



James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011, 6:30pm

Colonial Heritage Club
<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Private William R.D. Johnson
7th Battalion, Georgia Cavalry

Mrs. Jamie Radtke
Candidate for the U. S. Senate for Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

**“Saving America – Our Founder’s Vision of a
Constitutional Republic”**

From the moment our Constitution was ratified various factions have taken actions to alter the intent of our founding father’s vision. Their ideal was one of limited Federal government with most rights remaining with the individual states. This concept is more in line with Thomas Jefferson’s vision rather than the Federalist vision of Alexander Hamilton. Since the early 1800s our Presidents, Representatives, Senators and the Supreme Court have struggled with these concepts even as the Federal government assumes more power and the States steadily have their rights eroded. *Tonight you will take a non-partisan journey into our founding father’s visions of a Constitutional Republic, the meaning of key amendments, and what has happened and is continuing to happen to erode the ideals of our Constitution.*

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
**(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)**

No RSVP required per Adjutant Ken Parsons

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 39 attendees
Welcome given by Commander Jerry White
Invocation given by Chaplain Bill Blizzard
Pledge & Salute to the Flags
The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords
Ancestral Memorial Candle: *“Lt. Col. James H. Allen
– 5th Virginia Cavalry* read by Compatriot Charles
Eugene Bush.

Induction of New Members:

Mr. James M.H. Harris and Lt. Eric D. Raines
(with his father Compatriot Warren Raines standing in)
were inducted into membership in the James City
Cavalry and presented with their certificates.



*1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson (l.) administers the
SCV Oath to Lt. Eric Raines, his father, Warren
Raines (c.) standing in, and Mr. James M.H. Harris.*

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Support the Troops

Compatriot Goodwin sent 2 packages in September.
Supplies are in good shape. Thank you for the
excellent mix brought last month. Lt. Raines and his
unit are rotating home. Does anyone have another
soldier for us to support?

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

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Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons advised that we have over \$3000 in our accounts.

Cemetery Report

Thanked Compatriot Richard Mountcastle for mowing the moat at Ft. Magruder. Maintenance work at our cemeteries will be booked in the upcoming winter months.

Christmas Party

The Toano Women's Hall is proceeding with repairs. All plans are go to have our potluck Christmas party in Toano. The date is still Friday, December 16. More details to follow.

Book Auction:

The Compatriot Bridewell book auction generated \$45 which was donated to the Camp general fund.

Program:

Our guest speaker was **Mr. Jonathan White** of Waynesboro. He gave an excellent talk and educated us in depth on tariffs from 1830-1860 and the impact of tariffs and the **Economics of Coercion** on the conflict.



Camp Commander Jerry White and LCDR White.

Benediction:

Chaplain Bill Blizzard

Adjournment:

Camp adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



We are about a month away from our annual Christmas party which will be held at the Women's Club in Toano, the same location as last year. Quartermaster Jim Swords is preparing a flyer on the event so I won't go into detail here. It promises to be another great event for the camp.

A couple of weeks ago I heard a presentation by an archaeologist from Jamestown who mentioned the excavation of a Confederate earthworks at Jamestown near the site of the original church which is being called Fort Pocahontas (not to be confused with a later installation in Charles City County.) I have included two photos I took of the sign describing the fort and what is essentially a "bombproof" which is akin to what we would call a bunker. The fort is expected to be covered over in January and some of the relics are supposed to be on display on the island. I found a reference to the installation in the *Official Records* in an after-action report of the Peninsula Campaign by General Magruder praising William Allen who was responsible for the construction of the fortifications.

On another note, I emailed everyone an announcement of a speaker on the "Civil War" in Williamsburg by a professor at William & Mary. The lecture was a disappointment as the speaker gave a disorganized presentation in which he read his notes and used slides which were not coordinated with his speech. His bottom line was that the Union army recognized the problems inherent with long lines of supply during the Peninsula Campaign and thus began to use canned food rather than fresh meat, etc, to supply its troops. This uneventful performance was in sharp contrast to the excellent speakers we have been privileged to have at our camp. Jeff Toalson continues to do an outstanding job in acquiring interesting and informative speakers.

Deo Vindice
Jerry White

NOVEMBER MEETING BOOK AUCTION

**"Going to Meet The Yankees - A History of the
"Bloody Sixth" Mississippi Infantry"**

**H. Grady Howell, Jr., Jackson, 1981
hardback, 388 pages.**

An excellent regimental history" in the words
of James Thompson, Historian in Chief of the SCV.

The unit was engaged at Shiloh, Port Gibson,
Big Black, Vicksburg, the Atlanta Campaign, Franklin
and Nashville. Their battleflag was emblaized with
"VICTORY OR DEATH" on the field of white.

