



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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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, October 28th, 2015, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Mike Hendricks
Virginia Beach, Virginia



"The Richmond Clothing Bureau"

Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Sergeant William R. Allegre
Crenshaw's Battery
Virginia Light Artillery

RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Mike Hendricks
Virginia Beach, Virginia

"The Richmond Clothing Bureau"

Bring a guest to our October 28th meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Mike at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-876-6967 or parsonskn20@yahoo.com to confirm reservations.

- 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Compatriots ,

I would like to thank Ken Parsons, Scott Summerfield and Ed Engle for representing Camp 2095 and manning the booth on Friday, September 25th, at the Virginia State Fair. They sold almost \$1,000 of S.C.V. merchandise and also sold 6 bluebird houses for our Camp.

Gents, when you simply show these marvelous houses to your neighbors they sell themselves. If you will hand the house to an individual they are stunned by the weight and construction. That alone closes the sale. This is our final year of bluebird house sales and we need each of you to buy two houses and resell them to friends and neighbors. Contact Jim Leach or Ken Parsons. Bring \$40 to the next meeting, take two home, sell them and recoup your \$40. It costs you nothing and funds our college scholarship for 2016.

I know I can count on each and every one of you to support this cause.

- Commander Jeff Toalson

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 23 Sep. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 40 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags
Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Ed Truslow
Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson
(Jerry Thomson, Joe Harper, Brent Cannon, Wayne JaKob,
Marie JaKob, John Pelletier, Sherrie Pelletier, David
Hastedt, Kathy Donovan, and David Young)

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
Privates John & Samuel Craig
56th Virginia Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker,
Compatriot John Pelletier, who described in fascinating
detail the Confederate Medical Department and the duties
of the Confederate Field Surgeons. Of particular note was
the in-depth information on the medicines, tools,
and practices of those surgeons and how they compare
to those of today.



*Compatriot John Pelletier and 1st Lt. Commander
Ed Engle displaying tools of the trade.*

Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons provided the Treasurer's Report and reported to the membership on Heritage Defense activities.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported that two headstones had been installed at Cedar Grove Cemetery in August and a headstone has arrived for William Lee at Lebanon Church.

Old & New Business

1. The Williamsburg Civil War Round Table donate \$350 and the UDC donated \$150 towards the James City Cavalry Camp Col. Allen Scholarship.
2. A reminder that "Civil War Days" at the Cumberland Plantation on the Pumunkey will be held on Oct. 17th-18th.
3. Members interested in serving in staff positions (Editor, Webmaster, Adjutant, Commander) were encouraged to contact present staff. The 1st and 2nd Lt. Commanders have volunteered to serve another term.
4. The Virginia State Fair SCV Booth was manned on September 25th by Adjutant Ken Parsons, 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle, and Compatriot Jim Leach.
5. The 2015 Camp Christmas Supper will be held at Hickory Neck Church in Toano on December 11th.
6. Compatriot Jonathan Starbuck was honored with a Lifetime Membership Certificate.



Book Raffle

\$102 in proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

"Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

Benediction

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson.

Adjournment

8:45PM.

JOSEPHINE : THE FILM BY RORY FEEL

The movie, based on the letters of John and Josephine Robison, is in the can and has been submitted to film festivals. It will be released in 2016. Josephine enlists in the CSA army to try to find John..

You can find the website and view the trailer for the film at:

<http://www.josephinthefilm.com/#the-film>.

John really served in the Maury Light Artillery and his war actually ended after the fall of Port Hudson. However, Rory Feek wanted to use their letters as a jumping off point to tell a story of a woman searching for her husband in 1864 after she buries their child.

It also provided a chance to look at women in the armies (gray and blue). Check it out and forward the info to your friends. You will remember that at our Christmas Party in 2013 we watched the music video and production video of the song 'Josephine' which was based on the late 1861 and early 1862 letters between John and Josephine.



SCV RESPONDS TO ATTEMPT TO PLACE MLK STATUE ON STONE MOUNTAIN

(ATLANTA - October 12, 2015) The Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans responded today to the proposal by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to erect a monument to MLK, former black civil rights activist. This decision by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association is wholly inappropriate in that it is an intentional act of disrespect toward the stated purpose of the Stone Mountain memorial from its inception as well as a possible violation of the law which established the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and charged it with promoting the mountain as a Confederate memorial.

The Venable family, which owned Stone Mountain in the early 1900's, leased the face of the mountain to the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1916 for the purpose of creating a carved memorial to the Confederacy. The UDC contracted Gutzon Borglum, who later sculpted the Mount Rushmore carving; after the work was halted due to a disagreement with Borglum, the carving remained unfinished for several decades. As the state began to discuss interest in reviving the memorial project as a state project, the Venable family deeded the land to the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial, Inc. in 1956. Two years later, in 1958, the state of Georgia purchased Stone Mountain; and the General Assembly created the Stone Mountain Memorial Association expressly to maintain the mountain and all adjacent property as a Confederate memorial and complete a portion of the original design for the carving.

