

April 2009

Williamsburg, Virginia

Last Meeting: Our last meeting had 27 in attendance. Our program was presented by Carol K. Dubbs of Williamsburg and author of "*Defend this Old Town.*" Ms. Dubbs presented a very informative historical account of "The Battle of Williamsburg 1862."

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at "Hog Wild Smokehouse Restaurant" at 8864 Richmond Road, Toano, VA 23168 www.hogwildsmokehouse.com on April 22nd at 7pm. Final Convention preparations will be the order of work for this meeting.

Commander David Ware: "The Cause for Which We Fought"

In the mid 19th century, there emerged the ideology of nationalism. In contrast to patriotism, nationalism operates on the premise of a centralized state, a politically controlled economy and a synthesized culture (diversity). Where the patriot says "I love my country," the nationalist says "my country is better than yours." Two Germans, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels hammered out a document in 1848 to bring about nationalistic unity: The Communist Manifesto. Their ultimate objective was to unite the world by a political system that would remove "barriers" of culture: religion, heritage and economic standing. In this same year, a violent series of civil wars broke out simultaneously on battle zones across Europe. The Revolution of 1848 failed in all 18 places where it broke out, but the ideas it spawned survive to define the history that followed.

America's conflict of 1861-65 is rarely considered in this context. An awareness of it is essential in grasping the fundamental conflict between North and South. In 1850, Presbyterian minister James Henley Thornwell, a Southerner, wrote: "The parties in this conflict are not merely Abolitionists and slaveholders; they are Atheists, Socialists, Communists, Red Republicans, and Jacobins on the one side and friends of order and regulated freedom on the other. In one word, the world is the battleground, Christianity and Atheism the combatants, and the progress of humanity the stake."

A conveniently forgotten footnote of history is the fact that many leaders of the failed 1848 communist revolution in Europe fled to America to become senior officers in the Union army of Lincoln. Among them were: Joseph Weydemeyer, Carl Schurz, Franz Sigel, Thomas Francis Meagher (commander of the Irish Brigade), Peter Joseph Osterhaus, August von Willich, Friedrich Salomon, Albin Schimmelfennig, E. S. Solomon, Albin Schoepf, Julius Stahel, Max Weber and Frederick Hecker.

Long Live the South and her Ideals

Adjutant Ken Parsons: The Division Convention will be held April 24 through 26th at the Lexington George Washington in Williamsburg. Information for the convention is posted on the website under the convention tab. The site has been updated with new and updated information. All are welcome to attend the opening ceremonies and the Saturday night supper. The business meetings on Saturday are open to all members in good standing. Voting on convention business will be by registered delegates only.

It is very important for our members to attend all or part of this event. You need to feel the presence of the Division and realize we are not in this alone; we are a part of a state, national and international organization. The SCV is the largest heritage organization in America and our membership is what makes it viable.

I hope our members will show up for the Commanders Reception Friday night, then for lunch on Saturday. You can come and go during the meetings, you may attend any of the training sessions we have cobbled together and certainly we all need to be there for the buffet supper and closing ceremonies.

I assure you that you will be missing a grand event if you don't attend this convention!

It's for the Cause!

Fort Magruder Clean-up Project Update: Our clean-up days were very productive on the redoubt. The brush was cut, cleared and hauled away. One tree was cut into smaller sections and removed. Work is progressing on re-setting the flag pole and will be completed in the near future. Another work day was held on March 28 and concluded our clean-up efforts at the Fort for this year.

Book Auctions: Compatriot Jeff Toalson will be conducting his book auction monthly and donating the proceeds to the Camp's general fund. This month's auction will feature "*The Wartime Papers of R. E. Lee*," Clifford Dowdey editor, 1961 hardbound edition with dust cover.

Jeff will conduct in the future a larger auction for the painting of Stonewall Jackson which was kindly donated to the camp by Associate Peter Jelinek. Peter is a local artist. His studio is located in the Colonial Town Shops at 5569 Richmond Road (Lightfoot Area). Peter has graciously offered to have the painting framed at no cost to the highest bidder when the auction is held. This painting is of the finest artistic quality and would be a treasure to anyone that holds our Confederate General Stonewall Jackson in the highest esteem.

