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

A PATRIOTIC HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND PRESERVING THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, September 26th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Preston Nutall

Chesterfield County, Virginia

*"The Amish Rebel – The Story of a Midshipman
at the Confederate Naval Academy"*

Preston last spoke with us in 2010 about the CSS *Albemarle*. He is an entertaining speaker and this will be an interesting and seldom discussed topic. Bring a guest or new prospective member to our September 26th meeting.

Honored Confederate Soldiers:

Sgt. William S. Eakes & Private John S. Eakes
Company B 'Townsville Guards' – 12th N. C. Infantry

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)



RSVP By:

Monday, August 20th, 2012

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 22 August at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 43 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords

Guest Introduction by Commander Jerry White.

Two guests from the Civil War Roundtable.

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of
Sgt. William S Eakes and Pvt. John S, Eakes,
Company B "Townsville Guards",
12th North Carolina Infantry.*

Candle lit by Mary Eakes Brewer in memory of her
Great-Grandfather John Eakes and her Great-Great-
Uncle William Eakes.

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson introduced our guest
speaker, Colonel Norman G. Cooper, US Army (Ret.).

Colonel Cooper entertained the camp with a wide
ranging collection of humorous stories and anecdotes
from the Peninsula Campaign.

New Members:

Three new members were inducted into the Camp:

Kyle Summerfield (in absentia, his father Scott
standing in), Mark Carpenter and Aaron Anderson.

Committee Reports & Announcements:

Treasurer's Report

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CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

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Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated we have \$1,723 in the checking account and just over \$2,000 in the savings account. Ken reminded all to send the entire membership invoice to him with payment.

Trivia Question

What was the risk General Lee took at the Battle of Chancellorsville?

Answer: He split his force, which was a questionable action given he was outnumbered 3 to 1.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin was not present tonight, but Jerry White reminded all to bring needed troop support items to the next meeting.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt Commander Steve White indicated that the Camp installed a headstone at Olive Branch Christian Church for CSA veteran Pinketham Garrett. Garrett was a member of the James City Artillery. Garrett's ancestors, Greg and Cheryl Garrett of Chicago, IL visited the cemetery during their recent family reunion. Steve also reported that Scott Summerfield will be cutting grass at Peach Park until Chris Hockaday gets his mower repaired. Steve and George Bridewell plan to work on the Hockaday Cemetery in New Kent this winter after crops have been harvested.

Old Business

None to report.

New Business

Adjutant Ken Parsons presented a cake to Joe Crafford in honor of his 90th birthday. The cake was from Jim Harris and Fred Satterfield. Joe is related to the Craffords of Fort Crafford, Mulberry Island located at the current Fort Eustis.

It was noted that the Christmas Supper will be held December 14th at the Toano Women's Club.



Book Raffle:

\$115.00 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the two donations: A three volume set – "The Civil War - A Narrative" by Shelby Foote, and "Colonel John Pelham - Lee's boy Artillerist" by William W. Hassler.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:25PM.

CAMP PICTORIAL



Colonel Norman G. Cooper, US Army (Ret.) entertains all with a witty and wonderful presentation



Adjutant Parsons & 1st Lt. Commander Toalson induct Compatriots Kyle Summerfield, Mark Carpenter and Aaron Anderson.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Preston Nutall
Chesterfield County, Virginia

"The Amish Rebel – The Story of a Midshipman at the Confederate Naval Academy"

The Confederate Naval Academy was located in Richmond, Virginia, at Rockett's Landing on the James River. The C.S.S. *Patrick Henry* was the training ship and also provided berthing accommodations for the midshipmen. Preston utilizes a young Amish boy to portray the story of life in the Confederate Naval Academy and also to delve into the personal conflicts of many Amish and Mennonite citizens about accepting the rule of 'turning the other cheek' when your farm was being pillaged and plundered by Yankee raiders. This historical novel is based on a wealth of historical fact and Preston was fortunate that Midshipmen Clarence Cary and Hubbard Minor both kept diaries of their experiences. As with his excellent historical novel and talk about the C.S.S. *Albemarle*, we will journey back in time and become immersed in the life of the midshipmen and the history of the Confederate counterpart to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Compatriot Nuttall is a lifelong resident of Chesterfield County, Virginia who has identified nine ancestors who served the Confederacy. Two of his ancestors were in Pickett's Division and were at the battle of Gettysburg. Preston is the author of four books on the WBTS and is a member of the James Longstreet Camp. He and his wife Pat are welcomed back as our guests.

