



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



June 2021 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

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

Next Muster

Wednesday, June 23th, 2021, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

You must call or email Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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June Guest Speaker

Mr. W. Lee
Pelton

*“The Battle
of
Galveston”*



Texas was still nearly the frontier in the 1860s, and out of the course of the large military campaigns. However, there were exceptions such as the fighting to control the port of Galveston. General John Bankhead Magruder led a rag-tag force of old boats, Texas cavalry and artillery in an unconventional attack to regain the port on December 31, 1862.

W. Lee Pelton was born and raised in El Paso Texas. After earning a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, he spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy retiring in Virginia Beach. He continued his mother's research into their family tree and has discovered dozens of ancestors woven into the history of Texas and The United States. He is currently a member of the Princess Anne Camp 484 Sons of Confederate Veterans and a Confederate reenactor in the 'Norfolk Light Artillery Blues'.

Battle of Williamsburg Memorial Service

On May 2, 2012, Williamsburg Chapter 637 of the U.D.C. hosted their annual remembrance ceremony at Fort Magruder. Forty (40) people, and one friendly dog, attended. Quartermaster George Bridewell installed the colors, Chaplain George Corbett offered the Invocation and 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson presented a talk on 'The History of Fort Magruder.' The ladies of Chapter 637 provided a wonderful selection of cookies and brownies, along with ice water, following the ceremonies. It was our great pleasure to join the U.D.C. in their Memorial Service to remember the battle of Williamsburg and also to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day. Thanks to all who came out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.



New site of the memorial



Service Attendees



Chaplain George Corbett



Mary Lou Wagoner and Ann Darst of the UDC



1st Lt. Cmdr. Toalson discusses Ft. Magruder

Camp Officers



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Senior Camp Member

Upcoming congratulations to Compatriot Bill Harrison on his 100th birthday on December 20th!

Shown here with his wife Betty and Quartermaster Bridewell.



Staff Comments

Compatriots, we look forward to resuming our meals, book raffle, speaker and getting back together after the long interruption. Our meals will be served buffet style. We will still be meeting in the banquet room at round tables and masks are required except when eating and drinking. The CHCC staff hopes to have us back in our regular meeting room this summer.

There was a great turnout at the Battle of Williamsburg and Confederate Memorial Day celebration at Fort Magruder. Thanks to everyone who came out to join the ladies of the Williamsburg UDC Chapter at their event.

We plan to induct four new members at the June meeting: Joe Duggan, Zach Hylton, Dave Watson and Ben Vincent.

It will be great to see our Compatriots again at the June meeting.

2095 Staff

Monument Removal Costs

Richmond City Council has removed the below listed Confederate monuments. Most of them were on Monument Avenue. Below are the cost estimates for the removals. General A. P. Hill is actually interred inside his monument and this cost estimate is just for the removal, not for any costs that may be needed to move and reinter his body.

A.P. Hill	\$33,440
Matthew F. Maury	\$35,605
'Stonewall' Jackson	\$36,070
Jefferson Davis	\$40,659
Confederate Cannon	\$ 5,232
J. E. B. Stuart	\$47,808
Soldiers & Sailors	\$34,056

Recent Camp Donations

Donation for Soldier and Sailor's Monument

Adjutant Ken Parsons presents Mrs. Gerry Waring, President, of Williamsburg Chapter 637 of the U.D.C. with a check for \$1000 to assist in funding the re-erection of the Williamsburg & James City County Soldier & Sailors Monument.



Mrs. Waring and Adj. Parsons

Heritage Defense Fund

The Cavalry sent \$400 to the Virginia Division Heritage Defense Fund in April.

Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp

The Cavalry is not sponsoring a local youth to the Sam Davis Camp in 2021. We sent \$500 to provide a scholarship for a worthy young man or woman.



Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

While we have looked at many of the Confederates who served from James City County and the City of Williamsburg, not all of their stories have been complete. We have tried to present as much information known about each individual including their life history and service records. However, there have been a few missing details along the way, and we have asked for help in locating additional data. Once again, a friend has provided the “rest of the story.”

There was an article in the August 2012, edition of the *Picket Lines* about the three Maupin brothers, residents of Williamsburg, who served in the Confederate forces. Their service records were cited in that article. Two of the brothers, Samuel J. and Jesse Cole Maupin, lived until 1901 and 1902, respectively, and were laid to rest in the Confederate burial ground in Cedar Grove Cemetery. You may recall that we assisted the family in getting proper tombstones for these men, and they were honored at our memorial service in May 2016.

The death of the third brother, John M. Maupin, [Jr.], remained a mystery when the article was written for the *Picket Lines*. In the Custis-Maupin Graveyard located behind the home on Duke of Gloucester Street, there is a tombstone that reads, “SACRED TO THE MEMORY of two beloved Youths Who Died on March 11, 1870. John M. Maupin, aged 24 years; Thomas J. Harrell, aged 21 years.”

