

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, July 23rd, 2014, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Lee Heath
Biographer and Author
Richmond, Virginia



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

Honored Confederate Soldier:
Pvt. Jasper Newton Cowger
Company K –3rd Arkansas Cavalry

RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

JULY GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Lee Heath
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Winnie Davis: Daughter of the Lost Cause

Varina Anne “Winnie” Davis was born into a war-torn South in June of 1864 (the former youngest child, Joseph Evan “Little Joe” Davis had fallen from the veranda of the Confederate White House and died in April at the age of five – the family must have considered Winnie’s arrival to be a blessing), the youngest daughter of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his second wife, Varina Howell Davis. Born only a month after the death of beloved Confederate hero General J.E.B. Stuart during a string of Confederate victories, Winnie’s birth was hailed as a blessing by war-weary Southerners. They felt her arrival was a good omen signifying future victory. But after the Confederacy’s ultimate defeat in their Second War for Independence, Winnie would spend her early life as a genteel refugee and expatriate abroad. After returning to the South from German boarding school, Winnie was christened the “Daughter of the Confederacy” in 1886. This role was bestowed upon her by a Southern culture trying to sublimate its war losses. Particularly idolized by Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Winnie became an icon of the Lost Cause, eclipsing even her father Jefferson in popularity.

Heath comes from a museum education, historic preservation, and writing background. She holds a B.A. in History with Honors from Davidson College, and an M.A. in French Language and Literature from the University of Virginia.

She started her museum career at the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the Director of Education and Programs. Heath has since worked as a consultant for southern house museums such as Stratford Hall, Robert E. Lee’s birthplace, and Menokin Plantation, once home to Francis Lightfoot Lee. Heath moved to Des Moines from her hometown of Richmond, Virginia in 2008. She is currently working as the Coordinator of the History Series for Salisbury House & Gardens, a 1920s house museum in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ms. Lee will have books available (\$29.95) for signing for attendees who would like all the details.

Bring a guest to our July meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30PM, and we will introduce Heath Lee at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons, kparsons4@cox.net or (757) 564-0878, to confirm your reservations.

-^{mt} Lt. Commander Ed Engle

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 25 Jun. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 45 attendees

Call to Order & 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 Compatriot Ed Truslow

Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*
2nd Lt. Edward W. Marable,
Co. K - 53rd Virginia Infantry
(ancestor of Compatriot Richard Best)

Program:

Commander Jeff Toalson introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot Larry Floyd, 50 year member of the North-South Skirmish Association and a member of William F. Martin Camp, SCV. Larry presented many period Navy firearms from his collection and provided a wealth of information for their development and use in the WBTS.



*Compatriot Larry Floyd
and 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle
pose behind many of the pieces displayed
at the Camp Meeting.*

Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons provided the present balance of Camp accounts.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White provided an overview of this spring's activities.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Scott Summerfield informed the Camp of recent shipments. The Camp supplies for our Support the Troops program are depleted and any donations are gratefully appreciated.

Needed Items:

Baby Wipes

Q-Tips

Hard Candy

Slim Jims

Lip Balm

Beef Jerky

Dental Floss

Moisture Lotion

Old & New Business

1. Compatriot Jonathan Starbuck provided an in-depth report of his activities at the Sam Davis Youth Camp.
2. Commander Jeff Toalson provided feedback on the success of the Camp's Memorial Day Service and Picnic, as well as the Bridget Grimes Ceremony on June 7th.
3. Commander Toalson informed the Camp of efforts by the DAR to repair Confederate Monuments in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties.
4. The Camp Christmas Supper date has been moved to Friday, 21 December 2014.
5. State Fair dates for the SCV booth in the pavilion will commence on 26 September. Volunteers are sought for manning the booth.

Trivia Question

Name the thing captured from Union troops at Harpers Ferry by General Stonewall Jackson which he intended as a gift for his wife.

A. A horse named "Little Sorrel".

Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations: "Artillery and Ammunition of the Civil War" Warren Ripley, "Chancellorsville 1863" Ernest B. Furgurson, and "Thomas R. R. Cobb" William B. McCash.

Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

WHAT IS A HERITAGE VIOLATION?

While attending this year's Reunion, I was approached by a Division Commander that asked me what our newly formed Heritage Operations Committee could do to assist a Division in the midst of a Heritage battle. As I discussed it with him, I realized the importance of the question and determined to make it the focus of my next column. However, to effectively address the issue, I thought it was necessary to go back before the battle began, to the cause. So, what exactly is meant by the term, "Heritage Violation?" Some have observed that it is difficult to define, much like the statement that Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart made about pornography, "I know it when I see it."

