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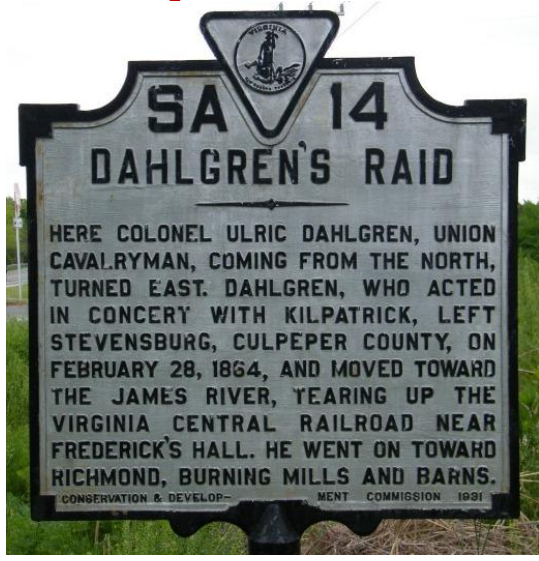
A PATRIOTIC HONOR SOCIETY DEDICATED TO SERVICE AND PRESERVING THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

NEXT MUSTER

Wednesday, June 27th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club
<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Speaker:
Jerry White

James City Cavalry Camp Commander
"The Dahlgren Raid on Richmond"



Honored Confederate Soldier:
Private Joseph Strickler Coffman
Company D 'Bridgewater Grays' - 10th Virginia Infantry

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

RSVP By:
Monday, June 25th, 2012
Adjutant Ken Parsons at

kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878
Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Compatriots,

I believe everyone can be proud of the memorial day service that Chaplain Fred Breeden prepared and conducted at Cedar Grove cemetery. The gathering at Fred Boelt's house was equally successful with David Ware's excellent barbeque and the desserts prepared by the ladies.

While I was out of town when the UDC held their service at Fort Magruder, it was by all reports a memorable tribute to those southern soldiers who fought and died defending their homes and families in 1862. As most of you probably know, our speaker scheduled for this month's meeting, Preston Nuttall, encountered a medical problem, and his presentation has been deferred until September. I will step into the breach and discuss the Dahlgren Raid on Richmond which occurred in March, 1864.

The raid was a significant turning point in Union tactics and strategy in the war. We will resume with our guest speakers in July with Robert Krick, the Richmond National Battlefield historian which promises to be an excellent insight into Stonewall Jackson's performance in the Seven Days' Campaign.

Deo Vindice
Jerry White



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

INBOUND MESSAGE ...

Fred,

Good morning, I just wanted to say thank you to the James City Cavalry Camp 2095 for the wonderful care package. All of my team are grateful and thank you all for the supplies and goodies. Your awareness of the need of the troops in this long campaign when it seems most of our nation has moved on without realizing that thousands of their brothers and sisters are still here. Thanks again!

Rex

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Other Items desired :

Slim Jim's

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

In the book 'Until Tuesday' by former Army Captain L. C. Montalvan,

his stories of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan he had the following note on wet wipes...

"...the best thing to send soldiers."

"Almost every soldier I knew carried baby wipes, even on long patrols. The sand infiltrated everything, and baby wipes were the best way to remove it from elbow folds, hair lines, lips, nostrils, ears, and every other awful place you can think of. They were also great to wipe down weapons. I spent many evenings, and many water breaks on patrol, wiping down my M4 carbine and Beretta 9mm pistol with baby wipes. If it wasn't for Pampers brand butt cleaners, there would have been alot more jammed weapons and a few more dead soldiers. Of course the Army does not supply them, so baby wipe purchases are out of pocket expenses. If you really want to send something useful to the troops, send baby wipes."



HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Private Joseph Strickler Coffman
Company D 'Bridgewater Grays' -10th Virginia Infantry

Joseph was born January 19, 1831 in Keezletown, Virginia. He was the son of Joseph Coffman and Abigail Lincoln Coffman. His grandfather Jacob was a brother to Abraham Lincoln's grandfather Abraham. Sometimes it can be a very small world.

He enlisted as a private on June 25, 1861 at Winchester, Virginia. He is 30 years of age. Joseph stands 5' 11", has blue eyes, ruddy complexion and dark hair.

He is shown present for duty and pay in the August, October and December, 1861 muster reports. Joseph is present for the February and April muster reports in 1862. On April 18, 1862, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, he re-enlists for 3 years.

He is present on all muster rolls from June, 1862 through February, 1864.

In July, 1863 he is assigned duty as a teamster with the ordnance train for the 10th Virginia Infantry. In August, 1863 he is shown as a blacksmith for the brigade and then future reports from Major Tanner, AQM for the 10th Virginia and reports by Brigadier General Stewart show Joseph as a teamster in the Ordnance Train.

