



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



November 2012 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Camp #2095 1st 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, November 28th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Compatriot Robert Glaser
Williamsburg, Virginia



“Anecdotes, Tidbits and Tales from the Battle of Williamsburg – Referenced to local geographic landmarks for familiarity”

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Sergeant Thomas J. Barlow
Co. C – 32nd Virginia Infantry

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

No RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 26 September at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City Cty., Va., 32 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords

New Members & Guests:

One transferee from the Longstreet Camp, Mr. Kendall Warren and his wife, Robin, were introduced. Ken Wood from the McGruder-Ewell Camp was also introduced as were two guests of Compatriot David Ware.

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
1st Lt. John H. Barlow, Company C,
2nd Virginia Infantry.

Candle lit by Mary Eakes Brewer in memory of her Great-Grandfather John Eakes and her Great-Great-Uncle William Eakes.

Program:

The program was presented by our own Compatriot, 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson who spoke on his recent book “Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive”, a composite diary of 1863 in the Confederacy.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated we have about &1,800 in checking and over \$2,000 in savings. He urged those who have not paid their dues to do so soon.

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CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

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Trivia Question

How many Generals were in the Confederate Army and how many came from the state of Virginia?

Answer: There were 425 Confederate Generals and 91 were from Virginia.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated Compatriot Fred Breeden's son-in-law had returned to the states and our Camp will support the Strategic Operations Support Group at Camp Phoenix, Afganistan. The new contact person is Naval Reservist BMCS Taylor Lane. Please remember to bring donations for our troops to each meeting.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White indicated that Compatriot Kyle Summerfield will continue to cut the grass at Peach Park.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

Commander Jerry White indicated there will be a leadership Conference November 3rd. Jerry also announced the formation of the Lt. Col. Allen Scholarship sponsored by the Camp. The scholarship is for \$500 and open to any senior in any of the local James City/Williamsburg High Schools. Also, we may sell bluebird boxes to raise funds for the scholarship.

Book Raffle:

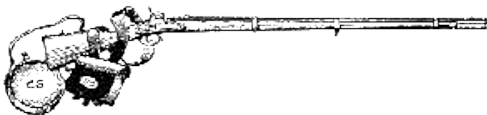
A total of \$51.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the two donations: "The Siege of Vicksburg" by Richard Wheller, and "The Final Fortress - The Campaign of Vicksburg 1862-63" by Samuel Carter.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden. Fred asked all to pray for those in sick and in need and especially for the speedy recovery of Jean Keating who assists Linda Lightfoot collect payments for supper at each meeting.

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:45PM.



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Robert Glaser
Williamsburg, Virginia

"Anecdotes, Tidbits and Tales from the Battle of Williamsburg - Referenced to local geographic landmarks for familiarity"

Re-enactor and living historian Robert Glaser will tell us a variety of stories relating to the May, 1862, Battle of Williamsburg. When Robert tells us about General Hancock capturing a redoubt on the extreme left of the Confederate line he will tell you where you can find that redoubt today. Do you know where 'The Ravine' is located? Can you describe where the Eastern Lunatic Asylum could be found?

Sometimes maps are a bit confusing since the roads of the 1860s are not located where our roads are today. Tourists, and many locals, assume that if a hotel is named the Fort Magruder Inn then the redoubt outside of the dining room must be Fort Magruder. We all know that Redoubt #3 is behind the dining room. Join us for a collection of interesting stories and a better understanding of locations where these events transpired.

Compatriot Glaser is a life long resident of the Williamsburg area. Robert has been a re-enactor in Company D of the 16th Virginia Infantry providing living history lessons for 20 years. He was recently at the Sesquicentennial re-enactments of 1st Manassas and Sharpsburg.

UPCOMING MUSTERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Friday, December 14th
CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER
Toano Women's Club
7965 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2013
Mr. Mike Nusbaum
Historian

*"The Return of the Captured CSA Flags to their States
During President Theodore Roosevelt's Administration 1905-06"*

Wednesday, February 27th, 2013
Mr. Tim Smith
Historian & Author
*"York County's Brave Men
Of the Civil War"*

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

In the book "Until Tuesday" by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan, his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the following note on wet wipes...

