



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, January 23rd, 2013, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Mike Nusbaum
Williamsburg, Virginia

"The Return of the War Department Captured Confederate Flags to the States, 1905-1906"



Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted – will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Lt. James H. Wentworth
Co D - 5th Florida Infantry



No RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Mike Nusbaum
Williamsburg, Virginia

"The Return of the War Department Captured Confederate Flags to the States, 1905-1906"

Captured flags, whether Confederate or recaptured Union flags, were considered to be the property of the United States Government. Approximately 780 flags found their way to the War Department. An 1887 inventory showed 61 recaptured Federal flags and 545 Confederate flags for a total of 606 at the War Department. The flags were poorly inventoried, were moved to various locations, loaned to individuals, misplaced, and lost.

In 1887 President Cleveland ignited a political tumult when he proposed returning the flags to their appropriate states. In 1905, when a Republican war veteran was President, Congress in consultation with President Teddy Roosevelt passed a resolution to return the flags and in 1906 Secretary Taft delivered 252 CSA flags to the Confederate Memorial Library Society which was an earlier name for the Museum of the Confederacy. These highlights just scratch the surface of the story that Mike will tell us in January.

Charles M. Nusbaum is a retired Army officer residing in Williamsburg with his wife Paula. He holds a variety of degrees in various disciplines including a doctorate from Virginia Tech. As an historian his primary interest is American history, 1840-1920.



CEMETERY PROJECTS

Compatriots,

We had an excellent work day at Fort Magruder last Saturday, the 12th, and a good turn-out from the workers in the camp. There were dead trees cut and removed, limbs that obstructed the view of the berm cut and removed, and another batch of vines and fallen limbs hauled off.

We were not able to haul off all the cuttings last week so we will have to meet there again some Saturday to finish the removal. We will let you know when Steve White can be there with the dump truck, he needs your help to load, it is to wet to drive in there now.

The workers last Saturday included camp members: Tim Norman, David Ware, Warren Raines, Mike Garrett, Bob Tuck, Jerry White, Fred Boelt, and Steve and myself.

Friends of the camp included: Paul Huelskamp, Joli Huelskamp, Mike Apperson and Lorraine Beasley. They have all helped before and are regular attendees at our monthly meetings.

Thanks to all who serve the Cause,

Adjutant Ken Parsons
and 1st Lt. Commander Steve White



UPCOMING CEMETERY WORK DETAILS

January 26th 2013 – Peach Park Cemetery

Needed – Mulch forks, hand- and garden-tools for cleaning of field edge past the cemetery.

February 9th 2013 – Hockaday Cemetery
(New Kent Co.)

February 16th 2013 - TBD

2013 GUEST SPEAKERS

January 23rd

Mr. Mike Nusbaum – Historian

'The Return of the Captured CSA Flags to their States During President T. Roosevelt's Administration 1905-06'

February 27th

Mr. Tim Smith – Historian and Author

'York County's Brave Men of the Civil War'

March 27th

Mr. Christopher McDaid – Archeologist – Ft.

Eustis

'Archeological work and discovery on the Warwick Line around Mulberry Island & Fort Crafford'

April 24th

Mr. Michael Moore – Author & Historian

'Yorktown's Civil War Siege: Drums Along the Warwick'

May

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE & PICNIC

June 26th

Mr. Robert Montague – Breckinridge Scholar
'John C. Breckinridge – Kentuckian, Politician, Confederate General & CSA Secretary of War'

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SUPPORT THE TROOPS

At our Christmas Supper, we announced Scott Summerfield is now handling the Support The Troops program and we want the membership to continue bringing the items for him to mail out monthly.

Also, the cost of mailing the packages have been covered entirely by anonymous donations and we want to thank all of you who have contributed the money and the goods. We hope to continue this program as long as our soldiers need your contributions.



Items desired :

Baby Wipes
Slim Jims
Beef Jerky
Mints
Gum
Nuts (all kinds) & Dried Fruit
Single powdered drink mixes
 (such as Crystal Lite)
Soap Bars
Disposable Razors
Shaving Cream
Shampoo (regular and dandruff)
Deodorant
Lotion
Floss
Advil
Stamps
Paperback Books & DVDs

COMMUNITY SERVICE & HISTORICAL EDUCATION

Fort Magruder

We do annual clean-up and maintenance to the trees, shrubbery, moat, fortifications and general grounds.

Local Family Cemeteries

We have restored and we maintain local family cemeteries in James City County including Sunnyside, Peach Park and Cowles-Spencer-Durand plus Hockaday cemetery in New Kent County.

