



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



November 2016 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, November 23rd, 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:
Captain Elijah P. Petty
Company F, 17th Texas Infantry

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:
All are encouraged to attend.

November Guest Speaker

Dr. Cheryl Davis
Heathsville, VA
Musician and
Educator



***"Songs of
the
Confederacy"***

This vocal music presentation will include music that would have been familiar to Americans who lived between 1830-1870. This includes the music of Stephen Foster and other composers of secular music. Soldiers played and sang favorite hymns, songs from previous military combat, as well as songs from their childhood and adolescent years. During the War for Southern Independence, songs regarding the heroes of the war, reflections of home and heart, and memories of lost friends and family were created and sung by the soldiers, and many of the same songs were sung and played by men on both sides of the war. As there will be many MANY familiar tunes, all are encouraged to sing along.

Dr. Davis began her academic career in the Richmond City and Chesterfield County schools, receiving her Bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1970 at Madison College in Wisconsin, her Master's in Vocal Performance and Choral Conducting in 1971 from the University of Michigan, and her PhD in Education in 1990 from the University of Virginia. After many years of teaching and choral achievements in Virginia, Michigan, and North Dakota, Dr. Davis retired from teaching in June 2011 and now resides in Heathsville, VA, where she is active in many organizations.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 25 October at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 42 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 Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

Commander Toalson introduced the evening's special guests:
Compatriot Richard Burr of the J.E.B. Stuart Camp of Philadelphia,
PA and his friend Walt Davies of Williamsburg.

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush in honor of
Captain Theophilus Perry
Co. F – 28th Texas Cavalry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's guest
speaker: Dr. John Trammell

Dr. Trammell presented "*The Amazing CSS Hunley*", using the
story of the Hunley to dispel several myths about the
Confederacy.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

All 3 cemeteries mowed and a new flag installed at Fort
Magruder.

Old & New Business

- Christmas party update: 34 of the needed 50 seats have
already been reserved. Six books and a ham are to be
raffled.
- 2017 Lt. Col. Allen Scholarship has been sent to all
schools. Topic – "Balloon Operations on the Peninsula in
1862"
- The David Ware Memorial Bench has been moved to Mrs.
Ware's house.

Book Raffle

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

"Dixie"

Benediction

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden.

Adjournment

8:35 PM



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Commander's Comments

Compatriots -

Our annual Christmas supper is just around the corner. Ken has received 47 reservations as of our going to press on this issue. We have room for only 17 more people. Send your \$20 per person registration to Ken ASAP.

Carson Hudson and Arden Clark will be playing and singing 'Southern Songs of the WBTS' for our evening entertainment.

We have 6 excellent books in the auction which you can easily use as a Christmas present for someone you may have forgotten or perhaps for a last minute stocking stuffer. \$5 buys 7 tickets as in our regular auctions. We will draw for the books first and then throw all of the winning book tickets back in the bucket for the grand prize drawing of the 12# Ivor Salt Cured Virginia Ham. I would hope every family buys at least one set of tickets to help with our Camp Speaker Fund and also to win a ham for Christmas dinner.

It has been a great 2016 for the Cavalry. I thank all of you for your help and support of our Camp endeavors during the past year.

Merry Christmas.

Jeff Toalson

1st & 3rd Florida Infantry Flag

In the past two months we have featured the battle flags of the 1st Florida Infantry and Co. B of the 3rd Florida Infantry. Attrition had reduced both regiments dramatically and, when Atlanta fell, they were merged into a combined regiment: "The 1st & 3rd Florida." This was their new flag. It features 12 orange stars on a field of dark red and a white cross of St. Andrews. The 'battle honors' explain why they needed to be combined. This flag is in the MOC collection.



Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continuing at the Benjamin Waller graveyard, Hugh Mercer Waller was born on December 3, 1829, in Williamsburg. He was the son of Dr. Robert Page Waller and his second wife, Julia Weedon Mercer, sister of Dr. John Cyrus Mercer. Hugh pursued undergraduate studies at the College of William and Mary from 1844 to 1848, and studied law there in 1849-1850.

He enlisted in Company C (Williamsburg Junior Guard), 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861. During that summer, he was paid for fodder and straw that he provided for beef cattle held to feed the troops. He served as a 2nd lieutenant through the Peninsula Campaign. In the summer of 1862, he was commissioned as a major and assigned to the Quartermaster Department. By November 1863, he was stationed in Danville, Virginia, and continued to serve there until April 1865.

