



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095 1st Brigade Virginia Division Army of Northern Virginia

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, October 26th, 2011, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club
<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

LTC David White, USA (Ret.)
Military History & Army ROTC Instructor
at Virginia Tech
“The Economics of Coercion”

The operational costs of the United States government, in the 1850s & 1860s, were supported by the duties, taxes and tariffs levied on exported cargo. There was no income tax. These tariffs were what funded the government.

In March of 1861 the Federal Morrill tariff was passed raising tariff rates effective April 1, 1861. Simultaneously, in March of 1861, the Confederate government passed a law granting duty-free transit of exports through Confederate territory. The net effect was that exporting would shift to Confederate ports and transit overland or by river from the United States. All tariffs previously being collected on exports from the now Confederate states were gone. Northern businessmen were up in arms. New York businessmen met with President Lincoln in late March, 1861. Peaceful secession could not be allowed. There would be no money to run the U. S. government along with the huge business impact on importing and exporting firms in the major Northern seaports.

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Lt. Col. James Harvey Allen
James City Cavalry, Company H, Fifth Regiment

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

RSVP By:
Monday, October 24th, 2011
Adjutant Ken Parsons at
kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878
Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

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Meeting:

Held at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City
City, Va., 39 attendees
Welcome given by 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson
Invocation given by Chaplain Bill Blizzard
Pledge & Salute to the Flags
led by Compatriot David Ware
The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords
Ancestral Memorial Candle:
“Private David R. Chandler –
Co. E – 15th North Carolina Infantry”
read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush.

Induction of New Members:

Mr. Joe Crawford
Mr. James Raiford
Pfc. Zack Norman
(with his father Compatriot Tim Norman standing in)
were inducted into membership in the James City
Cavalry and presented with their certificates.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Support the Troops

Compatriot Goodwin sent 4 packages in September.
Supplies are in good shape. Thank you for the
excellent mix brought this evening. As noted in the
letters from our two soldiers, the contents of the boxes
are quickly dispersed to our soldier's messmates.

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons advised that we have over
\$2000 in our accounts. We currently have 6 members
who have not paid their dues.

Cemetery Report

Adjutant Parsons reported for 2nd Lt. Commander
Steve White that a new flag has been placed at Peach
Park, there was no major tree damage at Ft.
Magruder, and that maintenance work at our
cemeteries will be booked in upcoming winter months.

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Committee Reports & Announcements:

Christmas Party

The Toano Women's Hall took damage to their roof in Hurricane Irene. They may not be able to host our party and the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church is being investigated as an option. The date is still Friday, December 16.

Book Auction

The Compatriot Shirley & Shirley book auction generated \$91 which they donated to the Camp general fund.

Program

Our guest speaker was Mr. Jerry Roxbury of Norfolk. He gave an excellent talk and brought many wonderful examples of "Edged Weapons of the Confederate States Navy."

Benediction

Chaplain Bill Blizzard

Adjournment

Camp adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Next regular meeting scheduled for 26 October 2011 when our speaker will be LTC(R) David White of Virginia Tech speaking on "The Economics of Coercion" – The impact of tariffs, duties and taxes on exports in causing the WTBS.

OCTOBER MEETING BOOK AUCTION

"CO. AYTCH - A Side Show of the Big Show"

The classic by Private Sam Watkins of the Tennessee Infantry. Soft Cover, Broadfoot, 1990, 231 pages.

The original was published in 1881 and is a rambling tour of Sam's service in the army during the WTBS. A classic.

"The Civil War" by Robert P. Jordan

National Geographic, 1971, New York, hardcover, 215 pages.

Originally published in 1969 following the centennial it is an excellent general study of the period with a wonderful collection of pictures and maps. Dust jacket in "good" condition.

"1776" by David McCullough

New York, 2005, 386 pages. Dust jacket in excellent condition.

While not WTBS this book won the Pulitzer Prize and is a very enjoyable read. 1776 was a critical year in the birth of our nation and this is a delightful journey through that trying time as our very young nation struggled to not only gain independence but to survive.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I am sorry that I missed last month's meeting. I made a commitment last Spring to speak to a book club in Poquoson. The club is composed of women who had read the book of which I was a co-author. This was the third ladies book club to which I have been invited to speak, and I found it interesting that many of the comments were quite similar and reflect a number of misconceptions about the South and the Southern War for Independence. About 90 percent of the women were from the North and their questions and the subsequent discussion were the result of their education and backgrounds.

