



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



July 2022 Dispatch – Williamsburg, Virginia

Camp #2095  10th Brigade  Virginia Division  Army of Northern Virginia

A patriotic honor society dedicated to community service and the preservation of the true history of the War Between The States.

Next Muster

Wednesday, July 27th, 2022, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us

6500 Arthur Hills Drive

Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$20.00 Per Person

Payment by Check is Preferred

**Menu: Chicken Piccata, Rockfish, Lemon Merengue Pie plus
Mixed Veggie & Rice Pilaf**

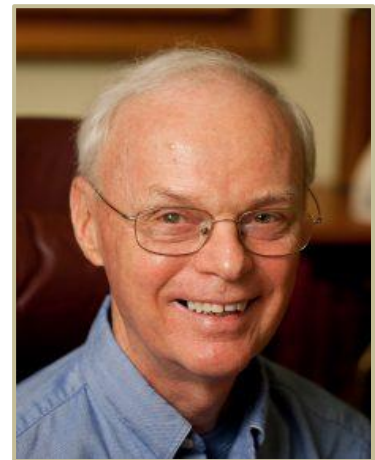
Non-camp members please contact Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Camp members will be contacted by the 'Call Team' for your reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

JCC Web Site: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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July Guest Speaker

Dwight Hughes
Lt. Cmdr. USN
(Ret.)



***“Battle of
Hampton
Roads”***

The USS Monitor was an ingenious but hurried response to the imminent threat of the Confederate ironclad, the CSS Virginia, and to the growing prospect of international intervention backed by the powerful British or French seagoing ironclads. The US had no defenses against either threat. This presentation describes the development of the Monitor and the subsequent engagement with the CSS Virginia at Hampton Roads.

Dwight Hughes is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. He is a student of naval warfare and is a contributor to *Emerging Civil War*. Hughes has authored numerous articles on naval history. His new book as editor and contributor, *The Civil War on the Water: Favorite Stories and Fresh Perspectives from the Historians at Emerging Civil War* is due out in the Fall, 2022 for the *Emerging Civil War Tenth Anniversary Series*.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 22 June at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County., Va., 29 Attendees

Welcome given by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Pledge & Salute to the Flags led by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster George Bridewell

Comments by Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Program:

1st Lt. Cmdr. White introduced the evening's guest speaker:
Fred Chiesa.

Mr. Chiesa presented "*From the Virginia Army to the Confederate Army*", a highly informative description on the start of the Virginia State Militia and its' transition to the Provisional Army.



Mr. Chiesa and 1st Lt. Cmdr. White

Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported that the visitor log books have quite a few new posts including folks from Philadelphia, PA and Gresham, OR. As flags get replaced Steve will be using some 4' x 6' flags from his inventory.

Old & New Business

- Treasurer Parsons spoke on camp finances.
- Adjutant Watson spoke of the highlights of the Va. Div. Convention. (See page 5 for more)

New Member Induction

Compatriot Lang Shelton



1st Lt. Cmdr. White, Compatriot Shelton and Adj. Watson

Book Raffle

Proceeds of \$45 were donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the three donations.

Benediction

Given by Senior Chaplain George Corbett

Camp Officers



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Seaman Richard Curtis

Seaman Richard Curtis served on the CSS *Virginia*. This is his wedding picture from 1864 and is provided courtesy of Curtis Watkins.



Commander's Comments

Cmdr. Jeff Toalson

Plan on joining us for the July 27th meeting. Mr. Dwight Hughes will be sharing stories from his recently published book, *Unlike Anything That Ever Floated*, dealing with the battle of Hampton Roads and the duel between the *Monitor* and the *Virginia*.

Two participants in that engagement are related to James City Cavalry compatriots:

Petty Officer Samuel Chappel served on the CSS *Jamestown* during the March 8 & 9 battles and on April 11th was a member of her crew when she captured 3 Union merchant ships in the Roads when the *Monitor* would not come out to protect them. He concluded his naval service on the CSS *Fredericksburg* at the battle of Trent's Reach [June 21, 1864] and additional minor engagements from August through December 1864.

2nd Lt. Edward Marable, of the 53rd Virginia Infantry, volunteered for temporary duty on the CSS *Patrick Henry* when she accompanied and supported the CSS *Virginia* during her engagement with the USS *Monitor*.

Mr. Curtis Watkins of Newport News will be joining us as my guest for the evening. His great-grandfather was Seaman Richard Curtis who was the 'Bow Gunner' on the CSS *Virginia* during the battles of March 8 and 9.