"...the best thing to send soldiers."
 "Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other awful place you can think of. They were also great to wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have been a lot more jammed weapons and a few more dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket expenses. If you really want to send something useful to the troops, send baby wipes."

Other Items desired :

Slim Jims
 Beef Jerky
 Mints
 Gum
 Nuts (all kinds) & Dried Fruit
 Single powdered drink mixes
 (such as Crystal Lite)
 Soap Bars
 Disposable Razors
 Shaving Cream
 Shampoo (regular and dandruff)
 Deodorant
 Lotion
 Floss
 Advil
 Stamps
 Paperback Books & DVDs

HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Sergeant Thomas J. Barlow
Co. C - 32nd Virginia Infantry

Thomas Joel Barlow was born August 26, 1842 in Williamsburg, Virginia. He was the son of John H. and Margaret Nelson Bellette Barlow. Thomas attended William and Mary from 1858 to 1861.

He joined the Williamsburg Junior Guard on June 19, 1861 as a private.

Thomas was acting Quartermaster Sergeant for Field and Staff in July, 1861 and was appointed to the position in September, 1861.

He was captured at Sharpsburg, Maryland on September 17, 1862. John was paroled at Shepherdstown, Virginia on September 25, 1862.

Margaret Barlow [Thomas's mother] passed away on March 21, 1863. The next day their father wrote Thomas and John [brother - Lt. John Barlow of Co. C] a letter informing them of her death and noted that he would visit them in Petersburg the following week.

No further record till surrender.

Signed parole on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox.

Postwar Thomas returned to Williamsburg and opened a general store. On November 15, 1865 he married Annie Cox and two years later moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Thomas and Annie had 7 children, four of whom were daughters. Thomas ran a grocery for 30 years in Portsmouth and later a large truck farming operation in Norfolk County. Thomas was a member of the Stonewall Camp UCV. He died November 8, 1923 and was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery of Portsmouth, Virginia.

(Micro Copy 324, Roll 780, Compiled Service Records - Confederate, UDC Library, Richmond, Va.; *Confederate Gravesites* by Fred Boelt, June, 2012, *James City Cavalry Picket Lines.*)





CAMP PICTORIAL



1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson displays one of the many flags shown during his entertaining presentation of composite voices from the Confederacy in 1863.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Fort Magruder – We do annual clean-up and maintenance to the trees, shrubbery, moat, fortifications and general grounds.

Local Family Cemeteries – We have restored and we maintain local family cemeteries in James City County including Sunnyside, Peach Park and Cowles-Spencer-Durand plus Hockaday cemetery in New Kent County.

Support of U. S. Troops Overseas - We send three monthly care packages to servicemen who are stationed overseas. For the last three years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Genealogical Research Site – We maintain genealogical cemetery research information on family cemeteries in New Kent, James City & Charles City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website: www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Historical Education – We schedule well known historians and authors for historical talks 10 months per year at our meetings. Guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except May & December) at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and our speaker is introduced at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person, paid in advance. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 to reserve your seats (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, Va. 23188).



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by Robert Ruffin with Jeff Toalson

directed by Mary Wadkins

November 9, 10, 15, 16, 17: 7:30pm

November 11, 12, 18: 2pm

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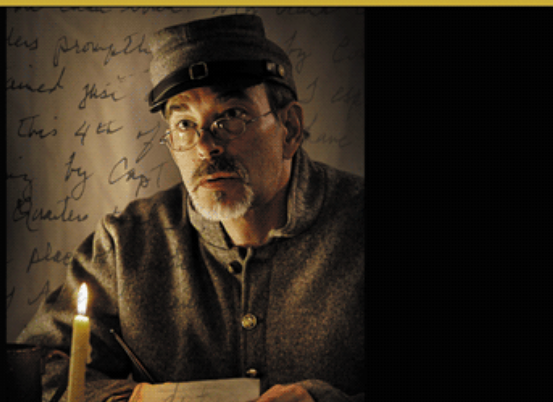
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Advance ticket purchase recommended. Limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The Year is 1861

Virginia has seceded from the Union, and Richard Wadkins joins the 3rd Virginia Cavalry. For four long years, he and his wife, Mary, correspond. He fights in almost every major campaign in the Eastern Theatre, and his letters include stories of the Virginia Peninsula and York County. Mary's letters tell of struggles to maintain their farm, three children and her relatives amidst famine, pestilence, plague, and Yankee raids.