After the war, Hugh Waller returned to farming several large tracts of land in York County that his father had given him. In his father's will in 1872, he inherited a grist mill and pond, Waller's Mill, and the pond became the nucleus for the present day reservoir for the City of Williamsburg. Waller served on the city council and was active in the Democratic Party. Hugh Mercer Waller died of paralysis at his home, Beale's Quarter, in York County on May 31, 1896. He was buried in the Benjamin Waller graveyard.

Thomas Jefferson Stubbs, son of Jefferson W. Stubbs and his wife, Ann Walker Carter Baytop, was born in Gloucester County, Virginia on September 14, 1841. He attended Capahosic Academy in Gloucester and received his BA degree from the College of William and Mary in 1860. He was pursuing graduate work there when the war broke out in 1861. He enlisted in Gloucester on May 8th in Company A, 34th Virginia Infantry. He was promoted to a sergeant major on April 1, 1863, and was present on all rosters throughout the

war. He was captured at Hatcher's Run on March 31, 1865, and sent to Point Lookout. He was released from there on June 17, 1865.

Thomas Stubbs attended the University of Virginia in 1865-1866, taught school in Arkansas in 1866-1867, was master of the Grammar and Matty School of the College of William and Mary in 1868-1869, and received his MA degree from the college in 1869.

In December 1869, Thomas Jefferson Stubbs married Mary Mercer Cosnahan. Mary was the daughter of Joseph Bartholomew Cosnahan and his wife Louisa Mercer Waller, she being the daughter of Robert Page Waller and his wife, Julia Weedon Waller, just to bring this family snarl full circle. They moved to Augusta Township, Woodruff County, Arkansas where Thomas taught school for three years. They then moved to Batesville, Arkansas where they lived from 1872 until 1888. Thomas was a professor of math and history at the University of Arkansas there, as well as a county commissioner of public schools for Independence County, Arkansas. He represented the county in the lower house of representatives from 1877 to 1879 and he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the college in 1879.

The Stubbs had eight children, four of whom survived to maturity. In 1888, they returned to Williamsburg and Thomas Stubbs served as a math professor at the College of William and Mary from 1888 until his death in 1915, and he was known there as one of the Seven Wise Men. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. In 1900, the family was living on Francis Street and by 1910, they had moved to Duke of Gloucester Street. He died on November 17, 1915, and was buried in the Benjamin Waller graveyard.



Captain Elijah P. Petty – Company F, 17th Texas Infantry

Elijah was born in 1828 in Tennessee. The 1860 census shows him as a 32 year old lawyer in Bastrop, Texas. His wife Mary is 26, his two sons Frank and Don are ages 6 & 2 and a new baby boy, whom they will nickname Van, is born shortly thereafter. They own \$2800 of real property and \$2000 of personal property which is probably 2 or 3 slaves.

Elijah enlisted on May 13, 1862, in Bastrop, Texas. He is 34 years of age and “enlists for 3 years or the war.” He is shown present on all the 1862 muster rolls. On May 20, 1862, he is appointed Captain of Company F.

On January 8, 1863, from Pine Bluff, AK., he writes, “*We are away out here in the woods . . . water is bad . . . swampy . . . What they want with us here is beyond my imagination. I send \$2 to buy Van (youngest son) a pig.*”

The Feb. 28 muster roll shows him absent on detached duty. On March 4th he writes, “*I am still here at work in the Court Martial. . . Have disposed of 8 cases and sentenced 4 men to be shot . . . They are to be shot for desertion.*”

Elijah is wounded in the shoulder, at the battle of Millikens Bend, LA., on June 7, 1863. He will be furloughed home to recover. On August 11th he will depart Bastrop to rejoin the 17th Texas.

On September 24, 1863 he placed the following requisition for Company F: 40 pair shoes, 13 hats, 8 pair pants, 30 pair drawers, 32 shirts and 1 jacket.

On October 4 from Bayou Rouge, Louisiana, he advises his wife that, “*The boys have just found & cut a bee tree and I stopped to eat some honey. Oh we soldiers have a fine time.*”

In January, 1864, the unit is in Bayou de Glaze, Louisiana and Elijah writes, “*It is a miserable wet time and mud mud mud is all the go. We are having a rough time . . . I weighed to day 146 pounds of substantive flesh.*”

Captain Petty was killed at the battle of Pleasant Hill on April 9, 1864. Sgt. Mays of Company F sent a note dated April 9th to the Captain’s son. On June 2 the following note arrived from Major Charles Morgan of Parson’s Texas Cavalry, “*Mrs Petty . . . I do sympathis with you in . . . the loss of your husband. . . He was buried near the house (Childer’s) in a corner of the yard. . . I got his Sash, Handkerchief, knife, comb . . . and will send them to you as soon as possible. Your friend and fellow mourner.*”

