



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



October 2017 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

Camp #2095  1st 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, October 26th, 2017, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted)

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Private Miles F. Adams

Company E – “Montgomery Highlanders” - 4th Virginia Infantry

October Guest Speaker

Bob Krick
Richmond
National
Battlefield Parks
Historian



*“The Seven
Days
Campaign”*

Bob will talk on the Seven Days Campaign before Richmond in 1862.

After stints at 'Little Big Horn' and 'Manassas' Bob has been the 'Historian' at the Richmond National Battlefield Parks for 26 years and counting. The author of multiple books and many articles on the WBTS he is working on a book covering the Battle of Gaines' Mill.

In 2010 he spoke to the Camp about "Drewry's Bluff - Gibraltar of the Confederacy" and in 2012 he spoke on "Stonewall Jackson's Travails in the 7 Days Campaign." It is an honor to have Bob Krick joining us for our October meeting.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 27 September at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 28 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Jim Raiford

Guests Introduced by Commander Toalson

- Mac Harris
- Dennis Dash (future member)

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot David Beish in honor of
Reverend Davis M. Wood
Botetourt County, Virginia

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Mrs. Beth White.

Mrs. White presented "*PTSD in the War for Southern Independence*", a highly compelling discussion on post-traumatic stress as experienced by Civil War soldiers.



Mrs. Beth White and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Leach

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported all quiet on cemetery maintenance which is normal for this time of year.

Old & New Business

- Where is the computer projector and extension cord? None of the attendees know.
- Virginia State Fair - Mon 10/2 or Sunday 10/8
- 2017 Christmas Party – Adjutant Ken Parsons: see page 4 for details

New Member Inductions

Bob Dennis (father)
Jeremy Dennis (son)



Adj. Parsons, Bob Dennis, Jeremy Dennis & 1st.Lt. Cmdr. Leach

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:30 PM

Camp Officers



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Commander's Comments

Compatriots:

We are honored, as we get ready to start our 12th year as the James City Cavalry, to have Robert E. Lee Krick joining us to discuss the Seven Days Campaign of 1862. This is the emergence of General Robert E. Lee and the formation of the Army of Northern Virginia. The Seven Days will serve as job auditions for a wide variety of Confederate officers. Bob will captivate us and give us deeper understanding of this campaign, of his namesake, and of the men wearing the butternut.

Join me on the 25th in welcoming Bob for his third speaking engagement with the Cavalry.

Many of you did not see my recent editorial in the *Virginia Gazette* regarding the Confederate monuments that stand in virtually every county seat in the various Southern states. Paul has included the essay in this issue for those of you who do not subscribe or might have missed reading the editorial page. Continuing education is necessary to dispel poorly informed illusion.

I am also happy to report that Bill Harrison is home and doing well after getting a new heart valve. Ed Engle is at home after almost a month in rehab with his newly repaired back. We hope to see them both back at our meetings very soon.

Remember, we serve in their memory.

Jeff Toalson – Commander

Rock Island National Cemetery – Confederate Section - Rock Island, IL



The first 1,976 men who were buried in this cemetery were Confederate prisoners of war. Their burial ground, just outside the prison walls, would become the starting point for the National Cemetery. There is a large stand of trees that divides this section from the rest of the cemetery. On the cemetery website it notes, "1,850 of these men died of disease and malnutrition." What is not articulated is that the other 126 were murdered by the prison guards. First person accounts of some of those killings can be read in *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion*.

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

We are winding down on gravesites of Confederate veterans buried in Williamsburg/James City County with ties to the area before or after the war. There are, of course, many other burials, both of known and unknown men that can be explored.

Maurice Edward Donegan was born on January 2, 1838, in New York City. His parents were Irish immigrants, and so far, his early life has escaped discovery. What is known is that in 1860, he was living in Harriet Powell's boarding house in Richmond where he was working as a brick layer. He must have relocated to Williamsburg within the next year for in 1861, he married Eudoxia Blassingham (1845-1923), daughter of Robert and Mary Blassingham. In 1853, Robert had purchased the house and lot on the eastern end of Duke of Gloucester Street where the reconstructed Burdett's Ordinary (sign of Edinburgh Castle) stands today. In addition to living there, he operated a mercantile business at that site.

