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Williamsburg, Virginia

**Last Meeting:** Our last meeting had 25 in attendance. Our program was presented by SCV Compatriot Henry Kidd, who is a Past Camp Commander, Virginia Division Commander and Army of Northern Virginia Commander. Henry is a nationally recognized historical artist, author and lecturer. He is also a reenactor with the 12th Virginia Infantry. His talk was on his new book, *"Petersburg, War on the Doorsteps, an account of the Battle of the Crater"*

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be at "Hog Wild Smokehouse Restaurant" at 8864 Richmond Road, Toano, VA 23168 [www.hogwildsmokehouse.com](http://www.hogwildsmokehouse.com) on August 26 at 7pm. Guest speaker will be our own 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson of James City Cavalry Camp 2095 and nationally recognized author will give a book talk on his latest publication, *"Send Me a Pair of Old Boots and Kiss My Little Girls"* Come and bring a guest, or even better, a future member!

**Executive Committee Meeting:** The Camp Executive Committee met on August 11, 2009 at "Hog Wild Smokehouse." Members present were Don Woolridge, Ken Parsons, Bob Tuck, Jeff Toalson, Jerry White, Fred Breeden and David Ware. The following topics were discussed;

- Direction and future of the Camp
- Meeting Structure and improvements
  - Speaker Podium
  - Sound System
- Develop a budget structure and open a savings account
- Cemetery Projects
  - Grass Cutting
  - Clean-up projects
  - Peach Park visitors report and handouts
- Book placement in area High Schools and public libraries
  - Camp author's publications
- Newsletter suggestions
- Website suggestions
- Advertising
  - Toano-Norge Times newspaper calendar
  - Virginia Gazette calendar
- Develop a historical presentation for students at schools and home schools

Executive Committee meetings will be published in the future and all Camp members are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **Commander Don Woolridge:**

I am truly honored and humbled with the honor of leading the James City Cavalry Camp 2095 through the coming year. As we continue our journey and the quest of preserving the heritage of our Confederate Veterans we need to remember the charge General Steven D. Lee gave us in 1906, "It is our duty to see that the true history of the South is preserved for future generations." We will continue the work set forth by our ancestors and the founders of our camp. The camp has come a long way over the past couple of years, our membership has grown and continues to grow, our accomplishments with our cemetery work and restoration and ultimately hosting a very successful Division Convention. The camp's cemetery work is one of our most important projects ensuring the final resting places of our Veterans are cared for and not forgotten. Our Compatriots are our most valuable asset and with everyone's help we will work hard through the coming months to preserve, honor, educate and up hold our Southern Heritage. There are many descendants in our area that do not know that the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization exists. Our work around the community, our newsletters and our website will hopefully reach those that would like to be involved in preserving the honor of our veterans and preserving Southern Heritage. It is our duty to continue to build the camp and support the largest heritage organization in the United States, our "Son's of Confederate Veterans. Let us work hard to ensure the SCV remains a strong vigorous entity for the future.

### **Adjutant Ken Parsons:**

#### **Annual Dues**

Our dues are falling behind! I have received about half of our membership dues. All of our dues payments and contributions are to be in before the first of September.

Some members have not received the notices that were sent out around the first of this month. If you did not get yours in the mail, you need to download the form off of the Virginia Division website and send it in to me. If you cannot download one call me and I'll get one in the mail to you.

Please, everyone who has not sent their dues get them to me ASAP. If you need help, let me know. Also, remember to send the entire sheet (8 1/2 X 11") to me with your check.

#### **New Members**

You will be pleased to know...We have two new members in process for approval! They are George Bridewell and Martin "Sparky" Harcourt. Both men are welcomed members to our fine Camp and will be contributing to our excellence.