(Compiled Service Records Confederate, Brewer Library, UDC, Richmond, Virginia, Micro 323, Roll 389; *Mama I Am Yet Still Alive*, Toalson, Bloomington, 2012, by 1863 date; *No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery & Desertion*, Toalson, Lincoln, 2006, by 1864 date. Ancestry.com Federal Census of 1860, Provo, M653-134, P. 110, image 109)

David Ware Bench

In October Steve White picked up the 'David Ware Memorial Bench' from Fred Boelt's yard and drove it out to the Martha Ware homestead. The family was there and got to spend some time visiting with Steve and enjoying the bench. Steve has it back at his house and is making final preparations for the installation at Peach Park.

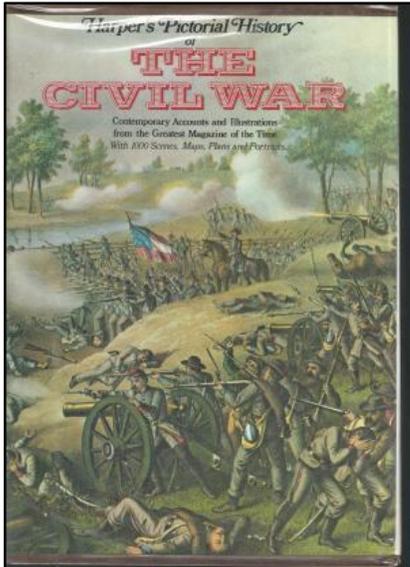


Standing L ot R: Martha Ware, Kate (daughter) and Alex (Kate’s son) Sitting: Lily (granddaughter age 8), Gretchen (dog), Theodore (grandson age 6), Amanda (daughter) and Ian (grandson age 9)

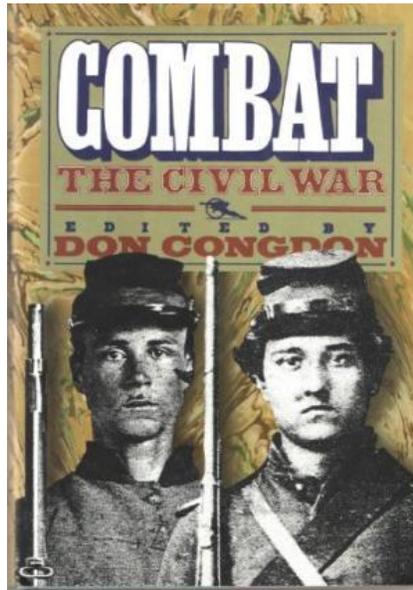


Kate and Amanda

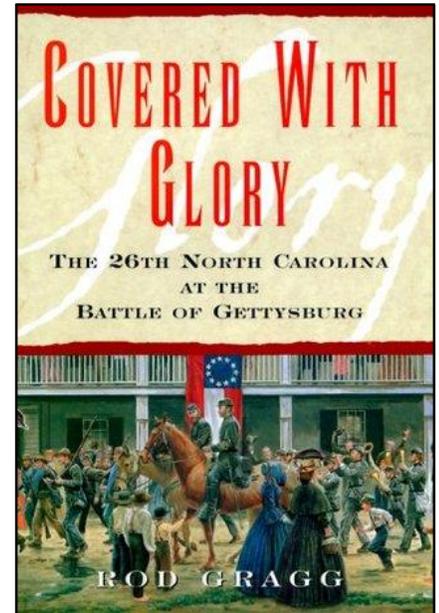
November Book Raffle



Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War, Contemporary Accounts and Illustrations from the Greatest Magazine of the Time



Combat: The Civil War
by Don Congdon



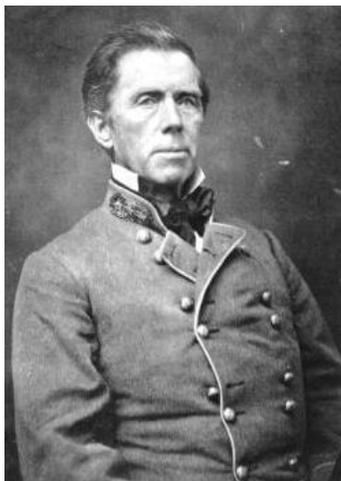
Covered With Glory, The 26th North Carolina Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg by Rod Gragg

November Trivia Question:

While campaigning, you are sometimes forced to live off the land or the civilian populace. What was the proper name for seizing civilian goods to feed the army?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

November 22, 2016 - Scott Mingus will present:

"Extra Billy Smith"