

# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



June 2011

Williamsburg, Virginia

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be at "Colonial Heritage Club" located at 6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23188 [www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html](http://www.colonialheritageva.com/club.html) on **June 22nd at 7 P.M.** Our Speaker **Compatriot Larry Floyd** will present "**Handguns of the WBTS**". Larry is a Norfolk native and 33 year veteran of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He has been a collector of black powder weapons since 1961. In addition to being a 50 year member of the North-South Skirmish Association, he also is a member of the Norfolk County Historical Society and a member of the Martin Camp of the SCV in Shiloh, North Carolina.

**Last Event: Confederate Memorial Day Service and Picnic Supper.** The service was held at the Richardson Family Cemetery on Riverview Road with the picnic at Compatriot Fred Boelt's farm on Forge Road. The event was well attended with 56 in attendance.



Adjutant Ken Parsons conducts the Memorial Service

**ON THE OCCASION OF**  
**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY,**  
**FRIDAY MAY 27, 2011**  
**JAMES CITY CAVALRY, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**  
**ROSTER OF INTERRED CONFEDERATE VETERANS,**  
**RICHARDSON FAMILY CEMETERY**  
**RIVERVIEW RD., NEAR CROAKER, VA**

1. George Washington Moore – Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, b 1832, d 1907. A native of Staten Island, New York. Listed as a waterman living in James City County in 1860 census. Present at all roll calls through December 1864. A prisoner at Point Lookout when the War ended.
2. Simeon B. Pitts - Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, b 1842, d 1880. Captain of his father's schooner before the War. Present at all roll calls until December 1864. Was a prisoner of war. Was paroled in Williamsburg in 1865 and returned to his home in James City County. Was listed as an Oysterman in 1870 census.
3. Thomas O. Lawson – Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, b 1824, d 1908. Father of a large family of 15 children. Enlisted as a private in 1861. Was sick and disabled December 1861 through October 1862 and discharged 1863. A farmer, he farmed his wife's land, part of Richardson holdings.
4. Archer Clay Richardson – Company H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry, b 1843, d 1924. He served with Lawson, Moore and Simeon Pitts. Present at all roll calls through October 1863 and again from December 1863 through August 1864. After the War he farmed Richardson family land. He fathered ten children.
5. Allen Pitts - 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Virginia Volunteers, b 1831, d 1890. Born, like his brother in King and Queen County. Lived with wife Mary Elizabeth Richardson, on the Richardson farm all their lives. Enlisted as a private in 1863 but service was short-lived as he was discharged due to physical disabilities, May of 1863.

All information is based on research compiled by Compatriot Fred Boelt.

## **Commander Don Woolridge:**

The Sesquicentennial is off to great start this year and I would encourage all to attend the numerous events scheduled throughout the country. This will be a period where history will be presented in many different forms. The media is loaded with information from scheduled presentations as well as a number of very educational websites. Virginia being one of the most important focal points of the War Between the States will most definitely have many offerings. Among the many facets of living in this great State is the benefit of having our Confederate history right in our back yards. Let us all get out and enjoy and honor the history of the Confederacy as well as our Confederate Ancestors. In your travels around the County and the State, take the time to visit our ancestors resting places and more especially ensure they are being well taken care of.

Father's Day is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Let us all remember to honor our Fathers who are still with us today as well as those that have crossed over the river and now rest upon the shade of the trees.

Deo Vindice!

## **Compatriot John Shirley's Book Auction for June:**

"Friendly Fire in the Civil War", Webb Garrison, hardcover, 1999, 230 pages.

"First Blood - The Story of Fort Sumter", W. A. Swanberg, hardcover, 1957, 370 pages.

**Planning Committee Meeting:** The Planning Meeting was held in June 15 at Hog Wild Smoke House. Agenda items will be discussed at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES**

**By Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt**

### **CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES**

George Archer Hankins was born on January 7, 1846, at Marlbrook [present day site of Stonehouse Elementary School] in Burnt Ordinary. He was the son of George and Mary Savage Hankins. Growing up within sight of Hickory Neck Academy, it is probable that George was sent to school there.

George Hankins enlisted as a private in Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Artillery on December 30, 1863, at Chaffin's Bluff. He was present on all existing rolls through February 1865. Union Prisoner of War records indicate that he was captured at Burkeville on April 6, 1865. He was released on the Oath of Allegiance at Point Lookout, Maryland, on June 13, 1865, and he returned to James City County at that time. There is little else known of his service record. His older brother, Southey S. Hankins, served throughout the war in the James City Cavalry (*Picket Lines*, January 2010). One of George's future brothers-in-law, Dr. Robert Benskin Richardson, served as a surgeon with the James City Artillery prior to George's enlistment. Dr. Richardson married George's sister, Harriett, in 1873.

George Hankins was a student at The College of William and Mary during the years 1869-1871. He was the first initiate of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at the college. He attended medical school after that. On April 24, 1877, he married Mary Savage of New Kent County. It should be pointed out here that both George's mother and his wife were named Mary Savage, and they both came from New Kent. Undoubtedly, the two women were related. George and his wife Mary had five children, but only two, Harriett and Cyrus, lived to adulthood.

Dr. and Mrs. Hankins were living with his mother at Marlbrook when the 1880 census was taken. They later moved into Williamsburg and lived on South England Street across from the present day site of the Williamsburg Lodge. Hankins served as the physician for The College of William and Mary and for the jail, and also as coroner before his health began to fail a few years before his death. He was a member of Olive Branch Church for many years, and a member of the Magruder-Ewell Camp of Confederate Veterans.

George Archer Hankins died at his home on February 27, 1925. He was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Williamsburg. Delegations from the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Masonic Lodge, the Oddfellows, and the Magruder-Ewell Camp, all gathered to pay tribute to one of their own who had fought for the cause, and had later been active in the progressive life of the City of Williamsburg.

**SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROJECT:** Be sure to bring items for the project to the next meeting. Norman especially needs . . . wet wipes, hard candy, slim jims, dental floss picks, bubble gum, disposable razors...

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## Thought for the Month

**“I cannot trust a man to control others who cannot control himself”**

**General Robert E. Lee, CSA **