At the time that the article was written, we had not determined the cause of death for these two men. Thomas J. Harrell was the younger brother of Moses R. Harrell, Jr. (*Picket Lines*, January 2012). Perhaps due to his age, no service record has been found for Thomas Harrell.

But with appreciation for a friend’s interest in our articles, he has provided the answer for the cause of death for the two young men:

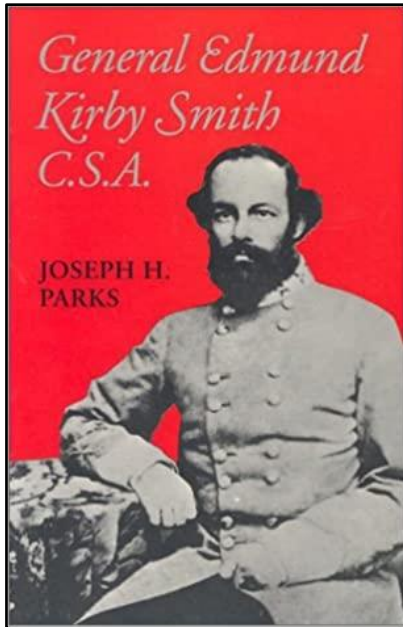
“SHOCKING AND FATAL ACCIDENT. Two young men, John M. Maupin and Thomas Harrell, of about the same age, were killed in Williamsburg on Thursday night last week. In a frolic, they mounted the same horse and started to ride through the streets when the horse took fright and threw both of his riders. They were thrown with great force against a post, and the skulls of both were broken. Harrell lived but a short time, and Maupin died [within] the next 24 hours. In neither case did a moment of consciousness elapse between the sudden accident and death. Mr. Maupin was the son of Mrs. Kate Maupin and Mr. Harrell was the son of Moses R. Harrell, late sergeant of the city of Williamsburg (*The Alexandria Gazette*. March 13, 1870).

On March 15, 1870, the *Richmond Dispatch* carried the identical story but added this final sentence:

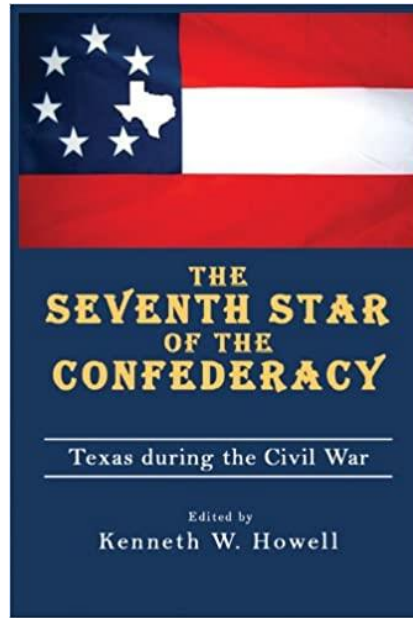
“The sad event filled the whole community with sorrow and the bereaved relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.”

And now we have the tragic end of the story. John Maupin fought for the Confederacy, survived the war and had returned home with his life ahead of him. Thomas Harrell, perhaps too young to enter service, but who had undoubtedly endured the hardships of the war with his family in James City County, and who had seen his brother go off to war, lost his chance to be of service to his community as he matured.

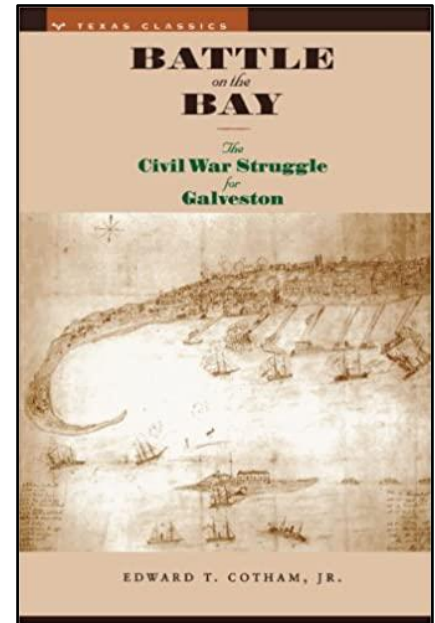
June Book Raffle



"General Edmund Kirby Smith C.S.A."
by Joseph Parks



"The Seventh Star of the Confederacy"
by Kenneth Howell



"Battle of the Bay – Civil War Struggle for Galveston"
by Edward Cotham, Jr.

June Trivia Question

What was unusual about the attire of Jubal Early's 14,000 Confederates when they started for Washington, DC in June 1864?

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

The Round Table will be on leave until September.