## **Past Commander David Ware: “The Cause for Which We Fought”**

Even though religious dissidents occupied many Northern colonies, the first two centuries of America's existence witnessed unity among the people based upon a common faith. The majority of Americans believed that the Bible was the word of God and followed its teachings. Denominational differences centered on church government. Was the church to be led by bishops, elders, congregations and so forth? Differences between the culture and living habits of northerners and southerners had always existed but theological unity allowed them to work together. The South in the nineteenth century had taken root in the native soil of Europe. She traded her cotton in Europe and took very little of its manners, literature or the arts because the South *was* Europe. New England became a sharp-witted, abstract minded trading society that had to be parasitic in two ways: They lived economically on the South and culturally on England. In the mid nineteenth century, many of the intellectual guiding lights of New England received their training at the German school of Tubingen. Here they became radical liberals no longer believing the Bible to be the Word of God, Jesus to be the Son of God or the necessity of salvation by grace. Perhaps the farthest from Christian orthodoxy were the transcendentalists who believed that man was basically good. They believed that man did not do bad things because of himself, but because of society and the world around him. Their legions included such icons as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. They believed that ultimate authority and truth were not outside of self but inside of man. Goals should be better wages and working conditions, safer neighborhoods, nicer friends, fresher food and more government education. This would lead to a perfecting of society that would lead to a perfecting of its citizens. Contributing to this school of thought was the evolutionary work of Charles Darwin who theorized that species changed when subjected to different environments. It is not a difficult stretch to see this line of thinking today in everything from foreign policy where it is assumed that removing rulers and establishing democracy will create a better world to wealth redistribution which supposedly creates a better society. In 1826, Robert Owen, a Scotch philanthropist, founded “New Harmony” in southern Indiana. People from all over the world were invited to join a paradise united in human goodness. Due to human selfishness and inefficiency, this experiment lasted two years. Owen blamed the failure on “Christian education.” and added: “Christianity is the sole cause of all the disunion, hatred, un-charitableness, and crime which pervaded the population of the earth.” It was not German or Russian Marxists who exported revolution to the world, it was Americans. The public school movement and the abolition movement were all manned by a diverse crew that included both sincere people and revolutionaries who shared a new theology of progress and faith in man. They became the forefathers of communists, socialists and fascists. The chief opposition to these movements came from the South. These “progressives” viewed the South as backward, anti-progress, old-fashioned and backward. They called the South the “Bible Belt” and did not mean it as a compliment. The South called them “damned Yankees” as it was thought that they were doomed to eternal damnation. The political majority in the North no longer believed the Bible to be infallible. They interpreted it loosely to fit modern circumstances. They then thought if the Bible is not infallible, then how authoritative could be the Founding Father's Constitution? By waging a terrible war and murdering over 600,000 of its own citizens, they and their heirs then sought out to stretch the limits imposed by the Constitution to the system of unlimited governmental power, taxation and control that we have today.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson: Book Auctions:** Jeff will be conducting his book auction monthly and donating the proceeds to the Camp's general fund. The August book for the Camp raffle is "*Lifeline of the Confederacy - Blockade Running during the Civil War*" by Stephen R. Wise. Excellent book, probably the best on the subject, published in 1988 by the Univ. of S. Carolina Press.

## **Honoring our Confederate Soldier - July**

### **Cpl. S.S. Simmons Company E 8th Virginia Cavalry**

Private Cpl. S. S. Simmons of Co. E, 8th Virginia Cavalry . . . he recorded his Rebel Yell in the 1930's in California and the recording was donated to the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond. The other unknown CSA soldier was from N. Carolina and was recorded by WBT Radio of Charlotte.

The Museum of the Confederacy thanks WBT and Jefferson Pilot for the use of their recording and the UDC for the use of Cpl. Simmons recording to make their CD "The Rebel Yell Lives."

By slightly changing the pitch and using all the marvels of modern sound mixing they were able to take these two "Rebel Yells" and turn them into the "Yell" of a Company (80 men), a Regiment (500 men), and a Brigade (1800 men)

### **JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES By Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt**

As you face the front entrance to Olive Branch Church, there is a small cemetery to the left across the driveway and on the knoll by Richmond Road. This area is set apart from the rather large church cemetery to the right and behind the church. Dr. Charles Miles Hubbard and his wife, Mary Ann Henley Hubbard, owned 272 acres where the present day Oakland development is located. After they donated the land that the church was built on, they established their family graveyard adjacent to the churchyard, but on their land. In her will probated in 1891, Mary Ann Hubbard left instructions to sell the farm but to set aside the graveyard from the sale for the future use of the family. Today, several generations of Hubbard family descendants are buried there, and the area is now maintained by the church.