The act of the General Assembly which created the Stone Mountain Memorial Association specifically states the park, including both the mountain and all adjacent property, is to be maintained and operated as a Confederate memorial (OCGA 12-3-191). The erection of monuments to anyone other than Confederate heroes in Stone Mountain Park is in contradistinction to the purpose for which the park exists and would make it a memorial to something different. The park was never intended to be a memorial to multiple causes but solely to the Confederacy. Therefore, monuments to either Martin Luther King or soldiers of any color who fought against the Confederacy would be a violation of the purpose for which the park was created and exists. The opinions of the park's current neighbors and opponents are of no bearing in the discussion.

Furthermore, the erection of a monument to anything other than the Confederate Cause being placed on top of Stone Mountain because of the objections of opponents of Georgia's Confederate heritage would be akin to the state flying a Confederate battle flag atop the King Center in Atlanta against the wishes of King supporters. Both would be altogether inappropriate and disrespectful acts, repugnant to Christian people.

For more information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans or any of this year's planned events to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the War, contact the Georgia SCV at 404-271-8473 or online at www.GeorgiaSCV.org

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CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Jordan Thomas Binns was born in Charles City County on November 3, 1843. His parents, Bolling and Mary Binns, also had three older sons, Richard B., Christopher J. and Fielding W. Binns. These four sons were all living with their parents in 1850. By the 1860 census, only Jordan, then age 16, was living on the home farm near Appersons Post Office. The three older sons were married, living nearby, and had started families.

Jordan Binns at 17 years old enlisted with Captain George M. Waddill's Company, the Charles City Southern Guards, on May 9, 1861, at the court house. He mustered into service as a private on May 13th at Fort Powhatan under Major Wilson. This unit became Company K, 53rd Virginia Infantry under the consolidation of Montague's and Tomlin's Battalions and Waddill's Company in December 1861.

Binns was present on all rolls though he was reported absent without leave from February 19 until March 3, 1863. He was promoted to 4th Corporal on May 19, 1863, was admitted to General Hospital #9 in Richmond on September 10, 1864 (length of stay not indicated), and he spent time in Chimborazo Hospital # 2 from January 8 - 27, 1865. His pension papers stated that he was honorably discharged on April 9, 1865.

Jordan Binns returned to Charles City County, married, had a son Edward born in 1868, lost his first wife, and was maintaining a household with his young son near Wilson's Landing on the James River in Charles City in 1870. In 1873, he married Helen K. Jones of James City County. She was the daughter of Daniel and Lucy Henley Allen Jones who are buried in the Peach Park Cemetery. Lucy Allen was the older sister of Colonel James Harvey Allen also buried there. Jordan and Helen Binns had a son, Russell, and two daughters, Marian

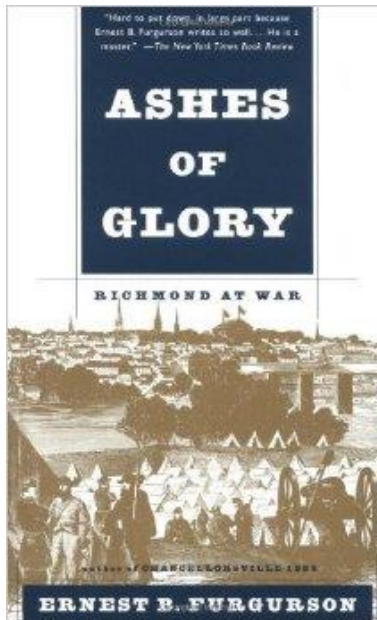
and Helen.

In a later memoir, Marian Binns, who was born in 1876, recalled that the family moved to James City when she was quite young. Her father was the miller at Jones Mill, and the family lived upstairs over the mill. This mill was located on the Jones Mill Pond (present day Lake Matoaka) and set on the south west side of the dam that is now crossed by Jamestown Road. The mill house burned in 1894 and was later rebuilt.

