



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



June 2020 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.

June Camp Muster

Wednesday, June 24th, 2020, 6:30 pm
Colonial Heritage Club House
www.colonialheritageclub.com/find-us
6500 Arthur Hills Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23188



Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person

You must call or email Jeff Toalson (757) 220-0131 or troon24@cox.net to make a dinner reservation. Attendees without a reservation are welcome to attend the meeting but may not receive a dinner.

See Commander's Comments on the next page for more details.

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

To add or remove an email address for the Picket Lines distribution list, or for questions or comments regarding the newsletter, email to:
jccpicketlinesdistribution@gmail.com

June Guest Speaker

Carson Hudson
Williamsburg
Historian



*"Stories of
Williamsburg
during the
WBTS"*



Thousands visit our area each year to learn about Colonial history. The same ground was later soaked by the blood of the children and grandchildren of those Founding Fathers during the WBTS. This part of our Williamsburg history is often overlooked. Carson will share a variety of stories about this hallowed ground and the people who walked it.

Carson Hudson is an author, a folk musician, and Emmy Award winning screenwriter and once upon a time . . . a circus fire-eater. He and his banjo entertained us at our 2016 Christmas celebration. With an M.A. in Military History and an M. Ed. In Social Studies and Educational Technology Carson is a social and military historian and a Williamsburg treasure.

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Virginia SCV Convention Rescheduled

Due to CoVid-19 concerns the Virginia SCV Convention has been rescheduled to September 11-13, in South Boston, at the Berry Hill Resort. All registrations, including meals, fees, etc. have been transferred and will be honored. The same room rates will apply and the special \$89 SCV room rate should be mentioned when you contact the resort at 434- 517-7000 to make your September reservations. This is an unprecedented situation in an unprecedented time. The health of our membership is the Virginia Division's primary goal.

Commander's Comments

Compatriots,

I know we are all excited to be able to resume our meetings, visit with friends, hear an entertaining speaker and enjoy a good meal. It has been three months since we last met.

Colonial Heritage is taking a variety of steps to ensure our safety. We will be served a plated meal rather than our going through a buffet line. Face masks are required upon arrival at the security gate. They need to be worn in the ballroom and can only be removed for drinking and dining. We will be meeting in the ballroom to allow maximum safe spacing options. CHCC will utilize large round tables with 4 chairs per table versus 8. We will enter through the side exterior door to the ballroom which is on your left as you are walking toward the front door. We will have a Cavalry Compatriot outside to serve as a guide.

CHCC is going to great lengths to provide us with a safe meeting place. I look forward to seeing you at our June meeting.

