



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



September 2016 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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 28th, 2016, 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 Henry Winder Garrett

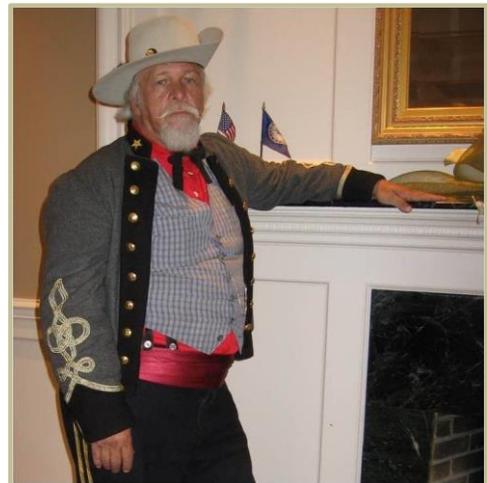
Co. A – VMI Cadets & 43rd Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers)

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:

All are encouraged to attend.

September Guest Speaker

Commander Frank Earnest
Suffolk



"The Return of von Borcke"

Mr. Earnest will tell us about Johann von Borcke, a colorful Prussian cavalry officer who served as an aide to J.E.B. Stuart.

Commander Frank Earnest is a legend in the SCV, having held just about every office from his local camp all the way up to Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. His life has been dedicated to the furtherance of the principles of the SCV. Commander Earnest is still striving to uphold the good name of his Confederate ancestors by serving on a multitude of SCV committees.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 24 August at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., **32** attendees

Called to Order by Commander Jeff Toalson

Respectful behavior, please no speaking when someone has the floor.

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

Welcome & Recognize Guests

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of
Captain John D. Grantham – 61st. Alabama Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest speaker: Mrs. Billie Earnest

Billie presented *"The Life of Rev. William Mack Lee"*, the story of the life journey of a man born a slave, who served Robert E. Lee through the war years as a freed man, and became a community leader for many years after the war.



Induction of New Members

Jon Holland and John Holt



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported on grass mowing at Peach Park in July by Scott Summerfield and in August by Richard MountCastle.

Old & New Business

- Donations to the Archive Dept. at the Swem Library
- Oct. meeting on the *Hunley* & Nov. meeting on *Southern Songs*.
- Christmas party at Col. Heritage for \$20 per person?
- Upcoming Dues Statements from SCV

Book Raffle

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

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment

8:20 PM

Camp Officers



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Commander's Comments

Commander Jeff Toalson is on vacation this month. Look for his comments in next month's edition of the Picket Lines.



First Florida Infantry Flag



This Cassidy pattern battle flag was issued to the 1st Florida in the spring of 1862. They were part of Bragg's Corp and arrived as part of the Army of Mississippi without a battle flag. So they were provided a design that Gen. Beauregard was promoting. Note the design has only 12 stars, the stars have 6 points. Some of this pattern had pink or gold fringe for a border, this flag has a solid white. Note the skinny dimensions of this rectangular flag. Later in 1862 the 'Shiloh' battle honors were added. This flag is in the collection of the Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans.

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

This month we will look at another of the more elusive veterans buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery. William Lehman Parsons was born on May 23, 1832, in the section of Virginia that became West Virginia. His early life remains a mystery. His obituary stated that he first enlisted briefly in the infantry though this has not been confirmed.

What is known is that William Parsons enlisted as a private in Company F (Hampshire Riflemen), 7th Virginia Cavalry (also known as Ashby's Cavalry) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on April 18, 1862. He was present through July 1, 1862. Sketchy records indicate that he was present in November-December 1862, although a post war roster listed him as captured in Moorefield, West Virginia on December 2, 1862. The summary of his service record bears this fact out but no details are included.

The next record listed a citation for gallantry given to William Parsons by Lt. Col. Marshall at Funkstown, Maryland on July 7, 1863. Parsons' black horse, "regularly appraised, mustered into service, and entered on the muster rolls on September 20, 1863," was killed in action on October 19, 1863, at Buckland [western Prince William County, Virginia]. Parsons was reimbursed \$533.00 for that horse. He was marked absent from December 31, 1863 through March 31, 1864, but was detailed to acquire a fresh horse on March 26, of that year. Present on April 30, 1864, Parsons' horse was wounded at the Wilderness on May 5th and Parsons himself was wounded at Ashland on June 1st. He was listed as sick at Charlottesville General Hospital on July 4th and was absent through August 30, 1864.

From this point on, the records for William Parsons go

dark. He took the oath of allegiance at Moorefield, West Virginia on July 1, 1865. After the war, he lived and farmed in Moorefield and there is no evidence that he married or had children. He was admitted to the R. E. Lee Camp Soldiers Home in Richmond on March 29, 1893, and was transferred to Eastern State Hospital on January 3, 1905. William Lehman Parsons died at Eastern State Hospital on May 13, 1923, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

William Parsons' obituary gave a little insight into his life. "About 18 years ago [1905] the old man left a bundle of papers with Miss Letty Warburton, of whom he was very fond, and gave certain directions for the disposal of his effects after his death. It was ascertained by Miss Warburton that Mr. Parsons had about \$700 deposited in a bank in Morgantown, W. Va., and after considerable trouble, this money was recovered and used for the small comforts that the old man enjoyed in his last years.

