



# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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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, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188

**Guest Speaker:**

**Mr. Robert Montague**  
Urbana, Virginia

*“John C. Breckinridge –  
U. S. Vice President & Confederate General”*



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –  
Includes Dessert & Coffee**

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

**Honored Confederate Soldier:**

**Private John Jackman**  
Co B, 9th Kentucky Infantry

**No RSVP Required**

**Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend**

## JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

**Mr. Robert Montague**  
Urbana, Virginia

*“John C. Breckinridge –  
U. S. Vice President & Confederate General”*

Born near Lexington, Kentucky in 1821 he graduated from Centre College in 1839 and studied law at Transylvania University. He began his law practice in 1845. He was elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1849, to the U. S. House of Representatives 1851-1855, and as Vice President of the United States on the Buchanan ticket in 1856. He opposed the war but when Kentucky declared for the Union he accepted a commission as a Brigadier General with the Confederacy on November 2, 1861. He commanded the Reserve Corps at Shiloh, was in command of the Vicksburg defenses in the summer of 1862, served with distinction at Murfreesboro, with Johnston in the summer of 1863, and at Chickamauga. Breckinridge had command of the Department of SW Virginia in 1864, distinguished himself at New Market, and campaigned with Early in the 1864 Valley Campaign. In February, 1865 he was appointed CSA Secretary of War by President Davis. Postwar he fled to England and Canada but returned in 1869 to his law practice in Lexington and died there in 1875 following a medical operation.

Robert is a Virginia native and the oldest living relative of John C. Breckinridge. Both his undergraduate and law degree (1961) were earned at UVA. He twice won the Mumma oratorical contest defeating a gentleman named Ted Kennedy in his first victory. Initially employed as the Asst. Attorney General for Kentucky he moved to Alexandria in 1964 and practiced law in Alexandria and Urbana continuously from 1964 until 2004. He is a member of the R. E. Lee SCV Camp of Alexandria .

Bring a guest to our June meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Mr. Montague at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 for reservations.

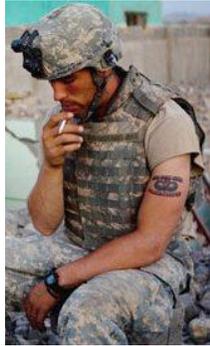
1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson



# SUPPORT THE TROOPS

## Immediate Need Items :

Q-Tips  
Hard Candy  
Slim Jims  
Lip Balm  
Beef Jerky  
Dental Floss  
Moisture Lotion



## JAMES CITY CAVALRY CAMP CHARGE

"The James City Cavalry, Camp 2095, Sons of Confederate Veterans, is proud of the brave men who left their homes and families in defense of Constitutional Liberty and States Rights to face overwhelming odds. Many paid the ultimate price; all endured hardships and suffering while maintaining the reputation of the greatest fighting force the world had ever known. Placing their faith in God, the Southern Soldiers fought for a just cause and the light of their accomplishments can never be dimmed or shadowed by any revision of history."

## IMAGINE THIS INCIDENT IN A GOVERNMENT SCHOOL:

Douglas S. Freeman in Volume IV page 293 recounts this story of General Lee's justice while president of Washington (later Washington and Lee) College:



"In the winter of 1866-67, John M. Graham, a matriculate from Tennessee, found his supply of wood diminishing with rapidity. Suspecting that one of the Negro janitors was helping himself to the hickory, Graham loaded a stick with gunpowder and left it temptingly on the pile in his room. Next morning the stove in Professor Joynes's classroom blew up, and the place was set afire. The flames were quickly put out and small damage was done, but there was a first-class sensation, for Joynes insisted that the act was malicious. General Lee brought up the matter at chapel the following day and asked that any student who knew anything about the affair would report at his office that morning. Reasoning that the janitor had stolen his wood to feed Professor Joynes's fire, rather than go through the snow to the college woodpile, Graham took a companion with him, to bear him witness, and went to see the General. He related his story and explained how he had set the trap for the thief. 'But General,' he had the wit to conclude, 'I didn't know it was Professor Joynes.' Lee laughed. 'Well, Mr. Graham, your plan to find out who was taking your wood was a good one, but your powder charge was too heavy. Next time use less powder.' There the matter ended."