UPCOMING MUSTERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

Wednesday, October 24th

Mr. Jeff Toalson

Author and Historian

"Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive – A Composite Diary of 1863 in the Confederacy"

Wednesday, November 28th

Mr. Robert Glazer

Williamsburg area Civil War Re-Enactor

"The Battle of Williamsburg from a perspective of geography and the location of current recognizable landmarks."

Friday, December 14th

CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Toano Women's Club
7965 Richmond Road
Toano, VA 23168



HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Lt. Colonel John C. Timberlake
Co. E – 53rd Virginia Infantry

John was born in 1829 in New Kent County, Va., the son of John and Frances Timberlake. By 1850 he was living with his widowed mother on the family farm near the Courthouse in New Kent. In the 1860 census he is listed as a merchant, living in the same area.

John enlisted in Company E of the 53rd Virginia Infantry on July 8, 1861 at West Point. He was elected Captain of Company E. John stood 5' 8", had a fair complexion, dark hair and blue eyes.

He was sick at home on medical furlough from November, 1861 through February, 1862. In June, 1862 he was absent sick again but was present on the muster roll at the end of August.

Promoted to Major in March, 1863. In April he was admitted to Chimborazo Genl. Hospital #4 with dysentery and was transferred to Huguenot Springs Hospital in May. He was back with his regiment for the invasion of Pennsylvania and was captured at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

As a POW he was sent to Fort McHenry in Baltimore, on July 7 he was transferred to Fort Delaware and on July 18 he was transferred to Johnson's Island, Ohio. He escaped from Johnson's Island but was quickly recaptured. On April 22, 1864 he was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland. On April 26 he was admitted to Hammond Genl. Hospital with chronic diarrhea. He was exchanged at Aiken's Landing, Virginia on May 8, 1864.

John immediately was sent to Chimborazo #4 with chronic diarrhea and debility. August 17, 1864 records show John at Chimborazo #4 with the same ailments.

He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in October, 1864. Captured at Sailor's Creek on April 6, 1865 and sent to Old Capital Prison in D.C., and then to Johnson's Island, Ohio on April 21, 1865. He took the oath and was released on July 25, 1865.

Postwar John married Missouri Florida Blassingham on July 21, 1869. The 1870 census shows John as 43 and Missouri as 18. They had 8 children. John was both a lumberman and a farmer. He died April 19, 1888 and is buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg, Virginia.

(*'Confederate Gravesite' – James City Cavalry Picket Lines, Sep., 2011, article by Fred Boelt; Micro Copy 324, Roll 952, Compiled Service Records – Confederate, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia.*)

PARTING WORDS TO THE YANKEES

(Contributed by our August Speaker, Colonel Norman G. Cooper, US Army (Ret.))

The following (transcribed) document was found in one of the dwellings at Yorktown, VA:

To the Future Yankee Occupants of this place:

We have retired to the country for a short time to recruit our health. We find that with your two hundred thousand men you are too modest to visit this place, and we give you an opportunity to satisfy your curiosity with regard to our defenses, assuring you that we will call upon you soon.

We hope a few days' residence in a house once occupied by men will induce enough courage in your gallant hearts to enable you to come within at least two miles of white men hereafter. Be sure to have on hand a supply of pork'n beans when we return; also, some codfish and "apple sass." When we learn to relish such diet we may become like you - Puritanical, selfish, thieving, God-forgotten, devil-worshipping, devil-belonging, African-loving, blue-bellied Yankees. Advise father Abraham to keep his Scotch cloak on hand, to keep soberer, and your wise Congress to hunt up two thousand five hundred millions of specie to pay the debt you have incurred in winning the contempt of every live man. We have on hand a few tools which we devote to the special duty of loosening the links of your steel shirts. Couldn't you get a few iron-clad men to do your fighting? Are you not horribly afraid that we will shoot you below the shirts? When are you coming to Richmond? Couldn't you go up the river with us? There is one score which we will yet settle with you to the death. Your fiend-like treatment of old men and helpless women reads you out of the pale of civilized warfare, and if rifles are true and knives keen, we will rid some of you of your beastly inclinations.

