

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 27th, 2016, 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:

Private Abraham Troxell Link Company I – 4th Virginia Infantry

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests: All are encouraged to attend.

July Guest Speaker

Mike **Hendricks**

> Virginia **Beach**



"The Richmond Clothing Bureau"

The Richmond Clothing Bureau, was a clothing and equipment facility located in three primary facilities, in and around Richmond, Virginia that supplied uniforms, footwear, and other equipment to the Confederate States Army, primarily the Army of Northern.

Born in Lumberton, North Carolina, Mike was raised in VA Beach. He is a retired VB Firefighter with 37 years in the. He have been involved with War for Southern Independence Living History & Re-enacting, for 28 years and has been researching the Richmond Clothing Bureau of the Richmond Depot for twenty-five years.

Mike had 33 ancestors who fought for the Old North State during the War. They served in the 18th, 32nd, and the 50th Regiments of NC Troops. All three regiments served in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

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

Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

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 Charles Eugene Bush in honor of *Private Nimrod Newton Nash*Co. I, 13th Mississippi Infantry

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced the evening's emergency guest speaker: Commander Jeff Toalson

Jeff entertained us with: "Lost Voices of our Confederate Ancestors" - a reading of several personal letters from Southerners during the conflict.

New Officers:

Senior Chaplain – Fred Breeden Chaplain – Warren Raines Quartermaster – Jerry Thompson



Jerry Thompson and Fred Breeden

New Members:

New members John Holt and Robert Carpenter were announced. They will be inducted in a future meeting.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported plans to install the David Ware Memorial Bench sometime next month. Steve is looking for a volunteer to mow the grass at Peach Park during the months of August and September.

Old & New Business

- Compatriot Sam Alspaugh passed away May 4.
- 32 attended Memorial Service and 52 attended the picnic.
- We thank the Starbuck family for donating our picnic BBO.
- Mallory Read necktie who wanted one??? Mallory lost your email.
- Jamestown H. S. Scholarship Ceremony on June 14

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons reported copies of the Camp Charter document can be requested.

Book Raffle

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

"Dixie"

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment

8:20 PM



Camp Officers

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Commander's Comments

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White mentioned the need for a volunteer to mow Peach Park in August. The Camp appreciates the work of Compatriots Mike Garrett, Scott Summerfield and Steve mowing the park thru the spring and mid-summer. If you are available to assist the Camp by mowing the park four times in August please contact Steve at 757-566-3740.

As mentioned by Adjutant Ken Parsons, at the June meeting, our member attendance at the Memorial Service, the Camp picnic, and our monthly meetings seems to be slipping. Is this due to summer activities or are there changes that need to be made with our meetings? Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts. Your comments and ideas will be given full consideration and your identity will remain anonymous. We have over 60 members in our Camp and only 2 live out of state. There is reason for concern when only 20-25 members are attending the meetings. Your feedback is needed.

An excellent and varied group of speakers are booked for the balance of 2016. 'Confederate Uniforms & the Richmond Clothing Bureau' is a wonderful presentation my Mike Hendricks this month; August and September will see Billie Earnest give us a talk on 'Mack' Lee who was General R. E. Lee's servant during the war and Frank Earnest will join us as an aging Heros Von Borcke to recall his times in the Army of N. Virginia; Dr. Cheryl Davis, her piano, and her marvelous voice, will fill the room with 'Camp Songs of our Southern Soldiers' in October . . . an evening to bring your wives and sweethearts; and the year will conclude with Dr. Trammel and the remarkable C. S. submarine *Hunley*.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. The fourth Wednesday each month. Give it priority in your schedule and join us to honor the memory of our ancestors.

In their memory, Jeff Toalson

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

We have addressed the lives and service records of the majority of the Confederate veterans buried in private plots in Cedar Grove Cemetery. However, there are a few more elusive men that still need to be accounted for. In most cases, research has targeted only shadowy records of their lives. By bringing known facts to light, it is hoped that our readers may offer additional information.

Samuel Wesley Bowman was born in 1825 in Nelson County, Virginia. Although his parents have not been established, several Bowman men from Nelson County served in the American Revolution and he undoubtedly descended from that line. Little is known of his early life. In the 1850 census, Shenard T. Bowman, age 36 years, bricklayer, and Gilbert W. Bowman, age 30 years, carpenter, were enumerated in the part of Williamsburg then listed as York County. Both of these men were born in Nelson County and Shenard was married at the time. Mary J. Christian, age 19 years, native of York County, was also living in this household. While Samuel Bowman, also a bricklayer, has not been located in the 1850 census, he and Mary Christian were married soon thereafter.

