



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

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015, 5:00pm
Peach Park Cemetery
Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road
Toano, VA 23168

Confederate Memorial Service



Followed by

James City Cavalry Camp Picnic Supper

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015, 6:00pm
Compatriot Fred Boelt's Farm
2896 Forge Road
Toano, VA 23168

**Meal Cost: \$15.00 Per Person,
\$10.00 each additional attendee,
\$5.00 per child**

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

Guest RSVP's Required

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Compatriots,

The James City Cavalry deserved the round of applause we gave ourselves at the April meeting for earning our 5th consecutive 'Outstanding Camp' award. All of us, in a variety of ways, contributed to the honor. Compatriot Starbuck, the youngest person attending our Virginia SCV Convention, when he accepted our streamer, was the only person who received applause from the entire room.

Chaplain Breeden has been moved from the hospital to a rehab center and is beginning his recovery process. Please include Fred, Sandy and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is time for our Memorial Day celebration and picnic. This year our event will be on Saturday, May 23rd. Hopefully a Saturday event will encourage a large crowd. Remember to bring your lawn chairs with you to Fred's farm. Our Memorial Service will commence at Peach Park at 5:00 p.m. and from there we will drive back down Forge Road to Fred Boelt's Peacock Farm. Picnic begins at 6:00 p.m.

Rocco's Smokehouse is catering our BBQ, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw. We will also provide desserts and drinks (ice water and lemonade). We ask you to bring your smiles and good cheer.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

May 26th – Tuesday – THE LIFE OF NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST by Brian S. Wills at the Williamsburg Regional Library at 7:00 p.m. This is the May meeting of the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable. Plan to attend. I understand, from 2 very reliable sources, that Brian is an excellent speaker. FREE

July 15 – 19 in Richmond, Virginia, is the 2015 National Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention. Look at the master schedule of events and consider coming to Richmond to enjoy some of the events and attend the National Convention of the SCV.

Jeff Toalson - Commander

CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

Meeting:

Held 22 Apr. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,
James City Cty., Va., 38 attendees

Call to Order & Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Invocation:

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Warren Raines

Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush
in honor of

*Private Isaac Norval Baker,
Co. F – 18th Virginia Cavalry.*

Program:

1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Eric Richardson, Historian of Richmond, Virginia. Eric's presentation explored the conclusion of the War and how that affected the "Five Civilized Tribes" and the negotiations held at Doaksville. While Lincoln admonished Grant to "Let them up easy," someone forgot to say the same thing to Union commanders in the West, to where the Five Nations had been removed earlier in the 19th century by Andrew Jackson. This treatment of sovereign native nations reverberates to this very day and touches the core of who is and is not an Indian. Eric's enlightening presentation challenged many long-cherished assumptions about sovereignty and dependent nations status under the Federal Government.



Historian Eric Richardson and 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle

Committee Reports and Announcements

2015 Lt. Colonel James Harvey Allen Memorial Scholarship Winner

Commander Jeff Toalson and Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt were pleased to announce this year's winner, Miss Lauren Bridewell of Warhill High School.
(photo on Page 3)

New Member Induction

The Camp was pleased to welcome Compatriot Jim O'Donnell into its membership.
(photo on Page 3)

Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons indicated the Camp has money in the bank.

Cemetery Report

Please see Page 5 for full report.

Williamsburg Civil War Round-Table

Friend of the Camp and WCWRT President Bill Miller announced that their Guest Speaker in May will be Brian S. Wills (please see Commander's Comments on Page 1).

Old & New Business

1. The James City Cavalry Camp was awarded its fifth consecutive Outstanding Camp Streamer.
2. The Battle of Williamsburg Memorial Service, hosted by the Williamsburg Chapter #637 UDC will be held on May 3rd at Ft. Magruder. The Camp will provide the Colors for the ceremony
3. Our Memorial Day/Confederate Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, 23 May at the Peach Park Cemetery and the Picnic Supper will convene at 6:00pm At Compatriot Fred Boelt's farm in Toano.
(please see Pages 7-8).
4. The SCV National Convention will be held in Richmond this year from the 15th through the 19th of July.