Jerry Thompson

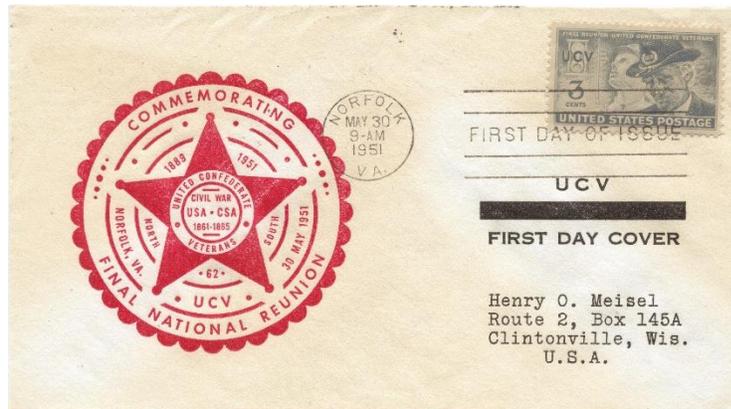


Keating – Camp 2095 Swem Archives Donation

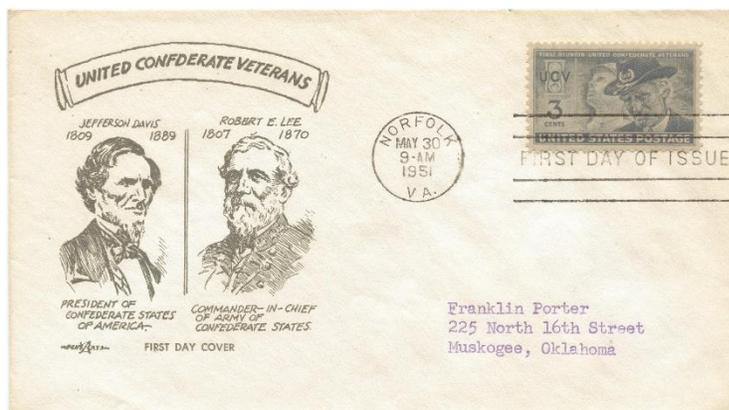
In our April and May issues we printed photos of three of the six 'First Day of Issue' envelopes commemorating the Final UCV Reunion. Here are the other three. Additionally you will see an uncanceled block of that 1951 stamp which is the final item of our donation.

Along with the Army of Tennessee order regarding horses that were unfit for duty we have donated 8 significant items to the Swem historical archive in 2020.

Compatriot Jeff Toalson



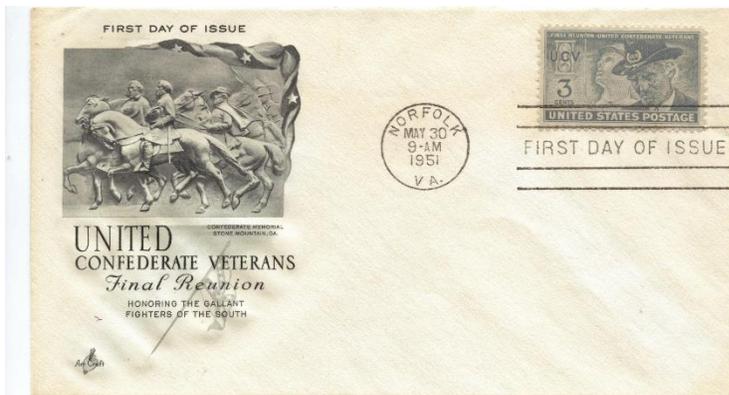
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Davis & Lee



Block of 1951 UCV Stamps



Stone Mountain

Camp 2095 Donates Fund to Save Williamsburg Battlefield

“THE RAVINE”

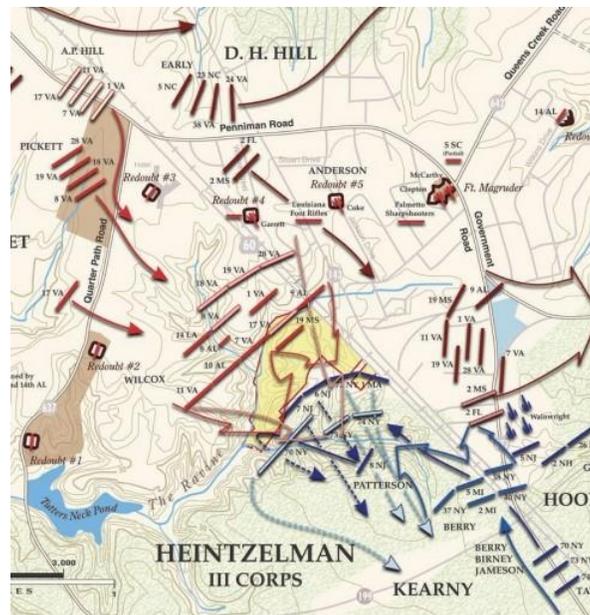
Twenty-nine (29) acres of key Williamsburg battlefield land can be saved. The bloodiest action of the battle took place in and around the ravine on May 5, 1862. The tract of land, as indicated on the map, has been optioned for purchase by the American Battlefield Trust.

The parcel will cost \$2,743,000. Grants through the A.B.T. have provided a \$220 to \$1 match. That means interested local parties only have to raise \$12,500 to save this key land for posterity.

Adjutant Parsons is forwarding a check to the A.B.T. that includes a \$250 donation from our Camp plus \$765 in cash donations that individual camp members submitted with their dues. Other camp members have contributed \$620 direct on the A.B.T. website. **This is a total Camp contribution of \$1,635** or over 13% of the total. This equals \$359,700 with the matching funds. A great start!

Other donations are coming in. Ken will send a second check later in the year.

