



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 28th, 2015, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Billie Earnest
Virginia Beach, Virginia



Col. Walter Taylor:
Aide to General Lee

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

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Petty Officer Samuel Joseph Chappell
CSS Jamestown, Naval Battalion at Drewry's Bluff,
CSS Fredericksburg

RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Billie Earnest
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Col. Walter Taylor:
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Walter Herron Taylor (June 13, 1838 – March 1, 1916) was an American banker, lawyer, soldier, politician, author, and railroad executive from Norfolk, Virginia.

During the War Between the States, he was an officer in the Confederate Army, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel as an aide to General Robert E. Lee. He was later a Senator in the Virginia General Assembly, and attorney for the Norfolk & Western Railway and later the Virginian Railway.

Billie Earnest is a 21-year member of the UDC, a friend of the Norfolk Grays Camp of the SCV, a past chapter and division officer with the UDC, and a genealogist and historical researcher relating to the WBTS. Thrice before she has graced us with her talks. In June of 2009 she spoke on George and Sallie Pickett, in October of 2010 she presented a marvelous talk on General Billy Mahone, and in July 2013 she spoke on General Lee's photographer, Mr. Michael Milley.

Bring a guest to our January meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30 and we will introduce Billie 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

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Compatriots,

Tragically, in what appears to have been an accident, we have lost a valued compatriot of the James City Cavalry. David Ware was one of the founding members of our Camp when we were formed 10 years ago. He proudly served as our second Commander. Whenever we had Fort Magruder and cemetery clean-ups and other Camp functions he was there supporting our efforts. David was our BBQ chef at all of our picnics and Christmas parties. As a past Commander he served on our Command Staff and I have been the beneficiary of his counsel and wisdom. On Friday, December the 12th, David was with our group at the Hickory Neck Episcopal who arrived early to set up for the Christmas Party. David, Sherron and I were among the last to leave and were laughing in the parking lot about BBQ, Christmas, Tim Seaman's dulcimer music and personal tidbits. Now, one week later, our thoughts are with the entire family in this time of loss. Please include Sherron and the entire Ware family in your thoughts and prayers. Our ancestors endured the loss of their compatriots 150 years ago during the War Between the States. Now we mourn the loss of our compatriot. His memory will be preserved as the James City Cavalry continues our community service projects and our historical efforts to preserve the memory of our ancestors.

- *Commander Jeff Toalson,
December 20th, 2014*



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NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



Our November Guest Speaker,
Virginia Division Quartermaster Fred Chiesa,
and SCV Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow
at our November Meeting

HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

In 2014 we lit the candle and honored 9 of our ancestors. 7 of those folks were relatives of Camp members. We would like to honor more ancestors of Camp 2095 Compatriots. Contact Jeff Toalson at troon24@cox.net with your ancestors, name, rank, unit, and any other key information like county and state where they lived in 1860.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR GUESTS

- January 28th -
Mrs. Billie Earnest
"Col. Walter Taylor - Aide to General Lee"
- February 15th -
Compatriot John Sharrett III
"The North-South Skirmish Association"
- March 25th -
Mr. James Flanagan
"The Battle of Kelly's Ford"
- April 22nd -
Dr. Anna Holloway
"Naval Achievements in Hampton Roads during the WBTS"
- June 24th -
Mr. Eric Richardson
"Brig. General Stand Watie's War in the West"

Compatriot David Warren Ware Jr.



1946 - 2014



somebody—and always, most assuredly, to entertain whomever he met by regaling one of his many, many hilarious, real life adventures. Even if they weren't hilarious, David would work it in such a way that they were. You were usually guaranteed a good laugh by the time you left David.

He belonged to many organizations. He was not just a member in name only, but a full participating member—rolling up his sleeves and jumping in to make whatever organization a better place—always recruiting a crowd to accompany him to meetings. He belonged to the Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mayflower Society, Jamestown Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Virginia Huguenot Society. For the SCV, he was instrumental in founding the 5th VA Cavalry chapter in James City County. David had just had his grandson Alex inducted as one of the youngest members. He was also very active in Operation Smile, and Hickory Neck Church. David also belonged to PeCK, a chicken owners association.

David is survived by his wife, Sherron, his daughters: Kate Gregory and Amanda Kizer; his son, Shane Hatchell; grandchildren Alex and Ian Gregory, Lily and Theodore "The Beav" Kizer, Amanda Gregory and Tristan Hatchel, and his sons-in-law: Thorpe Gregory and Steve Kizer.

