



James City Cavalry

PICKET LINES



March 2012 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia – <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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, March 28th, 2012, 6:30pm
Colonial Heritage Club

<http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html>

6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Guest Speaker:

Ms. Robbie Smith

Historian, National Park Service – Yorktown

**“General Robert E. Lee at Chancellorsville
& the Five Principles of Effective Military Leadership”**

Leadership classes at West Point stress ‘The Five Principles of Effective Military Leadership.’ Based on these 5 principles, which Robbie will enumerate, the generalship of both Joseph Hooker and Robert E. Lee will be compared and contrasted using the Chancellorsville campaign as their classroom. Robbie will take us into the woods west of Fredericksburg as these two men take their measure of each other and in no small sense a measure of themselves. We will study how they effectively utilized or failed to utilize the principles and how they responded to the significance of various situations.

Honored Confederate Soldier:

Private Samuel Crabill

Company D – 18th Virginia Cavalry

Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person

(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)



RSVP By:

Monday, March 26th, 2012

Adjutant Ken Parsons at

kparsons4@cox.net or 757-564-0878

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 22 Feb. at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 40 attendees

Welcome given by Commander Jerry White

Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Jim Swords
Guest Introduction to include prospective members

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of
2nd Lt. George Harrison Payne of Co. G - 18th
Virginia Cavalry.* Lt. Payne's 36" long saber was on
hand for the camp to view. The saber was handed
down from generation to generation and the current
owner, Jessie D. Toalson, has given custody of the
saber to her son Jeff Toalson.

Trivia Question:

1. What is the total number of battles fought in the War of Southern Independence? Answer: 2,261.
2. What state had the most battles within it's borders? Answer: Virginia.
3. What is the total number of battles fought in Virginia? Answer: 519.

Program:

Edward G. Longacre spoke on the topic "Keystone Kops in Blue - the Hapless Army of the James". We learned that if there had been more Yankee Generals like General Benjamin Butler, the South would have no doubt won the war.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

(Continued on Page 2)

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

(Continued from Page 1)

Treasurer' Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated that we have over \$2,000 in each of our accounts - checking and savings.

Support the Troops

Compatriot Joel Goodwin indicated the Camp will next support Chaplain Fred Breeden's son-in law, Navy Reserve Chief, Rex Carmichael and his unit. Chaplain Breeden said his son in-law will likely ship out in April to Afghanistan. Chief Carmichael's son, Alex, was present at the meeting.

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White indicated that work will be performed at several cemeteries the upcoming weekend, Feb. 25th, and invited all to support the effort.

Old Business

Commander Jerry White, 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson, Adjutant Ken Parsons, Quartermaster Jim Swords, Compatriot David Ware, and Compatriot Jim Raiford attended the 1st and 2nd Brigade Camp Officers Training, held at Colonial Heritage on Saturday, February 18th. Many subjects relating to Camp operations (membership, newsletters, insurance, etc.) and meetings were discussed in detail.

New Business

1. Commander White reminded all that on May 6th there will be a remembrance of the Battle of Williamsburg at Fort Magruder.
2. Compatriot David Ware said that he was organizing a trip to the grand opening of the Appomattox Branch of the Museum of the Confederacy to be held on March 31st. He will have more details at the March meeting.

Book Raffle:

\$87.00 was collected for the books "Mounted Raids of the Civil War" and "A Soldier to the Last", both written by our Guest Speaker, Edward Longacre.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

Adjournment:

The Camp adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I am sure that by now everyone has heard about the fiasco and turmoil that was created by the Museum of the Confederacy's decision not to display any Confederate flag outside the new museum at Appomattox. Equally disturbing were the comments made in letters we have seen by museum CEO Waite Rawls about his presentation to our camp and his perception that somehow we endorsed that decision concerning the flags.