Honoring our Confederate Soldier - March

Lt. Col. Hillery Moseley

42nd Mississippi Infantry

Enlisted May 14, 1862, age 45, at Grenada, Mississippi
Elected Lt. Col. of the Regiment on May 14, 1862
May to September, 1862 in training in Richmond, Virginia

Citizens of the County of Panola in the State of Mississippi drafted the following petition on May 31st, 1862 and with over 700 signatures forwarded it through Lt. Col. Moseley to the Secretary of War – Hon. G. W. Randolph

The undersigned Respectfully Petition the Secretary of War That in as much as a large scope of country is left destitute of a Physician by Dr. H. Moseley being elected Lieut. Col. of a Regiment that the said Moseley be Released & suffered To Return home. He is a good Physician and has the confidence of the People who are good & loyal citizens of the Confederacy – and are in Pressing want of a Physician & Dr. Moseley is not subject to the Conscript Act - & can do more good at home as a Physician Than as a Soldier in the army. Dr. Moseley was induced to join the army because he left a Physician in the neighborhood that has since died. All of which we Respectfully Submit.

On August 23rd Hillery forwarded the petition to Secretary Randolph and the request was denied.

December, 1862 found the 42nd Mississippi in Goldsboro, N. Carolina.

Mid Feb to June 1, 1863 found the 42nd in and around Franklin, Suffolk, Beaver Dam Church and the final three weeks near Ivor, Virginia building fortifications at key locations on the Blackwater River.

As part of Davis's Brigade, Heth's Division the 42nd headed northward into Pennsylvania and at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863, at the railroad cut, the regiment suffered the second highest casualty rate of all CSA regiments during the three days of Gettysburg. Lt. Col. Moseley was wounded in the foot and evacuated to a field hospital. In his journal he wrote, "*Ambulance after ambulance arriving day and night with mangled and mutilated forms. . . around [the surgeon] are strewn thick the amputated limbs . . . The surgeons continued the work incessantly until the morning of the 4th without having finished their work . . .*"

Hillery spent time in hospitals in Winchester and Staunton before arriving at Chimborazo on July 17. On July 18th he was transferred to Huguenot Springs Hospital in Powhatan. On August 18th Hillery is granted a medical furlough. He was given a medical discharge and resigned his commission on December 18, 1863.

Hillery returns to Panola Cty., Mississippi where he resumes his work as a Physician and also serves in the Mississippi state legislature.

(Personal journal of Hillery Moseley with permission of the family and Microfilm file #269, roll 396 from the files of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia.)

JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

By Quartermaster Fred Boelt

On Friday, May 29th, we will hold our third annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony to honor veterans who rest from their labors in the cemeteries in James City County. This year we have chosen to honor four veterans who are buried in the James City Chapel cemetery located in Norge on Richmond Road adjacent to the former Soap and Candle complex. The men interred there are Dandridge Wesley Marston, Enoch Timothy Martin, Cornelius Wesley Taylor and William Wilkinson.

A meeting house called James City Chapel was erected at this site in 1791. When Francis Asbury, well known Methodist clergyman, visited here in 1797, he noted that a new meeting house had been built since his visit in 1790 and that the congregation was thriving. The scant records that are available at the Library of Virginia indicate that there was an active congregation there before the war and efforts were made to renew support after the war. In 1884, the old building had fallen into disrepair, the railroad had come through Toano, and there was a general movement toward Toano becoming the hub of the county. It was decided to relocate the church in Toano and two of our veterans, Dandridge Marston and Enoch Martin, were on the building committee. A part of the original church was actually moved (teams of oxen pulled it up the hill), and is now incorporated into Mt. Vernon Methodist Church on Church Lane.