**"The Peninsula Campaign 1862 - McClellan and Lee
Struggle for Richmond"**

**Joseph P. Cullen, Gettysburg, 1973
hardback, 186 pages.**

A very good overview of the campaign and of "the
inescapable conclusion that McClellan was a failure as
a field commander."

MRS. JAMIE RADTKE



Mrs. Radtke is a conservative candidate for the U.
S. Senate in the November, 2012 general election. She
will compete in the Republican primary. She believes
in fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited
government, free markets, and accountability. She is
President of the Richmond Tea Party and Chairwoman
Emeritus of the Virginia Tea Party Patriots. Jamie
has her undergraduate degree in Government from
Liberty University and her masters in Public Policy
from William and Mary.

Bring a guest to our November 23rd meeting. This
will be an educational, non-partisan, and thought
provoking evening that will expand your knowledge of
our Constitution and the intent of key amendments.

PRIVATE WILLIAM R.D. JOHNSON

**COMPANY F
SEVENTH BATTALION GEORGIA CAVALRY**

William was born May 22, 1843, the son of William
and Elizabeth Johnson.

The 1860 census shows William as 17 as a farm
laborer on his father's farm.

In June, 1863 he joined the Georgia State Guard
and was mustered in as a private in Company F – 7th
Battalion Georgia Cavalry. He provided his own horse
which was valued at \$400 and equipment valued at
\$80.

Company F was called into active service on
September 17, 1863.

William is shown as "absent sick and not present
for pay" on the December, 1863 muster rolls of the 7th
Battalion.

In January, 1864 Company F of the 7th Battalion
was merged into the 7th Georgia Cavalry as Company
C. William is shown on the January muster report as
"absent sick."

No further record found.

In January, 1870 William married Mary Ann Hart.
They have real estate worth \$2500 and \$770 of
personal property. They will have 13 children all of
whom live to adulthood. 7 of the children will be
boys.

William is a farmer his entire life. The 1900
census notes that they own their home & that there is
no mortgage on "home or land." They own 136 acres.

William dies on July 27, 1914 and is buried in the
Mills Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Warren
County, Georgia. He is buried beside Mary who passed
on August 15, 1910.

(1860,1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 census reports from
Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. Micro-copy 266, Roll 39,
Compiled Service Records – Confederate (7th
Battalion) and Micro-copy 266, Roll 37 (7th Georgia
Cavalry), United Daughters of the Confederacy Library,
Richmond, Virginia.)

CONFEDERATE PICTORIAL - FORT POCAHONTAS

(Contributed by Camp Commander Jerry White)



Fort Pocahontas

The embankment and earth mounds before you are the remnants of a Confederate Civil War earthwork named Fort Pocahontas. One of five Civil War forts constructed on Jamestown Island, this shore battery of 18 guns was positioned to stop Federal ships from moving upriver toward Richmond, the capital and industrial center of the Confederacy.

Jamestown landowner William Allen and his slaves began construction of the earthworks in the spring of 1861, and Confederate naval engineer Lt. Catesby ap Roger Jones completed them. General Robert E. Lee personally inspected Fort Pocahontas on June 5, 1861.

Confederate forces tested ironclad targets with Fort Pocahontas guns, the results of which were put to test in the Battle of Hampton Roads, the famous clash of the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly the USS Merrimack).

The fort was abandoned without a fight on May 3, 1862, and the troops retreated to a position closer to Richmond after burning the powder magazines and gun carriages. Under Federal control, Jamestown Island was occasionally used as a camp for escaped slaves.

Archaeologists have discovered the fort's timber-plank gun emplacements, moats, ramps, powder magazines, and bomb-proofs.



Gunpowder storage magazine, center of Fort Pocahontas



Archaeologists uncovering remains of timber-plank gun emplacements



Fort Pocahontas earthwork on



Information
.org/1861



CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Robert Anderson Bright, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Anderson Bright, was born in Williamsburg in March 1839. The Bright home stands today between Richmond Road and Zable Stadium at the College of William and Mary. The eastern portion of the Alumni Association's headquarters is the original Bright family home. There was a large tract of land with this house that extended west along Richmond Road, at least past present day Mount Vernon Avenue. It should be noted that this land was in James City County well into the twentieth century. Both Samuel and his son, Robert, actively farmed this land throughout their lives.