A number of camp members apparently emailed Rawls expressing their displeasure with the decision. I sent Rawls a letter advising him that the purpose of his presentation to our camp was strictly informational and he did not seek nor did the camp endorse approval of the museum's decision not to display the flags. I also told him that if he had asked for a vote on the issue, the camp would not have indicated approval of the museum's decision.

Deo Vindice,
Jerry White



CAMP PICTORIAL



(l. to r.) Commander Jerry White, Guest Speaker Edward Longacre, and 1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson, wielding the sword of his 2nd Great Uncle, 2nd Lt. George Harrison Payne, Co. G - 18th Virginia Cavalry

MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY AT APPOMATTOX, MARCH 31ST

Anyone interested in carpooling to the opening of the new Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox on Saturday, March 31st, please contact **Compatriot David Ware at 757-718-5829**. David has been coordinating carpooling arrangements for this trip for some time and may still have some available seats. His plan is to depart the Brass Shop on Richmond Road around 6:30am and return around 6:00 - 7:00pm.

For more information:

http://www.moc.org/site/Calendar/1823268120?view=Detail&id=104161&whence=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.moc.org%2Fsite%2FPageServer%3FpageName%3Dvisit_cal

LINKS OF INTEREST

<http://www.scvva.org/>
<http://www.scv.org/>
<http://www.wcwr.org/>
<http://shnv.blogspot.com/>

HONORED CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Private Samuel Crabill

Company D - 18th Virginia Cavalry

Samuel was born November 19, 1824. His wife Catherine was born June 25, 1829.

The 1860 census shows Samuel as a farmer in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He is age 36 and his wife is the former Catherine Balthis who is 31. He is a farmer with \$2880 dollar of real property (his farm) and \$520 of personal property. They have 6 children - David (13), Joseph (11), Frances (9), George (5), Jacob (2) and Samuel (1).

On June 18, 1861 Samuel enlists as a private in Company B of the 33rd Virginia Infantry. The 33rd was part of what would become the 'Stonewall Brigade.' Samuel was wounded at Manassas when he was "shot through the wrist and arm." He was carried on the rolls of the regiment as "wounded at Manassas July 21, 1861." He never returned to active service with the 33rd Virginia Infantry.

Samuel enlists in the 18th Virginia Cavalry at Berryville, Virginia, on September 24, 1862. He is shown present on the muster rolls at the end of March, 1863. He is "38 years old, stands 5' 11", and has brown hair and hazel eyes."

He is captured in Shenandoah County on May 4, 1864. The cavalry forces of General Imboden are slowing the advance of General Siegel's forces toward New Market. In an oddity of war, Samuel is captured in his home county while engaged in operations against Union forces. Samuel is sent to Atheneum prison camp in Wheeling, Virginia and then on to Camp Chase, Ohio, where he arrived on May 17, 1864.

Samuel is a prisoner at Camp Chase for the next 10 months.

Samuel is transferred to City Point, Virginia, for exchange on February 25, 1865. He is paroled in Winchester, Virginia, on April 17, 1865 and walks up the Valley to his farm near Woodstock and Edinburg.

The 1870 census shows Samuel (45), Catherine (41), George (14), Jacob (12), Sarah (8) and Joseph Jno. H. E. (3). His real estate is valued at \$2000 and his personal property \$150. Their older children - David, Joseph and Frances would all be over 19 and have apparently moved on. Samuel, Jr. (born 1859) did not survive till this census.

Samuel will die December 14, 1903 (79) and is buried in the churchyard of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg, Virginia. His wife Catherine passed away in 1900 (71).

(18th Virginia Cavalry, R. Delauter, Lynchburg, 1995, p. 63; U. S. Census Reports for 1860 and 1870, Ancestry.com, Provo, UT - 1860 Roll M653-1377, p. 835, Image 35 - 1870 Roll M593-1678, p. 794A, Image 355; family info provided by Ed Truslow.)