Book Raffle

\$69 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations:
"Two Years on the Alabama" by Arthur Sinclair ;
"Opening Guns: Fort Sumter to Bull Run, 1861" edited by Albert A. Nofi; and "Mary Chestnut's Civil War" edited by C. Vann Woodward

Joey+Rory

Commander Toalson informed us that they will be filming a "Josephine movie in Halifax soon (<http://joeyandrory.com/>).

Benediction

Given by Commander Jeff Toalson.



CAMP PICTORIAL



(l. to r.), Fred Boelt; George Bridewell; Essay Winner Lauren Bridewell; Kathryn Bridewell; Linda Lightfoot, UDC; Bill Miller, WCWRT



Roadside fence damage at Ft. Magruder



Compatriot Jonathan Starbuck (c.) flanked by Commander Jeff Toalson (l.) and 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle (r.) at the Virginia Division Annual Meeting. Jonathan accepted the Outstanding Camp Streamer on behalf of the Camp.



New Compatriot Jim O'Donnell (c.) flanked by Commander Jeff Toalson (l.) and 1st Lt. Commander Ed Engle (r.)



CAMP PICTORIAL



(Continued)



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Compatriot Jonathan Starbuck (l.) and Quartermaster Warren Raines (r.) affix the James City Cavalry Camp's fifth consecutive Outstanding Camp Streamer to the Camp Battle Flag.

CEMETERY REPORT

1. March 29th – Cleaned Timberlake Cemetery; Compatriots Jeff Toalson, Ken Parsons, Scott Summerfield, Bob Tuck, and myself and husband of descendent of Roger Lundeen participated.
2. April 4th – Compatriot George Bridewell and I cleaned up the old Hockaday Cemetery in Barhamsville.
3. April 11th – Contacted by Mike Apperson; flag at Peach Park Cemetery ripped. Turned out the lanyard turnbuckle broke. Replaced mount and flag. Cut down dead tree at Sunnyside Cemetery.
4. April 19th – Cut grass at Peach Park Cemetery.
5. April 24th – Cut berm and moat at Ft. Magruder.
6. April 25th – Set flag and mulched around crepe myrtles at Ft. Magruder. Compatriot Norman Goodwin assisted. Went to Peach Park afterwards to cut roadside grass in curve. Met with UDC representative, Williamsburg City Police, York County Sheriff's Department Officer, and James City County Police about debris disposed of over the rear fence and damage to the roadside fence at Ft. Magruder. Was advised that debris was a civil matter for the UDC to pursue.
7. May 2nd – Repaired vehicular roadside fence damage at Ft. Magruder. Compatriots Doug Douglas, Jim Leach, Ken Parsons, and Jim Swords assisted me. Thanks to Jeff Toalson for lining up the help.

- 2nd Lt. Commander Steve White



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R.E. Lee Camp No. 1 Confederate Veterans, Soldiers' Home and Chapel by Archivist Bobby Edwards of the R.E. Lee Camp No.1

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, Pictured in the Background - 2010, Before these Confederate Flags were Removed. The Flag Holders were placed on these Porches, at the time of building of the Chapel, AS - the original paint on the Post was behind the Holder.

THE EDICT TO REMOVE THE FLAGS was Offensive and Capricious, with Premeditated Malice Aforethought. Before the Lease Renewal Period of May of 2010, the Board of Directors of the Museum met in a 'Secret Session' and VOTED Not to Extend a 5 Year Lease to the Very Camp, Who had in the 1930's provided the Very land in the above photo, that the Museum is situated.

WHEN THE LAND WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MUSEUM - The Governor had to Work out an Agreement with the R. E. Lee Camp, so the Lee Camp would consider transferring land. The MEMBERS of the Lee Camp now in their 80's wanted a Confederate Museum and a Confederate Memorial Park. From 1892, the Attorney General of Virginia was Referring to the Land of the Soldiers' Home, as the Confederate Memorial Park. This name would stick to the 1933 era, when the remaining members, if Land was going to be granted to the Museum - there would have to be a 'Confederate Memorial Park'.

