

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, August 26th, 2015, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Teresa Roane
UDC Archivist, Richmond Virginia



*"The Davis Family and
People of Color"*

Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Private George Henry Holleman
Company H
16th Virginia Infantry

RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Teresa Roane
UDC Archivist, Richmond Virginia

*"The Davis Family and
People of Color"*

We are in the midst of a great crisis in this country. The acceleration of the removal of symbols and monuments of Confederate history is now widespread and seemingly accelerating in vitriol. Students at a university would like to remove a statue of Jefferson Davis because they say he was a white racist. Others want to rename a section of the Davis Highway because he is a bigot! It is unbelievable! The general public is ill-informed because they have not researched Jefferson Davis or his family. Rather, they simply react to false comments casually and continuously made by people they apparently respect, like their college professors, or their community leaders. Unfortunately, the opinions of these leaders seem to be formed more out of a burning desire to destroy Southern heritage than to spread the truth. Hopefully, this presentation will provide our members with the facts so they will be better prepared to interact with the general public in the future.

Teresa Roane was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. She earned her B. A. in history at Virginia Commonwealth University. She worked for eight years at the Richmond Public Library followed by 15 years at the Valentine Museum's library. She was the archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy for 7½ years; but on 10 February 2014, she received a chance to embark on a new opportunity: she is now archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy National Headquarters in Richmond, VA.

She has served on the boards of Friends of the Richmond Public Library, Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods, and the Historic Richmond Foundation. She is a member of the Richmond-Stonewall Jackson UDC chapter. She has received the Heritage Preservation Award from the National Headquarters of the SCV in 2012 and the Rebecca Jones Alford Bonnie Blue Medal from the North Carolina SCV in 2014. Teresa has given many presentations and workshops. She spends her free time reading, watching movies, and walking battlefields.

Bring a guest to our August 26th meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Teresa at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons at 757-876-6967 or kparsons4@cox.net to confirm reservations.

- 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 22 Jul. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 34 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Warren Raines

Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Doug Douglas *in honor of*
Corporal Channing E. Redford
Company G
12th Virginia Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Arthur Candenquist, scholar and researcher of the WBTS for over 50 years. His research focus is on the more unusual and lesser-known aspects of the War. Arthur is a Life Member of the SCV and a Life Member of the Virginia Division. He is a member of the Turner Ashby Camp #1567 in Winchester and a Life Member of the Summers-Koontz Camp #490 in Luray. Arthur's presentation detailed Colonel Stonewall Jackson's capture of engines and rolling stock of the B&O Railroad around Martinsburg an surrounding points, having the engines pulled by horse teams across the roads to Strasburg and reset on rails to be sent further south for the Confederate cause.

Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons provided the Treasurer's Report.

Ken also highlighted topics of the 2015 SCV National Convention, as did the three other attendees from the Camp:

Commander Jeff Toalson

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle

Chaplain Fred Breeden

Topics discussed by the Convention attendees included:

The Sam Davis Youth Camp

Heritage Fund

Current events surrounding the ANV Battle Flag

Closing Dinner & Grand Ball

Exhibits & Tours

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White provided details to the Camp of a proposed bench for installation at Peach Park with dedication plaque (\$450). The proposal was passed by acclamation and a collection of donations was taken.

Old & New Business

1. Williamsburg Civil War Round Table President and FOC Bill Miller, guest at our meeting, announced the WCWRT agenda, which may be found at: <http://wcwrt.org/news/news.htm>
2. "Civil War Days" at the Cumberland Plantation on the Pumunkey will be held on Oct. 17th-18th. Organizers are looking for living history volunteers (uniformed soldiers, etc).
3. Members interested in serving in staff positions (Editor, Webmaster, Adjutant, Commander) were encouraged to contact present staff. The 1st and 2nd Lt. Commanders have volunteered to serve another term.
4. Plans to man the SCV booth at the Virginia State Fair are still tentative.
5. Preliminary plans are underway for the 2015 Camp Christmas Supper.

Book Raffle

\$82 in proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

"Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

Benediction

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Adjournment

9:00PM.



