

NEXT MUSTER



CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Friday, December 20th, 2013, 6:30pm Toano Women's Club 7965 Richmond Road Toano, VA 23168

> Presentation: Joey+Rory "Josephine" http://joeyandrory.com/

Free to all A potluck dish is very gratefully appreciated

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Meeting:

Held 27 Nov. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club, James City Cty., Va., 33 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation Pledge & Salute to the Flags Break for Supper The SCV Charge Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of* Miss Bridget M. Grimes Employee, Dept. #6, C. S. Laboratory, Brown's Island Richmond, Virginia

Program:

Brendan Geyer, one of the soldiers we have sent care packages to, attending the meeting with Ray Adams.

The Camp received a very educational talk from Les Updike on 'The 10 Reasons for Secession and 1 Reason for War! We all learned little tidbits of knowledge about tarriffs, former threats of Secession, Hamiltonian vs Jeffersonian political philosophy, the importation of slaves and the 5 (Continued on Page 2)

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states that had 'state owned' fleets of ships transporting slaves from Africa to our shores. Les, showed how war can almost always be traced back to greed and money.

We had 4 family members as special guests to honor with us the memory of Bridget Grimes. Compatriot Richard Schwartz, his mother Louise Schwartz (who is president of the Toano Women's Club), his sister Karen Schwartz Pickens, and his niece Hailey Pickens. Following the candle ceremony Richard provided us with additional information and asked for our assistance is getting Bridget's name added to the monument in Oakwood Cemetery. Richard has excellent documentation and David Ware will take the initial lead with the MOS&B. Based on the results of those efforts we will contact the UDC and present the case and seek their permission. Richard is willing to fund the sandblasting costs. Richard also hopes to add a cemetery marker to the dual grave of Bridget Grimes and Barbara Grimes at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Richmond.

Committee Reports & Announcements: Support the Troops

Two more packages went out to Sgt. Thomas Toquothy in Afghanistan. Sparky Harcourt reported that Tom says his fellow soldiers look forward to the WET WIPES, Q-TIPS, DENTAL FLOSS, and MOSITURE LOTION. The other stuff is nice but they REALLY NEED the personal hygiene items. We had a nice grouping of products this month. EVERYONE . . . bring soem of the 4 KEY ITEMS that Tom says he and his buddies need. They Thank You for your support!

Christmas Party, December 20th:

We need quite a few folks to show up at 5:00 to help us set up the tables and chairs . . . trim the room . . . layout the banquet table etc etc. If you can, please show up early to help us get ready. Party starts at 6:00. The Camp is providing the BBQ and the Brunswick Stew . . . bring your favorite side dish or dessert. **Book Raffle:** \$90.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the November raffle.



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

Our soldier is Marine Sgt. Tommy Toquothy, Son-in-Law of Compatriot Sparkie Harcort. Sgt. Toquothy is presently stationed in Afghanistan. The Camp continues to send packages with your help.

Immediately Needed Items :







(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

William Henry Braithwaite was born on December 13, 1831, in Princess Anne County. His father, William Braithwaite, was a farmer based on the 1840 census, and there were several other young children in his household. However, there was no female listed that could have been his wife, indicating that she may have died while the children were young. William Henry became a carpenter and was employed at the shipyards around Norfolk prior to the war.

Braithwaite enlisted in Company F, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on May 20, 1861, in Williamsburg, as a 2nd Lieutenant. In October, he was granted a sixty day furlough and was back on duty in Williamsburg in January 1862. He was reelected 2nd Lieutenant in May 11, 1862, and promoted to 1st Lieutenant on October 15, 1862. Braithwaite was on sick leave for several periods of the war; October 1862 through February 1863, October through December 1863, and May through December 1864. His records indicated that he had a two year disability caused by chronic hepatitis. This may account for the long sick leave periods, part of which was spent in Richmond hospitals. He was paroled in Richmond on May 12, 1865.

Delia Adalaide Churchill Bucktrout (1847-1918) was the daughter of Richard Manning Bucktrout, the well known cabinet maker and undertaker in Williamsburg prior to and during the war years. Though still young at the time of the Battle of Williamsburg on May 5th (which was Delia's birthday), she was a champion of the Southern cause. While serving as a nurse's aide at the hospital in Bruton Parish Church, she was told to give water to a Union patient. With terse lips, she told him that she would give him water only because he was sick, but if he was well, she would kill him! Her father later sent her to live in Richmond for a time where she worked as a seamstress.

Toward the end of the war, Delia was involved in smuggling secret messages and mail sewn into her petticoats through the blockades to Confederate authorities in Richmond. The ladies in town collected mail and gave it to Richard Bucktrout to pass along through Delia. In 1912, A. D. West signed an affidavit that he had driven a team of horses conveying Delia Bucktrout with two trunks and mail when she ran the blockade. Earlier, she had been arrested near Indian Field on the York River by the cavalry for carrying mail and tried by Colonel Keyes in Yorktown. With another trial pending, she ran the blockade one last time and stayed in Richmond until the war was over.

It is thought that Delia met William Braithwaite during her time in Richmond. Perhaps he followed her back to Williamsburg after the war, for they were married on December 27, 1865 at the Bucktrout home on Duke of Gloucester Street [present day site of the Kings Arms tavern]. Richard Bucktrout gave the young couple two lots on Francis Street, east of the Chiswell house [present day parking lot for the taverns]. Braithwaite built a Greek revival style home there that he expanded over the years to accommodate his family of twelve children.

William Braithwaite's occupation was listed as "house carpenter," working with his father-in-law in the early years after the war. Eventually, William's health began to break down from wartime maladies, and he opened a building material supply store. Delia soon added groceries and tobacco to the merchandise offered. By the 1880 census, William was listed as a "retail grocer." However, he never regained good health and died on August 23, 1893. He is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery along with several other family members. After his death, Delia kept the retail business going and with the help of one of her sons and her half brother, Horatio Bucktrout, revived the undertaking business that continues today in Williamsburg.



JINE THE JAMES CITY CAVALRY AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Presentation of Joey+Rory "Josephine"!

> JCC Christmas Trivia Question: Saint Nick or Steve White?

The Camp is providing BBQ & Brunswick Stew & Requests one large Potluck dish from each Family/Party

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