



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, June 22nd, 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:

Nimrod N. Nash

Co. I, 13th Mississippi Infantry

RSVP Required for Compatriots' Ladies & Guests:

All are encouraged to attend.

June Guest Speaker

Randolph Watkins

Sysonby, Dinwiddie
County, Virginia

***"The Battle
of the Crater"***



During the summer of 1864, Richmond and Petersburg were under siege by the Army of the Potomac. In an effort to break the siege, the 48th Pennsylvania, composed of mostly miners, proposed to dig a mine under the Confederate defenses. Work was completed by 23 July, despite minimal support from senior leaders. The explosion occurred on the 30th with 8000 lbs. of black powder. It was a monumental explosion, causing great destruction and disorientation in the Confederate lines, but the infantry assault was delayed, and the Crater became a death trap for the Union troops.

Compatriot Watkins was born in Richmond and raised on a farm in western Hanover County. He received his bachelor's degree in history and political science from Virginia Commonwealth University. He then spent tours with the U.S. Navy and Reserve as well as retiring from the U.S. Army Reserve, served in various police departments, and served as an interpretive park ranger and historic weapons supervisor. Currently, he reenacts as the Captain of Company C, 12th Virginia Infantry. He is married to the former Elizabeth Lynn Barnes of Roanoke (Big Lick), Virginia; and they have two grown children, two grown step-children, and two step-grandchildren.



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Commander's Comments

We had a beautiful day for our Memorial Service at Cedar Grove Cemetery on May 27th. I would like to thank Compatriots Bush, Parsons, Boelt, Raines, Starbuck, Truslow, Swords, Breeden, Leach, White, Beish and Thompson for their help in making our 2016 service a success. We were honored to have a large group of descendants of Jesse Cole Maupin present to join us in honoring his service and dedicating a new stone in his honor.

A wonderful picnic followed at the Fred Boelt Peacock Farm. We thank the Starbuck family for donating our BBQ. The Camp providing the rest of the food and refreshments. We had about 60 people join us for the festivities. We also thank Wendy Blizzard, Marily Johnston and Sherron Ware who were getting everything ready at the farm while we were at the service. What would we do without the 'sisters' for our picnic and our Christmas party?

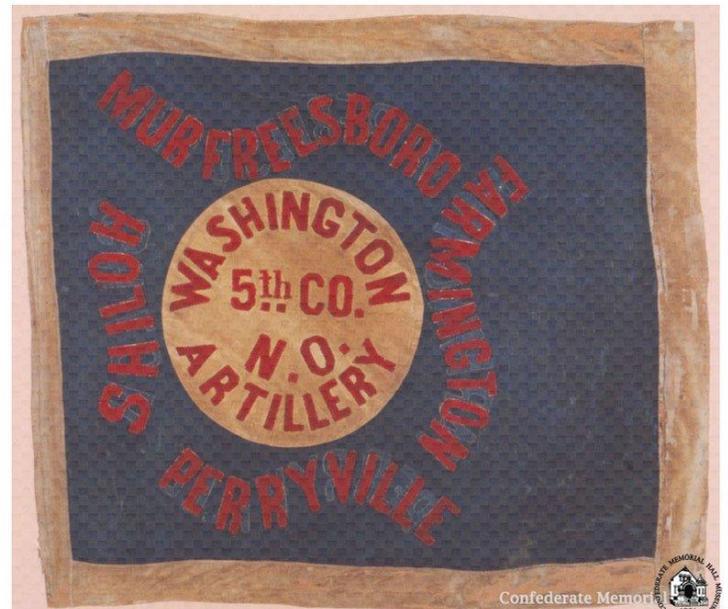
At our meeting this month we will induct 3 of our compatriots into new positions serving our Camp. Chaplain Breeden will be promoted to Senior Chaplain Breeden. Warren Raines will become Chaplain Raines and will work in tandem with our Senior Chaplain to serve our Camp. Jerry Thompson will become Quartermaster Jerry Thompson.

Remember, we serve to honor the memory of our ancestors.