He was also a friend of W. L. Jones and often visited him for a talk about old times. In later years his mind became much weakened, although his physical health permitted him to go about town and call on his friends. Many who did not know Mr. Parsons may recall having seen the old gentleman walking along the streets clad in a faded uniform which, it is said, he always wore." Undoubtedly, he was laid to rest in that same uniform.

It will be recalled that William Leonard Jones and his older brother Henley Taylor Jones both served in Company C. 32nd Virginia Infantry [*Picket Lines*, July 2011]. It is probable that W. L. Jones and W. L. Parsons had many stories to swap about the Late Unpleasantness.



Honored Confederate Soldier

Private Henry Winder Garrett Co. A – VMI Cadets & 43rd Virginia Cavalry (Mosby's Rangers)

Henry Winder Garrett was born on December 23, 1844.

Henry was the son of Dr. Robert Major Garrett and his wife, Susan Comfort Winder Garrett of Williamsburg, Virginia.

In December, 1862, Dr. Garrett received a letter noting that VMI tuition was running \$400 -\$500 per year and it would be difficult to gain admission for his son.

Henry Garrett entered VMI on April 22, 1863. He served as a private in the Corp of Cadets. At the battle of New Market he is credited with wounding and capturing a Union officer.

Private Garrett served with the Cadets in the trenches of Richmond and resigned from the Corp on January 1, 1865, to join Mosby's Rangers of the 43rd Virginia Cavalry.

Postwar he studied at William & Mary in 1865 and 1866. He then studied law at the University of Virginia. VMI awarded him an honorary graduation in the VMI class of 1867.

He taught school and practiced law for 3 years in Giles County, Tennessee.

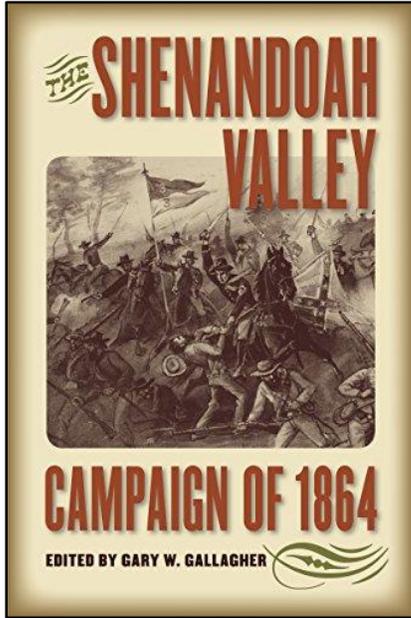
1874 found Henry in Johnson County, Texas, also teaching and practicing law.

Henry returned to Williamsburg and practiced law and farmed. He never married.

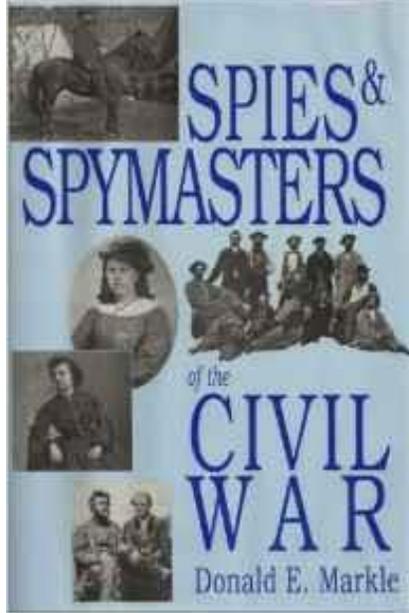
Henry Winder Garrett died on May 6, 1879 (34 years & 5 months). He is buried in the Garrett plot at the Bruton Parish graveyard in Williamsburg, Virginia.



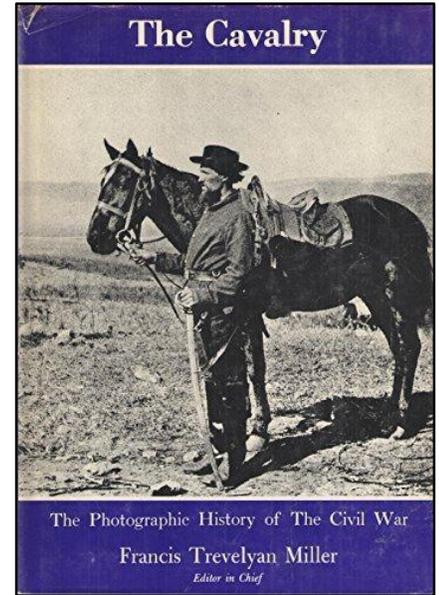
September Book Raffle



"The Shenandoah Valley, Campaign of 1864", Edited by Gary W. Gallagher



"Spies & Spymasters of the Civil War", by Donald E. Markle



"The Cavalry, The Photographic History of the Civil War", Francis Trevelyan Miller, Editor in Chief

September Trivia Question:



What was the "Angel's Glow"?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On September 27th, 2016 – Bob Krick will present:

"Frayser's Farm/Glendale: The Penultimate Fight of the Seven Days Campaign, and a Battle Known by Six Different Names"