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AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Please bring your Artifacts for proud display - we may also have a Silent Auction!

The Camp is providing BBQ & Brunswick Stew & Requests one large Potluck dish from each Family/Party

JCC Christmas Trivia Question:
Saint Nick or Steve White?

Friday, December 14th, 2012
6:00pm - 9:00pm

at the

Toano Women's Club
7965 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168



CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

While working on Volume I of the James City County cemetery book, we found a small cemetery near Lake Powell Road with five graves for members of the Wilson family. Since the land had been sold out of the family, we did not have any first hand information on this site. A chance discovery of an obituary for Thomas W. Wilson has led to this story of three Confederate soldiers.

The hundred acre tract of land where the cemetery is located was purchased by Mathew Wilson from Robert Anderson in 1839. The 1850 census listed Mathew Willson [sic], a farmer, age 38, owning real estate valued at \$1,500.00. His household included his wife, Martha, age 40; and five sons: Mathew, age 18; William, age 16; Thomas, age 11; James, age 9; and Henry, age 5. Mathew, the father, wrote his will in 1852, and when the land tax records were entered in 1853, the hundred acre tract was listed in Martha A. Wilson's name, held in a life estate. On February 18, 1855, Mathew, the son, married Catherine Mahone, daughter of William S. and Tabby Mahone of James City County. However, tragedy came early in this marriage. "July 21, 1857, Mathew Wilson, James City, to a neat lined & trimed polished coffin (raistop) for himself (ordered by his mother) 15.00; to a case for same 5.00 (pd by his mother)" (Bucktrout Daybook and Ledger: 125). A note in the index of the Daybook states that he died of bilious fever. *Perhaps* the father and son are interred in this family cemetery.

By 1860, son Thomas had married Dorothy (last name undetermined), and they were living adjacent to his mother, his three brothers and sister Mary, age ten. Thomas and Dorothy's first son, Robert H., was born on September 13, 1860. Thomas enlisted in Williamsburg on May 20, 1861, as a private in Company F (Lee Artillery), 1st Regiment, Virginia Artillery. He was absent due to sickness in October and was discharged in December 1861. It is uncertain whether he returned to service later in the war. There are several entries in the service records for Thomas Wilsons, but none seem conclusive for this Thomas.

At least two of Thomas's brothers were also in Confederate service. Both William and James Wilson enlisted at the same time and place as privates with their brother Thomas. Both William and James transferred from Captain John Archer Coke's company to Captain Dance's company, Powhatan Artillery, on October 6, 1862. James was sent to a hospital in Winchester on November 7th, and was transferred to a hospital in Staunton with "Phthisis Pulmonalis" [tubercular consumption], and died on November 18, 1862.

William did not fare any better for he was sent to Winder Division 5 Hospital in Richmond on October 28, 1862. He was transferred to a hospital in Winchester, and he was at a small pox hospital by December 15th with "Variola

Dist. and Peritonitis." William Wilson died at Howard's Grove Hospital in Richmond on January 18, 1863. It seems *probable* that these two brothers are not buried in the family cemetery. Many casualties from the Richmond hospitals were interred at Oakwood cemetery. It is possible that William was interred there.

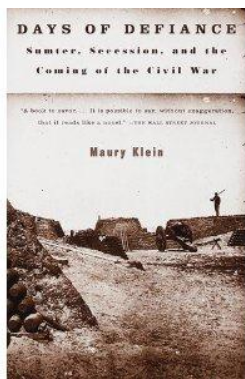
The youngest brother, Henry C. Wilson, was fifteen years old when the war began in 1861. His age may have kept him from service. The records for several "Henry C. Wilsons" do not indicate that any of these men were from James City County.