When you arise as high in the scale of created beings as a Brazilian monkey, we will allow you sometimes to associate with your negroes; but until then Southern soil will be too hot for the sons of the Pilgrims. The only dealing we will have with you is, henceforth, war to the knife. We despise you as heartily as we can whip you easily on any equal field.

Most heartily at your service, whenever you offer a fight.

J. TRAVISO SCOTT
Company A, Sixth Georgia Volunteers

Ed. - Many grateful thanks to Col. Cooper for this historical contribution. The reference to "steel shirts", according to the Colonel, appears to be the chest plates sold to individual soldiers - they proved too heavy, too hot and ineffective, so they were soon ditched on the march.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Fort Magruder – We do annual clean-up and maintenance to the trees, shrubbery, moat, fortifications and general grounds.

Local Family Cemeteries – We have restored and we maintain local family cemeteries in James City County including Sunnyside, Peach Park and Cowles-Spencer-Durand plus Hockaday cemetery in New Kent County.

Support of U. S. Troops Overseas - We send three monthly care packages to servicemen who are stationed overseas. For the last three years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Genealogical Research Site – We maintain genealogical cemetery research information on family cemeteries in New Kent, James City & Charles City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website: www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Historical Education – We schedule well known historians and authors for historical talks 10 months per year at our meetings. Guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except May & December) at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and our speaker is introduced at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person, paid in advance. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 to reserve your seats (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, Va. 23188).



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SUPPORT THE TROOPS

In the book "Until Tuesday" by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan, his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the following note on wet wipes...

"...the best thing to send soldiers."
"Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other awful place you can think of. They were also great to wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have been a lot more jammed weapons and a few more dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket expenses. If you really want to send something useful to the troops, send baby wipes."



Other Items desired :

Slim Jims
Beef Jerky
Mints
Gum
Nuts (all kinds) & Dried Fruit
Single powdered drink mixes
(such as Crystal Lite)
Soap Bars
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Shampoo (regular and dandruff)
Deodorant
Lotion
Floss
Advil
Stamps
Paperback Books & DVDs

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

William Henry Sheild, Jr. was born on July 15, 1834 in York County. His parents were Dr. W. H. Sheild and his first wife, Anna Byrd Corbin (1808-1847). At the time of Mrs. Sheild's death, this family was living at the well known Moore House in Yorktown. She is buried in the small cemetery there. William, Jr. was educated at the College of William and Mary in 1852-1853, at the University of Virginia in 1854, and received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1856. He returned to Virginia to practice after his graduation.

In the 1860 census this Sheild family was living at Gloucester Courthouse where both father and son were listed as physicians. William, Jr. enlisted as a private in Company G, Peninsula Light Artillery (Cosnahan's Battery), 32nd Virginia Infantry, on June 25, 1861, at Williamsburg. He was detailed as apothecary at the hospital in Williamsburg beginning on August 2nd. He transferred to the infantry, was appointed Assistant Surgeon, CSA, on May 15, 1862, and was assigned to the regiment on January 8, 1863. He was promoted to Surgeon on February 16th of that year, and served in this capacity with the 32nd Virginia Infantry throughout the war. William Sheild was paroled at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.

After the war, William Sheild returned to York County to practice medicine. He was living in the Nelson District of the county and was practicing in the Yorktown area. He was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in 1889. At the time of Dr. John Clopton's resignation as Assistant Physician in 1890, Sheild resigned from the Board and moved to Williamsburg. He filled that position for four years until the time of his death.

William H. Sheild, Jr. died on October 22, 1894 at the residence of Capt C. B. Trevilian on Francis Street [*Picket Lines*, February 2012]. He was sick for only a few weeks before his death. He was said to be a man of high intellectual attainments and a skilled surgeon. At the time of his death, he was a member and Surgeon of Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans, and also a member of the Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery under the auspices of the Magruder-Ewell Camp. Sheild's grave is one of the eight marked graves out in front of the Confederate monument. His obituary stated that this section of the lot belonged to

the camp.

