



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



November 2017 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 22th, 2017, 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 Eli Ludwig Fogleman

Company K – 5th North Carolina Cavalry

November Guest Speaker

Mr. Chris Bryce
Assistant to the
Superintendent /
Public Affairs,
Petersburg National
Battlefield



**“River
Crossings”**

Mr. Bryce will compare Lee’s crossing of the Potomac River after Gettysburg to Grant’s crossing of the James River the following year.

Chris Bryce began his National Park Service career in 1987 and has served at Manassas, Independence, Yorktown, Jamestown and Petersburg national battlefield parks.

Chris holds a bachelors degree in History with a concentration in 18th and 19th American military history and 20th century European military history from East Tennessee State University. He resides with his family in Williamsburg, VA.



Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 25 October at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 41 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 Compatriot Jim O'Donnell

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot David Beish in honor of
Private Miles F. Adams
Co. E, 4th Virginia Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest speaker:

Mr. Bob Krick

Mr. Krick presented "*The Seven Days Battles*", a highly informative overview of the battles emphasizing the context of the related battles and the motivation of the opposing commanders.



1st Lt. Leach, Mr. Krick and Compatriot Willoughby

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported the cemetery stone for Lebanon Church is ready at Lee Hall.

Old & New Business

- Billie Earnest – *A Confederate Soldier's Christmas*
- 2017 Christmas Party – Get Reservations **IN**

Book Raffle

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

"Dixie"

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines.

Adjournment

8:30 PM





New Headstone for Sgt. Lee at the Lebanon Church

Left-to-Right: Joel Goodwin, Jim Leach, Steve White, Jon Holland, Ken Parsons, Gloria Rogers (U.D.C. Bethel Chapter), Fred Boelt, Mike Willoughby, Jeff Toalson and Jerry Thompson

Not pictured is J. Michael Moore, Curator of the Lee Hall Mansion

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Commander's Comments

If it is true that "good things come to those who wait" then the Cavalry and Sgt. William Lee finally got their reward. It seems like it has been two years since Fred Boelt and Steve White ordered the headstone for Sgt. Lee. We thank J. Michael Moore for storing it in the barn at the Lee Hall Mansion for these many months. Things moved slowly at the Lebanon Christian Church and Fred enlisted the able assistance of Gloria Rogers, member of the Bethel Chapter, U. D. C. and a member of Lebanon Church, to clear the final hurdle.

Above, is the picture of our group following the installation. The Bethel Chapter will be holding a formal dedication ceremony early in 2018. We will keep you posted regarding the date and time. Additional pictures are shown on page 5 of this issue.

A biography of William Lee is provided by Historian Fred Boelt in his *Confederate Gravesites* article on page 4.

We had a well-attended October meeting and Historian Bob Krick expanded our knowledge and understanding of the Seven Days Campaign.

Our Cavalry Christmas Party (on December 8) is just around the corner. Please get your monies to Ken Parsons in November. Mail then NOW or BRING THEM to the November 23rd meeting.

Remember, we serve in their memory,

Jeff Toalson – Commander

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

William Lee was born in Warwick County, Virginia on October 14, 1841, on his father's home farm fronting on the James River. Today this farm would be located along Huntington Avenue between 62nd and 65th Streets. He was the son of William Lee (1793-1863) and his second wife, Anne Haughton (1806-1857), both descendants of old Tidewater families. Though undocumented, he was probably well schooled in his formative years.

William Lee enlisted in Company H (Warwick Beauregards), 32nd Virginia Infantry, in June 1861. He soon after exchanged companies with William Lee Young, becoming a member of Company B (Old Dominion Dragoons), 3rd Virginia Cavalry, under Captain Jeff Phillips. He enlisted at Bartlett's Ranch near the Halfway House between Yorktown and Hampton on June 21, 1861. In July, he was made 2nd Sergeant of his company. He was absent on leave in January 1862, and absent, sick, in March and April of that year.

William Lee was captured near Williamsport, Maryland on September 15, 1862, sent to Fort Delaware, and then sent to Aiken's Landing, Virginia, where he was exchanged on October 10th. He was again captured on June 17, 1863, during the battle at Aldie. The details of his prison stay have not survived. Lee was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital on January 25, 1864. On March 8th, he was furloughed from his regiment until March 15th. The only other surviving record showed that he was present on the roll dated October 1864.

However, William Lee's obituary stated that he had participated in the battles at Seven Pines, Cold Harbor, Bull Run, Spotsylvania Court House, Rapidan, Culpeper, Chancellorsville, and in the Winchester and Gettysburg campaigns. He was at the surrender near Appomattox on April 9th and was paroled at Burkeville Junction between April 14 and 17, 1865.

William Lee returned to the peninsula at the end of the war. His father had died in 1863, leaving his home farm to William, though the house had been burned during

the war. He became curator of his father's estate. William and his brother, Robert H. Lee, ran a mercantile business for several years in Elizabeth City County. William purchased a home in Hampton in November 1866, perhaps in preparation for his marriage. On January 2, 1867, he purchased a three piece black suit in Norfolk, and on the 12th, he married Lucie Lee Perkins (1843-1901), daughter of George W. B. Perkins and his wife, Sarah Howard Wills. William and Lucie had five sons between 1868 and 1879.

In September 1867, William Lee was assessed in Hampton for the privilege of keeping an ordinary in his home. Numerous invoices and receipts for food and spirits have survived with his descendants for this period of time. Also, invoices for quantities of clothing, footwear and other household items indicate that he was also still keeping store.