Drew Gruber of the [Williamsburg Battlefield Association](http://www.williamsburgbattlefield.org) will be providing us periodic updates on total donations received. More information is available at: www.battlefields.org/give/save-battlefields/save-29-acres-williamsburg-battlefield



The tract of land to be acquired is highlighted in yellow.

Confederate Gravesites

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

A family group of a mother and her two sons, living in Williamsburg, were enumerated in the 1850 census. Mary A. Bowry, age 38, was a warden at the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, and her husband, Robert B. Bowry, seems to have died before the census was taken. Their older son, Robert B. Bowry [Jr.] was born about 1839/1840, and their younger son, Bushrod Washington Bowry was born on September 30, 1844. Little is known of Robert's early life. However, a catalog for the Williamsburg Military School for 1853 has survived and it listed Bushrod Bowry among the local students enrolled. "This school had a primary department, and middle department, extending over a period of four years. The cadets wore a blue uniform with a cap on which were the letters W.M.S." (Virginia Gazette. June 10, 1899). It should be noted here that Bushrod Bowry was the person who had the catalog and supplied it to the newspaper for the article to be written.

In 1860, the two brothers were living together in Williamsburg, and Robert's occupation was listed as a mechanic. Robert Bowry enlisted as a private in Company C, (Williamsburg Junior Guard), 32nd Virginia Infantry, in Williamsburg, on April 28, 1861. He was promoted to 2nd Corporal, and he transferred to Cosnahan's Battery, (James City Artillery), on May 12, 1862. He was wounded in action on July 2nd and was hospitalized in General Hospital #21, Richmond, during the Seven Days Campaign. He was present on all rolls through June 30, 1863, and was furloughed on August 31, 1863. He was sick in October but was present on the remaining rolls through December 1864. He had extensive hospital stays throughout the war which may account for no further service.

Robert Bowry's life after the war is sketchy. He was paid for work on the Main Building at the College of William and Mary in 1867. He was not found in the 1870 census, but he did appear in Williamsburg in 1880, and was listed as a forty-one year old carpenter. He was married to Lucinda, a thirty year old retail grocer, and Robert's two year old step son, John Laws, was living with them. So far, no further record has been found for Robert Bowry. He does not appear in the 1900 census and may have died prior to that time. His final resting place remains a mystery.

Bushrod Bowry followed in his brother's footsteps. He, too, enlisted as a private in Company C, 32nd Virginia Infantry, on April 28, 1861, and transferred to the James City Artillery on June 25, 1862. He was discharged on July 31, 1862, by reason of expiration of term of service. The next item in his service records indicates that on April 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, 38th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. He was in the hospital several times in Richmond over the next few months, but he was present on the rosters from November 1864, through February 1865, where his records end. However, he was paroled at Burkeville, Virginia, between April 14 – 17, 1865, and probably returned to Williamsburg soon after that.

In 1870, Bushrod Bowry was living by himself in Williamsburg serving as a warden at the asylum. Around 1875, he became the owner of the City Hotel which was located on part of the present day site of Chowling's Tavern. This large, two story building with a dome faced the Court House Green. Bushrod married Imogene Lively, daughter of Charles and Jane E. Lively of Williamsburg. They, and two sons, Charles B. born in 1874, and James Leonard, born in 1879, were living on Duke of Gloucester Street in 1880, and Bushrod was listed as a landlord. Moses R. Harrell, Jr., sheriff, was among his tenants (Picket Lines, January 2012). Eventually, a daughter, Imogene Lively Bowry, born in 1884, completed the family.

By 1900, Bushrod Bowry had sold the hotel and was working as an attendant at the asylum. He and two of his children were living on Ireland Street. By 1910, he was living on College Landing Road (present day South Henry Street), and he was listed as a night watchman at the asylum.

Bushrod W. Bowry died on December 13, 1913. Cemetery records confirm that he is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

June Book Raffle Cancelled

In order to minimize any virus transmission opportunities, no book raffle will be held this month.

June Trivia Question:

What was the maximum range of a shell from the gigantic twenty-inch Rodman smoothbore gun?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



<http://www.wcwr.org>

The round table is in recess until September.