*Mr. Arthur Candenquist
and 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Compatriots:

These are trying times. It is easy to let emotions take over rational thought. At the July meeting you requested some key articles and information to help you articulate various arguments. In response I have forwarded to Jim Swords and he has disseminated to the Camp articles on:

1. The Virginia State Code on Monuments and Memorials.
2. A sample of our Camp letter to the Sheriffs of James City Cty. and Williamsburg.
3. Confederate Soldiers & Sailors are American Veterans by Act of Congress.
4. Fort Sumter & Confederate Diplomacy by Professor Ludwell Johnson
5. Point Paper and Lt. Col. Jonathan White's "Economics of Coercion" paper.
6. Thoughts for Consideration.

These articles all provide footnotes and/or source information. Otherwise it is just opinions and if you are discussing points with someone you need solid reference material. We have had other articles under consideration, but since they were not footnoted, we have rejected sending out that information.

In their memory,

Commander Jeff Toalson

WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

The organization meets on various Tuesdays each month February through May 2015. Meetings are held in the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre located at 515 Scotland St in Williamsburg, VA, unless otherwise posted. The meetings begin at 7 PM. Membership is open to the general public.

On September 22, 2015
J. Michael Moore will present
"The Atlanta Campaign"

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NOMINATIONS FOR CAMP OFFICERS

Vacancies will exist for the following elected positions for the 2016-2017 Term:

Commander
Adjutant/Treasurer
Archivist/Editor
Quartermaster

For Adjutant/Treasurer, the Camp needs a regular attendee of our meetings who would be willing to assume the Adjutant duties from Ken Parsons. He has held the position for 8 years and deserves relief.

He will provide training and support.

We could also use anyone with basic PowerPoint skills to assume Archivist/Editor duties from Jim Swords, who would be happy to provide templates, etc. Quartermaster duties consist of the care of Camp property to include our flags and other displays. The Quartermaster also assists in other meeting set-up.

If interested, please contact Commander Jeff Toalson, 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle, or Adjutant Ken Parsons for submission of your name to the Nominating Committee.

CALLING ALL CONFEDERATE RE-ENACTORS



Civil war times in New Kent County, October 17th – 18th, 2015



Contact Martha at museum@newkenthistoricalsoc.com for information or to volunteer.

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Dr. Robert Major Garrett (1808-1885) and his wife, Susan Comfort Winder Garrett (1812-1878) lived in the Coke- Garrett house on Nicholson Street in Williamsburg and had a large family. Dr. Garrett was Superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum and in 1862, as Mayor, he surrendered the city to General McClellan. Three of the Garrett sons, William Robertson, Henry Winder and Van Franklin, all served in the Confederate army.

William Robertson Garrett was born in Williamsburg on April 12, 1839. His early education was at the local academies and he attended the College of William and Mary from 1855 to 1858. After that, he received his law degree from the University of Virginia and returned home to practice law. This was interrupted by the war. Garrett enlisted in the 32nd Virginia Infantry in Williamsburg on May 20, 1861. He was elected captain of the Lee Artillery, and this and other units were reorganized into the 1st Regiment Virginia Artillery on September 12, 1861. After that, Garrett's Company was stationed at Young's Mill for a good bit of the time before the Peninsula campaign got into full swing in the spring of 1862.

After the Lee/Williamsburg Artillery disbanded later that summer, William Garrett accepted a commission to raise a company of cavalry for partisan ranger service in Tennessee. In a later account, it was recorded, "At this juncture the crew of the Merrimac arrived in Richmond, and about one hundred of them enlisted with Captain Garrett for that service. A naval officer, having received authority from the navy to organize a fleet of small boats to attack the Galena which was near Drewry's Bluff, offered Captain Garrett command of one division of the canoe fleet. The proposition was accepted, and the boats manned by Merrimac men went rapidly down the river to Drewry's Bluff. There they reported to General Mahone, only to find that the Galena had departed, and that an order from the war department had been issued to detain all the Merrimac crew as marines to man the guns at Drewry's Bluff.