He is also survived by his mother, Martha "Sug" Ware, his brother, W. Walker Ware IV, his sisters, Martha Ware Petro and Mary Ware, and his brother-in-law, Joe Petro. He also had many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

David was baptized at Hickory Neck Church at the beginning of his life's journey, and his memorial service will be held there to commemorate the completion of his life's journey--New Year's Day at 11:00. Reception to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in David's memory to Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano or Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Blvd., Va Beach 23453.

Compatriot David Warren Ware, Jr., 68, of Yorktown, died tragically Friday, December 19, near his home. He was born in Williamsburg, May 20, 1946 to David W. (deceased) and Martha Ware and moved to Toano at age 1. He attended Toano School, moving on to Matthew Whaley, and James Blair High School. He graduated from Christ Church Episcopal Boys School, and then the College of William and Mary. He was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity, where he was quite the life of the party.

He served as an infantry Lieutenant in the US Army, 1968-1972 graduating from OCS at Fort Benning, GA, and was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ and Watertown, NY. Through his sister, Martha, he met his first wife, Chase Ware. Together they had 2 daughters, Katherine Stafford Ware Gregory, and Amanda Chase Ware Kizer. His second and present wife of 24 years, Sherron Ware, brought the addition of her son, Shane Hatchell, to his family.

Over the course of his life, David ran the True Value Hardware Store, was general manager of the family shopping center, Colonial Towne Plaza, owned a roll off container business, and a construction company. He served on the James City County Board of Supervisors in the mid 1970's.

David was enjoying his "semi-retirement" from "real jobs" when his life was heartbreakingly cut short. He spent his days fishing, planting tomatoes and watermelons, raising chickens, and gathering eggs. He was known for his "famous" BBQ—providing the meals for churches, condo parties, charities, or anybody who just happened to stop by to say hello—They usually left with not only BBQ, but eggs, watermelons, fish, tomatoes, or whatever was thriving at his place that day. David was a very gifted pianist and would often treat visitors to rousing renditions at the piano. He and Sherron were also quite the ballroom dancers.

His absolute favorite activity was playing with and entertaining his grandchildren, Alex, Ian, Lily, and Theodore, ("The Beav"). He was always in his work van on his way to help somebody—to rebuild something, to repair something, to feed or to comfort



CAMP PICTORIAL CHRISTMAS SUPPER



Cmdr. Toalson thanks Tim Seaman for his wonderful hammered dulcimer concert of WBTS and Christmas songs at our Christmas party.



Outstanding food line at our Christmas party.



CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

The two older sons of Parkes and Virginia H. Lee Slater both served in the Confederate cause. Their third son was not old enough to see action. Parkes, a native of New Kent County, spent his adult life in Williamsburg. He was a hotel keeper in 1850, served as mayor of the city, and by 1860, he was the city sergeant, a position that he held for many years.

The Slaters' oldest son, Ludwell Philip, was born on October 17, 1843, in Williamsburg. He was a student at the College of William and Mary when the war broke out. He enlisted as private on April 26, 1861, in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, in Williamsburg. In June 1862, he was detailed to the Ordnance Department, where he remained for the duration of the conflict. He was present on rolls throughout the war, and was paroled at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.

After the war, Ludwell moved to Portsmouth where he taught school for many years. In 1880, he married Elizabeth B. Thomas, and they had one daughter and one son. By 1910, he had retired from teaching, but in the 1920 census, it was noted that he was the clerk of the city council. Ludwell P. Slater died in Portsmouth in 1926, and was buried in the Portlock Cemetery along with his wife and children.

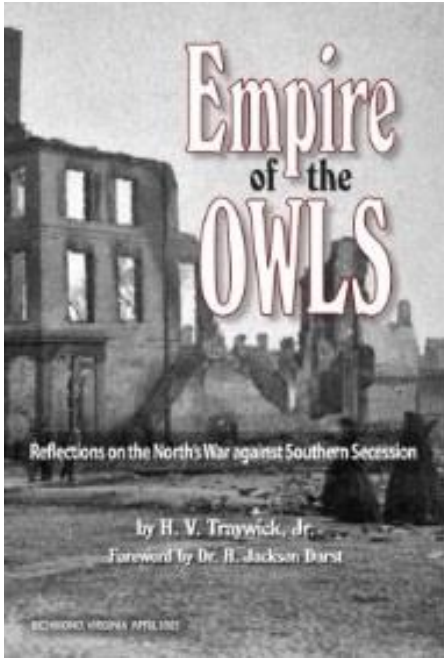
James Lee Slater, the second son of Parkes and Virginia Slater, was born in Williamsburg in October 1846. James was

too young for immediate service in 1861. On July 27, 1864, at the age of seventeen, he mustered into Company G, 3rd Battalion, Virginia Local Defense Forces. His residence was listed as "Richmond or its environs." It is possible that the family had refuged there after the Union occupation in Williamsburg. This is the only record of James' service, but we know that a number of Williamsburg residents served in this capacity.

