



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



July 2023 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, July 26th, 2023, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

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 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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July Guest Speaker

Lee Pelton

“Don’t call them the 8th!”



The 8th Texas Cavalry Regiment, popularly known as Terry's Texas Rangers, was a regiment of Texas volunteers assembled by Colonel Benjamin Franklin Terry in 1861. Though lesser known than the Texas Brigade, the 8th Texas Cavalry distinguished itself at several battles during the American Civil War. In four years of service, Terry's Texas Rangers fought in over 275 engagements in seven states. The regiment earned a reputation that ranked it among the most effective mounted regiments in the Western Theater. Of the more than 1,700 men who were mustered in, less than 300 returned home.

Lee Pelton was born and raised in El Paso, Texas. He is currently a member of SCV Princess Anne Camp 484 and a reenactor in the Civil War units 'Norfolk Light Artillery Blues' and 'Charlotte Battery'.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 28th of June at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County., Va., **31** Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

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

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Program:

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

Kenny gave us a very interesting talk with a wealth of vintage photos of the huge harbor, dock, warehousing and railroad facilities at City Point. In 1864-1865 it was the most heavily defended port in the United States. Despite this, John Maxwell of the Confederate Espionage Service infiltrated the camp and convinced a Union guard to place a box (bomb, timer and detonator) onboard a ship that was pier side. The results were an explosion much more powerful than the explosion at the Crater on the Petersburg line. The local destruction of piers, railroads, warehouses and pier side ships was massive. Despite all of the damage, Union work parties had the port operational and providing full support to the Army of the Potomac in 9 days.



1st Lt. Cmdr. Ron Perry
welcomes Commander
Kenny Bage of the
Dearing-Beauregard
Camp

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported that we received our order for a second Cross of Honor and are coating it with a black epoxy. Our two crosses will be installed on veterans' graves at Olive Branch Cemetery this fall. Sherron Ware donated two Confederate flags to the Camp for our future use.

Old & New Business

- Adjutant's Report – Chief of Staff Parsons
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Griggs
- Raffle of Henry Rifle (see below) – Compatriot Frame

Commander's Comments

Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$73 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain George Corbett

Thank You from the Lane-Armistead Camp:

Thank you to the James City Cavalry for your support of the Lane-Armistead raffle of the Henry Rifle. This is our major camp fund-raiser for 2023. You purchased 32 of the raffle tickets at your June camp meeting.

- Marvin 'Casey' Frame

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Sam Davis Youth Camp

Miss Callie Lyons was sponsored by Camp 2095 at the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Here she is packed and ready to head over toward Thaxton, Virginia, on June 17 for her week at Camp. Callie will be our guest at the July meeting to share some stories of her adventures.



Commander's Comments

A friend in Nashville sent me a copy of *Napoleon – A Life* by Andrew Roberts. It is only 930 pages long. It has been sitting on the 'pile to read' for a while. I have just finished his Italian Campaign of 1796-1797. I am only on page 145.

In March, 1796, a 26 year old general arrived to take command of the Army of Italy. He was well recognized as an artillery officer but had never commanded infantry. His army of 40,000 men had 5 division commanders who were all older and had much more experience than young Napoleon. Arrayed against him were Austrian and Piedmontese forces of over 80,000 men. His solution was to march light with only ammunition wagons and live off the land. Armies of this era marched 10 miles a day, the Army of Italy will now do 25 to 40 miles per day. He inserted his army between the Austrians and the Piedmontese and defeated them in detail bringing the superior numbers to every battle. In less than two months he fought almost 20 battles, won them all, gained the surrender of the entire Piedmont army and state. Then he turned his total attention to the Austrian forces and drove them out of central Italy. Does this remind anyone of Stonewall Jackson? I felt like I was reading an account of the Valley Campaign of 1862. Did they teach Napoleon's tactics at West Point in the early 1800s? Did Stonewall study Napoleon on his own? If Napoleon was a West Point course of study why was only one cadet paying serious attention.

As an artillery officer he observed commanding generals holding 'Councils of War' with their subordinates. In 1796, in a letter, he wrote that "Nothing should ever be decided by a council of war in an army under my command. Councils are only resorted to as a cowardly proceeding intended to distribute blame." Generals Bragg, McClellan, Hooker, Burnside, and many others missed that day in class.

- Jeff Toalson

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Did you ever leave something in a place that you knew you would be able to find it when you returned? In the November 2015 and January 2016 editions of *Picket Lines*, we looked at the lives of the four Barnes brothers, all veterans of the Confederate army. The oldest brother, James Henry Barnes (1833-1909) served in the James City Cavalry, returned home after the war and served several local churches as a minister. Late in life in 1894, James married a widow, Florence Celeste Mann, who had two daughters from a previous marriage.

At the time of Rev. Barnes death on April 7, 1909, he was living with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Addie Vaughan in Gloucester County. He was buried at Poroporone Baptist Church in Shacklefords, King and Queen County at that time. When the earlier article was published, we assumed that he was still interred there. There is a tall granite marker still in place today in that cemetery with both James and Florence Barnes names and dates chiseled in the stone.

At our 2023 Remembrance Day service at Peach Park cemetery, 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry had a revelation. As he realized we were memorializing the life and service of Lt. Col. James Harvey Allen who had served in the James City Cavalry, that got his attention. For a number of years, Ron has been placing a Confederate flag at the grave of the only known Confederate veteran buried at the Peninsula Memorial Park in Newport News. Since that cemetery was not developed until 1932, that could be true.