In all cases, the women were very well educated and many had previously held professional positions, including some who had been teachers and school administrators. They were largely unaware of the actions taken by Lincoln to arrest opponents and his suspension of the right of *habeus corpus* and the declaration of the illegality of his acts by the Supreme Court. Not surprisingly, most of the participants did not realize that succession was only settled by force of arms and not in the courts and that all charges against Jefferson Davis were ultimately dropped.

It is sad that the public and private schools continue to teach a distorted version of the facts about the war and Lincoln, in particular, and omit any objective discussion. Finally, in each group to which I spoke, someone always expressed surprise that Southerners remember the war and seem to know much more about it than people "up North." Hopefully, we will continue to remember our Confederate ancestors who resisted the invasion of our land.

Deo Vindice
Jerry White

CEMETERY REPORT FOR OCTOBER

(2nd Lt. Commander Steve White)

Peach Park Cemetery

The flag at Peach Park that was shredded by hurricane Irene has been replaced. Thanks to Chris Hockaday for continuing to maintain the Cemetery.

Fort Magruder

Richard Mountcastle recently hauled his tractor and bushhogged behind the berm. His efforts saved the Camp untold time and labor and we are deeply appreciative of his assistance.

CAMP PICTORIAL



Commander Jerry Roxbury, USN (Ret.) of Norfolk (inset) describes the history of Naval edged weapons and provided examples from his collection.

CIVIL WAR 150 LEGACY PROJECT

WRL is partnering with the Historic Triangle Collaborative, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia in the Civil War 150 Legacy Project to identify and locate original source materials in Virginia that are related to the Civil War and emancipation. The Library of Virginia is sending teams of archivists to scan privately-held manuscript material for inclusion on both the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission websites.

Here's how you can participate:

Locate items within your family collections that document the Civil War and the Civil-War era. Items suitable for the Civil War 150 Legacy Project include:

- Letters
- Military passes / discharge papers
- Diaries
- Photographs
- Hand-drawn maps
- Pension materials
- Hand-drawn sketches
- Claims for damages by the Confederate Army or Federal Army
- Other documentary materials not listed

Of particular interest to the project are global and pacifist perspectives and the viewpoints of individual African Americans and women.

Items must be owned by the individual presenting the materials for digitization. Materials that are photocopied and/or subject to United States copyright law may not be submitted for digitization. The scanning is being done by appointment only. Contact Jason Purse at (757)253-6689 or by email at jpurse@james-city.va.us to set up an appointment for that day.

For more information, visit <http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/legacy/>

When
October 22, 2011 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Location
James City County: Croaker Library

Camp Commander Jerry White and Historian Fred Boelt have volunteered to assist in scanning documents.



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CONFEDERATE REMEMBRANCE

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

**"THE JAMES CITY CAVALRY"
Its Organization and Its First service
MOVEMENT IN POPE'S REAR
A Successful Charge Upon a Picket Post –
Some Sounds of Revelry–
Attacking a Train – Roll of the Company**

Toano, June 1, 1896

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

After the battle of Malvern Hill the cavalry turned its head north, and halted ten days or more near Hanover Courthouse. The 5th Regiment, of which the James City Cavalry was a part, camped in Mrs. Winston's field, which was dotted over with wheat shocks, affording shelter and food for an innumerable host of harvest bugs. These bugs put themselves upon terms of great familiarity with the men, crawling over them and seeming to have a fancy for exploring the depths of the ears of the sleepers. The shrieks and groans of the sufferers oftentimes made night hideous, and aroused the whole camp. The aid of the surgeon was invoked, and his skill was tested in extracting the bores. While here Colonel Rosser made the acquaintance of the beautiful and classic Miss Winston, and began the most successful campaign of an active and aggressive soldier's life. Here, too, I was detailed as judge of a court-martial, of which Stephen D. Lee was president – a man to whom the coming reunion will give an international fame. While we were sitting upon an important case the cavalry started upon a march, and we were ordered to our respective commands.

After an uneventful march of many miles we halted near the Rappahannock, upon an ideal camping ground – a high, dry, clean oak grove, whose brown leaves were so inviting that many of the jaded horses were lying down before their saddles could be taken off. There was one man, E. M. Ware, who did not dismount, but sought the favor of going in search of better rations. He soon returned, elated at his success. He had traded his uncooked rations for good family fare and arranged to have loaf-bread, butter, honey, and milk so long as he might need them; but before these things came to hand 'boots and saddles' sounded, and we were on our way up the river, the James City Cavalry acting as advance guard.

