



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



August 2023 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10<sup>th</sup> 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, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 6:30 pm  
Colonial Heritage Club House  
[www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us](http://www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us)  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188



**Meal Cost: \$20.00 Per Person**  
**Payment by Check is Preferred**

Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or [troon24@cox.net](mailto:troon24@cox.net) to make a dinner reservation. Camp members will be contacted by the 'Call Team' for your reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

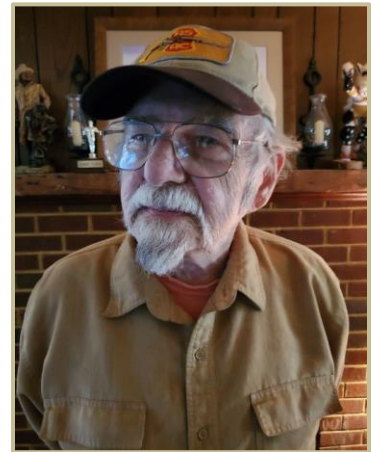
JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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## August Guest Speaker

Larry Floyd  
WBTS Firearms  
Collector

***"The Conversion  
of Percussion  
WBTS Weapons  
to Cartridge  
Weapons"***



We welcome back Larry who will discuss cartridge weapons of the war and those percussion ones converted to cartridge post war.

Larry is a native of Chesapeake, Virginia. He served in the Virginia State Police from 1962-1995. He is a 55 year member of the North-South Skirmish Association and began his interest in and collection of weapons of the WBTS in 1960



# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,  
James City County, Va., 36 Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

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

Callie Lyon recapped her trip to Sam Davis Youth Camp

## Blessing:

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

## Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. Perry introduced the evening's guest speaker:

### Mr. Lee Pelton

Mr. Pelton presented *"Don't Call Them the 8th Texas Cavalry – The Service of Terry's Texas Rangers in the WBTS"*, recapping the history of one of the most famous Confederate cavalry commands as he told a variety of stories from their inception in 1861 till the surrender in Durham, N.C., in 1865.



Commander Jeff Toalson (L) and 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry (R) welcome Compatriot Lee Pelton of the Princess Anne Camp

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Old & New Business

- Cemetery Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. White
- Adjutant's Report - Adjutant Dave Watson
- Chief of Staff Report - Chief of Staff Ken Parsons
- Sam Davis Youth Camp - Compatriot Tracy Clary
- Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Denny Griggs

### Sam Davis Youth Camp

Miss Callie Lyon was our guest and spoke to the Camp about the wonderful week she had at the Camp. She wants to go back in 2024. Callie is pictured with Chief of Staff Ken Parsons (L) and Camp Director Tracy Clary. Tracy gave us an overview of 2023 and plans for 2024.



### Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$75 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of four book donations.

### Benediction

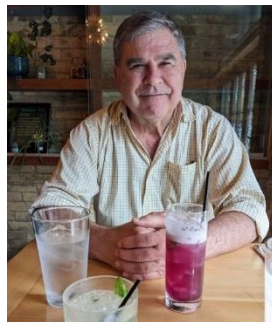
Given by Chaplain George Corbett

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## Editorial Recuperation

Joli Huelskamp sent this picture of Paul dealing with the stress of submissions from a variety of Camp 2095 officers, a balky computer connection and a couple of rounds of edits. He tackled the July issue while relaxing in Traverse City, Michigan, during the 4th of July, the annual Cherry Festival and a two-day air show. This resulted in two very disturbed beagles who especially did not care for the jets and the P-51 Mustangs. You will note that Paul has a very interesting drink to calm his editorial nerves. We hope our editor, Joli and the dogs had a great vacation.



Jeff

## Commander's Comments

Cavalrymen, we enjoyed a wonderful July meeting with tales of Terry's Texas Rangers. We thank Lee Pelton for once again joining us to tell us history of Texans in the service of the Confederacy.