Support of U. S. Troops Overseas

We send three monthly care packages to servicemen who are stationed overseas. For the last three years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

College Scholarship

We sponsor a \$500 historical essay contest for local high school seniors. For more detailed information, see www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Genealogical Research Site

We maintain genealogical cemetery research information on family cemeteries in New Kent, James City & Charles City Counties and the City of Williamsburg on our website: www.jamescitycavalry.org.

Historical Education

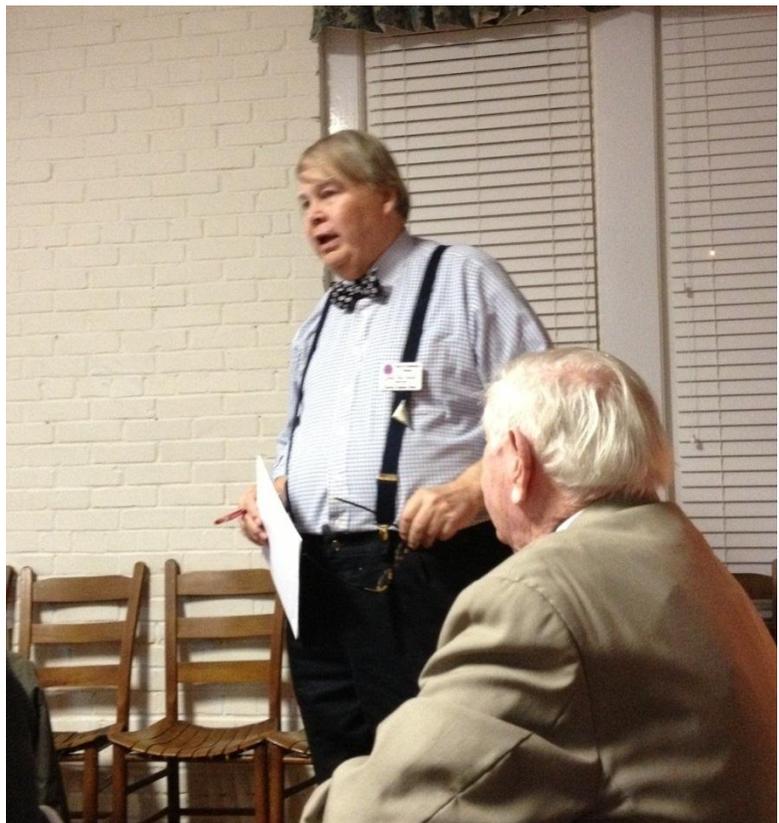
We schedule well known historians and authors for historical talks 10 months per year at our meetings. Guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except May & December) at the Colonial Heritage Country Club. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and our speaker is introduced at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per person, paid in advance. Contact Ken Parsons at 757-564-0878 to reserve your seats (217 Sherwood Forest, Williamsburg, Va. 23188).



CHRISTMAS SUPPER CAMP PICTORIAL



There were 63 attending; we owe thanks to David Ware and his all-girl crew; Sharron, Marily, and Wendy for their work setting up the Club house; Don and Betsy Woolridge for the Brunswick Stew and fruit cake; and we can't thank enough the ladies for all the delicious food they brought from home; Charles Bush for the history lesson and fruit cake; Linda Lightfoot for recording attendance; Mike Pullen and Tammy, Virginia Division Commander, and all the others who traveled far to join us in the celebration!



CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

This article is a follow-up on the December *Picket Lines* story about the Meanley family of Elmwood near Croaker. While neither of the Morris boys was buried in James City County, it does complete the story.

As has been stated, Sarah Meredith Vaiden married John M. Morris around 1840, and they had two sons before John's early death in 1846/47. John Willoughby Morris was born about 1842, and his brother, Henry B. Morris, followed around 1845. The Widow Morris married William Apperson Meanley in 1949, and the Morris boys grew up in the Meanley household.

In the 1860 census, John W. Morris, then 18 years old, was listed as a "clerk." He probably was working for one of the retail merchants near his home. John enlisted as a private in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry on June 10, 1861, at Williamsburg. He was present on all rolls except he was detailed to call in Negroes from August 21st through the 31st, 1861, and he was absent due to sickness for periods in May and June 1862, in February through April 1863, and in June through July 1864. John was captured on April 4th, 1865 at Appomattox and sent to Hart's Island, New York. He took the oath of allegiance and was released on June 21st. His residence was listed as James City County, Virginia at that time.

John Morris returned to James City after the war and married Eleanora Apperson of New Kent around 1866. Their first daughter, Myrtee B., was born on November 4, 1867. The 1870 census listed John as a farm hand. John and Nora, as she was called, had three more children: Ada B., born in 1872; William Mortimer, born in 1875; and Edward Blackwell, born in 1880.

