



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, April 27th, 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:

Sergeant Jesse Harper

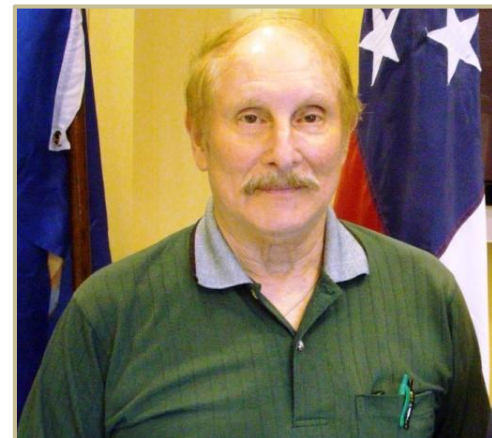
Company E – 61st North Carolina Infantry

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:

All are encouraged to attend. Call Ken Parsons (876-6967)
or Jeff Toalson (220-0131) to RSVP for ladies and guests.

April Guest Speaker

Arthur
Candenquist
Centreville,
Virginia



***"If We
build it,
Supplies
Will Come"***

In the wretched winter of 1861-1862, the Confederate Army of the Potomac, under joint command of Generals P.G.T. Beauregard and Joseph E. Johnston, went into winter quarters around Centreville, Virginia. Supplies were difficult to deliver due to the increasingly bad roads. The commanders and army were faced with the prospect of slowly starving to death, and the sick and wounded would die from lack of adequate medical attention. The alternatives were to retreat to more favorable conditions, or find a way to circumvent the impassible roads. The result was the Centreville Military Railroad.

Mr. Candenquist attended Temple University and has a BS in Communications. After college he served with the USAF for six years, including service in Vietnam. Retiring after 33 years of railroad service on 1 February 2007 as Amtrak's Manager of Emergency Preparedness, he is a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, Virginia Emergency Management Association.

Mr. Candenquist has been a scholar of the War Between the States since 1956, and focuses his attention on the more unusual and lesser-known aspects of the War. He has published several articles and conducts field trips on various aspects of the War, and has lectured extensively on wartime railroads; the role of Masons during the War; the Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond; and the War in Virginia. He is a member of the CW Preservation Trust; a life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; a life member of the Summers-Koontz Camp #490 in Luray, VA; past commander of the Turner Ashby Camp m 1567, S.C.V., in Winchester, VA; and several Masonic historical societies.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 23 March at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 38 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breedon

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Warren Raines

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot David Hastedt in honor of
Private Thomas P. Satterwhite
2nd North Carolina Infantry

Program:

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

Dr. Read recounted "*The Battle of Portland Harbor*", a daring
naval raid by Confederate sailors into the Portland, Maine harbor,
at night, and the capture and escape with a Federal Revenue
cutter.



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported on cleanup
activities at Ft. Magruder. All limbs have been hauled away
and the firewood stacked.

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons

Old & New Business

- Lt. Col. Allen College Scholarship Winner Awarded @
April Meeting.
- SCV Va. Convention April 15-17 – Wingate Hotel in Short
Pump
- Convention Registration Forms
- Friday 4-15 evening FREE reception at MOC.
- Car Pool Friday: Starbuck, Starbuck, Leach, Raines &
Toalson (+3 avail)
- Car Pool Saturday: Starbuck, Leach, Toalson (+1 avail.)

Book Raffle

\$91 were donated to the Camp Treasury
for the raffle of the three donations.

"Dixie"

Compatriot Bill Young

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breedon.

Adjournment

8:40 PM



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Commander's Comments

The April meeting will be a special night for the Cavalry and I encourage everyone to try to attend. It would also be an excellent night to bring your wife, another family member or a guest.

We will have received our 7th consecutive 'Outstanding Camp' streamer, for our flag, at the Virginia SCV Convention. It will be presented to our Quartermaster to attach with our previous 6 streamers. Our Camp deserves a round of applause for all of the great work we do for the community, family genealogical researchers, scholarship, and the preservation of heritage and history.

We will be awarding our 2016 Lt. Colonel Allen \$1000 College Scholarship to a young lady from Jamestown High School who wrote an excellent essay on 'The Hampton Roads Peace Conference of February, 1865.' Our scholarship winner and her father will be joining us for the evening. We will also have representatives from the Williamsburg UDC and the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable joining us in the presentation.