The R. E. Lee Camp No. 1 Confederate Veterans in 1892, had some of the finest lawyers, judges, legislators, and politicians within the R. E. Lee Camp. In this 1892 era, there were over 700 of the most influential Confederate Veterans in Virginia, and Richmond as Members of the R. E. Lee Camp. You may recognize some of their names, click on the link and scroll down the roster. Here, from this roster of names are still some of the descendants who are some of the most influential citizens of Richmond.

The 1892 Deed Transferring LAND - Is Generally shortened and abbreviated in current interpretation of what it means. The details of that 1892 Agreement, passed in the General Assembly still governs the Purpose and Reason for the Leases to the Lee Camp No 1 SCV, the Successor Camp to the Original Camp No. 1, of the Confederate Memorial Chapel. The GOVERNOR of Virginia Holds the Sole Responsibility of Continuing with that 1892 ACTS of the General Assembly. It is his duty to provide a Monument to the Confederate Cause on the Soldiers' Home Property, It says so in a report filed, in the General Assembly, when an event at the Soldiers' Home required officials in Virginia to investigate in detail, the issues of the Soldiers' Home. (Read that report - earlier posted).

SO - In 1933, Governor Pollard, on his own initiative issued a Grant Deed to the Virginia Arts Association. AND, In a 1933 Letter to Governor Pollard, the Atty General Saunders sent a classified letter to the Governor saying the GOVERNOR - "Did Not Have the Power" to Transfer or Grant Land of the Soldiers' Home. That RIGHT had to be GAINED - By an approval of the Old Boys of the R. E. Lee Camp No. 1 Confederate Veterans. However, the Crusty old Veterans were not happy or Did Not Want a Fancy Museum on their Property, where 1,700 of their Comrades in Arms had already Experienced their LAST ROLL CALL at the Chapel. The Sophisticated, Educated, and Determined Confederate Veterans Played Hardball with Governor Pollard.

ON BENDED KNEES, It has been said - Governor Pollard went to the Leaders of the LEE CAMP No. 1 C.V., and PROMISED what the Confederate Veterans had Wanted - "A Confederate Memorial Park". He mentioned that in a letter, that he would work to Provide the "CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK" with approving a Bill that the General Assembly would write providing under the Same Legislative Effort - the Confederate Memorial Park, and the "New - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts". Both under the 1933 ACTS of the Assembly would be Managed by a Board of Supervisors, and until 1946 - the "R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Memorial Park" was managed by a Board of Supervisors, with outstanding leadership.

IN 1936 AT THE OPENING OF THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS - There was in front of the Museum, a 100 foot flag pole, FLYING the Confederate Flag. WHY - Because the 1933 ACTS Of the General Assembly, provided for a Joint Relationship on the Same Grounds. So, when the VMFA Opened, the "R. E. Lee Confederate Memorial Park" Opened, with the Confederate Flag Flying. The Museum would not have been possible or never would have been allowed to be placed on the Grounds except for the GRAND AGREEMENT in 1933.

IF A MUSEUM WAS BUILT - The "R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Memorial Park" Had to be Place - IN PERPETUITY for the Use of the Citizens of the Commonwealth and of the Country. In Addition, there were "Restrictions" in the Wording of this 1933 ACTS of the General Assembly, and they were specifically Enumerated To Limit and Restrict Encroachment and Expansion of the MUSEUM.

HOWEVER, the Museum has gone to the General Assembly in 1954 for their First Expansion, and in 1958 were going to TEAR DOWN the Confederate Memorial Chapel. HOWEVER, the Little Old Ladies of the UDC, hearing of these plans from the General Assembly, decided to take hand-held Confederate Flags into the General Assembly and make a statement about their displeasure of having the Chapel Torn Down by the VMFA. The Gals worked such a furor, that the Commonwealth of Virginia, Along with the UDC, and the SCV decided to Restore the Confederate Memorial Chapel, and by 1960 - In time for the 100th Anniversary of the War Between the States, the Confederate Memorial Chapel Opened Again.

IT WOULD BE INCONGRUENT AND STUPID - For the VMFA to Take over the Duties of Interpreting the Confederate History, when all along their hostile attitude to the Chapel and Confederate History makes them a Most Peculiar Choice.

CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

This year, for our Confederate Memorial Day service, we will gather at the Peach Park cemetery near the intersection of Forge and Little Creek Dam Roads. The First National flag of the Confederacy marks the cemetery where Lt. Colonel Allen of the 5th Virginia Cavalry is buried. Maintained by our James City Cavalry Camp, this was one of the first cemeteries that we chose to care for.

James Harvey Allen was born in James City County on January 19, 1829. He was the son of Benjamin Allen and his wife, Frances M. B. Coke. His early life is undocumented, but it seems probable that he had formal educational training. When the 1850 census was taken, he was living with the Isaac Vaiden family in New Kent County and his occupation was listed as "school teacher." In the 1860 census, he was listed as a classical teacher and was living with his sister and brother-in-law Daniel and Lucy Jones at their farm on the Chickahominy River off Forge Road. It has been said that he taught some of the Bush children who lived at Windsor Castle across the road and others in the neighborhood.

A year later, James Harvey Allen began his service in the James City Cavalry, Company H of the 5th Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted in Williamsburg on June 14, 1861, was elected captain, and was reelected on May 1, 1862. He was in Williamsport, Maryland, on July 9, 1863; in Fredericksburg, late July and August; and in Brandy Station in October 1863. His record indicates that he was at Orange Courthouse in January, Ashland in March and April, and he was wounded in action at Cold Harbor on June 1, 1864. He was promoted to major on June 16th, to Lt. colonel on July 20th, and he was in Clarke County in August 1864. He was present at New Bridge on February 28, 1865, commanding the 5th Virginia Cavalry. He was paroled and took the oath in Williamsburg on April 29, 1865.

The 1870 and 1880 censuses indicated that Lt. Colonel Allen was living in the Burnt Ordinary section of James City County. After the war, he became Superintendent of Schools in the county when free schools were established and he held that position until his death. On March 10, 1882, he bought part of Peach Park, the farm where his gravesite is located. Perhaps the colonel was considering marriage and needed a home for himself and his wife. On December 19, 1883, he married Ada Bryon Hankins, the Widow Tuttle. Ada was a daughter of Alexander and Mary Taylor Hankins who lived at Moss Side on Croaker Road. The marriage of James and Ada Allen ended in divorce, and she is buried at Olive Branch Church.

In 1896, Lt. Colonel Allen wrote a detailed article about the organization and service of the James City Cavalry and included a roster. This was published in *The Richmond Dispatch* on June 21, 1896. James Harvey Allen died at Peach Park on April 28, 1898. His obituary stated that he was a charter member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans. His funeral took place from his home on April 30th, and the following members of the camp attended and acted as pallbearers: Capt. L. W. Lane, P. T. Cowles, D. W. Marston, E. T. Martin, B. H. Radcliffe, Dr. Thomas Marston, S. S. Hankins and M. R. Harrell.

The late eighteenth century Peach Park house stands across Little Creek Dam Road from the cemetery. It was recently purchased by a family that plans to see that the house is preserved. They have allowed a local architectural historian to study the house, and the preliminary analysis indicates that the W. W. and 1790 scratched into chimney bricks may accurately identify the builder as William Walker, and at least a portion of the house was built in that year. It is probable that this cemetery was established by the Walker family and that several generations of their family are also interred here.