The final muster roll [included in his military record] from October, 1864 to January, 1865 shows him present and a teamster with the 'Reserve' Ordnance Train. This would mean a 'reserve' train for either the brigade or the division.

Joseph is captured sometime after January of 1865 and sent to Fort Delaware Prison. He was told [oral family history] that if he would admit to being the cousin of President Lincoln, he would be released. He refused and was confined in Fort Delaware for some five months. Joseph is released after signing the Oath of Allegiance on June 15, 1865.

Postwar he suffered crippling arthritic maladies and was confined to a wheelchair for a significant portion of his later life due to the malnutrition and brutal living conditions he endured at Fort Delaware.

Joseph was married to Hannah Francis Coffman and they had 10 children. One died at 8 years of age but the others survived to adulthood. Their daughter Sophia is David Ware's grandmother on his mother's side.

Joseph died January 17, 1904 being 2 days short of 73 years of age. He is buried in the Keezletown Cemetery in Rockingham County, Virginia. Hannah passed away on February 6, 1917 and is buried beside him.

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 3 years our soldiers have all been in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

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 ten 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).

UPCOMING MUSTERS & GUEST SPEAKERS

- June 27 Mr. Jerry White – Author & Historian
"The Dahlgren Raid on Richmond"
- July 25 Mr. Robert E. Lee Krick – Historian, NPS – Richmond
"Stonewall Jackson and His Travails during the Seven Days Campaign"
- Aug. 22 Mr. Norman G. Cooper – Colonel, U. S. Army (Ret.)
"Straw Hats, Gloves, Generals, Balloons, a Handkerchief and other Humorous Anecdotes of the 1862 Peninsula Campaign"
- Sept. 26 Mr. Preston Nuttall – Author and Historian
"The Amish Rebel – The Story of a Midshipman at the Confederate Naval Academy"
- Oct. 24 Mr. Jeff Toalson – Author and Historian
"Mama, I Am Yet Still Alive – A Composite Diary of 1863 in the Confederacy"
- Nov. 28 Mr. Robert Glazer – Williamsburg area Civil War Re-Enactor
"The Battle of Williamsburg from a perspective of geography and the location of current recognizable landmarks."
- December CAMP CHRISTMAS SUPPER



CAMP PICTORIAL



CONFEDERATE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY — CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY



It is believed that, after the Battle of Williamsburg, about 250 Confederate soldiers were hastily buried there in a mass grave. Erected in 1935, this monument is located over that grave.



James City Cavalry Camp 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson (l.) and Commander Jerry White (r.) reverently pose in front of the Cedar Grove Confederate Monument with the Camp Wreath.



The US, Virginia, and Confederate 1st National flags wave in salute.



Compatriot Robert Glaser of the James City Cavalry Camp fires a volley in salute.



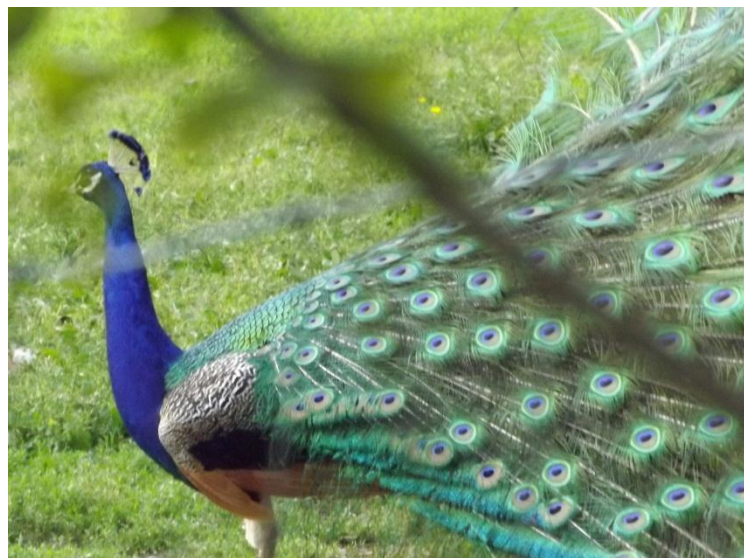
CAMP PICTORIAL



PICNIC SUPPER — FRED BOELT'S FARM — TOANO, VIRGINIA



A great turnout of James City Cavalry Camp members and friends at the farm of Compatriot Fred Boelt in Toano, Virginia.



One of the many male peacocks, in full plumage. The colorful birds serve well as Fred's watchdogs.



A Southern rooster of the First Order...



An older piece of farm implementation that could tell many tales of its own...