Jeff Toalson

New Orleans Artillery Battery Flag

This is the battle flag of the Washington Light Artillery of New Orleans. They served for the majority of the war in the Army of Mississippi and the Army of Tennessee. The flag has been decorated with names of battles where they served with distinction and they were given the honor of adding those battles to their flag by the general commanding the army. This flag is in the collection of Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans.



Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Robert Laban Waltrip was born in James City County on November 22, 1845. His parents were Robert and Christiana Waltrip, a farming family who lived in the Jamestown District. The service record of their older son, Benjamin Jesse Waltrip, born in December of 1842, was included in a *Picket Lines* article in March 2009.

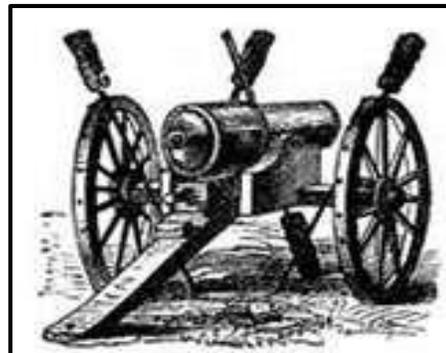
Robert Waltrip enlisted as a private in Captain John A. Coke's Company F (Lee Artillery), 1st Virginia Artillery on May 6, 1862, in Burnt Ordinary (Toano) as the army retreated from Williamsburg. He was sixteen years old at the time of enlistment. He transferred to Captain Willis J. Dance's Company, Powhatan Light Artillery, on October 6, 1862, serving as a teamster. He received a contused wound on his right arm on November 11, 1863 near Rapidan River. He was hospitalized at Wayside Hospital in Richmond and he was later transferred to Chimborazo Hospital #2 on November 27th and remained there until December 10th. After that, he was detailed to drive the Battalion wagon from December 1863 through April 1864. He was detailed as driver of the Headquarters wagon in December 1864.

Robert Waltrip deserted and was captured at Bermuda Hundred about February 27, 1865 and was turned over to the Provost Marshall at City Point. From there, he was sent to Washington, D.C. where he took the oath on March 2nd and transportation was furnished to Fort Monroe. He returned to James City County and on December 27, 1865, he married Sarah Victoria Crawley (1844-1920). She was the daughter of George W. and Ann L. Crawley also of James City County. Robert and Sarah had seven children. They lived at least part of their married life on Old Jamestown Road (present day Lake Powell Road) where Robert was a successful farmer. Robert Laban Waltrip died on September 22, 1917 and was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

In addition to their daughter Sarah, George and Ann Crawley had at least two sons. John F. Crawley was born about 1837/38 and Albert Crawley was born about 1846/47. By the time that the 1860 census was taken, George Crawley was deceased and his widow Ann was then the wife of John T. Gilliam. Her children Sarah and Albert were living in that household. John Crawley, a farmer, was married to Elizabeth and living in the adjacent household. No service record has been located for John so far. In 1870, he was living with his mother and step-father, working at a saw mill. There was no wife enumerated with him for that year and by 1880, he was not enumerated.

Albert Crawley enlisted as a private into Company B (James City Artillery), 1st Virginia Artillery, at Camp Picket on November 16, 1863. He was present on all rolls through December 31, 1864. He deserted and entered federal lines at Bermuda Hundred on January 13, 1865. He took the oath and was sent to Yorktown, Virginia on January 17th. He was described as 5 feet 7¾ inches, dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair and a resident of James City County.

In 1870, Albert Crawley was living in James City County with his new wife, Christiana. They had been married in March of that year and he was farming. Neither Albert nor Christiana have been found in the 1880 census. Perhaps they, too, were deceased by that time. So far, burial places for the Crawleys have not been located.



Cedar Grove Memorial Photos

(all taken by Jan Toalson)