Their first son, Robert Christian Bowman, was born on October 8, 1852, died on June 28, 1855, and was buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Additional children were Bettie F., born about 1854, Martha C., born on June 23, 1856, Eva B., born about 1860, Samuel W., Jr., born about 1863, Richard A. born about 1865/66, and Mary Jane Bowman, born on April 24, 1868, died on August 14, 1869, and was also buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Again, this family has not been located in 1860, but the portion of the York County census that would have enumerated them has been lost. In the 1859 City of Williamsburg tax records, Samuel W. Bowman purchased one lot from B. A. Davis formerly charged to William W. Ware's estate. This lot was located

where Shield's Tavern stands on Duke of Gloucester Street today. The original Shield's Tavern had burned prior to that time and the tax records indicate that there was a house on this lot when Bowman bought it.

Samuel Bowman was recruited and signed up in James City County. He entered service as a private in Company D, 10th Virginia Cavalry on April 17, 1863. On July 21, 1863, he requested a transfer to the Signal Corps to be near his wife and child in Williamsburg. Knowing that he had lost his first son and that he also had several daughters by this time; his namesake was born about 1863. He may have been concerned for the safety of all of his family but was anxious particularly for his son's well being. Bowman was present through the September roster but he deserted to the enemy in Yorktown on October 16, 1863. At that time he was thirty-eight years old, six feet tall, dark complexion, brown hair and brown eyes. His occupation was listed as a bricklayer.

As seen above, Samuel and Mary Bowman had another son and daughter born after he returned home. The 1870 Mortality Schedule for Williamsburg had an entry for Samuel's death in February of that year. He was forty-four years old and died from pneumonia. Again, his occupation was listed as a bricklayer and he was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery beside his two children who had died earlier. In the census for that same year, Mary J. Bowman and her three daughters and two sons were living in Williamsburg. Mary died on September 25, 1913 and was also buried in Cedar Grove. At least one daughter, Martha C. and her husband, Millard Filmore Morris continued to live in Williamsburg and were buried with her parents and young siblings.

Missing A Dear Friend



Mary Satterwhite (1924-2016) passed away in June. She is pictured above at a 2015 Cavalry meeting with husband and Compatriot Fred Satterwhite. Our collective sympathy goes to Fred, Compatriot Jim Harris (brother), Compatriot Jere Harris (nephew) and the entire extended family. Mary was a supportive and dedicated member of the U.D.C., the D.A.R. and a regular attendee at our meetings and events.

She will be missed.



"Powhatan Troop" Battle Flag

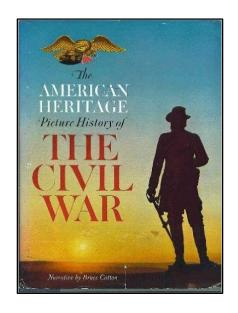
This beautiful silk flag with a portrait of Pocahontas was presented to the "Powhatan Troop" - Company E of the 4th Virginia Cavalry by the Ladies of Powhatan County in June, 1860. This flag is in the collection of the Museum of the Confederacy.



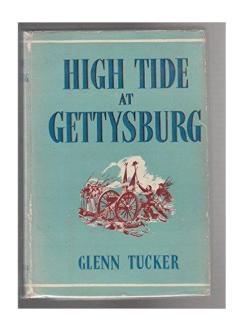


Confederate 'Army of Tennessee' soldiers at Bennett Place re-enactment in April, 2015

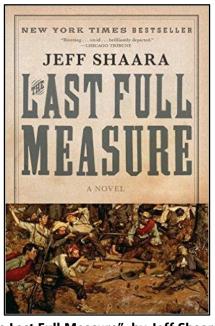
July Book Raffle



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



"High Tide at Gettysburg", by Glenn Tucker



"The Last Full Measure", by Jeff Shaara.

July Trivia Question:

Who is the only Confederate officer with an outdoor statue in Washington, DC?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



http://www.wcwrt.org

No meetings over the summer. Next meeting is on September 27th on the Battle of Glendale