Based on James City County Chancery Court records, it seems that this family lived on the

Meanley farm for about six years prior to 1880 when they moved to Williamsburg. John abandoned his family in 1884 and moved back to James City. Based on the chancery suit, Nora Morris was granted a divorce from John in 1890. Nora continued to live in the city and took in boarders to support her family.

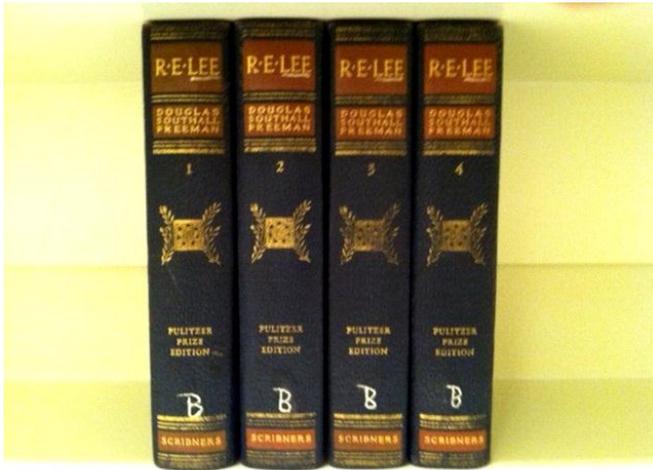
Around 1892, John Morris married as his second wife, Emma Dunn, a woman from Maryland, and they had one son, Carl A. Morris, born in 1894. This family was living in Hampton in 1900, and John was again working as a clerk. John Willoughby Morris died on November 18, 1901, and was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Hampton.

John's brother, Henry B. Morris, did not fare as well in the war. Henry enlisted in Company B, 1st Regiment, Virginia Artillery (James City Artillery) in Petersburg on August 7, 1863. This was very probably soon after his eighteenth birthday. He was present on all rolls through August 31, 1864. Henry B. Morris died in General Hospital #9, in Richmond, on September 29, 1864, a victim of typhoid fever. Speculatively, he was probably interred at Oakwood cemetery in Richmond.

While neither one of the Morris men were buried locally, they were born in James City County and went forth from here to defend their homeland.

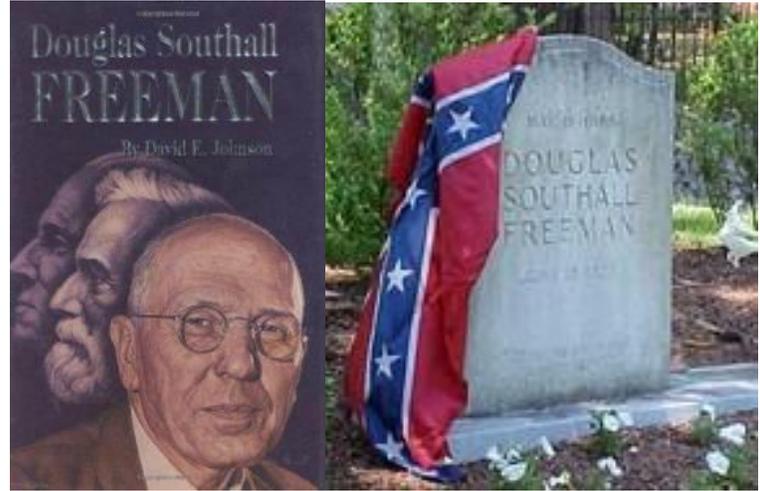


JANUARY BOOK RAFFLE



“R.E. Lee” Douglas Southall Freeman, Pulitzer Prize Edition, 1936, Charles Scribner’s Sons, New York, hard cover, 4 volumes, 2421 pages.

Douglas Freeman's biography, in its 4 volumes and 2421 pages, is not only comprehensive, but remains to this day the best life of Lee ever published. Most recent owner of this particular set was the Lee Chapel Museum in Lexington.



“Douglas Southall Freeman” David E. Johnson, 1961, Pelican, hard cover, 480 pages.

Douglas Southall Freeman (1886-1953) won two Pulitzer Prizes for his biographies R. E. Lee and George Washington; he also edited the Richmond News Leader, made twice-daily radio news broadcasts, and taught journalism at Columbia University.

JANUARY TRIVIA QUESTION:

Compatriots, This month's trivia question is not just the usual question but a challenge. Anyone who answers this challenge will win a book from my library; Chancellorsville 1863, by Ernest Ferguson.

The question: Name the two Confederate soldiers who were tried and hanged after the war?

Hint: The first one is easy, the second one will require some digging.

Submitted by Adjutant Ken Parsons



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