



# James City Cavalry Picket Lines



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Camp #2095  1<sup>st</sup> 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, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Lt. Col. Allen

Original Captain of the James City Cavalry

## April Guest Speaker

Mr. Fred D.  
Taylor  
Lawyer and  
Southern Patriot



***"Point  
Lookout  
POW Camp"***

The Point Lookout POW camp in Maryland was the largest and reputed to be the worst camp run by the Union Army. Mr. Taylor will describe the history and conditions of this tragic place.

Fred D. Taylor is a native of the Old Dominion, where his family roots go back to the settlement of Jamestowne in 1607. Following in that legacy, he grew up in the Tidewater region in an eclectic mix of rural farms and city life, and was blessed to be influenced by everything from fishing and crabbing in the Nansemond River, to studying law, history, and politics.

# Camp Journal for Last Muster

## Meeting:

Held 22 March at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 28 attendees

Welcome given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jim Leach

## Invocation:

Given by Senior Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jerry Thompson

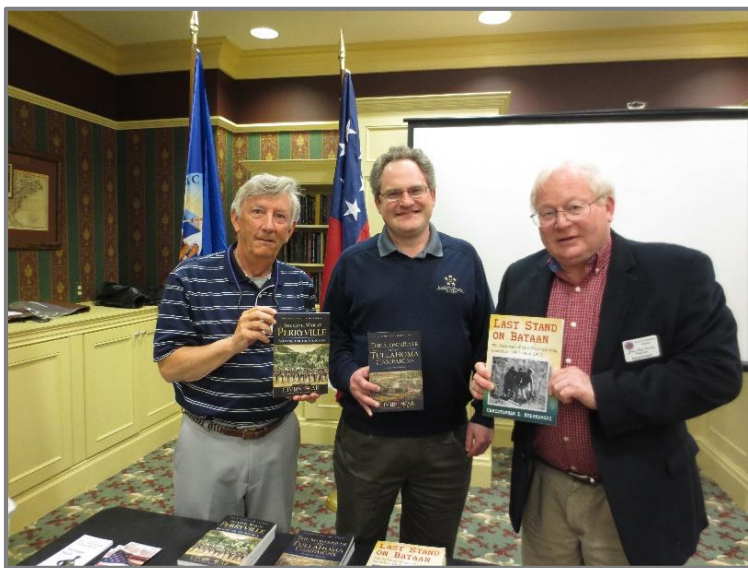
## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot David Beish in honor of  
*Captain James Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Cavalry  
and his daughter Miss Mary Anderson*

## Program:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Jim Leach introduced the evening's guest  
speaker: Chris Kolakowski.

Chris presented "*CSS Alabama*", a look back at the cruise of the  
Confederacy's most successful commerce raider.



Cmdr. Toalson, Mr. Kolakowski and , 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Leach with Mr.  
Kolakowski's books

## Committee Reports and Announcements:

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White reported on cemetery  
clean-up at Peach Park.

### Old & New Business

- The Williamsburg Battlefield Association is sponsoring a  
cleanup day on Saturday, April 1.
- Ken Parsons reported on progress with the Charlottesville  
law suit over protected monuments.
- Bill Miller presented a check for \$350 toward the College  
Scholarship Essay Contest.



Cmdr. Toalson and Bill Miller

### Book Raffle

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

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

### Adjournment

8:35 PM

## Camp Officers



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## Missing a Dear Friend



Chris and Fred Boelt at 2012 picnic



Jim & Chris at Christmas dinner

A dear friend of ours, and a compatriot in the James City Cavalry, passed away this month. Compatriot Christine Swords, the wife of Compatriot Jim Swords, joined our Camp as a 'Friend of the SCV' in January, 2012. She was an enthusiastic supporter of our projects and our Confederate heritage. She supported Jim's membership and commitment to the Camp and attended many of our meetings through the years. Her last visit with the James City Cavalry was at our 2016 Christmas party.

Our condolences go out to Jim and to the entire family.

## Park Day Cleanup

To contribute to the Saving Battlefields Park Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>, eight members of Camp 2095 showed up with the Williamsburg Battlefield Association and several other local groups to help with brush work on the newly acquired section of the Williamsburg battlefield. This section was the location of the Confederate counter-attack on the Union's center in front of Fort Magruder.



Left to right: Paul Huelskamp, Ken Parsons, Jerry Thompson, Scott Summerfield, David Hastedt, Jeff Toalson, Steve White and Tim Norman.

# Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Charles Washington Coleman was born in Williamsburg on July 18, 1826. His father was Captain Thomas Coleman [War of 1812], a prominent citizen who served as the city's mayor for a number of years. Charles' mother was Frances Catherine Hill, daughter of Colonel Baylor Hill who had served in the Continental line during the revolution. In 1834, Charles lost his father when he was killed in a severe wind storm. He studied at the Grammar School of the College of William and Mary in 1838-39, and went on to complete his undergraduate studies there in 1842-44. From there, Charles went to the University of Pennsylvania and was awarded a degree in medicine on April 3, 1847.

After graduation Dr. Coleman settled in Richmond and opened his practice. In 1850, his mother and younger sister Helen were living with him. Within a short time, Dr. Coleman moved his family back to Williamsburg to the family home which was the western advance building at the Palace. He also opened his practice in the area. In January 1861, he became engaged to Cynthia Beverly Tucker Washington, daughter of Judge Beverly Tucker and widow of Henry Augustus Washington who had been on the faculty of the College of William and Mary.

Charles Coleman enrolled for active service at Burnt Ordinary on April 1, 1861. There, he enlisted as a private in Co. I, Captain George E. Geddy's Company of Cavalry (James City Troop), 3rd Virginia Cavalry. In Williamsburg on June 24th, he was mustered into service by Colonel Ewell. Coleman was discharged when he was promoted to Assistant Surgeon of the Army on July 17, 1861. He was assigned to the Richmond Howitzers hospital located at Bellefield Plantation along the York River. He and Cynthia had planned to wed in the summer, but Charles could not get time off to come back to Williamsburg until October 29, 1861 when they were married. Finally on January 9th, Charles was transferred to Williamsburg and served in the hospitals there until the Peninsula

Campaign. He left town with the rear guard on May 6th

As the peninsula became occupied, Cynthia eventually refuged in Richmond for some of the time. Their first child, Charles Washington Coleman, Jr., was born there in November 1862. By the spring of 1863, Dr. Coleman was in private practice in North Carolina and Cynthia had joined him there. In 1864, he served as president of the South Carolina Conscript Board for a year and Cynthia was living in Clarksville, Virginia. We are fortunate to have access to Cynthia's many letters to family and friends during the war years that tell of their survival through those lean times.

In the summer of 1865, Dr. Coleman made a brief trip to Williamsburg to look over the opportunities there, but he decided to open his practice in Boynton, Virginia. However, Cynthia was determined to return to Williamsburg and the family did return. Starting in 1866, five more children joined the family. As a citizen of Williamsburg, Dr. Coleman served on the city council, was a director at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, served as the college physician, and was a member of the Democratic Party. At Bruton Parish Church, he served as a vestryman and Senior Warden.

After a "long and painful illness," Charles Washington Coleman died at Retreat for the Sick in Richmond on September 15, 1894. His remains were returned to Williamsburg by train on the morning of the 17th and were met by a detail from the Magruder-Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans of which the deceased was first lieutenant commander, a committee of the Sons of Veterans, and a large contingency of citizens. Followed by this procession, the body was taken to the home of the deceased (Tucker-Coleman House, Nicholson Street). In the afternoon, as the funeral cortege moved from the residence to the church, the bells on the church and courthouse began to toll and continued throughout the service. The service began at 4:00 at Bruton Parish and afterward, Dr. Coleman was interred in the family plot in the churchyard there.

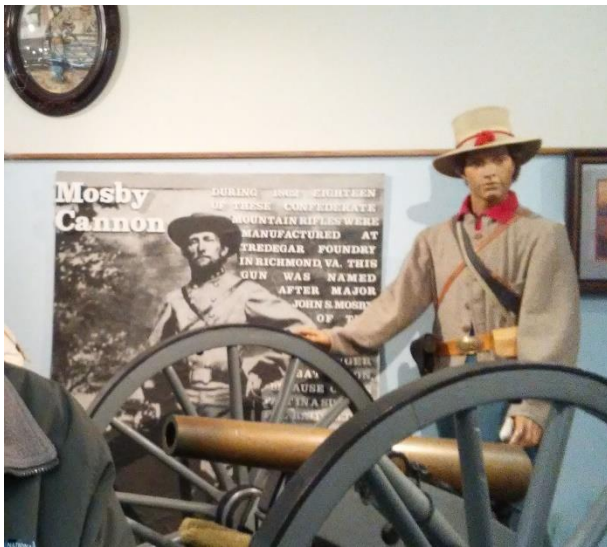
## Upcoming! Confederate Memorial Day & Picnic

Mark you calendars for May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Confederate Memorial Day and camp picnic