Mr. Arthur Candenquist, a railroad historian from Winchester, will be back to expand our knowledge of the impact of railroads on the War Between the States. His topic will be 'The Centreville Military Railroad.'

Colonial Heritage has a new manager working with us on our menu and we will be adding suppers that feature catfish, chicken fried steak, chicken marsala, pork chops among the new entrees and they will also be expanding our variety of vegetables.

All of the above and more. Please mark April 27th on your calendar and join us for what will prove to be one of our top meetings of 2016.

-- Jeff Toalson

Remains of Iron-Hulled Civil War-Era Steamer Are Discovered



OCEAN FIND: A shipwreck discovered off the coast of North Carolina is likely to be a Confederate blockade runner used to penetrate the wall of Union naval vessels blocking the Port of Wilmington during the Civil War, archaeologists said on Monday. The remains of the large iron-hulled steamer, shown in a sonar image, were located Feb. 27 near Oak Island.

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

While looking at a January 1904 issue of the Virginia Gazette, an obituary for Alexander Coke happened to be in that issue. It stated that he was interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery. This is yet another example of Confederate veterans in unmarked graves. To date, no gravestone has been found and there is no record of his burial in the Cedar Grove records.

Alexander Coke descended from a prominent Williamsburg family. The immigrant, John Coke (1704-1767) arrived here in 1724, traded as a silversmith, and established a family that would remain in the area for at least five generations. One of his great grandsons, John Coke (1798-1865) married Elizabeth Hankins, daughter of Archer Hankins and Alice Brown of James City County, in 1819. The family lived in the Lightfoot House on Francis Street in Williamsburg. There were eight sons, seven of whom volunteered in Confederate services, and two daughters. John was the sheriff for James City County for twenty years, operated a stage line between Williamsburg and Kingsmill Wharf, owned Jamestown Island from 1845-1848, and owned the 375 acre "Amblers" tract located on the mainland in the 1840s and 1850s (site of the Jamestown 400th Anniversary in 2007).

Alexander Coke was born in Williamsburg in 1834. He attended academic and law courses at the College of William and Mary from 1852-1856. After graduating, he relocated to Princess Anne County and practiced law there and in the city of Norfolk until the war commenced. On May 4, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 6th Virginia Infantry in Princess Anne County. He was elected captain on January 15, 1862, was at Great Bridge in February through April, Chaffins Bluff in May, Falling Creek and Chesterfield in July, and at a camp near Fredericksburg in November. He was sick in Richmond hospitals for brief periods in July and November 1862.

Coke represented his county in the House of Delegates during the war, taking his seat in the legislature while the army was in winter quarters and resuming command of his company when the legislature adjourned. Records indicate that he did this from November 1863 through February 1864, and again in December 1864. His service records end here but his obituary stated that he served to the end of the war and then returned to his law practice in Princess Anne County.

In the 1870 census, Alexander Coke, age 36, was living in a hotel in the Seaboard Township and practicing law. At some time after this, he relocated to Richmond, practiced law there, and was a member of the Westmoreland Club and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His health failing him, he returned to

Williamsburg and resided at the home of Mrs. Cary Peyton Armistead for about a year before his death (this Armistead house was formerly located next door to the Capitol building and was moved to North Henry Street several years ago). Alexander Coke died on January 9, 1904, at Mrs. Armistead's home. His funeral was held at Bruton Parish Church. His obituary stated, "The interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, many old veterans following the remains to their last resting place." Perhaps this article will produce clues to locate this grave?

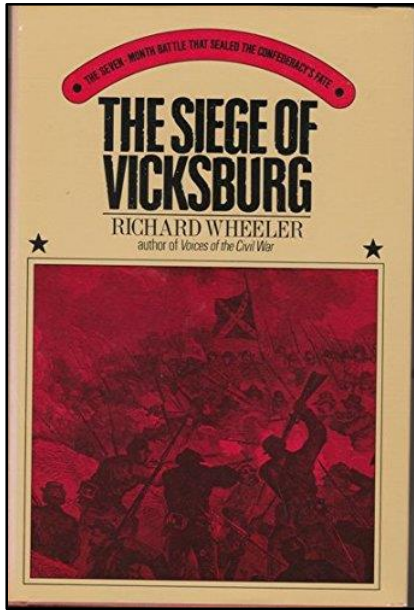
All of the sons of John and Eliza Coke had impressive careers. John Archer Coke, their first son, born about 1821, was a medical doctor at the time of his early death in 1842. Richard Coke, born March 18, 1829, studied law at the College of William and Mary and then moved to Waco, Texas in 1850. He served as captain of Company K, 15th Texas Infantry, became the fourteenth governor of Texas in 1873, and went on to represent Texas in the United States Senate. He died on May 14, 1897, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, Texas.