## FUTURE CAMP EVENTS & SPEAKERS

July 24

Mrs. Billie Earnest – Historical Speaker  
'Mr. Michael Miley – R. E. Lee's Photographer'

Aug. 28

Ms. Marilyn Iglesias – First Person Historian  
'Captain Sally Thompkins & the Robertson Hospital'

Sept. 25

Dr. Mallory Read – Medical Doctor & Historian  
'Lincoln's Lues – The Disease of Tyrants'

Oct. 23

Mr. Arthur Wingo – NPS Chimborazo Guide  
'The Chimborazo Hospital Complex in Richmond 61-65'

Nov. 27

Mr. Les Updike – Compatriot with Longstreet Camp  
'10 Reasons for Secession – 1 Reason for War'

December

CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER

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# CAMP PICTORIAL



## CONFEDERATE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND PICNIC SUPPER



Held at Olive Branch Church Cemetery and Fred Boelt's farm on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

# CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Following up after our April article on Galba Vaiden, we will look at the life and service of his cousin this month. Jacob Vaiden was born on June 5, 1830. He was the son of Jacob Vaiden and his wife, Wealthan (Anna) Vaiden Vaiden. This family lived in eastern New Kent near Barhamsville, and later moved to the Wilson's Landing area in Charles City County. Around 1855, Jacob, the son, married Rebecca T. Harwood in Charles City County. She was the daughter of William T. and Rebecca Christian Harwood of Holly Hill. Jacob and Rebecca resided at Black Swamp in Charles City County before and during the war, where he engaged in farming. They had two sons, John Edward and William Jacob, born before Jacob went off to war.

After Virginia seceded from the Union, the build-up of Union forces at Fort Monroe heightened the threat of an attack on Richmond, the Confederate capital. There was a distinct possibility that the Yankees could achieve this goal by water. The James River was navigable all the way to the fall line, making its defense of primary importance. Batteries at Mulberry Island in Warwick County and at Jamestown Island locally were hastily erected to thwart any Union aggression by water. By this time, William Allen, one of the wealthiest men in Virginia, was the sole proprietor of Jamestown Island. In May 1861, he organized what became Company E, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Virginia Artillery, and immediately took his men to Jamestown to throw up the fortifications. Allen's company, later known as the Jamestown Artillery, and other units continued to defend the river from the island through the rest of year.

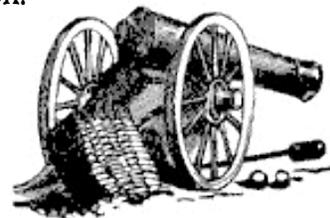
In December, Magruder ordered the 52<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Militia to Jamestown as support for the three artillery companies stationed there. On December 12, 1861, Jacob Vaiden mustered into this regiment in Charles City County as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. His older brother, George W. Vaiden, was captain of this company that subsequently became Company A. By nightfall, this unit had arrived at Jamestown Island. Due to the short notice given to report, many of the men were given short furloughs to return home to arrange their affairs during their expected absences. Jacob was issued a furlough from December 31 to January 6,

1862, for this purpose.