The 1870 census found Thomas and Dorothy Wilson and three children living on the family farm next door to his mother, Martha and her children Henry and Mary. Dorothy Wilson died later in that decade. On December 5, 1879, Thomas married Margaret S. Sandford, daughter of John and Martha Sandford of James City County. In 1880, this extended family group continued to live on the family farm. Martha Wilson, the mother, was 68 years old at census time and died before the 1900 census was taken. Henry C. Wilson, born May 1846, married Mary (last name undetermined) about 1883 and they had six children at census taking time in 1900. Thomas Wilson married for a third time on September 21, 1893. This wife was Mollie B. Waltrip, daughter of Benjamin J. and S. A. Waltrip, and Mollie was 28 years old. Thomas's occupation was listed as "miller." On the 1900 census, Thomas's birth was given as "October 1839," and he was again listed as "miller."

It was the chance sighting of the obituary for Thomas W. Wilson that caused a re-evaluation of this family cemetery. Thomas Wilson died on March 28, 1901. "...a native of James City County and a brave Confederate soldier...During the war he was a member of Garretts battery." William Robertson Garrett from Williamsburg was the captain of Lee Artillery when it was organized. Undoubtedly, this is where this reference came from. "For several years, Mr. Wilson has been in charge of Jones' Mill." William L. Jones owned the mill formerly located near present day Lake Powell from 1881 to 1900. The mill was only a short distance from the Wilson farm. "The funeral will take place today from the residence and the interment will be in the family burying ground on the old homestead" (*Virginia Gazette*, March 30, 1901, p. 3).

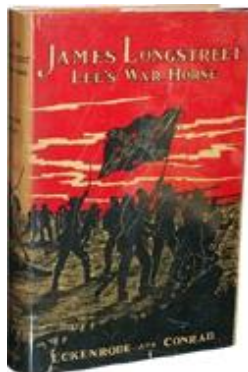
Henry C. Wilson died at his home on Jamestown [present day Lake Powell Road] Road on July 4, 1913. He was survived by his wife, five daughters and one son. Funeral services were conducted at his residence, and burial was in the family burying ground (*Daily Press*, July 6, 1913, p. 12). This gives further credence to the extended use of this cemetery.

NOVEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



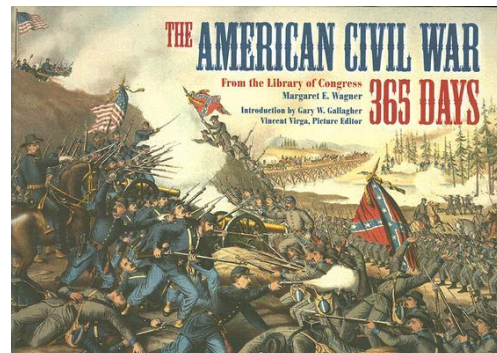
“Days of Defiance - Sumter, Secession & the Coming of the Civil War”
 Maury Klein, 1997, New York, soft cover, 496 pages.

A concise and well written account of events from the election of Lincoln until the firing on Fort Sumter.



“James Longstreet - Lee's War Horse”
 H. J. Eckenrode and Bryan Conrad, 1936, Chapel Hill, Hardcover, 400 pages.

This is the first major effort to cover the life and military service of James Longstreet. Reconstruction, becoming a Republican, and the fact that Longstreet took a politically appointed job from his friend, U. S. Grant, did great damage to his postwar image. These authors are still somewhat narrow minded in 1936. A good study thought better have been written since.



“The American Civil War from the Library of Congress”
 Margaret Wagner - editor, New York, 2006, hardback, 365 pages.

This is a collection of 365 pictures from the Library of Congress and corresponding stories. Interesting and a worthwhile addition to your collection of WBTS books.

NOVEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

General Henry Wise, the ex-governor of Virginia and Confederate had a family oddity about him. What was it?