On January 6, 1871, Mary B. Wills entered into an agreement to sell Cedar Grove, a 302 acre tract located on Blow Flats Road in eastern James City County, to Richard Decatur Lee. However, he defaulted on the initial payment and William Lee made that payment on January 21, and moved his family to Cedar Grove. Ultimately, on September 11, 1876, William Lee had paid the entire purchase price of \$3,300.00 and Wills deeded the farm to him.

In addition to farming, William cut and shipped cord wood from his dock on Skiff's Creek. There was a ready market in places like Norfolk and Baltimore. Eventually, he operated a saw mill on the farm as well. He was an active member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, Confederate Veterans for many years.

William Lee died at his home on March 11, 1924, and was buried at Lebanon Church on Yorktown Road in present day Newport News. Our camp has recently installed a veterans' marker in the cemetery, and the Bethel Chapter, UDC, will conduct a dedication ceremony there in the coming months. Our camp will be invited to join with them in honoring William Lee for his service to the Confederacy.

New Headstone for Sgt. William Lee



Sgt. Lee's new headstone at Lebanon Church after installation by camp members



L to R: Steve White adds concrete mixture as Ken Parsons, Jon Holland assist

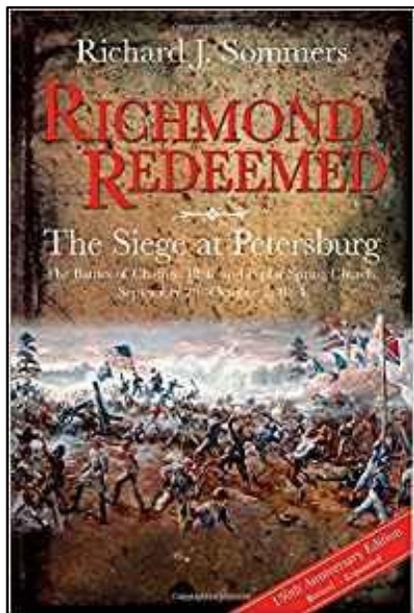


L to R: Steve White adds water while Ken Parsons, Jim Leach and Jerry Thompson assist

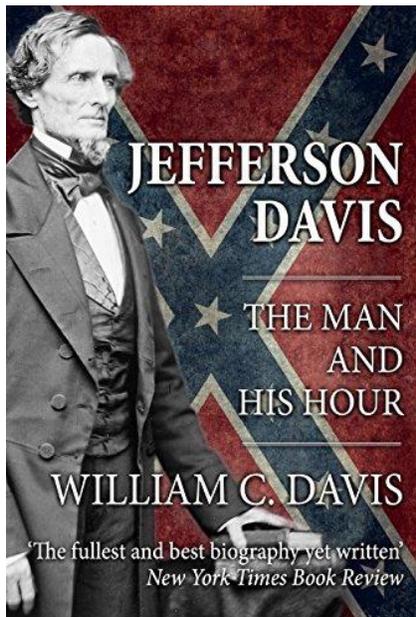


L to R: Ken Parsons and Steve White top fill the hole with dirt. A brick apron will be added later.

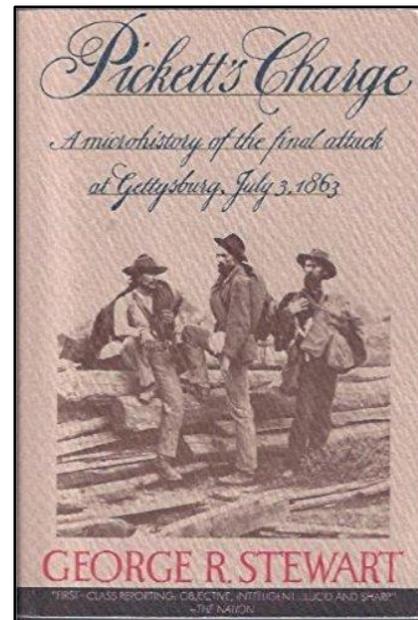
November Book Raffle



“Richmond Redeemed, the Siege at Petersburg”
by Richard J. Sommers



“Jefferson Davis, The Man and His Hour, A Biography”
by William C. Davis



“Pickett's Charge, A microhistory of the final attack at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863”
by George R. Stewart



November Trivia Question:



Which Confederate officer distinguished himself by carrying a blue parasol into battle?

Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On November 28th, 2017 - Eric Buckland will present:

“John S. Mosby – The Perfect Man in the Perfect Place”

Jine the James City Cavalry At a Confederate Christmas Supper!

**Full Dinner
Featuring Flank
Steak in Shallot &
Red Wine Sauce**



**Mrs. Billie Earnest will provide a
seasonal program on "Christmas in
the Camps 1861-1864"**

**Compatriot Jim Wells will have a
display of C. S. A. small arms and
accoutrements for your examination.**

Friday, December 15th, 2017

6 pm – 8 pm

at the

Colonial Heritage Country Club

6500 Arthur Hills Dr.

Williamsburg VA 23188

2017 James City Cavalry Christmas Supper

Friday December 15th

Colonial Heritage Country Club

In our regular meeting room

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MENU

House Salad with 2 dressings

Medium Flank Steak served with Shallot & Red Wine

Roasted Vegetable Medley

Creamy Garlic Red Mashed Potatoes

Warm Rolls with butter

Layered Lemon Cake with Whipped Cream

Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Vegetarian Option:

Pasta Primavera

COST

\$20 per person PREPAID reservations required December 1st.

**We must have 50 confirmed reservations by November 24th to keep the price at
\$20.00 per person.**

Seating is limited to 60 people on a first come, first reserved basis.

Reservation: Mail with check to Ken Parsons, 217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, VA 23188

Names: _____

\$20.00

\$20.00

Write VEGGIE after your name if you need vegetarian option

Total: \$

Need to be 90% booked by the November 22nd meeting.