. It is my honor to represent you as your fifth Commander. With your dedication, interest and support we will continue to grow and provide valuable community service and historical education.

It was a marvelous Christmas Party at the Toano Women's Club in December. On behalf of the Camp I would like to thank David Ware and his team of ladies for all the work they do to create such a festive atmosphere. Thanks also to all the folks who arrived early to help with setting tables, chairs, and all the other little things needed to get ready. The Camp thanks Virginia Division Commander Mike Pullen, and his wife Tammy, and also Commander Ken Wood of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, and his wife Gwen, for joining us for the evening.

Like many of you, I belong to the SCV to honor my ancestors. In that vein the Camp has a great opportunity and obligation to insure that Miss. Bridget Grimes is remembered and honored by having her name added to the monument at Oakwood Cemetery that recognizes the victims of the Brown's Island Laboratory Explosion. Ken Parsons is coordinating with compatriot Lee Hart of the Tom Smith Camp to insure the success of this venture. Lee is the coordinator of all SCV work at the Oakwood Cemetery. Things are progressing very well not only on the Oakwood Monument but also on the design and installation of a Grimes stone on the unmarked grave at Mount Calvary cemetery where Bridget and her mother share a grave. We are coordinating and assisting the family on both projects. We will keep the Camp posted on progress and specifically on the dedication ceremony which offers a tremendous opportunity for positive publicity for the James City Cavalry and the SCV.

Serving 'in their memory' the James City Cavalry will have a successful 2014.

- Commander Jeff Toalson

## WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7:00pm  
Williamsburg Regional Library

Dr. Anna Holloway of the Mariner's Museum  
*"The Last Voyage of the Monitor"*

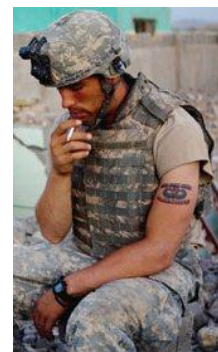
## SUPPLIES EXHAUSTED!

## SUPPORT THE TROOPS

### Immediately Needed Items :



Baby Wipes  
Q-Tips  
Hard Candy  
Slim Jims  
Lip Balm  
Beef Jerky  
Dental Floss  
Moisture Lotion



## HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In the past four years we have had Camp members light memorial candles eleven times in honor of their ancestors. That is only about three per year!

Please provide Commander Jeff Toalson with information on your ancestor and he will conduct additional research, coordinating with you and your family to select a night to honor ancestor.



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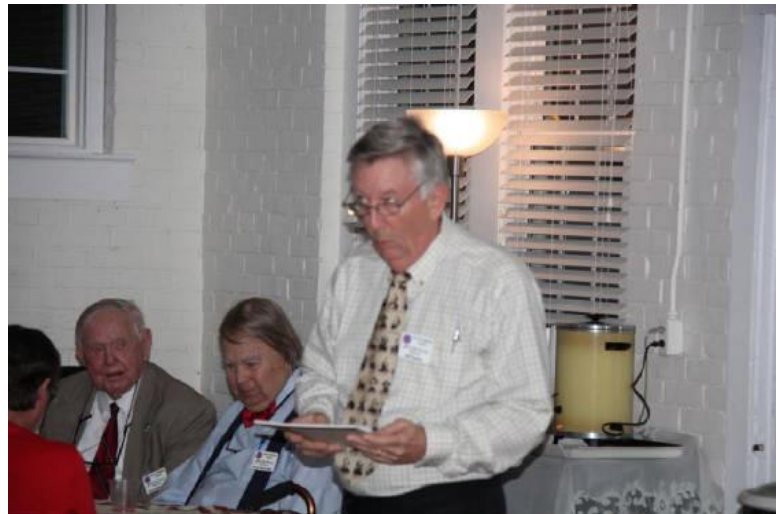
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# CAMP PICTORIAL CHRISTMAS SUPPER





# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Three Clowes brothers [not Cowles] from Williamsburg fought for the Confederacy. They were sons of Peter J. Clowes, a native of Delaware, and his wife, Margaret E. Mears from Accomac County, Virginia. Peter Clowes was a farmer and a tinsmith and in 1855, he purchased the Saunders house on Ireland Street in Williamsburg, though they had been living locally prior to that acquisition.

The oldest son, John William Clowes was born in Williamsburg in 1833. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Boydton, Virginia during the 1850-51 session and then attended the College of William and Mary from 1851-1854. In the 1860 census, John and his wife Elizabeth [daughter of Charles and Jane E. Lively] and their one year old son were living in Williamsburg, and his occupation was listed as a master mechanic. John served as a lieutenant and commanding officer in the 68<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Virginia Militia during the early years of the war. Records from the first quarter, 1862, include several ordnance requisitions signed by him for percussion muskets, bayonets and cartridge boxes while stationed at Tutter's Neck. During the spring of 1862, John and his father Peter supplied large quantities of fodder, hay and corn to the cavalry. In April 1863, John supplied 1,500 pounds of fodder and 25 bushels of corn to Wise's brigade while they were on an expedition in Williamsburg.