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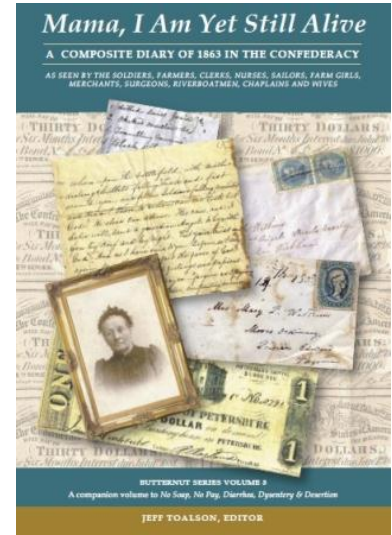
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BOOK REVIEW

Published in UDC Magazine * Richmond, Virginia * October, 2012

Southern Voices from 1863
Composite Diary Reveals Life of Confederate Soldiers and Civilians
 Confederate Notes – Review by Mary Grundman Vial

Mama, I am Yet Still Alive
A Composite Diary of 1863
in the Confederacy
 Jeff Toalson, Editor



Southern voices from the past, letters and diaries of 240 soldiers, sailors, clerks, nurses, farm girls, merchants, surgeons, chaplains and wives tell the story of 1863 during the War Between the States. Many of these 'voices' speak from letters in the files of the Brewer Library at the UDC Memorial Building . . . letters that were donated by members and citizens to be archived for the future. Most letters are from soldiers, because letters sent from home were used for camp fires or toilet paper. This book contains excerpts of the actual letters, printed just as they were written, in their own language and spelling.

Pvt. Carlton McCarthy, Richmond Howitzers, wrote a description of a Confederate soldier:

. . . one man, one hat, one jacket, one shirt, one pair of pants, one pair of drawers, one pair of shoes, one pair of socks. His baggage contained one blanket, one rubber blanket, and one haversack containing smoking tobacco, pipe, one piece of soap, and fruit collected along the road. A dogfly was a tent, with three men sleeping together . . .

Pvt. Charles Thomas, 56th Virginia Infantry, described his reality as:

. . . I washed my old shirt and draws yestady. My old pant is verry nasty and my ass is out and these is all I have got...

As the months passed, food was scarce, uniforms wore out, shoe soles were thin, yet they closed their letters "but we are fine." They were sick, wounded and deathly ill, but "they are fine." Smallpox was prevalent, hospital extremely over-crowded, with men lying everywhere, arm and legs in piles . . . but most letters still ended with "we are fine."

Captain Griffin Frost, 2nd Missouri Infantry, who received a large box of food from home containing preserves, tomato catsup, and a large ham wrote, "*have not seen delicacies for so long we have become strangers.*" Sgt. John Beaton, 9th Virginia Infantry, wrote to his sister, "

"It is a sad duty writing dead opposite so many names." On April 14, Private Milton Barrett, 18th Georgia Infantry, wrote about the Richmond 'bread riot.'

Letters of discomfort from home seemed to cause soldiers "*to quit the fielde,*" wrote Sgt. Benjamin Porter of the 11th Alabama Infantry. "*Almost every one who has been shot for desertion say that their parents was the final caus of thir desertion.*"

Many letters are graphic descriptions of the *H. L. Hunley*, referring to it as "the Fish Boat," and describing its many sinkings and the drowned sailors. Lt. John Payne wrote, "*Bill for a coffin of 5 sailors after sinking. For 5 coffins \$15 apiece. Amount is large but the bodies have been under water and required large coffins.*"

This composite diary of 1863 is interesting, informative and does "open vistas to a side of the war" that we are not familiar with. When you pick up this book, you will not want to put it down.

Save The Date!

Kiss My Little Girls - 1862 *The Healing Child*

by Robert Ruffin with Jeff Toalson

The Cook Foundation Presents

Virginia has seceded from the Union, and Richard Watkins joins the 3rd Virginia Cavalry. For four long years he and his wife, Mary, correspond. He fights in almost every major campaign in the Eastern Theatre, and his letters include stories of the Virginia Peninsula and York and Gloucester Counties. Mary's letters tell of struggles to maintain a farm, three children and relatives amidst famine, pestilence, plague and Yankee raids.

Facing the perils of childbirth in the 19th Century war torn South, Richard and Mary seek solace and strength from the struggles of their past.



Kiss My Little Girls - 1861: Coming Home
November 9-18th, Freight Shed, Yorktown
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Thurs.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sundays 2pm

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