Weapons Wizard Larry Floyd will be with us in August to discuss the conversion of percussion weapons to cartridge weapons. This was a significant change in technology and significantly multiplied the volume of fire and killing efficiency of a military unit. If you have an old weapon and have any questions bring it along to discuss with Larry. He loves sharing his knowledge on how to preserve and protect your weapon.

Miss. Callie Lyon joined us and shared a few stories of her week at the Sam Davis Youth Camp. She had a wonderful time, learned a great deal, enjoyed archery and thought the food was really good . . . especially the peach pie. She thanked us for sending her and wants to go back in 2024 and maybe has another recruit.

Tracy Clary drove up from Brunswick County to give us a recap on the 2023 Sam Davis Camp and plans for 2024. Tracy has been the director of the Sam Davis Youth Camp for several years. They continue to improve the curriculum and the instructors. They now have classes on the Constitution and many non WBTS topics to round out the curriculum. First person presentations were given by a soldier in the 1st. Virginia Regiment (1775) which was commanded by Patrick Henry, Mrs. Mercy Otis Warren an American Revolution pamphleteer, Mrs. Mary Okill who ran an early 1800s school of etiquette and manners, and Sgt. Alvin York a WW-1 Medal of Honor recipient in addition to many lectures on a variety of WBTS topics. This year they had 47 students and 18 adult counselors.

See you at the August meeting.

Jeff

# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Stanhope Richardson (1802-1881), locally pronounced “Stanup,” owned a large tract of land bounded by the Taskinas Creek watershed, the York River and present-day York River State Park. Stanhope and his wife (and cousin), Elizabeth, had at least two sons and three daughters. Their older son, Lucian W. Richardson was born on March 4, 1831, and their younger son, James Clifford Richardson, was born on February 12, 1838.

When the 1850 census was taken, Stanhope Richardson’s occupation was listed as “mechanic – misc. repair services” and Lucian’s was listed as “mechanic.” In 1860, both Lucian and James were still living at home and Lucian was a constable for James City County while James, now twenty-two years old, was a carpenter.

When war was declared, Lucian enrolled at Burnt Ordinary and enlisted in Williamsburg on May 16, 1861, into Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry. Within a couple months, this company became Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Artillery, (James City Artillery) and Richardson was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Lt. Cyrus A. Branch resigned in November 1861, and Richardson was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on December 2, 1861. Capt. Alexander Hankins resigned on December 21<sup>st</sup>, and Richardson was then promoted to Captain on January 7, 1862. Thereafter, he signed himself, “Commander of Company and Inspector and Mustering Officer” on various supply requisitions. The company was stationed at Ship Point below Yorktown during the winter of 1862, moved up the Peninsula during the spring, ending around Richmond in the summer of 1862.

Captain Richardson, in addition to commanding his company, must have done some courting, for the following article appeared in the *Richmond Daily Dispatch* on September 12, 1862: “MARRIED On the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., at Oakwood Cemetery, by the Rev. Mr. Solomon, Capt. L. W. RICHARDSON, of James City county, Va, to Miss ARABELLA REDFORD, daughter of John and Maria Redford, of Henrico county.” This marriage is also recorded in one of the Richardsdson family Bibles. But why were they married in a cemetery? John Redford was listed as “Supt. of cemetery” in both the 1860 and 1870 census records and probably lived at the cemetery. Home weddings were the norm at that time.

Lucian Richardson’s service records indicate that he was absent on detached duty in September and October 1862 (a long honeymoon?). Beginning on January 16, 1863, he was listed “Absent – sick on Surgeon’s leave.” This continued through August. In September and October, he was listed “Absent on detached service at the enrolling office in Richmond on account of health by order of Sec. of War.” The first half of 1864, his records continued to indicate poor health, and on June 24<sup>th</sup>, he was issued a Certificate of Disability for Retirement. This medical certificate, prepared to retire invalid officers, stated that he had suffered from diarrhea and dyspepsia for eighteen months and was unable to return to active duty.