Nevertheless, this office is charged with overseeing these matters, so, some direction is necessary. I'll give you my best definition – this is by no means absolute; you're welcome to disagree and offer your own definition. *In my opinion, a Heritage Violation occurs when some Confederate historical asset is, in some way, diminished or someone's ability to recognize or celebrate some aspect of Confederate history is restrained, typically, by a public action.*

The last part of the definition is critical. While a private action is capable of creating a Heritage Violation, it is most often a public (governmental) action. As relates to private entities, we have experienced several instances of a company asking an employee to remove some Confederate Heritage article (often from a vehicle). While there might be constructive ways for the employee to deal with this, at the end of the day whatever happens on private property is usually the purview of the property owner.

Another, less frequent occurrence of a private action is an individual that damages property, perhaps a Battle Flag or some other emblem, or even does physical harm to someone. These are, plain and simple, illegal acts – property damage, assault, whatever the case may be. Law enforcement has a duty here and should be contacted without delay. So, that leaves us with the public sector – municipalities such as Memphis or Reidsville, NC; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; the Veterans Administration. These are venues of local, state and Federal government where events have taken place that we believe rise to the status of Heritage Violations.

The next big question is "What do I do about a Heritage Violation?" At this point, I want to go over a few "dos" and "don'ts" that will make a successful resolution more likely. I'll also explain what you should expect from me and the members of the Heritage Operations Committee. First of all, I would encourage you to use the Heritage Violation banner on the SCV website. This issue of the magazine contains details on the fundraising initiatives first rolled out at the Reunion.

When we find ourselves immersed in a Heritage issue, we need to know that we are under heightened scrutiny. Remember the three P's:

- 1) *Be prepared; know the issue and be able to articulate our position clearly and concisely*
- 2) *Be professional; we are community leaders – we need to look like it and act like it*
- 3) *Be polite; that really doesn't require any amplification*

In closing, let me reiterate the desire of our committee to be accessible to the membership. Also, let me, again, mention finances. I am challenging **EVERY** member to make a financial contribution to Heritage by next year's Reunion... the amount is up to you. I'm asking Camp Commanders to collect change in a receptacle and send it in to Headquarters. If all you are able to do is drop in some change, we appreciate it. Your *change* can help make a *change*. However, if you are able to join the Heritage Support Team or Patrick Cleburne Guild or lead your camp in a Patrick Cleburne Guild donation that will honor another Compatriot, then step up and do so (these are explained in the letter in this issue). Heritage... **EVERYBODY LIVE IT... EVERYBODY GIVE IT.**

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SPECIAL EDITION

Due to the outstanding participation of all involved in the Memorial Service and Gravestone Dedication in honor of Bridget M. Grimes, held at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond on Saturday, June 7th, A Special Edition of the Picket Lines chronicling the event will be forthcoming. More to follow...

WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014, 7:00pm
Williamsburg Regional Library:
Carson Hudson & Amy Miller:
"The Civil War in Seven Songs"



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CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Continuing with Henley family kin, John Randolph Coupland was born in 1824 in Prince George County, Virginia. He was the son of Carter Coupland from Cumberland County and Juliana Ruffin, sister of Edmund Ruffin who fired the first shot at Fort Sumter in 1861. Carter Coupland died when his son was about nine years old. Sometime after his death, Juliana Coupland married a Mr. Dorsey, and they moved the family to Mobile, Alabama. Correspondence indicated that John lived there with them, but he came back to the College of William and Mary and graduated in 1845. He met Susan Elizabeth Henley while at the college. She was the daughter of Leonard [Sr.] and Harriett Coke Henley, and a sister of John Alexander and Leonard [Jr.] whom we have discussed earlier this year. John Coupland went back to Mobile for two years but returned and married Susan in late 1847.

John Coupland practiced law and taught law briefly at the College of William and Mary. Again looking at correspondence, he and Susan lived at "Story Point" in Albemarle County from about 1852 through 1854/55. In 1856, Juliana Ruffin Coupland, by then the Widow Dorsey, purchased a 375 acre tract known as "Amblers" located on the James River just northwest of the island (present day "Vermillion House" and former Jamestown Campsites). Mrs. Dorsey's son John was listed as surety on the deed of trust. Various pieces of correspondence indicated that John moved his family to the farm around 1858, and both he and his mother were living there when the 1860 census was taken. At some point during the Dorsey tenure, this farm was renamed "Willoughby."

When war came to the peninsula in 1862, the Couplands were still living out at Willoughby. In December, John decided to move his family back into Williamsburg. On the 18th of the month, Richard Bucktrout was paid \$1.50 for providing a new lock and key for the Vest house (present day Palmer House), three houses down the street from John's mother-in-law, Harriett Henley. John spent the following months trying to provide for his family that included four children plus the Henley household.