On February 16, 1863, John mustered into Company C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry as a conscript, and served as a private until the end of the war. He was hospitalized several times in 1864 and 1865. After a bout with neuralgia in February 1865, he returned to his unit on March 21<sup>st</sup> and received a slight head wound at Dinwiddie Court House ten days later. He was hospitalized at the Fair Grounds Hospital in Petersburg and was taken prisoner there on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was transferred to the area of present day Newport News on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and took the oath of allegiance there on June 15<sup>th</sup>. From there, he was transferred to Stewart Post Hospital in Richmond on June 20<sup>th</sup> and then on to Alms House Hospital on June 29, 1865.

John William Clowes did not live long after the

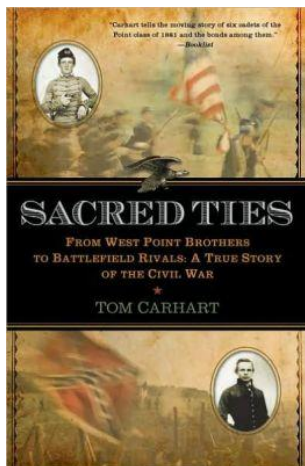
war was over. There are two records for his death. One states that he died on November 2, 1866, and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. If he is there, he is in an unmarked grave. The other record which is from a family genealogical site states that he died on February 11, 1867, and does not give burial information. Whichever date is correct; his early demise may have been brought on by his health issues while in service to the Confederacy.

The second son, George Washington Clowes was born about 1838, in Williamsburg. No records for his schooling have been located and he and his wife Sarah, a native of Maryland, were living in James City County when the 1860 census was taken. George's occupation was listed as a carpenter. He enlisted as a private in Company C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, in Williamsburg on April 28, 1861, and was present through July. In August he was detailed to the Quartermaster Department at Williamsburg and remained with them through January 1862. He was absent, sick in February, and he was hospitalized in Richmond during June and July 1862 with Typhoid Fever. The cause of his illness is not stated, but he was sick again in late October in a Winchester hospital. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, George Clowes received a gunshot wound in his foot and he died in a hospital in Charlottesville on December 6, 1862, from this wound. It is probable that he was buried there.

Next month we will look at the life and service of the third brother, Alexander Texas Clowes.

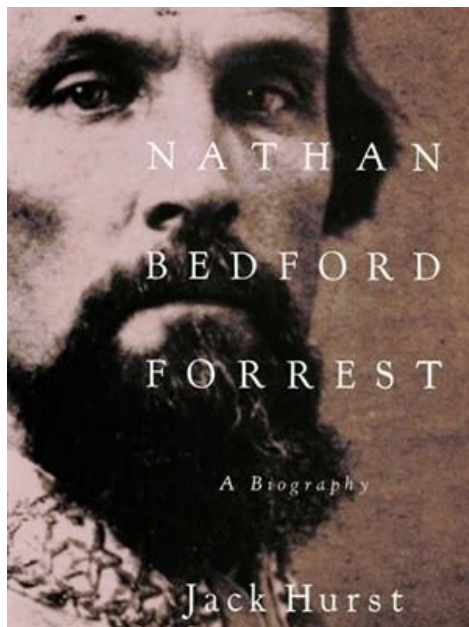


# JANUARY BOOK RAFFLE

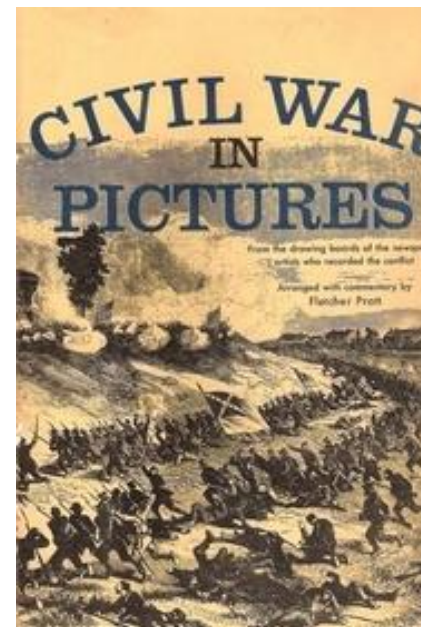


**“Sacred Ties – From West Point Brothers to Battlefield Rivals” Tom Carhart, New York, 2010, Hard Cover, 350 pages**

Looks at Rosser, Ramsuer, Custer, Merritt, Pelham and DuPont who were all friends before 1860 tore the class apart. Very interesting stories from West Point and also postwar. The wartime portion would be stronger without DuPont and Ramsuer and just concentrating on the other 4 and cavalry operations in Va., Md., and Pa.



**“Nathan Bedford Forrest – A Biography” Jack Hurst, New York, 1993, Hard Cover, 350 pages**  
One of the latest bios of Forrest. Mr. Hurst is from Tennessee, a graduate of Vandy, worked for the Nashville newspaper and had both CSA and USA ancestors fighting in the WBTS.



**“Civil War in Pictures” Fletcher Pratt, New York, 1955, Large Format Hard Cover, 250 pages**  
One of the key large format books to come out before the centennial of the WBTS. Illustrated with a wide variety of engravings from the major newspapers of the day.

## JANUARY TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Who was someone who was wearing 'chicken guts' on their sleeves?**



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