



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



October 2020 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, October 28th, 2020, 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.

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October Guest Speaker

Billie Earnest
Suffolk

*“Remembering
the Veterans of
WW-I”*



Billie Earnest will join us tonight to tell stories of descendants of Confederate veterans who played significant roles with the United States troops in “The Great War.” This talk was originally titled “Remembering World War One and Hospital 45.” Billie has interesting stories about Hospital 45 but she has also uncovered other interesting stories that all tie in to our collective Confederate heritage. This will be an interesting night of historical tidbits. Bring a friend with you to our October meeting.

Billie was born in Franklin and her ancestors are all from the SE counties of Virginia & NE counties of North Carolina. She joined the U.D.C. in 1994 and has held both Chapter and Division offices. Her research, articles and talks on General George Pickett, and his wife Sallie Corbell, earned her the presentation, by the U.D.C., of the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal. Our favorite guest speaker is making her 8th presentation to us in the past 10 years.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held September 24th at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County., Va., **22** attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Compatriot George Corbett

Break for Supper

Welcome given by Compatriot John Holt.

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Toalson introduced the evening's guest
speaker: Mr. Doug Crenshaw.

Mr. Crenshaw presented "*The Battle of Glendale – Lee's Lost Opportunity*", a blow by blow account of the battle and the lost opportunity to cripple the rear portion of the Union army.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Toalson and Mr. Crenshaw

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported the flags are up at Peach Park and planning is underway for wintertime cleanup events.

Old & New Business

Adjutant Parsons

- There will not be a Christmas Party this year.
- Camp members voted to proceed with the October and November monthly meetings.

Book Raffle

One book was awarded in a free raffle for all attendees.

Benediction

Given by Compatriot George Corbett.

Adjournment

8:00 PM



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October Comments

The Cavalry thanks Jerry Thompson for his service as our Commander and we hope he is able to quickly complete his work with a couple of doctors and get back to a more normal life. We are sure he is already tired of so many appointments and providing so much financial support to the medical industry. We look forward to seeing Jerry back at our meetings.

Doug Crenshaw provided a very informative talk on the battle of Glendale at the September meeting. We all have a much better understanding of the battle and Lee's struggles as a new army commander organizing staff functions and evaluating his generals. The pink slips started right after the battle of Malvern Hill.

Billie Earnest will join us this month to tell us stories of World War One and the impact of several descendants of Confederate veterans. Billie's talks are always a highlight on our speaker calendar.

Finally, we will be electing and inducting some new officers at the October meeting. It is always good to have some new faces moving into the officer ranks to share the duties of running the Camp. We appreciate these compatriots volunteering for election and we thank the compatriots they are replacing for their service to the Camp.

Camp 2095 Staff

October in the Civil War

Battle of Coffee Hill (2nd Auburn)

October 14, 1863



Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Over the years, our camp has researched the lives of many of our native sons who answered the call to bear arms and serve the Confederacy. In all cases, we have attempted to identify the final resting places of these men so that they may not be forgotten. We have focused our attention on those who were buried in James City County and the City of Williamsburg with a few exceptions. Having located the majority of the known graves in these two locations, we continue to investigate the lives of other native sons who may rest beyond our local region.

Travis McIver Southall, the son of Albert Gallatin Southall and his wife, Virginia Travis Southall, was born in Williamsburg. His military service records state that he was born on July 23, 1836. However, some census records and his tombstone would indicate a later birth year of 1840. Albert Southall purchased a house and lot to the east of the Taliaferro-Cole house on Duke of Gloucester Street about 1835/36, and this may be where Travis was born.

Travis's father was a ward and protégé of President Tyler, and this may account for the family moving to Washington, District of Columbia, about 1845. The 1850 census listed this family as living in Washington Ward 1, and Albert Southall was employed as a government clerk. By 1860, the family had returned to Williamsburg, and Albert Southall had a stationary store. Travis, twenty-two years old, was living at home.

Travis Southall enlisted in Company B (Old Dominion Dragoons), 3rd Virginia Cavalry, at Camp Phillips in Elizabeth City County on September 19, 1861. Prior to that, he was paid for transportation from Raleigh, North Carolina to Williamsburg in August 1861. There is no indication as to why he was in Raleigh, but perhaps he wanted to enlist from his home state. In May, 1863, he was paid for rations while on assignment to procure fresh horses, and he was promoted to sergeant in July. He was listed as absent on special duty in November and December 1863.

Travis Southall was admitted to a hospital on January 26, 1864, and he was transferred to Chimborazo Hospital #1 in Richmond on April 8th. He returned to duty on June 1, 1864, and his service record ended there. However, his obituary stated that he was honorably discharged after the surrender at Appomattox.

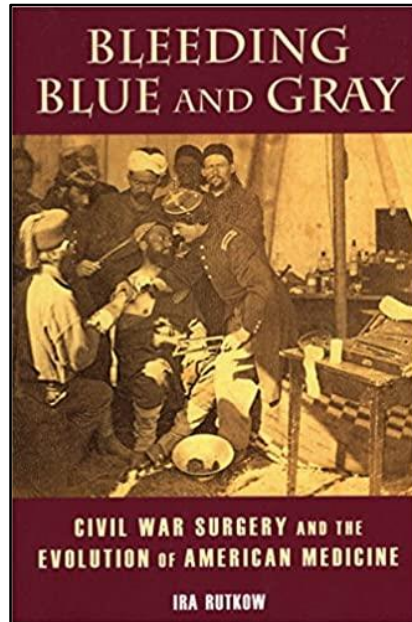
Travis Southall made his way back to Williamsburg after the war was over. His father had died in 1862, and his mother, Virginia Southall and her younger children had moved to the President's House at the College of William and Mary after the evacuation of the town in 1862, and remained there until the spring of 1864. After returning, Travis eventually found employment at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum as a storekeeper.

In 1869, Travis Southall married Elizabeth Nimmo Durfey, daughter of Colonel Goodrich Durfey, a James City farmer who at one time owned Jamestown Island. Travis and Elizabeth had nine children over the years. In 1880, Travis was farming, and during that decade, he served as mayor of the City of Williamsburg.

Around 1890, when the town of Newport News was beginning to be established, the Southalls moved there as "pioneers" in the rapidly developing area. Travis served as an inspector at the Customs House there for several years. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1905, and in 1910, he was listed as head of household with several adult children in his home. In 1911, he went to live with family in Danville, Virginia. Travis Southall died on February 17, 1912, in Fitzgerald, Georgia where he had gone for health reasons. Masonic

rites were held in Georgia before the remains were returned to Newport News. His funeral was conducted

October Book Raffle



"Bleeding Blue and Gray, Civil War Surgery and the Evolution of American Medicine"
by Ira M. Rutkow

To reduce paper money transactions we will again have a free raffle open to all meeting attendees.

October Trivia Question

What CSA general gave up poker, as penance, after three of his children died of scarlet fever in a single week during January 1862?

Answer to previous question: Explorer Henry Stanley served in the Confederate Army, Union Army, and finally in the Union Navy.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Morton_Stanley

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

The next meeting is October 27th, 2020
Lee Ann Rose will present:

"Hoop Skirts and Gunpowder: The Brown's Island Explosion"



Note this will be a virtual meeting as the Williamsburg Library theater is not available.