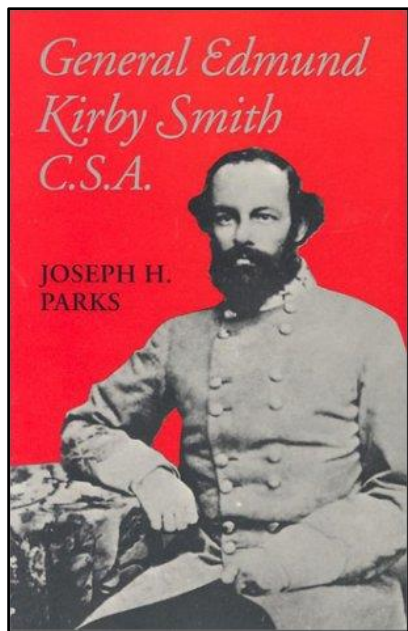
As it turns out, this veteran is none other than Rev. James Henry Barnes, whom up until now, we had assumed was still buried at the cemetery in Shacklefords! As stated in the earlier article, he had two step-daughters, Macon and Mary Barnes (perhaps he adopted them, giving them his last name). In time, they both graduated from The College of William and Mary and were high school teachers in Richmond at the time of the 1920 census. Rev. Barnes had also attended the college and may have influenced their education before his death. A year later, Mary married Alexander K. Terry, and by 1930, the three were living in Newport News. He was a railroad clerk and the women were again teachers.

Alexander Terry died in 1938, and four burial plots were purchased at Peninsula Memorial Park at that time. On September 9, 1946, the daughters had Rev. Barnes remains reinterred in one of these plots. Ultimately, the two women were buried in the other two plots. But why were their mother's remains left at Shacklefords? Perhaps her first husband is buried there. The daughters were young when Rev. Barnes entered their lives and he, undoubtedly, had a special relationship with them.

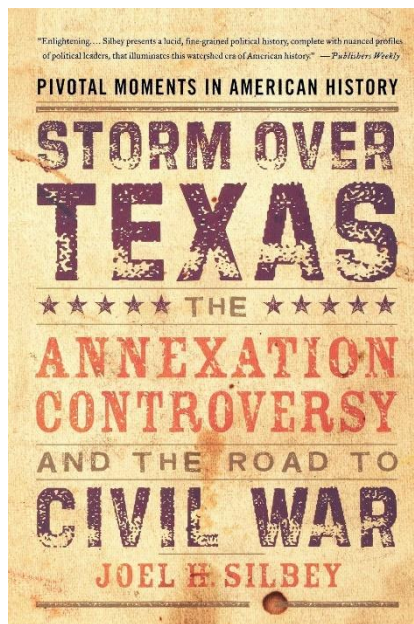
If Ron Perry had not transferred to our camp and attended this year's Remembrance Day service, we may never have known that Rev. James Henry Barnes was not where we thought he was! And more importantly, his service and memory has been honored on Memorial weekends with a Confederate flag placed at his grave for a number of years. We are indebted to 1st Lt. Commander Ron Perry for honoring another James City Cavalry veteran and bringing this interesting story to our attention.



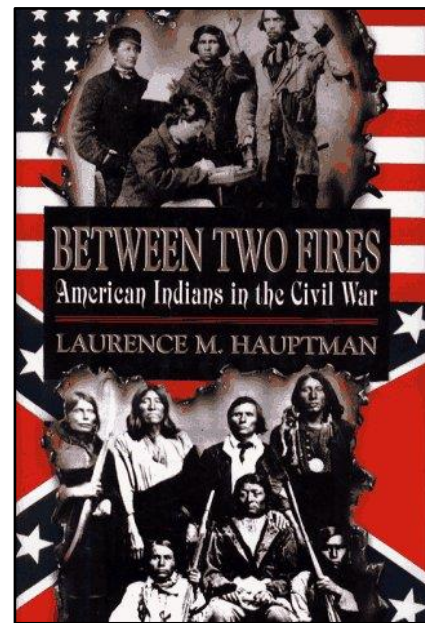
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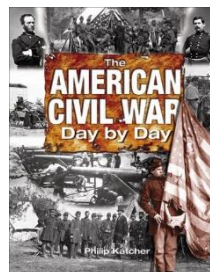
"General Edmund Kirby Smith, C.S.A."
by Joseph Howard Parks



"Storm over Texas: The Annexation Controversy and the Road to Civil War"
By Joel H. Silbey



"Between Two Fires: American Indians in the Civil War"
by Laurence M. Hauptman



Bonus Book:
"The American Civil War: Day by Day"
By Philip Katcher

"Sons" of the S.C.V.



Chief of Staff Ken Parsons with 'First Grandson' Bill Harrison

Twice in our last newsletter we mentioned 'First Grandson Bill Harrison.' Some of you may have been confused. The SCV refers to the first son of a Confederate veteran as a 'Real Son.' All Real Sons are now deceased. The SCV now recognizes 'Real Grandsons.' To be a 'Real Grandson' you have to be the first-born son of the 'Real Son.' Very few of those folks exist. Compatriot Bill Harrison is a first son of a first son of a Confederate veteran. The SCV has sent Bill a medal and ribbon honoring his distinction. I used 'First Grandson' in the newsletter because 'Real Grandson' does not seem very descriptive. -- Cmdr. Jeff Toalson