JAMES CITY CAVALRY CEMETERY REPORT

(Contributed by 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White)

On Saturday, February 25th, Compatriots Joel Goodwin, David Ware, Steve White, and Jim Swords placed chipped mulch on the marked graves at the Cowles-Spencer Cemetery. They then went to Peach Park Cemetery where they unloaded the remainder of the five yards of chips off the dump truck onto the sidewalk and mulch beds. As usual, the wind was relentless while spreading the chips at Peach Park but they persevered.



At Peach Park, Compatriot David Ware (r.) dumps his wheelbarrow of chips while Compatriot Joel Norman (l.) rakes them. Note that the Confederate Flag is flying completely horizontal in the heavy wind.

The following weekend Steve White and Jim Swords returned to Cowles-Spencer Cemetery to meet with Commander Jerry White and Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt. Fred and Jerry's thorough investigation of the site had uncovered some turned cedar post ends that must have marked burial sites. Steve and Jim set nine "Known Only To God" concrete monuments where the post ends were found. After that they put together the chain link fence rails and gate, attached the chain link fencing to the rails, and adjusted everything. There remain eight more monuments to be made and set into place at this Cemetery at a later date.



"Known Only to God" markers at Cowles-Spencer Cemetery

Our next scheduled work date will be at Fort Magruder on March 24th at 1:30pm. This is a preliminary move to have the Fort looking in great shape for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Williamsburg. Weedeaters will be needed to cut the berm and moat area where they are steep. I will be bringing a walk-behind brush hog to cut areas that are accessible.



Fence repairs at Cowles-Spencer Cemetery

EPILOGUE, AMERICA'S TURNING POINT

(Written & Contributed by Compatriot David Ware)

If Americans were to have the same level of representation in the House of Representatives, which they had in 1787 when the Constitution was adopted, the House would have over 7,000 members. As it is, some 269 people govern the most powerful country on Earth (535/2 plus the president). The Supreme Court, by vote of five of its members, can and does create and interpret law. The president, by decree, can wage war against any nation, order the assassinations of Americans and other world citizens and spend the treasure of the nation at his discretion.

Some with a bit of curiosity and love of liberty might ask how a country founded on the right of self determination has become a nation of thugs, thieves, liars and prostitutes. According to historian David Donald, "By the 1850's the authority of all government in America was at a low point." Historian and economist Jeffrey Hummel points out that before the "War that Made Lincoln Famous," federal government spending soared from less than 2% of the output of the economy to well over 20%. After the War, total armed forces would never fall below 150% of pre-Fort Sumter level. This military force was fashioned onto a reliable mechanism to enforce domestic laws. Besides finishing off the Indians and herding them into reservations, the army assisted in the final stamping out of polygamy in Utah in 1885, suppressed anti-Chinese demonstrations on the west coast from 1885-86 and militarily intervened in scores of labor disputes most notably the General Railroad strike of 1877 and the Pullman Strike of 1894. The interest on the Union war debt climbed to around 40% of the national outlays in the mid 1870s. Since the Confederate debt was repudiated, payments were to Yankee Northerners and were, of course, extracted from formerly Confederate taxpayers. Another example of how the North treated the South as a colonial dependency is this: After the war, the Grand Army of the Republic, a pressure group of Yankee veterans lobbied to have their pensions expanded. Veterans pensions (all to Union veterans) grew from two percent of all federal expenditures in 1866 to twenty nine percent in 1884 becoming the largest single item in the Federal budget.

The definitive turning point for this nation has to be the War of 1861-65. As the London times pointed out in its September 13, 1862 edition: "If Northerners...had peaceably allowed the seceders to depart, the result might fairly have been quoted as

illustrating the advantages of Democracy; but when Republicans put empire above liberty, and resorted to political oppression and war rather than suffer any abatement of national power, it was clear that nature at Washington was precisely the same as nature at St Petersburg (capital of Russia 1732-1918).....Democracy broke down not when the Union ceased to be agreeable to all its constituent States, but when it was upheld, like any other Empire, by force of arms."

