



# James City Cavalry PICKET LINES



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Camp #2095  1<sup>st</sup> 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

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:30pm  
Colonial Heritage Club  
<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>  
6500 Arthur Hills Drive  
Williamsburg, VA 23188

### Guest Speaker:

**Ms. Teresa Roane**  
UDC Archivist  
Richmond, Virginia



**Meal Cost: \$17.00 Per Person –**  
(genuine Confederate currency gladly accepted –  
will reluctantly accept US \$5 notes)

### Honored Confederate Soldier:

**Pvt. George C. Parsons**  
Company C – 25<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Infantry  
(ancestor of Adjutant Ken Parsons)

### RSVP Required

Compatriots' Ladies & Guests Encouraged To Attend

## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

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### *Minorities in the Confederate Military: Combat Support*

Books about slavery abound; however not so many have been devoted to the topic of Free People of Color. Around a quarter of a million free people of color lived in the South and they made significant contributions. They are truly the forgotten people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century but evidence of their existence lives on in documents throughout the South. It is 2014, and the most suppressed history remains persons of color in the Confederate Army. I have given presentations about combat support. Make no mistake there were men who carried muskets, but historians have tried their best to marginalize the combat support efforts of others. These historians either don't understand logistics or don't know how important it is to the success of an army campaign. Yet the U.S. Army today trains these topics extensively at Ft. Eustis, VA. Men and women of color who served in combat support roles with Confederate forces made more money than the privates!

Teresa Roane was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. She earned her B. A. in history at Virginia Commonwealth University. She worked for eight years at the Richmond Public Library followed by 15 years at the Valentine Museum's library. She was the archivist at the Museum of the Confederacy for 7½ years; but on 10 February 2014, she received a chance to embark on a new opportunity: she is now archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy National Headquarters in Richmond, VA.

She has served on the boards of Friends of the Richmond Public Library, Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods, and the Historic Richmond Foundation. She is a member of the Richmond-Stonewall Jackson UDC chapter. She has received the Heritage Preservation Award from the National Headquarters of the SCV in 2012 and the Rebecca Jones Alford Bonnie Blue Medal from the North Carolina SCV in 2014. Teresa has given many presentations and workshops. She spends her free time reading, watching movies, and walking battlefields.

Bring a guest to our August meeting. Supper will be served at 6:30PM, and we will introduce Teresa Roane at 7:30. Our buffet costs \$17 per person. Non-members please contact Ken Parsons, [kparsons4@cox.net](mailto:kparsons4@cox.net) or (757) 564-0878, to confirm your reservations.

- *1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

# CAMP JOURNAL FOR LAST MUSTER

## Meeting:

Held 23 Jul. at 6:30PM at Colonial Heritage Club,  
James City Cty., Va., 49 attendees.  
We had 13 guests including Dusty Grant and Alan  
Pinekenstein who has completed his application.

Call to Order & Welcome given by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Invocation:

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden

Pledge & Salute to the Flags

Break for Supper

The SCV Charge read by Compatriot Ed Truslow

Guest Introduction by Commander Jeff Toalson

## Ancestral Memorial Candle:

Read by Compatriot Charles Eugene Bush *in honor of*  
*Pvt. Jasper Newton Cowger*  
*Co. K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Arkansas Cavalry*  
*(ancestor of Compatriot Jim Swords)*

## Program:

The Camp was addressed by 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Commander  
Tommy Thomas immediately after supper.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle introduced our guest speaker,  
Lee Heath, biographer and author, who gave an excellent  
talk on Varina Anne "Winnie" Davis, the youngest daughter  
of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his second  
wife, Varina Howell Davis. Christened the "Daughter of the  
Confederacy" in 1886 her role was bestowed upon her by a  
Southern culture trying to sublimate its war losses. Idolized  
by Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the  
Confederacy, Winnie became an icon of the Lost Cause,  
eclipsing even her father Jefferson in popularity.