Captain Garrett returned to Richmond, and a few days afterward, accompanied by Major D. C. Douglass and others, went to Tennessee for the purpose of recruiting a battalion of partisan rangers. The party entered the Federal lines in the middle of Tennessee and speedily organized Douglass' battalion of partisan rangers, of which Garrett was made adjutant. Upon the

repeal of the partisan law, the battalion was mustered in as regular cavalry and consolidated with Holman's battalion, forming the 11th Tennessee Cavalry. They later became a part of Dibrell's brigade of Nathan Bedford Forrest's Cavalry. Garrett served as adjutant and captain of Company B. He was among those of this unit who surrendered at Gainesville, Alabama."

William Garrett returned to Williamsburg with the intent to practice law. However, he was offered the position as master of the grammar school at the College of William and Mary. This did not last long for in January 1868, he moved to Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee. There he was superintendent of public instruction, principal of Cornerstone Academy, and later served as president of Giles College. On November 12, 1868, he married Julia Flourney Batte (1851-1943) and they had eight children.

The Garretts later moved to Nashville where William was a professor of mathematics at the Montgomery Bell Academy of the University of Nashville. After that, he was the state superintendent of public instruction and later was the principal of the military academy in Nashville. He held several offices in educational organizations at both the state and national levels. William Robertson Garrett died in Nashville, Tennessee on February 12, 1904, and he was interred at the Mount Olivet Cemetery there.

Next month, we will look at the lives of his two younger brothers who were cadets at VMI and participated in the Battle of New Market.



CONFEDERATE CAISSON

Ammunition &c. for the Defense of the Confederate Soldier's Good Name

"Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late... It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern schoolteachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision... It is said slavery is all we are fighting for, and if we give it up we give up all. Even if this were true, which we deny, slavery is not all our enemies are fighting for. It is merely the pretense to establish sectional superiority and a more centralized form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties."

Maj. General Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA, January 1864

"Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns and battles and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for those principles."

General Robert E. Lee

"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you."

Robert Lewis Dabney, Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson

"If you bring these [Confederate] leaders to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion. Lincoln wanted Davis to escape, and he was right. His capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one."

Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, July 1867

"The Union government liberates the enemy's slaves as it would the enemy's cattle, simply to weaken them in the conflict. The principle is not that a human being cannot justly own another, but that he cannot own him unless he is loyal to the United States."

London Spectator in reference to the Emancipation Proclamation

"The Northern onslaught upon slavery was no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern states."

Charles Dickens, 1862

"I loved the old government in 1861. I loved the old Constitution yet. I think it is the best government in the world, if administered as it was before the war. I do not hate it; I am opposing now only the radical revolutionists who are trying to destroy it. I believe that party to be composed, as I know it is in Tennessee, of the worst men on Gods earth - men who would not hesitate at no crime, and who have only one object in view - to enrich themselves."

Nathan Bedford Forrest, in an interview shortly after the war

"As for the South, it is enough to say that perhaps eighty per cent. of her armies were neither slave-holders, nor had the remotest interest in the institution. No other proof, however, is needed than the undeniable fact that at any period of the war from its beginning to near its close the South could have saved slavery by simply laying down its arms and returning to the Union."

Major General John B. Gordon, from his book, *Causes of the Civil War*.

"The flags of the Confederate States of America were very important and a matter of great pride to those citizens living in the Confederacy. They are also a matter of great pride for their descendants as part of their heritage and history."

Winston Churchill

"I was raised by one of the greatest men in the world. There was never one born of a woman greater than Gen. Robert E. Lee, according to my judgment. All of his servants were set free ten years before the war, but all remained on the plantation until after the surrender."

William Mack Lee (Robert E. Lee's black servant)

"Any society which suppresses the heritage of its conquered minorities, prevents their history or denies them their symbols, has sown the seeds of their own destruction."

Sir William Wallace, 1281

"They (the South) know that it is their import trade that draws from the peoples pockets sixty or seventy millions of dollars per annum, in the shape of duties, to be expended mainly in the North, and in the protection and encouragement of Northern interest. These are the reasons why these people do not wish the South to secede from the union."