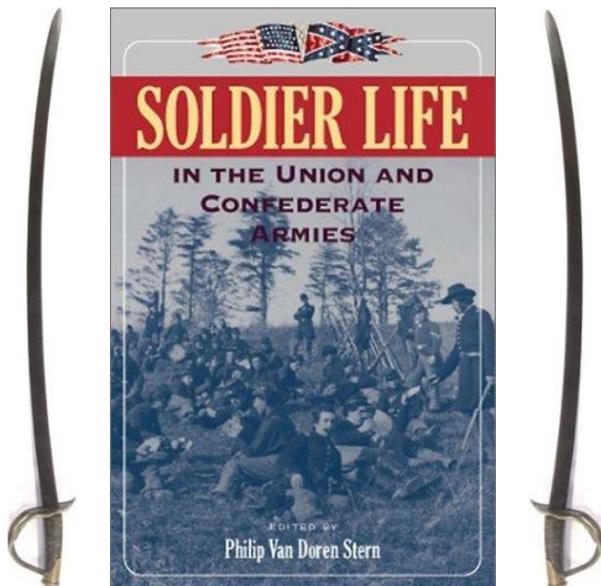
Jacob Vaiden was present on the company roll for January. The February roll indicated that he had been detailed on the 20<sup>th</sup> by Colonel Hill Carter to go to New Kent to arrest some delinquents and had not returned at the end of the month. On March 18, 1862, Colonel Carter honorably discharged Jacob Vaiden by the order of Major General Magruder. The final page of his record stated that he was paid \$240.00 on April 10<sup>th</sup> for the full tenure of his service. There is no indication that he served in other units or was a prisoner of war after this time. It seems probable that Vaiden returned to his farm in Charles City.

Jacob and Rebecca had two more children, Annie and George, born in Charles City before the 1870 census was taken. Jacob was again listed as a farmer. Daughter Minnie was born in July 1871. In December of that year, Jacob purchased a 219 acre tract of land in James City County, formerly belonging to Joshua Morris. Jacob and Rebecca's last two children, James and Mary, were born after the family moved to this county. In 1898, Vaiden purchased an adjacent 21 acres known as Foxes from Robert Armistead. Located near present day Five Forks along Ironbound Road, heirs of Jacob and Rebecca still live on a portion of this land today.

Three of the Vaiden children, William, George and Annie all settled in Alabama. The other four stayed on the family farm in James City. Rebecca Vaiden died in 1891, John Edward in 1901, Mary in 1902, and Minnie in 1906. Jacob Vaiden died on October 26, 1906. A lifetime farmer, his brief obituary stated simply that the funeral would be held at Five Forks Church (present day Jamestown Presbyterian Church) and interment would follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The following year, the three children living in Alabama transferred their inherited rights to the farm to their brother, James Bolden Vaiden.

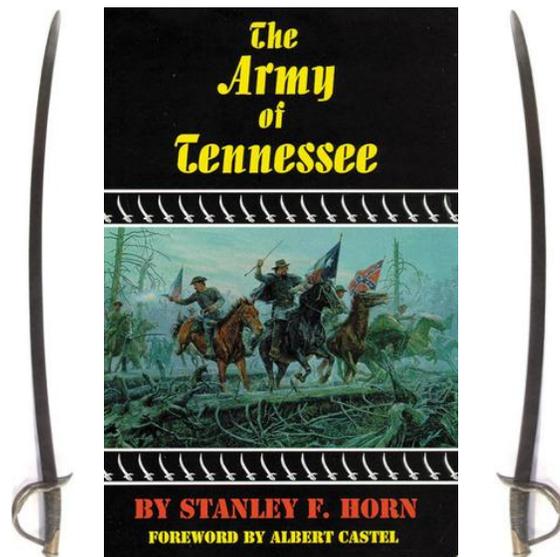


# JUNE BOOK RAFFLE



**"Soldier Life in the Union & Confederate Armies" Philip Van Doren Stern, 1966 New York, Hard Cover, 400 pages**

A general study of life for the common soldier. Chapters deal with rations, recruits, mules, march, log huts, recruitment, disease and punishment. A condensed version of 'The Life of Johnny Reb' & 'The Life of Billy Yank.'



**"The Army of Tennessee" Stanley Horn, 1952 Norman, Hard Cover, 503 pages**

Traces the history of this major CSA army from Shiloh to Bennett Place. Generals Bragg and Johnston were in command the majority of the time but A. S. Johnson, Beauregard and Hood also saw command. An excellent work giving an overview of this often poorly led army resisting the Union armies in Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas.

## APRIL TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Who is the only Confederate General honored by an outdoor statue in the District of Columbia?**



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