Slavery was ended at the cost of six deaths for every slave freed. As the abolitionist Lysander Spooner points out:

"The principle, on which the war was waged by the North, was simply this: That men may rightfully be compelled to submit to, and support, a government that they do not want; and that resistance, on their part, makes them traitors and criminals."

"No principle, that is possible to be named, can be more self-evidently false than this; or more self-evidently fatal to all political freedom. Yet it triumphed in the field, and is now assumed to be established. If it really be established, the number of slaves, instead of having been diminished by the war, has been greatly increased; for a man, thus subjected to a government that he does not want, is a slave." (Lysander Spooner Reader, p. 49)

CAMP OFFICERS

Commander

Jerry White
jerry47@cox.net

Adjutant

Ken Parsons
kparsons4@cox.net

1st Lt. Commander

Jeff Toalson
troon24@cox.net

2nd Lt. Commander

Steve White
garrettsgrocery@netzero.com

Historian/Genealogist

Fred Boelt
fwb@widomaker.com

Archivist

George Bridewell
gbridewell@aol.com

Quartermaster

Jim Swords
james.swords@cox.net

Chaplain

Fred Breeden
fbreeden@yahoo.com

GARRETT'S GROCERY RECOGNIZED

2012 SESSION

INTRODUCED
REPRINT

12101317D

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

2 Offered January 11, 2012

3 Prefiled January 10, 2012

4 *Commending Garrett's Grocery.*

5

Patron—Norment

6

7 WHEREAS, Garrett's Grocery has been a fixture in the James City County community of Croaker
8 for the better part of a century; the first Garrett's Grocery store opened in 1909 and was owned by
9 Benny Garrett, the great-great uncle of the current proprietor; and

10 WHEREAS, Garrett's Grocery primarily serves residents of upper James City County, the Bruton
11 District of York County, and those who live in far eastern New Kent County; during fishing season, the
12 store's customers include visiting anglers from as far away as Florida and New Jersey; and

13 WHEREAS, as is true in the life of any community or small business, unexpected events and
14 unplanned developments occur; Garrett's Grocery is no exception, as the country store burned in 1943,
15 and owner Cleveland Garrett, the great-grandfather of the current owner, did not re-open the store until
16 1949; and

17 WHEREAS, the next major shift in Garrett's Grocery's fortunes happened 50 years ago when Floyd
18 and Ernestine Garrett, who ran the general store from 1954 until 1976, moved the business to its current
19 location, just seven-tenths of a mile from the original site, which was in the path of Interstate 64; and

20 WHEREAS, Floyd and Ernestine Garrett remained faithful proprietors of Garrett's Grocery until
21 1976, when their son, Michael, took over; he stayed at the helm of the jam-packed country store and
22 gas station, which is close to the York River, for 30 years, retiring in 2006; and

23 WHEREAS, Garrett's Grocery remained in the family as Michael Garrett's nephew, Steven White,
24 took his uncle's place at the counter, selling groceries, gas, and other necessities; he provides a service
25 that has changed little since his great-great uncle opened the store more than 100 years ago; and

26 WHEREAS, Steven White, who is the grandson of Floyd and Ernestine Garrett, is committed to
27 strengthening the village of Croaker, not only with his business, but also in community affairs; he is
28 active in his church, in river clean-up efforts, and in historical associations; and

29 WHEREAS, Garrett's Grocery store is still going strong 50 years after its July 4, 1961, reopening,
30 and its ties to Croaker have only strengthened; the store sponsors teams and events, including a notable
31 hay wagon float, the SS *Croaker*, which was built to resemble the ships that arrived at Jamestown in
32 1607; and

33 WHEREAS, the parade float SS *Croaker*, whose construction was jointly sponsored by Garrett's
34 Grocery and the Chickahominy Ruritan Club, was used in many community events, including at First
35 Landing State Park's 400th anniversary commemoration of the 1607 settlement of Jamestown; and