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Two brothers who lived in Williamsburg, John Holdsworth Barlow and Robert Jesse Barlow, each had two sons who served in the Confederate army. John H. Barlow (1809-1885) was a long time merchant in Williamsburg, was a Presiding Magistrate in York County, and at one time, was Mayor of Williamsburg. John and his first wife, Margaret Nelson Bellette, had two sons, John Holdsworth, Jr., born on October 13, 1838, and Thomas Joel, born on August 26, 1842. Both sons attended the private academies in Williamsburg, followed by years at the College of William and Mary; John, 1856-58; and Thomas, 1858-61.

In the 1860 census, both sons were living with their parents. John, Jr. was working with his father as a merchant, and Thomas was listed as a student. Both brothers enlisted in Company C, the Williamsburg Junior Guard, 32nd Virginia Infantry. John joined as a private on April 28, 1861, and Thomas followed his older brother on June 19th, also as a private.

John was detailed as Regiment Quartermaster Sergeant in July and August, 1861, and as Assistant Quartermaster in March through May, 1863. He was elected 2nd Lieutenant on May 11, 1862, was wounded in action at Sharpsburg on September 17th, and was exchanged on November 8th. He was absent due to his wounds until March 10, 1863, but was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on January 29, 1863. John had several extended absences due to illness throughout the war, but he was commanding Company C when he was paroled at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

Thomas Barlow was acting Quartermaster Sergeant for Field and Staff in July 1861, and appointed to that position in September. He was taken prisoner at Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862, and was paroled at Shepherdstown, Virginia (later West Virginia) on the 25th. He was present on all rolls and was paroled at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

The two brothers seemed to have been together throughout much of the war. Their mother died on March 21, 1863. The next day, their father wrote them a joint letter telling them of her death and said that he would visit them in Petersburg the following week.

After the war, John Barlow, Jr. returned to Williamsburg to practice law. On December 9, 1869, he

married Mary Marian DeNeufville, a school teacher. In the 1870 census, they were living with her father, J. A. DeNeufville, a retired merchant, on Duke of Gloucester Street. The couple had two daughters, Henrietta and Emma Louise. By the 1880 census, John was still practicing law, but his wife was listed as a dry goods merchant, perhaps having taken over the family business. They lived in the house that is presently known as the George Reid House in Colonial Williamsburg.

The year of John's death is not known. Family records indicate that he died on December 26th. Newspaper articles attest to the fact that he was still living in 1886, but he was definitely not included in the 1900 census. Continuing research may yet find the year of his death. He was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg along with other Barlow family members.

John's daughter, "Miss Emma Lou," later sold the house to the "Restoration" but retained life rights and lived there until shortly before her death. She recalled war stories that her mother Marian had told her. "During the Battle of Williamsburg, she stood in front of the house all day and passed out biscuits and meat to the Confederate soldiers. The Yankees occupied Williamsburg and some were nice and courteous as could be while others weren't." Miss Emma Lou was also heard to say that whenever thunderstorms came through town, she always took a seat in the hall of her home under the Confederate flag, for her father had told her that the flag would always protect her.

Thomas Joel Barlow also returned to Williamsburg after the war and opened a general store. On November 15, 1865, he married Annie Mastin Cox, a native of New Jersey who had moved to Virginia with her family in 1843. Two years later in 1867, this family moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Thomas and Annie had four daughters and three sons. Thomas was engaged in the grocery business for thirty years and later had a large truck farming operation in Norfolk County. He was active in civic duties including the city council and school board, and was a member of the Stonewall Camp, CV. Thomas died on November 8, 1923, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in *Portsmouth*.

Next month, we will continue with the lives and service of John, Jr.'s and Thomas' first cousins, Robert Graves Barlow and William Henry Barlow.

LOCAL WBTS PROGRAMS

July 15, 3 pm, York Hall: York County's Brave Men of the Civil War

Tim Smith, local historian and professional actor, will share photos and stories of York County residents who served during the War; many who made the ultimate sacrifice. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

August 19, 3 pm, York Hall: The Yorktown-Hampton Halfway House in Tabb

Over the last 18 years, Robert Emerson, a local historian, researched the history of Tabb, with some of the data being published in various newspaper articles. Recently, Mr. Emerson combined these articles with other unpublished information in a book titled, "Tabb in Retrospect." The chapters on the Halfway House and the Civil War form the core of the book and the basis of Mr. Emerson's presentation. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

September 16, 3 pm, York Hall: Union Army Census of the Colored Population of York County, March 1865

Local historian and retired York County educator, Russell Hopson, will follow some of the contraband families as they began new chapters in their lives after the Civil War. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

October 21, 3 pm, York Hall: Medical Problems on the Peninsula

About the Confederate troops that initially defended Yorktown and the "deadly enemy" they encountered (and it wasn't the Yankees). York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

November 3, 10 am - 2 pm, Yorktown Middle School: Hunt for York County's History (Yorktown Village, Moore House, Edgehill, Marlbank, Yorktown Battlefield)

In cooperation with Virginia's 150 Legacy Project, this event is designed to document the history of the County and the Commonwealth through the use of digital imagery and photography. This event includes historical exhibits, presentations/lectures, Civil War documentary films, historic photo slide show, historical interpreters, children's activities, and more. Yorktown Middle School, 11201 George Washington Memorial Hwy., Yorktown, VA. 757-890-3508. Free.