Robert Bright attended the College of William Mary in 1854-1855, and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1857. He was back in Williamsburg living with his parents when the call to arms came in 1861. Bright enlisted at Upper Grafton on May 18th into Company G, Peninsula Light Artillery, originally with the 32nd Virginia Infantry. He was appointed 1st lieutenant at that time, and the company served around Yorktown for a while. In September 1861, the 1st Regiment, Virginia Artillery, was formed, and the Peninsula Light Artillery was one of six companies accepted into the regiment. Bright was listed as a brevetted 2nd lieutenant on the October roster, and he was absent on a four day leave on December 30, 1861, in Williamsburg. Undoubtedly, he was glad to have a brief visit with his family during the holidays even though they were not very festive that year.

On February 4, 1862, Bright was assigned to take charge of heavy baggage at Lebanon Church [Warwick County, now Newport News], and he was present on the April 30th roster that spring. On May 23rd, he was in General Hospital #21 in Richmond with chronic diarrhea, and was later transferred to private quarters at Amelia Springs. The 1st Regiment disbanded in June 1862, and the men were assigned to other units. Bright resigned due to health in August 1862, but later reenlisted into Company B, 53rd Virginia Infantry. He was with Pickett at Gettysburg, and was appointed lieutenant in September 1863, and captain in October. He was detailed as aide-de-camp on Major General George E. Pickett's staff on July 11, 1864. Records indicate that he surrendered at Appomattox in 1865.

Robert Bright returned to the family farm after the war. About 1871, he married Annie Munford, daughter of John Durburrow Munford and his second wife, Eliza Roper Munford, of Williamsburg. Robert and Annie lost two young children in 1876 and 1877, but had three other children who survived their mother's early death in 1881. Bright continued to manage the family farming operation for the rest of his life. In 1886, he was president of the Board of Directors for the Asylum. He also served on the executive committee for the William and Mary Alumni Association for several years, and on the staff of General John B. Gordon during the reunion of the Confederate Veterans held in Richmond in 1897. He was an honorary member of the Pickett-Bircham Camp, Confederate Veterans, in Norfolk.

After a short bout with pneumonia, Robert Anderson Bright died on March 18, 1904, at his home. After his funeral, which was held at Bruton Parish Church, he was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery beside his wife and their infant children. Later, other family members were interred there as well.

Perhaps one on Bright's legacies is a paper that he wrote in 1900 about Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. Having been there with Pickett, Bright had kept copious notes from the time of battle, and wrote a detailed description of the battle. This was published in *The Times Dispatch* (Richmond) on February 7, 1904, just a few weeks before his death. At one point, Bright was commenting that General Pickett and his staff were riding about twenty yards behind the advancing column. "When we had gone about four hundred yards, the general said to me, 'Captain, you have lost your spurs today, instead of gaining them.' Riding on his right side, I looked at once at my left boot, and saw that the shank of my spur had been mashed around and the rowel was looking towards the front, the work of a piece of shell, I suppose, but that was the first I knew of it. Then I remembered the Irishman's remark, that one spur was enough, because if one side of your horse went, the other would be sure to go." There was a bit of humor even in the midst of the charge!

CHRISTMAS SUPPER - ADJUTANT'S NOTE

The question has been asked, "Why not go to Colonial Heritage for our Camp Christmas Supper? Why have the wives cook?"

Here are several reasons:

1. Food charges at Colonial Heritage would be significantly larger than those paid at our meetings.
2. We're not permitted to have a "potluck" at Colonial Heritage.
3. The room in which we are typically hosted is not large enough to accommodate the numbers that attend our Christmas gatherings. We would have to rent the Ballroom at Colonial Heritage for an additional cost of \$250.
4. Children's supper costs at Colonial Heritage would be approximately \$10. We are expecting 6-8 children and would not want to discourage the attendance of future SCV Compatriots and UDC Members.
5. The Camp is providing Barbeque and Brunswick Stew - something we cannot do at Colonial Heritage.
6. The Camp is requesting only one large dish from each family/party and, by previous results, we anticipate having more than enough food of various types to please all who attend.
7. The Women's Club in Toano provides a more informal gathering place where we would not be distracted by the activities of wait staff or other patrons, as can sometimes be the case at Colonial Heritage.
8. We wish to provide an opportunity for the cooks in the Camp, men and/or women, to share their culinary talents and swap recipes.

The Camp is hoping these reasons allay any concerns.

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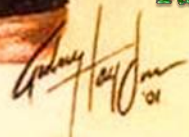
JINE THE JAMES CITY CAVALRY

AT A CONFEDERATE CHRISTMAS SUPPER!

Please bring your Artifacts for proud display – we may also have a Silent Auction!

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

JCC Christmas Trivia Question:
Saint Nick or Steve White?



**December 16th, 2011
6:00pm – 9:00pm**

at the

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