Maurice Donegan enlisted as a private in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, in Williamsburg on May 4, 1862. His service with the regiment was brief. He was sick in a hospital in Richmond from May 23 to October 14, 1862. After that on November 26, 1862, he was listed as detailed in Richmond as a bricklayer. His sketchy service records show him as AWOL from December 10, 1862 through February 11, 1865. Another record indicted that he had been detailed with the Nitre and Mining Bureau in Richmond beginning on May 6, 1862. So, while we know that Maurice Donegan enlisted for the cause, we are not exactly sure of his service record.

Back in Williamsburg after the war was over in 1865, Miranda Wall sold the eastern two-thirds of the house and lot immediately west of Blassingham's property to Maurice Donegan. This is the present day location of the John Crump house. In 1865, it was a

rather large, two story house with three front doors and a porch along the street. In the 1870 census, Maurice and Eudoxia Donegan and three children were living in this house. Maurice was listed as a brick layer who was born in New York.

The 1880 census enumerated the Donegans living in the same house. Maurice was still a brick mason, and they had six children living with them having lost one child in 1878. Three more children were born to the Donegans by 1890 bringing the total to ten including the little girl who died earlier. In 1882, the house was debt free and title was transferred to Maurice Donegan in fee simple.

Following a suit filed in 1889 by the Mutual Assurance Society vs. Maurice Donegan and his brother-in-law, John Blassingham (who then owned the back part of the lot), the title was conveyed to Missouri F. Timberlake, widow of Colonel John Corbett Timberlake who had died in 1888 (Picket Lines September 2011) and a sister of Eudoxia Donegan. The Timberlakes owned the adjacent Blassingham property after Robert Blassingham's death in 1872. In 1893, the City Council ordered Timberlake to demolish the part of the Donegan house that was falling down as it had become a fire hazard.

Maurice Edward Donegan died on December 10, 1895, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. In 1896, Missouri Blassingham Timberlake conveyed the house and lot formerly owned by her father Robert Blassingham to Eudoxia Donegan and her eldest son, Robert Ewell Donegan. Perhaps the former Donegan house had been totally demolished or was uninhabitable by that time. Eudoxia Donegan died in 1923 and was buried next to her husband at Cedar Grove. Several of their children and spouses were also interred there.

These Are More Than Just Monuments

Published in the 'Virginia Gazette' on September 23, 1027, on page 20A

In your August 19 issue you featured an excellent political cartoon and a very thoughtful essay on General Robert E. Lee by D. S. Ellis. I would like to expand a little bit on Ellis' discussion of Confederate memorials.

Virtually every county seat in Virginia, and in almost every other Southern state, has a monument, of some type, to honor the local citizens who answered the call of their state and joined the Confederate service.

Virtually every county seat, in most of the Northern states, has a monument to honor their local citizens who answered the call of their state and joined the Union service.

These were the fathers, brothers, cousins, grandfathers and uncles of the citizens who were left behind. Some survived and came home. Some perished in battles, hospitals and prison camps.

For Williamsburg and James City County the men primarily served in Company C "The Williamsburg Junior Guard" of the 32nd Virginia Infantry; in Company H "The James City Cavalry" of the 5th Virginia Cavalry; and in Company B "The James City Artillery" of the 1st Virginia Artillery. More than 430 local citizens served in these three units. Additional local citizens served Virginia and the Confederacy in a variety of other commands.

The vast majority of these memorials were built between 1890 and 1935. Generally these memorials were either an obelisk (like Williamsburg) or a tall pedestal of some type with an infantryman, an artilleryman or a pyramid of cannonballs on top. These memorials honor the local citizens who served in our only war against each other.

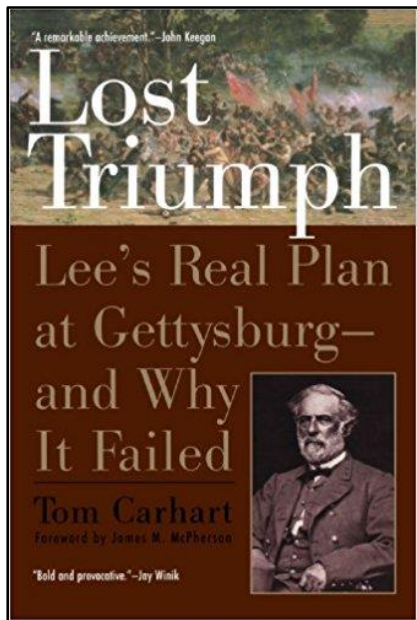
Virginia has protected these memorials by state law and it is "unlawful for the authorities of any locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere" with these memorials. These local memorials recognize the local citizens who served, the local citizens who died, and the local citizens who never came home. It is no different than memorials to local citizens who served in the Revolution, the War of 1812, WW1, WW2, Korea or Viet Nam. The memorial is sacred ground and should be treated with respect by the current and future citizens of our community.