November 4, 3 pm. Presentation: A Prelude to "Kiss My Little Girls - 1861"

Jeff Toalson, historian and author of three Civil War-era books, will provide some special insights into his research and how he came to know the intriguing story of Richard and Mary Watkins. Richard Watkins, Prince Edward County lawyer and former Confederate cavalry captain (portrayed by Mr. Toalson), will join us for a visit on the front porch and recall stories of the conflict. Mr. Toalson will capture your interest and prepare you for the upcoming performances of one of his most popular works. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.

November 9 - 18, Times Vary, Yorktown Freight Shed: "Kiss My Little Girls - 1861," A Civil War Romantic Epic (Theatrical Production)

Between 1861 and 1865, plantation owner, lawyer and Confederate Cavalryman Richard Watkins and his young wife, Mary, exchanged detailed and heartfelt letters. Richard had enlisted with Company K of the 3rd Virginia Cavalry after Virginia seceded from the Union. Mary remained living in Prince Edward County, Virginia, raising their three daughters and managing the farm. Richard and Mary's letters offer a heartfelt and eye opening glimpse into the War and the times, weaving both a love story and intense eyewitness accounts of the battlefield. Call 757-766-2309. Tickets available online at www.bootsandkisses.com, at the door and at some Yorktown merchants.

Premiering in Gloucester, Virginia, December 2012 - "Kiss My Little Girls - 1862; The Healing Child" (Theatrical Production)

The epic journey continues with Part II of this exciting story. Tickets required. Visit www.bootsandkisses.com.

December 16, 3 pm, York Hall: The Civil War - A Woman's Cause

Local historian and historical interpreter, Sharleen Leigh West-Carr, will provide insights into the role of women during the war. Ms. West-Carr is currently the chairman of the North-South Skirmish Association Costume Committee and makes Civil War period clothing. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. 757-890-3508. Free.



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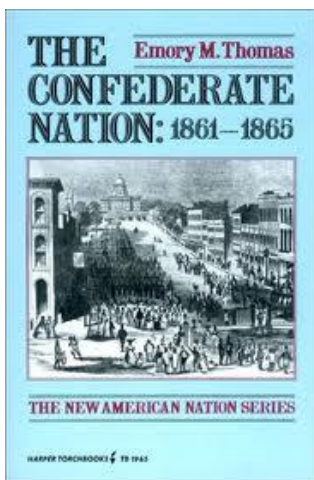
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<http://www.wewrt.org/>
<http://shnv.blogspot.com/>

JUNE BOOK RAFFLE



“The Confederate Nation - 1861 to 1865”
by Emory M. Thomas, Hardcover,
First Edition, 1979, New York, 384 pages

Professor Thomas examines the war for Southern independence with emphasis on Confederate policy, diplomacy, social and economic criteria, rights of states, rights of individuals, central government concepts, resistance as the war became prolonged to conscription and taxation, and overall impact of events of the Southern citizen. This work was part of the 'American Nation' series of 40 volumes that traces the history of our American nation from discovery to WW II.



“The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman – Nathan Bedford Forrest” by Brian S. Wills,
Softcover, 1992, New York, 450 pages

James I. Robertson simply states, "Certainly the best thing ever written on Forrest." This is, in fact, the first modern biography of Forrest who is perhaps the Confederacy's greatest cavalry leader. He was a self-made man, he had an iron will, and an "ungovernable temper." He was also an untrained genius at warfare and he demonstrated his gift and grasp of battle tactics for four long years against long odds. This book was published under the earlier title of "A Battle from the Start."

JUNE TRIVIA QUESTION:

I was a Confederate, born in Virginia and received an education at home. I died early in battle leading a rearguard action near Harrisonburg, Va. Because of my death, many said I never realized my potential. Stonewall said of me, "As a partisan officer, I never knew his superior." My remains lie in Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester, Va. I was never married, and wrote very few letters. Many cannot recall anything I had said. Perhaps I never avenged my brother's death by a Union patrol but I did give my life for my state. I was a cavalry man and colonel for the 7th Virginia. Who am I?



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