Wise's raid into Williamsburg on April 11, 1863, brought firing around the Vest and Henley houses. John quickly hitched his horse to a cart and took his family and the Henleys up to the Asylum for protection. The next day, Wise discovered that Coupland had not yet reached forty years of age, making him subject to conscription into the southern army. Even though his wife was expecting a child and two families depended on him for survival, he was forced to go to Richmond and report for duty the next day.

There is one reference that John enlisted briefly with the 5th Virginia Cavalry, but an official record has not been found. He did go to Richmond and served as a clerk in the 2nd Auditor's Office, Confederate Treasury Department. As a private, John joined Company D, 3rd Battalion, Local Defense Volunteers. This was his brother-in-law, John A. Henley's unit.

By the summer, his overseer at Willoughby was selling at the market lines outside of Williamsburg and providing for the family. But the overseer found trading with the Yankees to be more lucrative, and the family lacked sufficient supplies. John concluded that he would try to bring them to Richmond. Bucktrout was hired to pack up their belongings to be ready to leave Williamsburg. John rented a cottage in Ashland, and finally in early November 1863, the family was allowed to pass out of Union territory. John was paroled in Ashland on April 21, 1865 and he and his family remained there until November when they all moved back to the farm in James City.

Again, relying on correspondence, John stated that he had no funds or help but was making a go at running the farm in 1866. The family remained there until around 1870. They appeared back in Williamsburg in the census after the farm was lost to unsettled debt. The Coupland family was listed as communicants at Bruton Parish Church around this time, and John served as a vestryman for a number of years. Susan Coupland died on March 20, 1872. John Randolph Coupland died on November 6, 1886. They are both buried with other Henley family members in the graveyard at Bruton Parish Church in now unmarked graves.

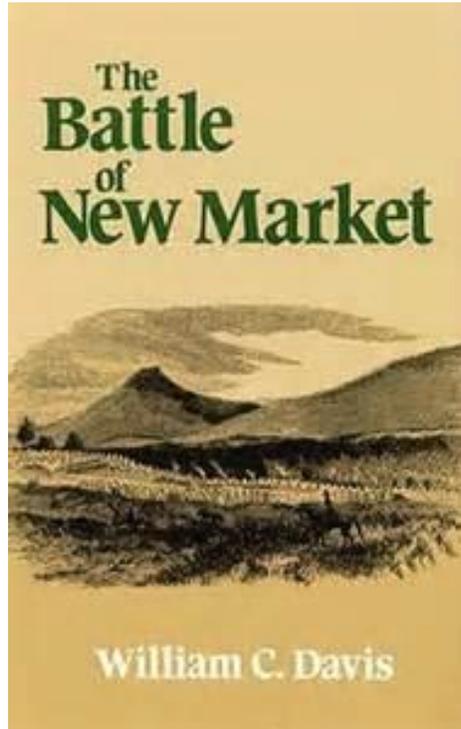
JULY BOOK RAFFLE

*Mary Chesnut's
Civil War*

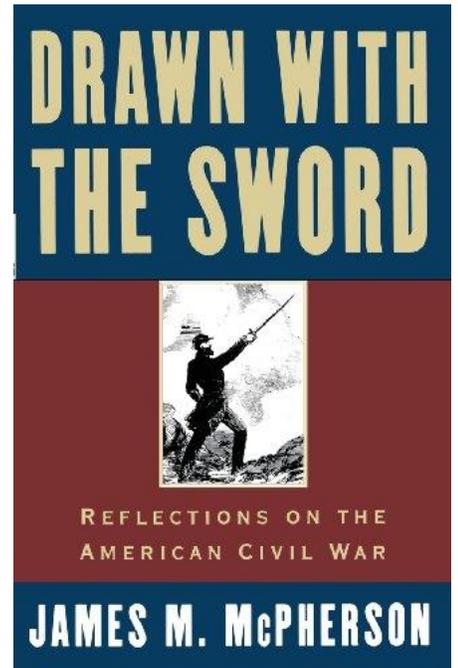
Edited by C. VANN WOODWARD



"Mary Chesnut's Civil War" edited by C. Vann Woodward, New Haven, 1980, Hard Cover, 870 pages
This is the premier WBTS diary from a lady of society. It is not how the normal person lived but it provides a birds eye view of life in the upper crust of the Confederacy during the war. This edition won the Pulitzer in 1982.



"The Battle of New Mrket" William C. Davis, New York, 1975, First Edition Hard Cover, 250 pages
An excellent book and perhaps the #1 study on the battle.



"Drawn With the Sword" James M. McPherson, New Yor, 1996, Hard Cover, 260 pages
A collection of essays by Mr. McPherson on a variety of subjects. Some are part of the new 'political correctness' and others are interesting.

JULY TRIVIA QUESTION:

What state university, whose students left en masse in 1861 to join the University Grays or the Lamar Rifles, is best known by its nickname, the antebellum term for the mistress of a southern plantation?



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