The ladies of the Williamsburg Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be joining us for our July meeting. This will be the first time their Chapter has joined us for a meeting. We regularly have one or two of their members attending. It will be an honor to have a larger group.

Treasurer Ken Parsons is working with the staff at Colonial Heritage for a special supper on the occasion of this joint meeting. Compatriots, this would be a great opportunity to bring your wife to a Cavalry meeting.

We serve in their memory. See you in July.

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Near the end of Fire Tower Road in western James City County, there is one headstone for Susan A. Jones who died in 1892. The grave is now in the middle of a horse pasture but has been enclosed with low fencing. Susan was the daughter of John W. and Susan T. Hazelwood, and several family members have confirmed that this is the earlier burial ground for Richardson Hazelwood and Patrick Hazelwood and their later generations. Another family member has confirmed that when he farmed the land many years ago, there were other gravestones located there and the area was wooded at that time.

John W. Hazelwood, son of Patrick and Susan Hazelwood, was born about 1834/35. He enlisted in the James City Artillery in Williamsburg on May 16, 1861. He was left sick on the peninsula when the army pulled back on May 4-5, 1862. He was present on rolls for October 1862 through February 1863. He was marked absent, sick on the August 1863 roll, present in October, but absent, sick again in December 1863. He was marked present on the February, April and June rolls for 1864. He was admitted to Chimborazo Hospital #4 in Richmond on September 29, 1864, with remittent fever. He started a forty-day furlough on October 9th and again, was marked absent, sick at home since December 15th on that month's roll. Like so many men, his service record ends before the war was over.

George W. Hazelwood, younger brother of John, was born in June 1836, in James City County. George enlisted in the James City Artillery along with his brother. He was present on all rolls through August 1863, but was in Petersburg General Hospital from October 4, through December 31, of that year. He was taken prisoner on February 14, 1864, while on furlough on the peninsula. He was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland, and was held there until he was exchanged in November, and was present in Camp Lee on November 11, 1864. He was listed as "at home sick" on the December 31st and his service record ends there.

In the 1850 census, both brothers were living at home with their parents, Patrick George W. Hazelwood and his wife, Susan C. Hazelwood. In 1860, George was still living at home, but John had married Susan T. and they had a nine month old daughter. By 1870, George had married Cynthia M. soon after the war and they were living on an adjacent farm to his father. John and his family were living with his parents.

In 1880, both brothers and their families were enumerated in the Stonehouse District of the county and were listed as farmers with large families. Brother John died sometime between the 1880 and 1900 censuses. George died between 1900 and 1910. The extended Hazelwood family owned extensive land along Old Stage Road in the general vicinity of the graveyard, and it seems reasonable to assume that these men are buried there.

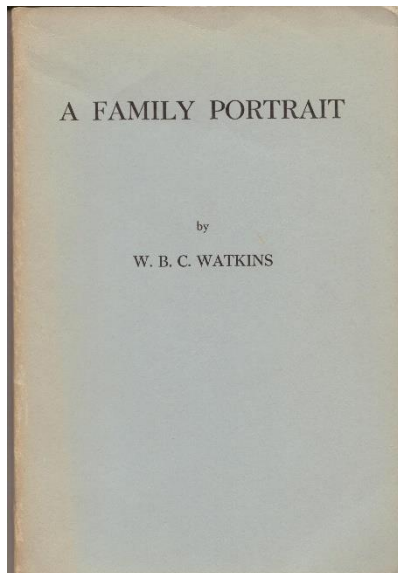
There was a third, perhaps more shadowy Hazelwood, who served briefly in the James City Artillery. One year old Somers R. Hazelwood was enumerated in the 1850 James City census in the household of James M. and Elizabeth Hazelwood. Undetected in the 1860 census, he enlisted on August 17, 1864, at Chaffin's Bluff and was present on rolls through December 1864. He deserted on January 17, 1865, entered Federal lines and took the oath at Fort Monroe.

In 1870, Somers, his wife Sarah L. and three young children were living at Tunstall Station, Ware Creek District, New Kent County. Somers is not found in subsequent censuses so his death and burial place are more of a mystery than those of John W. and George W. Hazelwood.

Donations to the Swem Archive

For 2022 we were able to provide several interesting items of Southern History to the Swem Archives on behalf of the Jean Keating - James City Cavalry Endowment. We will document three of them this month and two more in our August issue.