Please join the

James City Cavalry's

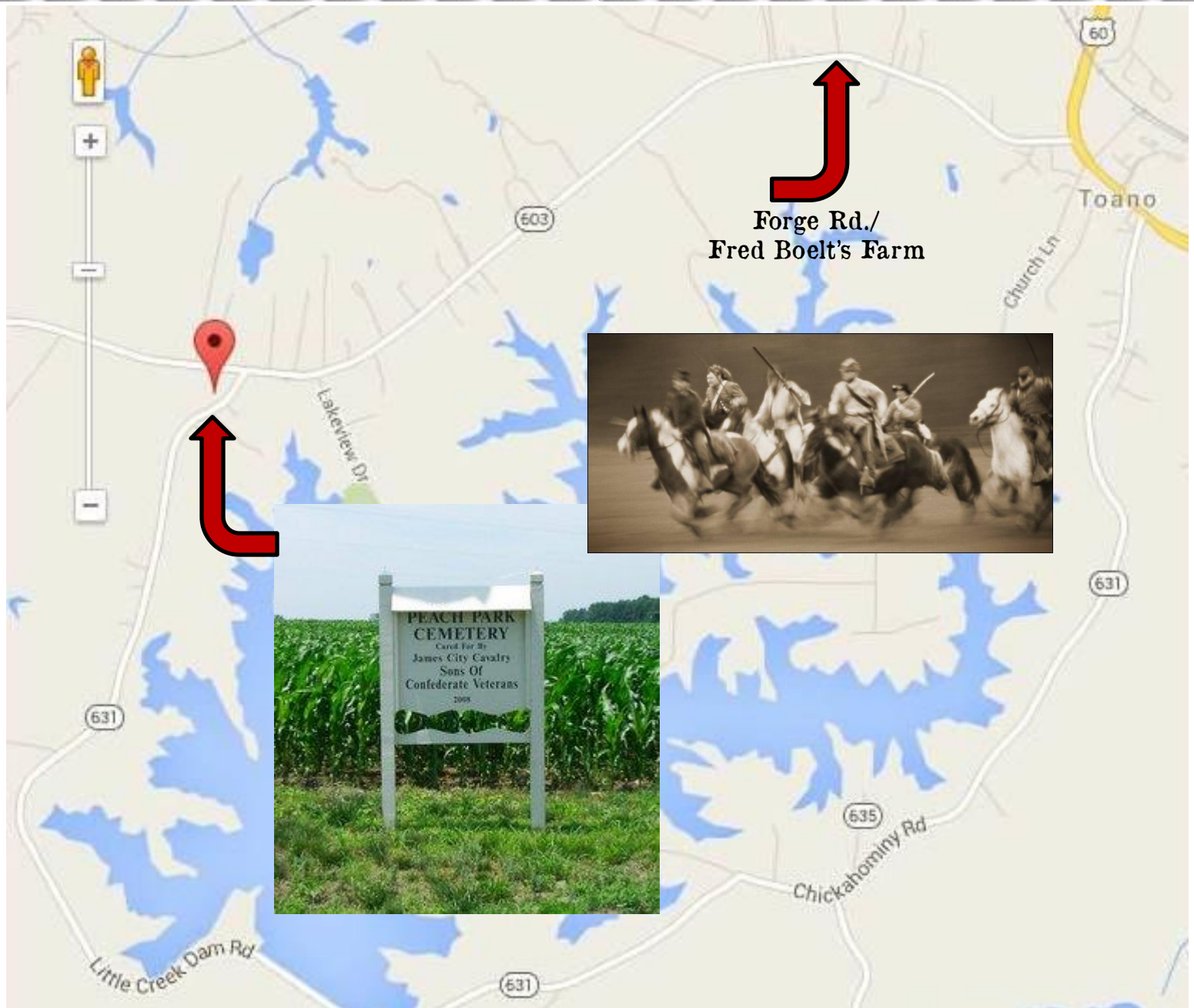


CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 at 5:00pm

PEACH PARK CEMETERY

Little Creek Dam Road and Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168



Please join us at 6:00pm after the Confederate Memorial Service, at the James City Cavalry's May Picnic, in lieu of our regular meeting!

Picnic information & directions to the farm of Compatriot Fred Boelt in Toano are on the attached flyer!



Please join the
James City Cavalry's
PICNIC SUPPER



on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 at 6:00pm

AT COMPATRIOT FRED BOELT'S FARM

2896 Forge Road, Toano, Virginia 23168 (Use this address in GPS or online)

Rocco's Smokehouse is catering our BBQ, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw. We will also provide desserts and drinks. **The cost is \$15 per person and \$10 per each additional attendee, (\$5 per child), payable at Fred's.**

Please RSVP to Adjutant Ken Parsons at kparsons4@cox.net or 757-876-6967 so sufficient fixin's can be prepared. Bring folding chairs as we will dine with the peacocks, weather permitting.

The composite image includes a map on the right showing a yellow route along State Route 610 and Forge Rd, with a red arrow pointing to a location marked 'A'. A photograph in the center shows a dirt road leading to a large, two-story house with a brick chimney. In the bottom left, there is a photograph of a peacock standing in a field. In the bottom center, there is a photograph of two Confederate battle flags displayed on poles.