After crossing the river and passing through many villages, we came to Warrenton. Here I stopped long enough to call out Dr. Joel S. Bacon, once President of Columbian College, to shake his hands and ask about Josie, of whom I had pleasant reminiscences. We turned down the first street leading east, and were halted about a half-mile from the town, upon the brow of a hill commanding a beautiful view. Upon looking back, we saw that the whole of Stuart's Cavalry had dismounted in the town, and there was such a stir and commotion as to excite one's curiosity. But looking to the east, we descried something slowly approaching us. Nearer and nearer it came, until I ordered four men to capture it, and it proved to be a suttler's [sic] wagon. The wagon and driver we put in charge of A. B. Willis – 'K' is now marked opposite his name on the roster. Willis knew more about basket-making than he did about cavalry tactics, yet when he brought his sabre to a carry, reined up his gray mare, and took command of an unarmed suttler, he looked every inch a soldier.

CAUSE OF THE STIR

When Willis returned from the delivery of his charge to the quartermaster he explained the town's stir: The citizens had ordered Stuart to halt his column long enough to eat the dinners prepared for themselves, and handed around by the ladies, who did not take time to don hats and aprons. It is a pity to draw the bush over this lovely picture, but truth demands that I should say that the watching, waiting, vanguard was forgotten! All that we got was a pelting, driving rain. The dinner over, the orderly dashed up and said: 'The General orders that you push ahead and cross Cedar creek, now swollen by the rain, unless your horses have to swim.' Our zeal pronounced the creek fordable, although it was angry, dashing, crashing and swollen much beyond its usual limits.

After a dangerous struggle we crossed, and sent back word that it would be impossible to get the artillery over. Ah! Who can tell what would have been the result if the artillery could have crossed? After marching a short distance, we came to a splendid mansion on our left, whose lawn was extended to the road, and was reached on foot by a stile. Here we halted and called out the owner, a ruddy, hearty old man. In reply to our questions he gave unsatisfactory

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answers.

HIS MANNER CHANGED

While the interview was going on he was joined by his daughter, whose countenance was sad and downcast. In a few seconds her face was illuminated; smiles rippled over her cheeks; she clapped her hands, and exclaimed: 'Oh, father, these are our boys. Don't you see the gray beneath their overcoats?' The old man leaped from the stile and began handshaking and questioning, but 'on' was the word, and on we went. Next an orderly came, in full gallop, with the order to charge anything in our way except artillery. On we dashed. The shades of night were gathering fast; the rain was coming down in torrents, and we had no idea how far from us was our support; but we knew from horse-tracks and an occasional straggler that we were nearing the enemy. About half an hour after sunset our guide, who was every inch a guide, advised us to charge an old Colonial brick church, the headquarters of the enemy's picket-post. With a rush the charge was made, with complete success. The rain had driven in all the pickets, who had lighted up the church, and were enjoying a bountiful supper. It was the work of a minute to disarm these men and send them to the rear, with the information that nearly all of the vanguard were guarding prisoners, and that I needed help, but would not wait for it. On we dashed, and about an hour after sunset we came in full sight of Pope's Wagon-train at Bristoe Station. It was a time of intense excitement. Minutes lengthened into hours, and hours would have been days. The lurid lightning was flashing thick and fast, the thunder would have dwarfed a corps of man's artillery; the rain was a down-pour, mules were tramping and neighing, smouldering camp-fires were fast going out, but the lightning occasionally revealed wagons, mules, and hay. And above all, we did not know when to expect our support.

SOUNDS OF REVELRY

Near by us sounds of revelry broke upon our ears, and the music of a violin and the tread of the dancers oddly mixed with the surrounding sounds and scenes. E. M. Ware and C. W. Hubbard ventured up to the banquet-hall, and brought information that the house

was full of dancing officers and women. But we were afraid to make arrests lest an outcry be raised. While waiting for reinforcements, a Federal surgeon – the lightning told us what he was – rode up to us. He was rushed to the rear, with orders not to say a word. He was splendidly mounted, and oh, how I wished to exchange my outfit for his. Stuart, Fitz Lee, Rooney Lee, and Rosser all came up together. Orders were speedily given for the attack, Rosser to charge straight ahead and to tear up the railroad-track, but no axes had been prepared for this work. Suppose they had been, who can tell what would have been the result? Rosser headed his men in the charge, but before they had gone a hundred yards the whole regiment was floundering in a railroad-cut filled with water. This difficulty was overcome, but we had to undergo a still worse one on the east side of the track; and yet this was also surmounted without the loss of life, but not without the loss of temper. By the time we had shaken off the water from ourselves, and poured it out of our carbines, the main attack on the right had begun. Yells, cheers, groans, reports of pistols and carbines, and the clashing of sabres were heard, and the noise of the train that was returning from Pope's headquarters was rapidly nearing. This was our business, and so Rosser drew up his regiment in line facing the track, and ordered a fire upon the passing train. This was done in good style, and the bullets could be distinctly heard crashing through the cars. The surprise was complete, the attack a success. And now, having brought my narrative down to where history begins, I close with the remark that in the strategic move in Pope's rear the James City Cavalry was the vanguard, and did its duty dashingly, heroically and efficiently.