After the war, James Slater returned to Williamsburg and became a merchant. On October 11, 1883, James married Robinette Roper in Williamsburg. She was the daughter of Robert R. and Frances P. Roper who lived on Francis Street. Roper's occupation was listed as mechanic and carpenter on different censuses. Robert Roper was listed as a private in Company E, 3rd Battalion, Virginia Reserves. He was recruited in Petersburg on March 6, 1865, at age 39. The Roper family lived in Williamsburg after the war, and when Robert Roper died on October 16, 1896, he was interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

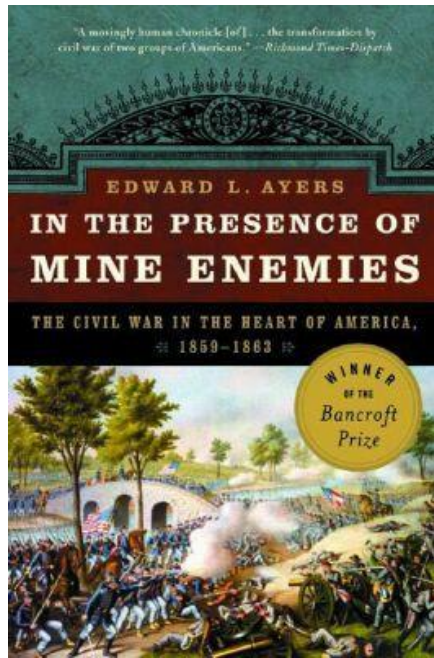
James and Robinette Slater had three sons, Leon, James and Calhoun, and were living at the eastern end of Duke of Gloucester Street in 1900. In 1910, James's occupation was listed as a house plasterer, and in 1920, as a painter. James Lee Slater died at his home on February 11, 1924. His funeral was conducted at his home on the next day by the Baptist minister, and he was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

JANUARY BOOK RAFFLE



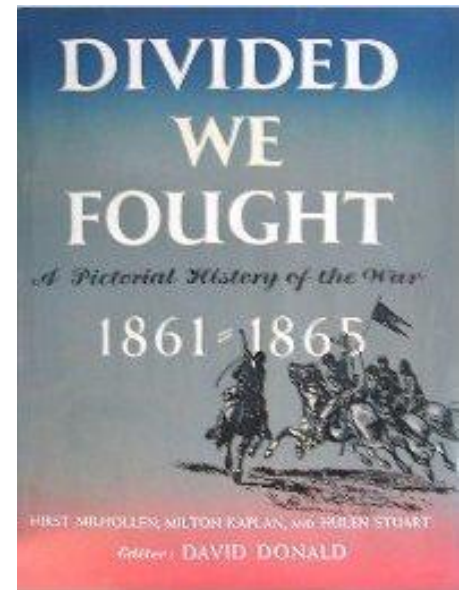
"Empire of the Owls" Bo Traywick, Manakin-Sabot, 2013, Soft Cover, 354 pages

Bo spoke a few months ago with our Camp and he uses several quotes from Col. Walter Taylor in the book. The most interesting portions of this book are the prewar and reconstruction writings that have been selected.



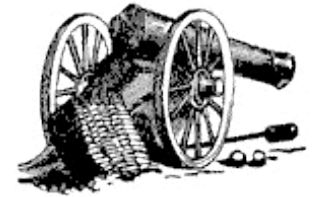
"In the Presence of Mine Enemies" Edward Ayers, New York, 2003, 1st Edition, Hard Cover, 468 pages

This work bring focus to the people of the 'Valley of Virginia' and studies the period of 1859-1863 and follows the Valley soldiers and civilians, the fortunes of of Jackson's men, and the Army of Northern Virginia till they cross the Potomac in June of 1863.



"Divided We Fought" edited by David Donald, New York, 1953, Hard Cover, 454 pages

This coffee table book holds a marvelous selection of photographs and sketches from the conflict.



JANUARY TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who did both Confederate and Yankee soldiers call the "graybacks"?



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