Crowd gathering for the memorial



C. E. Bush and Ed Truslow during service



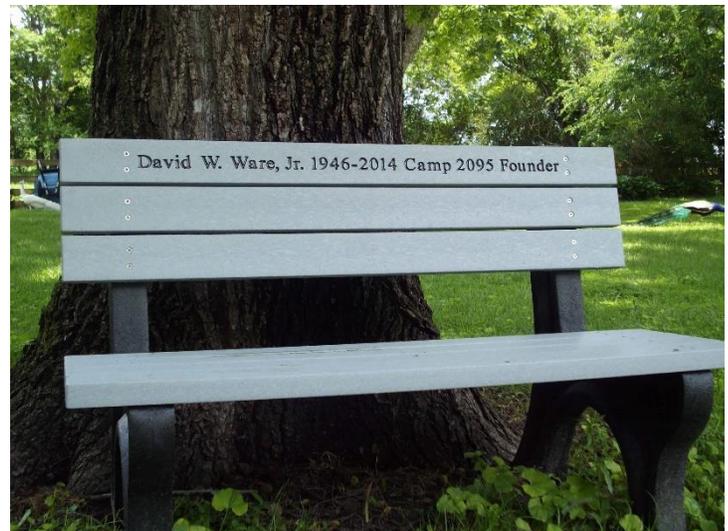
Family of Jesse Maupin - descendants



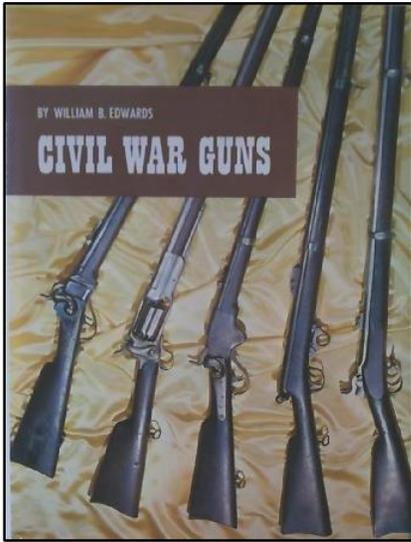
Graves of Samuel Travis Maupin and Jesse Cole Maupin

David Ware Memorial Bench

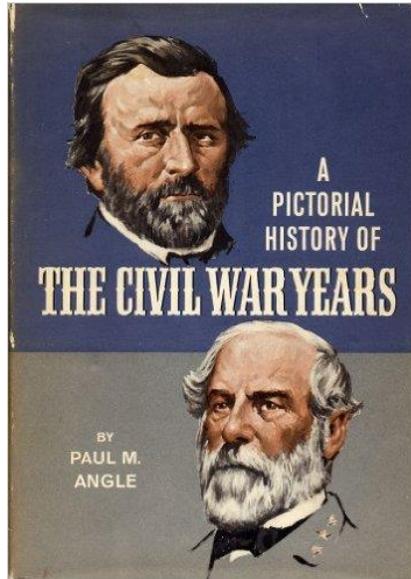
Our memorial bench to honor Compatriot David Ware has arrived. It was totally purchased by donations from his compatriots and friends in Camp 2095. David, as most of you know, was one of the founding members of the James City Cavalry Camp 2095, served as our second commander, and was a constant supporter of all of our activities. He also was our resident BBQ specialist and provided the BBQ for all of our picnics and Christmas parties. Steve White will coordinate the installation of the bench at Peach Park and we will advise the date and time for working party volunteers. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled at some future date.



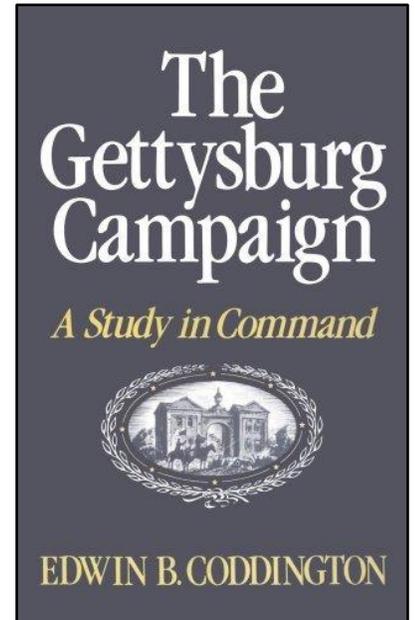
June Book Raffle



"Civil War Guns"
by William B. Edwards



"A Pictorial History of the Civil War Years"
by Paul M. Angle



"The Gettysburg Campaign, A Study in Command"
By Edwin B. Coddington

June Trivia Question:

Which civil war battle is associated with: Shy's Hill, Overton Hill, Redoubt #1 and Granny White Pike?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

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