I append a roster of the company.

James H. Allen

THE ROSTER

The James City Cavalry, Company H, Fifth Regiment, was mustered into service in the city of Williamsburg by Colonel Munford, May 22, 1861. There were so few members enrolled that a little cheating was done in order to get it accepted. It subsequently made such a reputation, that it was more difficult to keep out recruits than it was to gain them. It never lost a man by transfer, and only one by exchange.

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Major B. B. Douglas once remarked to me: "Your company illustrates the fact that educated gentlemen always make good soldiers." This company was a close follower of Rosser, Fitz. Lee, Payne, Lomax and Stuart, and was a sufferer with Early in his Valley campaign.

Captains. – G. E. Geddy, dead; James H. Allen, wounded; L. W. Lane, wounded.

Lieutenants. – M. A. Meanley, dead; Andrew Hockaday; George E. Bush, dead; C. W. Hubbard, killed; J. F. Hubbard; E. M. Ware, wounded and prisoner, dead; J. W. Morecock, killed.

Sergeants. – G. E. Richardson, wounded – sabre cut – and prisoner; R. H. Whitaker, dead; J. T. James, dead; G. B. Ratcliffe, dead; M. R. Harrell, wounded; Felix Pierce, dead; R. E. Taylor; John Cowles, dead.

Corporals. – S. S. Hankins, prisoner; D. W. Spencer; G. A. Piggott, dead; C. W. Cowles, wounded – sabre cut – and prisoner, dead; G. W. Tyree; J. W. Manning, dead.

Privates. – Richard Apperson, unknown; G. W. Bacon; ___ Ball, unknown; J. H. Barnes, prisoner; Basil B. Bennett, wounded, dead; E. F. Blair, wounded, dead; Frank Bowden; W. T. Boswell, wounded, dead; William Burke, R. H. Bush; G. R. N. B. Bush, prisoner; C. W. Coleman, dead; P. T. Cowles, prisoner; D. S. Coles, dead; W. T. Coles, Tom Davis; S. S. Edwards, dead; Sylvanus Edwards, dead; G. H. Enos, wounded; Jerry Garnett, Joe Garnett, Robert Garnett; F. W. Hammond, dead; T. W. Hankins, dead; Charles Hansford, B. C. Harwood, John Hicks, Oliver Hockaday, dead; Gustavus Hope, J. W. Hubbard, G. W. James, wounded, dead; ___ Jeter, unknown; J. P. Johnson, B. A. Marston, dead; J. W. Marston, T. P. Marston, M. J. Martin, dead; M. Mattingley, dead; George Meanley, dead; ___ Moon, Wm. Mountcastle, George Mountcastle, John Mountcastle; ___ Muir, killed; F. C. Newman, dead; Archer Pamplin, unknown; Sam. Pettit, killed; W. M. Pierce, N. D. Piggott, dead; Hamilton Richardson, killed; C. H. Richardson, G. W. Richardson, Walter Shackford, killed; Sydney Smith, dead; Tom Sparrow, Unknown; R. M. Spencer, killed; G. W. Stewart, dead; W. M. Taylor, Cyrus Tyree, dead; W. B. Vaiden, Algernon Vaiden, dead; Vulosko Vaiden, prisoner, dead; Robert Warburton, dead; Southey Ward, unknown; H. B.

Warren, Watkins Warren, unknown; Robert Watkins, R. C. Whitaker, dead; G. W. Whitaker, R. C. Whitaker, dead; G. M. Whitaker, A. B. Willis, killed; Sam. Wooten, wounded; Tom Wynne, dead.

NOTES

Casualties	
Killed	8
Dead	44
Wounded	10
Living	45
Prisoners	8
Unknown	8
Total	26
Total	97

Promotions outside of the Company:

James H. Allen, lieutenant-colonel.

E. M. Ware, captain Confederate States Army.

Dr. C. W. Coleman, surgeon Confederate States Army.

Dr. Watkins Warren, surgeon, Confederate States Navy.

Dr. R. H. Bush, surgeon Confederate States Army.



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