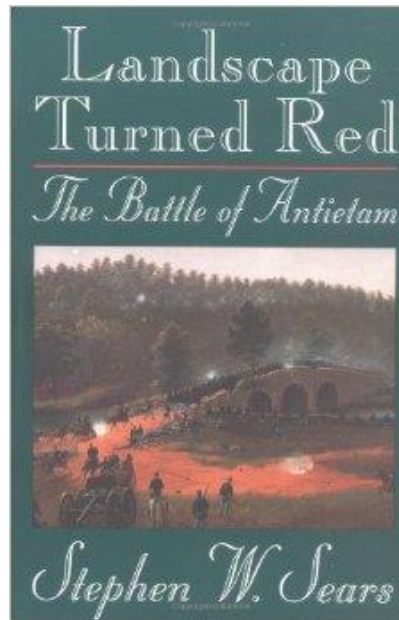
By 1900, the Binns family was living on Duke of Gloucester Street where Jordan Binns was engaged as a mercantile salesman. Whether the fire at the mill prompted their move has not been determined. By 1910, the family was living on the Stage Road, later to become known as Richmond Road, near its intersection with Duke of Gloucester Street, and Jordan's occupation was listed as Commissioner of Revenue, City. In 1920, his occupation was listed as clerk - hardware store.

Jordan Thomas Binns died at his home on October 4, 1928. His funeral was conducted from his residence, 209 Richmond Road (present site of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church), by the Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin. Interment followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Perhaps of local interest, his daughter-in-law, Arbela Booth Binns, wife of his son Russell, was the original owner of The Binns Shoppe, forerunner of the store of the same name now located in Merchants Square on Duke of Gloucester Street. The three older brothers of Jordan Binns, Richard B., Christopher J. and Fielding W. Binns, each served in the 53rd Virginia Infantry and survived the war. They returned to their homes in Charles City and appear to have lived out their lives there. While their gravesites have not been specifically identified, it seems probable that they rest in Charles City County.

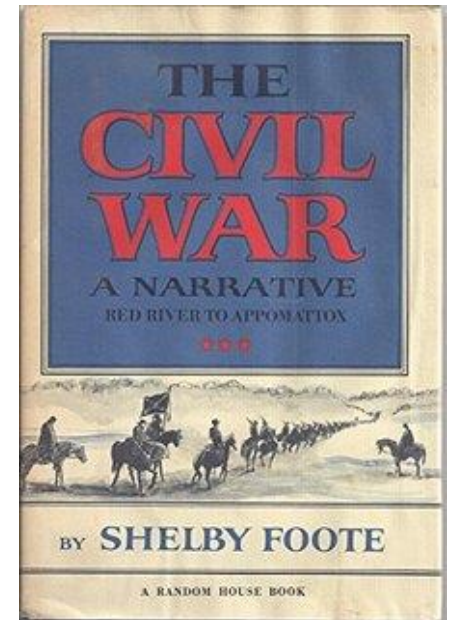
OCTOBER BOOK RAFFLE



"Ashes of Glory:
Richmond at War"
by Ernest B. Furgurson



"Landscape Turned Red:
The Battle of Antietam"
by Stephen W. Sears



"The Civil War - A Narrative:
Red River to Appomattox"
By Shelby Foote

OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who was captured first at Williamsburg, Virginia, in May 1862, a second time at Gettysburg in July 1863, and was arrested a third time by federal troops the night of Lincoln's assassination, although the war was then over?

WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

<http://www.wcwr.org>

On October 27, 2015 - Erick Bush will present "Selma - Alabama's Arsenal City in the Civil War". The city of Selma, Alabama was transformed into the Confederacy's second most important war manufacturing center, outside of Richmond. Key war support industrial activities were located in Selma due to its secure location in the interior of Alabama. The Civil War in Selma also has critical connections to Virginia, through the Civil War experiences of Catesby Jones, Josiah Gorgas, and Franklin Buchanan. Selma was essential to the Confederate war effort, especially with the construction of the CSS Tennessee ironclad and the Brooke cannon. Several of Union President Abraham Lincoln's Confederate relatives called Selma home. The city of Selma provided critical support to Confederate operations in the field, especially in places such as Mobile, Charleston, and Atlanta. An impressive network of ironworks was developed in North and Central Alabama to supply the sprawling Selma Arsenal, Ordnance Works, and Navy Yard. A series of well engineered earthworks and fortifications were constructed around Selma to defend this critical industrial center. As a testament to the importance of Selma, it produced "half of the cannon and two thirds of the fixed ammunition" for the Confederacy in 1864-1865. The largest cavalry raid of the Civil War, under the command of Major General James H. Wilson, targeted and destroyed Selma during the final stages of the Civil War. Erick Bush is a Civil War historian, with a specialization on the Civil War in Central Alabama. His particular areas of focus are Alabama's Confederate ironclads and Wilson's Cavalry Raid in Central Alabama. He has previously lectured on a number of Alabama and Virginia related topics to Civil War Round Table and history enthusiast groups in England, Ohio, Alabama and Texas. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Alabama, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. He is a member of the American Civil War Round Table (UK) and Williamsburg Civil War Round Table.

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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 11th, 2015
6:00pm – 9:00pm**

at the

**Hickory Neck Church
8300 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168**



HICKORY NECK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