George Hankins Coke was born in 1831, studied medicine and practiced in Edenton, North Carolina, and served as an assistant surgeon with the Confederate army. He died in 1894, and was buried in Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton. William Walter Coke was born on August 8, 1832, and like his brother, Alex, he practiced law in Princess Anne County. He served in the 14th and later the 15th Virginia Cavalries. He died May 29, 1888, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Norfolk. Chronologically, Alexander Coke came next in 1834.

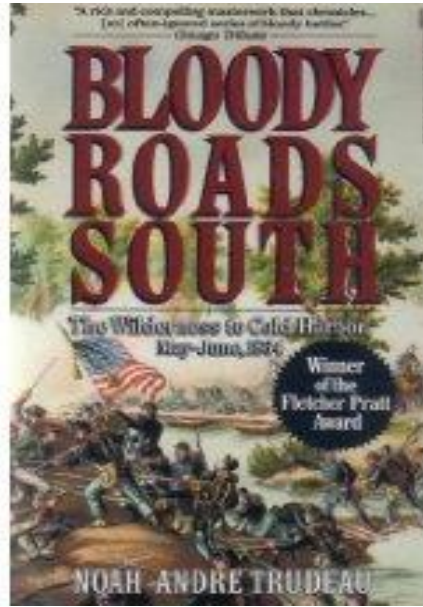
Octavius Coke was born on October 4, 1840, served in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, and practiced law in Williamsburg before moving to Edenton in 1872. He was a North Carolina state senator in 1876, and later moved to Raleigh. He was Secretary of State for North Carolina when he died there on August 30, 1895. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh. John Archer Coke, born on July 14, 1842 (and named after the death of the first son of same name), served as captain of Company F, Lee's Artillery. After the war, he studied law at the College of William and Mary and then opened a practice in Richmond. He lived out his life there, died on January 27, 1920, and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

All seven sons of John and Eliza Coke survived the war and continued the prominence of their forebears.

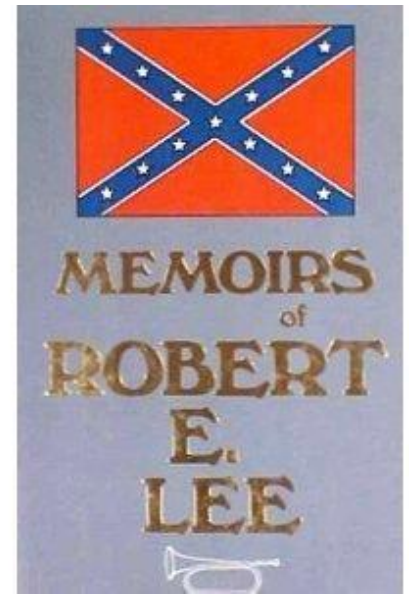
April Book Raffle



"The Siege of Vicksburg" by Richard Wheeler



"Bloody Roads South, The Wilderness to Cold Harbor" by Noah Andre Trudeau



"Memoirs of Robert E. Lee", A. L. Long

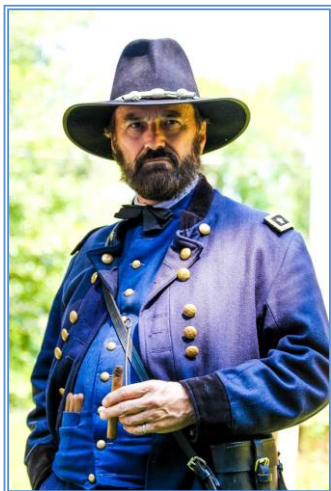
April Trivia Question



What do you call a position which juts out into the enemy's lines?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On April 26th, 2016 – General U.S. Grant will speak on his Overland Campaign:

"Forty Days in Hell"