New Orleans Daily Crescent-1861

"The Southern Confederacy will not employ our ships or buy our goods. What is our shipping without it? Literally nothing... it is very clear that the South gains by this process and we lose. No...we must not let the South go."

Union Democrat Manchester, New Hampshire. 19 February, 1861

"...We must forevermore do honor to our heroic dead. We must forevermore cherish the sacred memories of those four terrible but glorious years of unequal strife. We must forevermore consecrate in our hearts our old battle flag of the Southern Cross - not now as a political symbol, but as the consecrated emblem of an heroic epoch. The people that forgets its heroic dead is already dying at the heart, and we believe we shall be truer and better citizens of the United States if we are true to our past."

Confederate Veteran Rev. Randolph Harrison McKim

"When the South raised its sword against the Union's Flag, it was in defense of the Union's Constitution."

Confederate General John B. Gordon

"It is not enough that their valor is recognized, it is not enough that their honesty be confessed. We ask of our Northern brother, we ask of all mankind and all womankind a recognition of their patriotism, their love of country, and of liberty... we cannot remain silent, so long as any aspersion is cast by the pen of the historian, or the tongue of the orator upon their patriotic motives, or the loftiness of their purposes throughout that mighty struggle. We make no half-hearted apologies for their acts. It is justice for which we plead, not charity."

Captain William Henry Gregg

"What are you fighting for anyhow?"

"I'm fighting because you are down here."

Confederate prisoner to Union soldier.

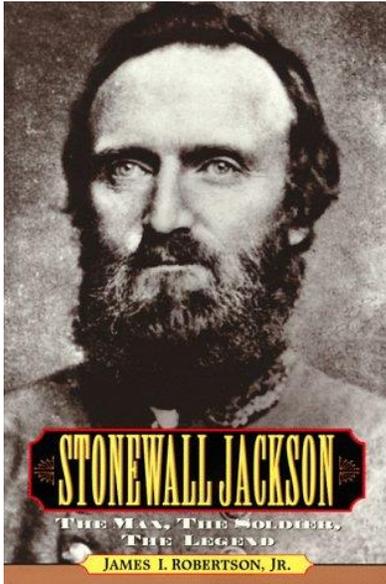
"If I thought this war was to abolish slavery, I would resign my commission, and offer my sword to the other side."

Ulysses S. Grant

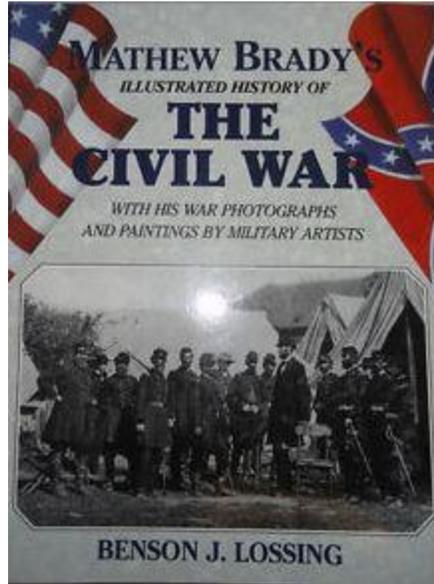
"I saw in States' rights the only availing check upon the absolutism of the sovereign will, and secession filled me with hope, not as the destruction but as the redemption of Democracy. Therefore I deemed that you were fighting the battles of our liberty, our progress, and our civilization, and I mourn for the stake which was lost at Richmond more deeply than I rejoice over that which was saved at Waterloo."

Lord Acton

AUGUST BOOK RAFFLE



"Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend" by James I. Robertson, Jr., Macmillan, 1997



"Mathew Brady's Illustrated History of the Civil War With His War Photographs And Paintings By Military Artists" by Benson J. Lossing



"Bugles Blow No More" by Clifford Dowdey, Kessinger Publishing, 2007

AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION:

What West Point graduate, class of 1830, was the first and only Commandant of the C.S.A. Marine Corps?



Our Confederate ancestors faced death to fly the Battleflag in the face of tyranny. The least we can do is to fly it proudly in the face of "political correctness."