*Biographer and Author Lee Heath  
with 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Ed Engle*

## Committee Reports and Announcements

### Treasurer's Report

Adjutant Ken Parsons provided the present balance of  
Camp accounts.

### Cemetery Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve White has contracted for the  
mowing of the moat at Ft. Magruder and a new flag will  
soon be installed at Peach Park.

### Support the Troops

A nice quantity and variety of items were donated  
for our soldier.

Needed Items:

Baby Wipes & Q-Tips  
Hard Candy & Slim Jims  
Lip Balm  
Beef Jerky  
Dental Floss  
Moisture Lotion

### Old & New Business

1. Chaplain Fred Breeden gave a moving report on the SCV  
Convention in Charleston, seeing the CSS Hunley and  
attending some of the events with his family.
2. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Camp will man the SCV booth at  
the State Fair in Richmond. Volunteers can contact  
Adjutant Ken Parsons.
3. The Christmas Supper will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>  
(vice the 21<sup>st</sup> as erroneously reported in the July edition  
of Picket Lines). Our guest will be musician Timothy  
Seaman who will be playing selections from his album  
"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground"

<http://timothyseaman.com/index.php/tenting-on-the-old-camp-ground-album-main-page>

### Trivia Question

What state university, whose students left en masse in 1861  
to join the University Grays or the Lamar Rifles, is best  
known by its nickname, the antebellum term for the  
mistress of a southern plantation?

A. The University of Mississippi or "Ole Miss".

### Book Raffle

\$89 was donated to the Camp Treasury for the raffle of the  
three donations: "Mary Chestnut's Civil War" edited by  
C. Vann Woodward; "The Battle of New Market" by  
William C. Davis; and "Drawn With the Sword" by  
James M. McPherson

### Dixie"

Led by Compatriot Bill Young.

### Benediction

Given by Chaplain Fred Breeden.

## CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

(Contributed by Historian/Genealogist Compatriot Fred Boelt)

Again looking at Henley family kin, another daughter of Leonard [Sr.] and Harriett Henley, Clarissa W. Henley's husband, William Hancock served with Confederate forces. William was born around 1823-1824, probably in Richmond at the home of his father, Michael Hancock, on Marshall Street. William attended the College of William and Mary in 1839-1840, and may have met Clarissa then. However, they did not marry until June 5, 1849. The wedding took place at the Henley family home in Williamsburg. William's residence was listed as Chesterfield at that time, and he was practicing law.

A daughter, Sophie Scott, was born in 1850 followed by a son, Leonard Henley who died at his grandmother's home in Williamsburg in 1854. This would tend to indicate that the family lived in Williamsburg after they were married. However, this family, joined by two additional sons, was enumerated in Richmond for the 1860 census. William Hancock's occupation was still listed as lawyer.

Like his brothers-in-law, John A. and Leonard [Jr.] Henley and John Coupland, William Hancock was older when he enlisted in Captain S. G. Jamison's Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Battalion, Volunteers for Local Defense on June 8, 1863, and mustered into service on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Richmond was listed as his official residence on the roll. At Chaffin's Farm in June 1864, Hancock transferred to Company D, his brother-in-law, John A. Henley's company. By the end of June, he was listed as a patient transferred to private quarters in Richmond, suffering from weakness or feebleness. Later in September, he continued to be off duty, recuperating in private quarters, and in November 1864, his service to the Confederacy ended due to health issues.

The Hancock family was living with Harriett Henley in Williamsburg in 1870, but they were back in Richmond when the 1880 census was taken. Based on newspaper articles, William Hancock was practicing law and involved with numerous civil and fraternal organizations during the 1880s. No death date has been found, but again based on newspaper articles he probably died in the late 1880s or very early 1890s. When his daughter Sophie was married in November 1893, she was listed as the daughter of the late William Hancock.

Clarissa Henley Hancock died on January 7, 1904 and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. Though speculative, it seems probable that William Hancock had been buried there earlier.