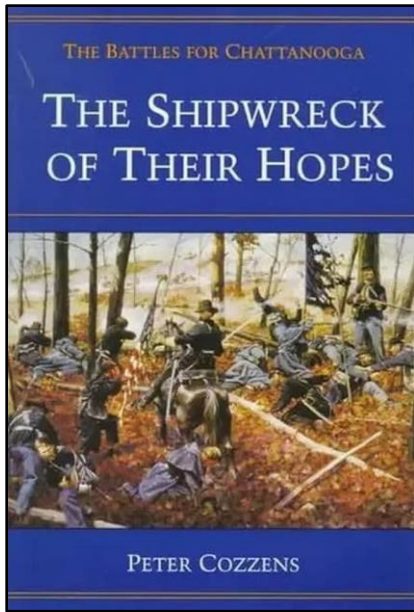
Throughout his service, Captain Richardson submitted numerous requisitions for clothing, shoes, blankets, horse equipage and forage for his troops. At least 154 pages of his records survive, a comparatively large number. Family Bible records help to tell his story.

In the 1870 census, Lucian and Arabella were living next door to her parents in Henrico County. For Lucian’s occupation, the word “Gentleman” had a line drawn through it, perhaps indicating that he was still unable to work. Two family Bibles state that he died on May 26, 1883, and burial site was unknown., Lucian was not listed in the 1880 census. His wife, Arabella, had married John Lawrence before that census was taken. She died on January 13, 1885 and was buried at Oakwood. It is possible that Lucian died during the 1870s and *may* be interred there as well.

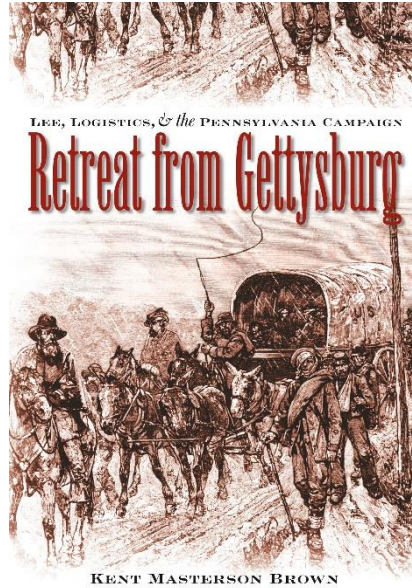
More on brother James Clifford Richardson next month.

# August Book Raffle

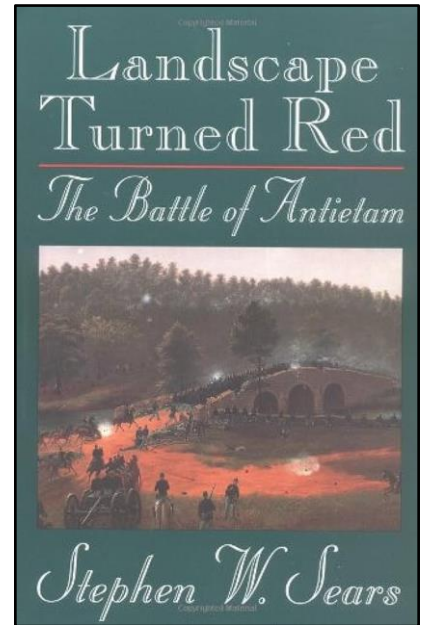
## Chattanooga - Gettysburg - Sharpsburg



"The Shipwreck of Their Hopes"  
by Peter Cozzens

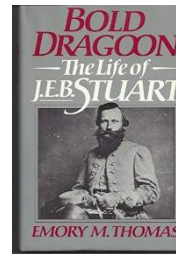


"Retreat from Gettysburg"  
by Kent Brown



"Landscape Turned Red"  
by Steven Sears

Bonus Book:  
"Bold Dragon: The Life  
of JEB Stuart"  
By Emory Thomas



# Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On September 26th, 2023 - Hampton Newsome  
will present:

"Gettysburg's Second Front: Union Opportunity and  
Failure at Richmond"