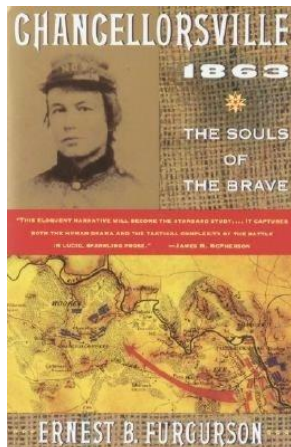
36 WHEREAS, Garrett's Grocery has sponsored a bowling team, volleyball team, youth basketball team,
37 and Croaker Caroling; currently, it is a sponsor of the James City County Fair, and a United States
38 Marines Toys for Tots drive is held each Christmas season at the store; now, therefore, be it

39 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
40 commend Garrett's Grocery for its longtime commitment to and support of the greater James City
41 County community, not the least of which is the village of Croaker; and, be it

42 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for
43 presentation to Steven White, the fifth-generation owner of Garrett's Grocery, as an expression of the
44 General Assembly's congratulations for maintaining and running a successful small business whose roots
45 run deep in the community.

INTRODUCED SJ56

MARCH BOOK RAFFLE



“Chancellorsville – 1863: The Souls of the Brave”

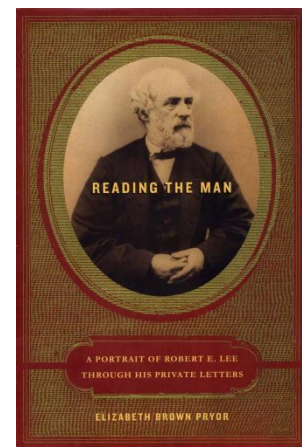
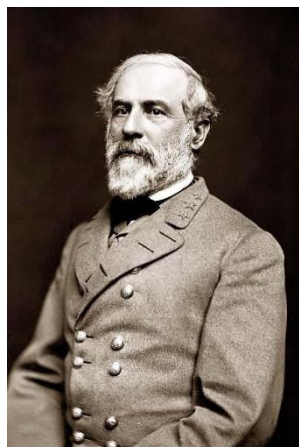
Ernest B. Furgurson, New York, 1992,
Hardbound, 405 pages, First Edition.

Many people consider this the "standard" study
of the battle of Chancellorsville.

He captures the human drama
and the tactical complexity of the battle
in ludic, sparkling prose.

Mr. Furgurson is a descendant of Confederate soldiers
and a native of Danville, Virginia.

A wonderful read on the battle of Chancellorsville.



**“Reading the Man - A Portrait of Robert E. Lee
Through His Private Letters”**

Elizabeth Brown Pryor - editor, New York, 2007,
Hardbound. Based on the personal letters of Robert E.
Lee, many of which were recently discovered, this is a
study of the character of the man, what shaped his
decisions, patriotism, historical dilemma, who
commands first loyalty, truth, and the impact of these
questions on our national drama. Not a study of tactics
and battle but rather a study of the man through his
personal letters as if you are **READING THE MAN.**

MARCH TRIVIA QUESTION:

**Politics of 1861: Who was the leading contender for the
Confederate presidency before the convention picked Jefferson
Davis and how long was the new presidents term of office?**



(757) 566-9755
Fax (757) 566-0682

MOUNTCASTLE TREE SERVICE LLC

Generations of Experience in the Tree Business

Richard W. Mountcastle
Owner

DIFFICULT TREE REMOVALS • TREE & STUMP REMOVAL
PROMPT • PROFESSIONAL • COURTEOUS
LICENSED / BONDED / INSURED

POST OFFICE BOX 101 • BARHAMSVILLE, VIRGINIA 23011



James York
TREE CARE



Your Hometown Tree Service

Jonathan K. Lenthall
ISA Certified Arborist
#MA-0556

P.O. Box 1390 • Williamsburg, VA 23187 • 757-229-4750