## BRIDGET GRIMES CEREMONY



*A distinguished group of UDC National and Division Officers at the Bridget Grimes ceremony at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on June 7<sup>th</sup> (L to R) Cynthia Ledbetter; Sherry Gershamer, Mary Vial, Suzie Snyder, Eleanor Price, Pat Rollston, & Sandy Wright*

## WILLIAMSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 7:00pm

Williamsburg Regional Library:

**Carson Hudson & Amy Miller:**  
*"The Civil War in Seven Songs"*



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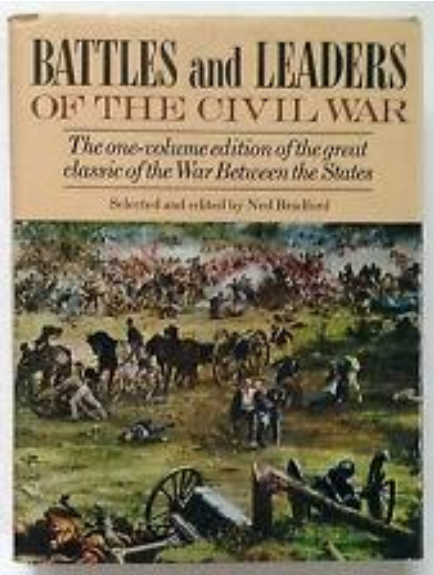
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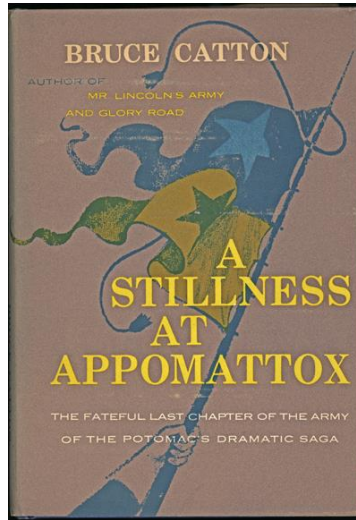
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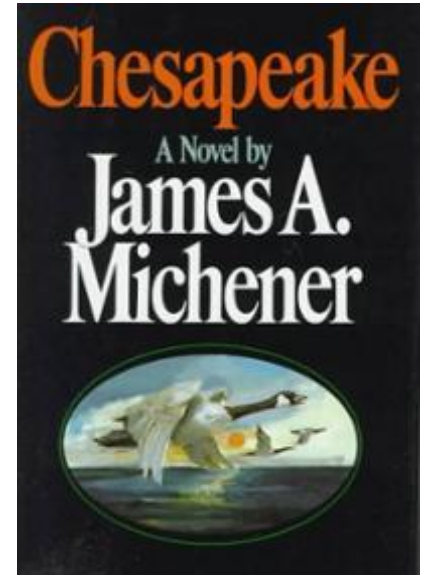
# AUGUST BOOK RAFFLE



**“Battles & Leaders of the Civil War – A 1 Vol. Selection of the Original”** edited by Ned Bradford, New York, 1956, Hard Cover, 626 pages  
 This edition chooses some of the best first person accounts from the original 4 volume work. Still contains many of the wonderful etchings. A great item for any WBTS library.



**“A Stillness at Appomattox”** Bruce Catton, New York, 1954, Hard Cover, 436 pages  
 This is the Pulitzer Prize winning 3rd volume of his history of the Army of the Potomac. It covers the Overland Campaign and the Siege of Petersburg. Naturally it provides significant detail on the Army of Northern Virginia since they were opposing the actions of the Yankees.



**“Chesapeake”** James Michener, New York, 1978, Hard Cover, 864 pages  
 Since we are all residents of the Chesapeake Bay watershed this is a wonderful historical novel of our part of the world. It begins with the Indians before the arrival of the Europeans and ends in the 1970s. It may well be Michener's finest effort.

## AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION:

By causing considerable mirth among watching Confederate soldiers across the Rappahannock River in January 1863, a bogged-down "advance" by Union troops was given what name?



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