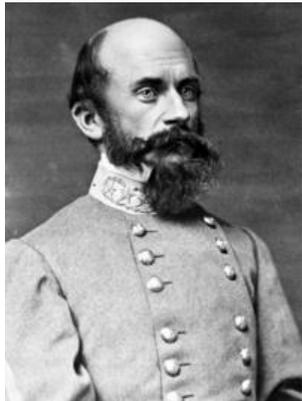
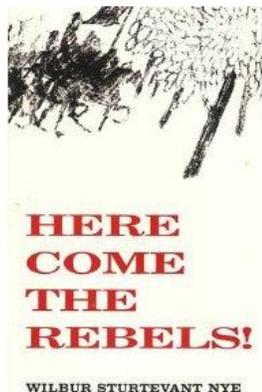
William Sheild, Jr. had two younger brothers who also served in Confederate forces. Orlando Fairfax Sheild was born on April 21, 1836 in York County. Little is known of his early life, but on May 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Peninsula Light Artillery, at Upper Grafton. He was appointed 2nd Lieutenant. When the 1st Regiment, Virginia Artillery, organized in September 1861, Company G was merged into this regiment. Orlando's record showed that he was sick on April 24, 1862, in a Williamsburg Hospital. He died of Typhoid Fever on May 3, 1862. An entry in the Bucktrout Day Book and Ledger indicated that he was in Cosnahan's Artillery, and he was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in grave #17 in the Virginia Row.

The other brother was Samuel Corbin Sheild, born on March 17, 1844, at Stony Point in York County. Again, little is known of his early years. He was living with his family in Gloucester County when the 1860 census was taken. He enlisted as a private in Company A, 5th Virginia Cavalry, at Gloucester Point, on April 25, 1862. His service record was rather uneventful; sick in November and December 1863, issued clothing in July and September 1864, and was sick again in late September of that year. He was captured at Five Forks on April 1, 1865, and was sent to Point Lookout. He was released on June 14, 1865.

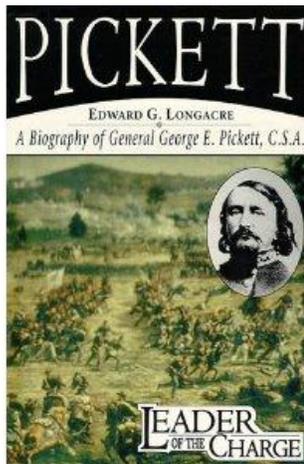
It seems that Samuel Sheild settled in Richmond after the war. About 1873, he married Sarah F. Yarborough, daughter of a tobacconist living on Broad Street there. They had one son, Sam, Jr., born in 1875. The 1880 census showed this family living with the Yarboroughs, and Samuel's occupation was listed as "tobacco merchant." At various times in Richmond, he served as Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Deputy Sheriff, and as a United States Gauger. At the time of his death, he was Recording Clerk of the Chancery Court. Samuel Corbin Sheild died on January 9, 1920, in Richmond. His obituary stated that he had requested to be buried in Williamsburg. There is no tombstone for him in Cedar Grove Cemetery, but we have to assume that he is there with his two brothers.



SEPTEMBER BOOK RAFFLE



“Here Come The Rebels!” Wilbur S. Nye, Hardcover, 1984, Dayton, 407 pages
 A managing editor of 'Civil War Times' and resident of Gettysburg demanded that Wilbur write on the Gettysburg Campaign. Brings focus to the actions of the Second Corp of the A.N.V. [now under General Ewell] and the actions around Winchester and movement into Maryland and Pennsylvania. Also contains major focus on cavalry engagements at Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville. Ewell's men reach Harrisburg, Pa before they turn southward toward the small town of Gettysburg. A very good read on a portion of the campaign often ignored.



“Pickett – Leader of the Charge”
 Edward Longacre, Signed, Hardcover, 1995, White Mane, 242 pages

A biography of George Pickett from childhood, to West Point, the Mexican War, duty on the frontier, joining the Confederacy, service in the CSA, postwar life. One of the more comprehensive looks at his life. George had his moments of excellent service to the Confederacy but overall he is best judged as a very average general.

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

What Virginia-born artillerist named four of his cannons Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John?

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