The Swem Archives holds the Nathaniel V. Watkins Letters [39.1 - W32] which cover his service as an artilleryman during the conflict and also a significant grouping of prewar and postwar letters dealing with religion, running a classical school, and agricultural practices. Nathaniel's grandson, W. B. C. Watkins, who was a professor of English Literature at Princeton and LSU, wrote a family history which was published in a 4"x6", softbound, 187-page, limited family printing in 1957-1959. Very few good copies of the 'A Family Portrait 1840-1890' limited printing exist. The Swem did not have one in their collection. W. B. C. had written several books on Milton and Swift, his focus of study in English literature, and the Swem has those professional works. We were able to acquire a very nice copy, after about 5 years of searching, and this will now join the letters in the archive. It will only be available for research in the Swem Archives Reading Room.



In addition, we provided two hard cover books for the stacks to fill gaps in their regimental histories: *History of the 17th Virginia Infantry CSA* and *History of the 4th South Carolina Volunteers CSA*.

Mrs. Jean Keating would be very pleased with the excellent selection of items we have provided to the Swem Archives over the past seven years.

April Camp Donations

The Cavalry sent a \$500 Scholarship Donation to the Sam Davis Youth Camp for their spring event.

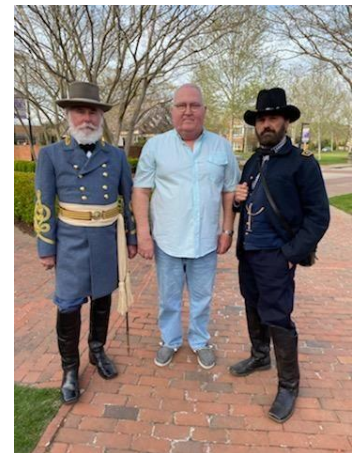
At the Virginia SCV Convention, in South Boston, Adjutant Dave Watson presented outgoing Virginia Division Treasurer Bill Graham with a \$400 donation for the Heritage Defense Fund.



Adj. Watson and Treasurer Graham

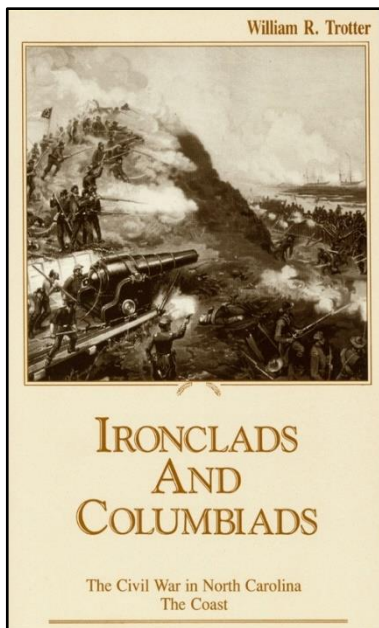
The Last 48 Hours

On the evening of April 13th General Lee (Thomas Jessee) and General Grant (Curt Field) presented *The Last 48 Hours* to rave reviews at the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable. Prior to the meeting Compatriot Jim O'Donnell had a moment with the Generals.



Gen. Lee, Compatriot O'Donnell, and Gen. Grant

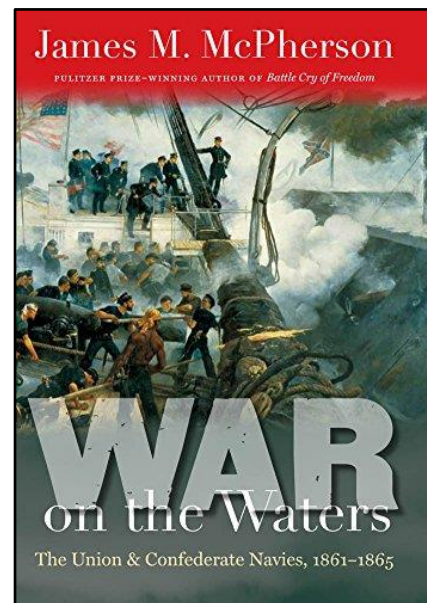
July Book Raffle



**“Ironclads and Columbiads: The Civil War in North Carolina, The Coast”
By William R. Trotter**

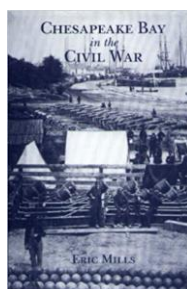


Replica of Lt. Dixon's Gold Coin



**“War on the Waters: The Union and Confederate Navies, 1861-1865”
By James McPherson**

**Bonus Book:
“Chesapeake Bay In The Civil War”
by Eric Mills**



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwrt.org>

The Round Table will be on leave until September.