Memorial Day Service at Peach Park: 5:00  
Memorial Day Picnic at the Fred Boelt Farm: 6:00

Details to follow

## Commander's Comments



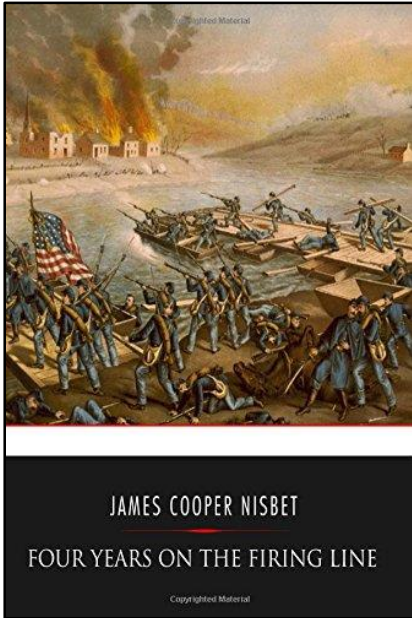
Quite often our travels take us to interesting sites of the WBTS. Paul and Joli Huelskamp just returned from a trip to Charleston, S.C. While there they toured Fort Sumter, visited the museum in North Charleston that houses the Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley*, and took the below picture of Paul standing by a model of the *H. L. Hunley* outside of the The Charleston Museum in downtown Charleston.

Jan and I took a road trip in February-March and we headed west toward Arizona on highway 40. In Tennessee we passed the battlefields of Murfreesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin, Parker's Crossroads and Fort Pillow. We exited the interstate in Oklahoma to go 5 miles to the Honey Springs battlefield and 1 mile from the site the road was closed with no signs to show alternate routes. So ended our attempt to visit the site of the largest battle in Oklahoma. In New Mexico we visited the site of the Confederate victory at Glorieta Pass. We also visited the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Museum in Oklahoma City which has a marvelous collection of **Confederate manufactured** rifles, pistols and naval weaponry. They also had the '**Mosby**' mountain rifle, one of only eighteen mountain rifles manufactured by Tredegar Iron during the war.

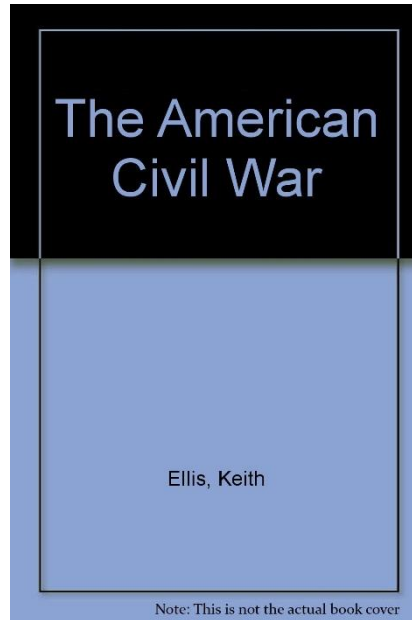
If any of you travel somewhere a bit out of the ordinary and have an interesting picture please forward it to Paul with some key information so he may share it with us all.

Jeff

# April Book Raffle

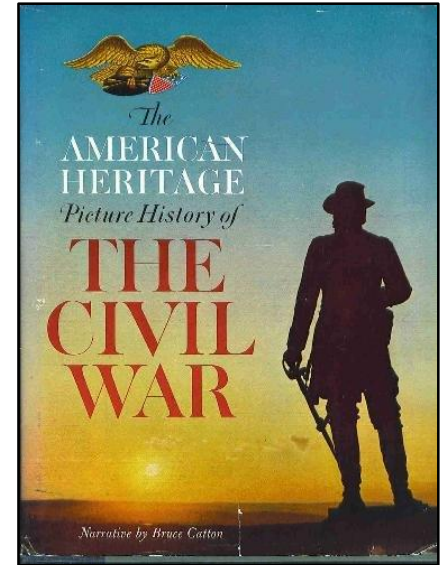


**"4 Years on the Firing Line"**  
by James Cooper Nisbet



**"The American Civil War"**  
by Keith Ellis

Note: This is not the actual book cover



**"The American Heritage Picture History of The Civil War"**  
by the Editors of American Heritage Magazine

## April Trivia Question:

What country's emancipation proclamation predated Lincoln's U.S. Emancipation Proclamation by 21 months?



## Williamsburg Civil War Round Table

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On April 25th, 2017 – Ernie Price will present:

**"Marching Out of Formation - Confederates Going Home After Appomattox"**