Four, possibly five, Confederate veterans who served in the James City Cavalry are buried in this cemetery. Three were sons of the Hubbards. Charles Miles Hubbard, Jr. was born on December 17, 1838. Living at home, his occupation was listed as a teacher in the 1860 census. He enlisted as a private in Company W, 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Cavalry, in Williamsburg on June 24, 1861. He was promoted to sergeant in January 1862, and in February he was detailed "looking for a lost horse." He was appointed 1st Lieutenant in Company H, 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, on May 1, 1862. Other than being in a hospital in Richmond in May and June 1863, the records indicate that he was active with his company until the battle at Spotsylvania Courthouse on May 9 and 10, 1864, where he was killed in action. It is unknown how or when his remains were returned home, but his tombstone is in the family cemetery.

The second son who served in the James City Cavalry was James Filmore Hubbard, born on May 20, 1840. He attended William and Mary College from 1857 to 1860. He enlisted as a private (date and place unknown) and was sick in Richmond hospitals twice from October through December 1863. He seems to have been present on rosters for most of 1864 and was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on September 6<sup>th</sup> of that year. He was detailed on scout duty in February 1865 and there is no further official record for him.

After the war, he and his first wife, Emily C. (maiden name not yet found), settled in York County where he became a prominent lawyer and judge, and they had several children. After his first wife's death in 1882, he married Emily Bowles and they had two sons. By the 1900 census, they were living in the Stanley District of Warwick County and his occupation was listed as lawyer and farmer. He died on December 14, 1903, and was buried at his birthplace. Both wives and several of their children also rest near him.

It is possible that a third son is buried here in an unmarked grave. John W. Hubbard was born in May 1844. He enlisted in the James City Cavalry in Richmond on July 1, 1862, as a private. The rosters are somewhat sketchy about his service. He was sick in November and December 1863, presence in January and February, absent in March and April of 1864. He was paid in Petersburg in July and his horse was killed in Winchester in September. In 1865, he was paid \$3,000. 00 in March and paroled in Richmond on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The 1870 census indicated that John and his wife Lucy were living in the Burnt Ordinary area of the county. He was a retail grocer, and they had no children at that time. His obituary indicated that he died in Newport News on January 9, 1912, and that he had lived there since 1880. He was survived by three sons, and was a member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans. His funeral was held at Olive Branch Church, but his place of burial was not stated. From this, we can infer that he was buried in the family cemetery.

The other veterans buried in this family cemetery were Peter T. Cowles, who married Dr. and Mrs. Hubbard's daughter, Laura, and George W. Tyree, who married Bettie M. Cowles. Next month, we will explore their lives and service records, and also why a Union soldier is interred here as well.

### **Current Cemetery and Camp Projects: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White**

Peach Park Cemetery, Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road

- Expand brush clearing along Little Creek Dam Road
- First National Flag replaced August 11, 2009

Sunnyside Cemetery, Forge Road

- Winter maintenance

Cowles-Spencer Cemetery, Theodore Allen Road

- Winter maintenance, removal of large tree and repair the chain link fence

Fort Magruder, Penniman Road

- Winter maintenance of the berm and clean up of the moat area

Richardson Road Cemetery Site, Hockaday Farm, New Kent County

- Future assessment of the site for restoration and clean-up

Clean-up dates for the above projects will be scheduled in the near future.

**Newsletter:** "In an effort to help save on the cost of the newsletter, you can now have it e-mailed to you in an adobe format. E-mail Commander Don Woolridge at [dsw317@earthlink.net](mailto:dsw317@earthlink.net) to be added to this list." Newsletters are also posted on the website for your convenience.

**Visit our website at:** <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Compatriots, If you would like to see Civil War cannons being fired with live rounds (*not explosive just solid shot*), on August 22 near Winchester, VA, the N-SSA will be having their artillery matches. This match is not as big as the Nationals, but still is interesting if you care to see what these big guns could do when properly manned.....

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**Commendation:** The Commendation certificate and medal shown below were awarded to Adjutant Ken Parsons at the 2009 National Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Ken was recognized by Commander Charles McMichael for his outstanding work and dedication to the SCV and especially his exemplary work with this year's Division Convention in Williamsburg. James City Cavalry is proud to have such a dedicated Adjutant working to preserve the history our ancestors.



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## Thought for the Month

**"We could have pursued no other course without dishonor; and as sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner."**

**General Robert E. Lee** 