J. Toalson
Williamsburg

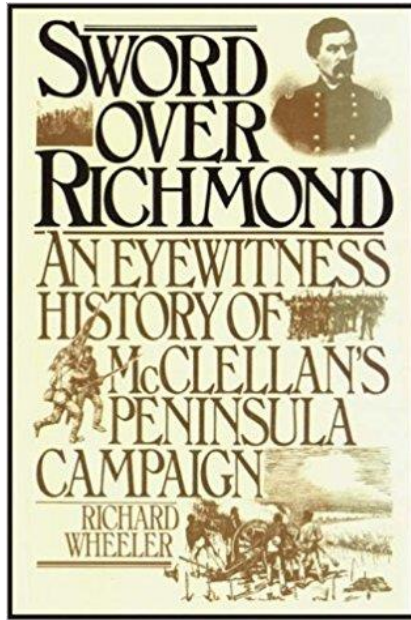


Sesquicentennial Re-enactment Photo of the Battle of New Market
Photo Credit - Jean Keating

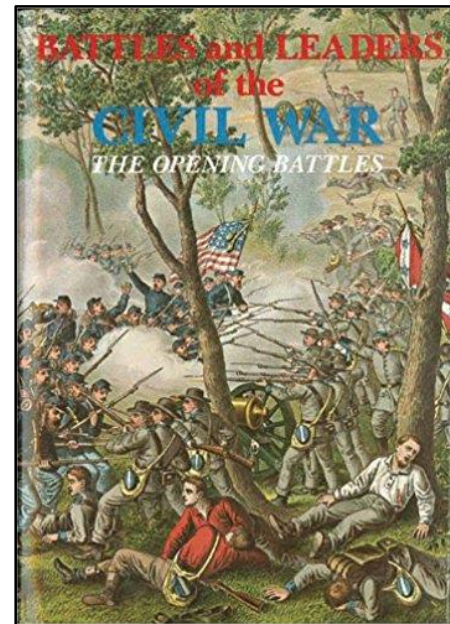
October Book Raffle



“Lost Triumph, Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why It Failed”
by Tom Carhart



“Sword Over Richmond, An Eyewitness History of McClellan's Peninsula Campaign”
by Richard Wheeler



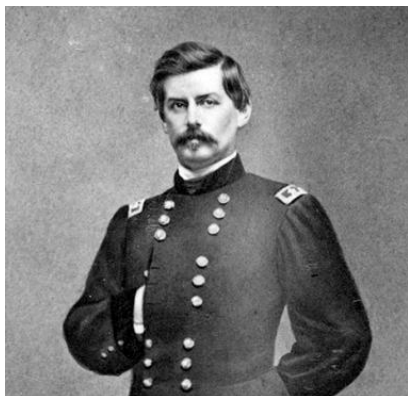
“Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, The Opening Battles Volume I”
by Century Magazine (editor)

October Trivia Question:

Who was sued in 1863 when all available railroad freight cars were used for military transport instead of shipping a bonus crop of peaches?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On October 24th, 2017 – Dennis Frye will present:

“Did McClellan out-think Lee during the first Confederate invasion?”

2017 James City Cavalry

Christmas Supper

Friday December 15th

Colonial Heritage Country Club

In our regular meeting room

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MENU

House Salad with 2 dressings

Medium Flank Steak served with Shallot & Red Wine

Roasted Vegetable Medley

Creamy Garlic Red Mashed Potatoes

Warm Rolls with butter

Layered Lemon Cake with Whipped Cream

Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Vegetarian Option:

Pasta Primavera

COST

\$20 per person PREPAID reservations required December 1st.

We must have 50 confirmed reservations by November 24th to keep the price at \$20.00 per person.

Seating is limited to 60 people on a first come, first reserved basis.

Reservation: Mail with check to Ken Parsons, 217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Names: _____

\$20.00

\$20.00

Write VEGGIE after your name if you need vegetarian option

Total:

\$_____

Need to be 90% booked by the November 22nd meeting.