Dandridge Wesley Marston, the son of Dandridge Watkins Marston and his first wife, Ann Eliza Morris, was born on July 22, 1845. His father had purchased Variety Grove on Old Forge Road around 1843, so it is probable that he was born there. He enlisted in Richmond as a private in Company H, 5th Virginia Cavalry on June 1, 1862, and the rolls indicate that he was in a Richmond hospital for most of July and August of that year. Sketchy records of presence and absence run through late 1863 and early 1864. He was captured in Burnt Ordinary on July 24, 1864, sent to Fort Monroe, and then transferred to Point Lookout. He was exchanged on February 1, 1865 and was listed as sick in a Richmond hospital on the next day. He was furloughed for forty days on the 21st and his service record ended there.

Dandridge Marston married Ann Eliza Warren and they lived, with their seven children, on the tract of land now occupied by the Burnt Ordinary Apartments in Toano. He was a merchant and operated a general store on the front of his property, which later became the Wilkinson and Geddy store. He was a member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp, CV. He died in Richmond on December 20, 1913 and his obituary stated, "Mr. Marston was widely known in the business and social circles of the Peninsula and was one of the wealthiest citizens of Toano."

Enoch Timothy Martin was born on April 2, 1842 at his parents' home, Aspen Grove, on Old Forge Road in Burnt Ordinary. He was one of sixteen children born to John T. Martin and his wife, Sarah A. Beal. The records that do exist indicate that all of the Martin family were active members at James City Chapel. The roster for the James City Artillery states that Martin enlisted at Williamsburg on May 16, 1861. This unit was originally raised as Company H, 32nd Virginia Infantry, but it was reassigned as Company B, 1st Virginia Artillery Regiment. He was absent (sick) on April 20, 1862 and was present on all other rolls through December 31, 1864. He returned home, married Ann Bannister Wilkinson, bought Lombardy, and they spent the rest of their lives on Old Forge Road. Enoch Martin died on June 10, 1920 and was buried at James City Chapel.

Cornelius Wesley Taylor, born May 5, 1841, was the son of Pinkethman A. Taylor and his wife, Susan Bowis Marston. Census and court records indicate that Pinkethman was a teacher, county coroner, Methodist clergyman and farmer at different times. Perhaps he served at James City Chapel. Cornelius Taylor enlisted at Williamsburg in the James City Artillery on May 16, 1861 as 3rd sergeant. He was defeated in reelection on May 12, 1862 and reduced to the rank of private. He was in Chimborazo Hospital # 1 in July 1863 and present on all rolls through December 1864.

After the war, Cornelius Taylor returned to James City County and the 1870 census listed his occupation as "clerk in store." He married Clarinda Lightfoot Hankins on November 27, 1873; they had six children, and were living on and farming his mother's land by the 1880 census. Cornelius Taylor died on October 25, 1892 and was buried at James City Chapel with his parents and extended family.

William Wilkinson was born on September 25, 1840. He was the son of Cary Wilkinson and his wife, Mary R. McCandlish and the family was living at Merry Oaks near Burnt Ordinary in 1860. William Wilkinson enlisted in the James City Artillery at Petersburg on June 15, 1863. He was present on all rolls through December 1864. After the war, Wilkinson returned to James City County where he farmed. He married Elizabeth Marston Power and they had eight children. William Wilkinson died on August 14, 1902 and is buried at James City Chapel. His obituary said that he "had served his state valiantly in the Civil War. Mr. Wilkinson was well known here and was highly esteemed for his high Christian character and gentle manners."

Last year at our Confederate Memorial Day ceremony, we honored William's brother, Cary Wilkinson, who is buried at Sunnyside on Old Forge Road. Additionally, one of Cary's and William's sisters, Ann Bannister Wilkinson, married Enoch Martin [above]. All of this is a typical Tidewater family snarl!

There may be a fifth veteran buried in an unmarked grave in this cemetery. Cornelius Taylor's brother, William P. Taylor (c. 1843-1888) also served in the James City Artillery. A Marston family history states that he is buried there. Research continues on this possibility.

Newsletter: "In an effort to help save on the cost of the newsletter, you can now have it e-mailed to you in an adobe format. E-mail 1st Lt. Commander Don Woolridge at dsw317@earthlink.net to be added to this list."

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Virginia Division Convention

April 24th, 25th, 26th, 2009

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Thought for the Month

“Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again.”-

President Jefferson Davis

