

October 2010

Williamsburg, Virginia

Last Meeting: Our last meeting had 31 in attendance. **Frank Earnest, Army of Northern Virginia Commander, presented an excellent "Character Portrayal of Major Heros von Borcke, C.S.A. of General J.E.B. Stuart's Staff"**



Army of N. Va. Commander Frank Earnest - Portrays Maj. Heros von Borcke of Gen. J.E.B. Stuarts Staff

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be at "Hog Wild Smokehouse Restaurant" located at 8864 Richmond Road, Toano, VA 23168 www.hogwildsmokehouse.com on **October 27th at 7 pm.** Our Speaker ***Billie Earnest – "General Billy Mahone"***

Planning Committee Meeting: The Camp Planning Committee met on October 13, 2010, 6:30 PM at "Hog Wild Smokehouse." Committee work and discussions will be reported to the Camp at the October 27th meeting.

Commander Don Woolridge:

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2010 and our Camp has experienced a welcomed increase in membership. As we all know with growth comes change. One of our biggest challenges is having an adequate meeting room to accommodate members and guest. Hog Wild Smoke House has been most accommodating and served us wonderful Southern dishes. With our membership now at 50, we are faced with choices and decisions; where to meet, eat and locations that will be comfortable for all Compatriots and guest. By the time this newsletter arrives each of you should have received by email a questionnaire for your thoughts in regards to meeting location and meals. I would urge each Compatriot to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the meeting on October 27th. As Commander, I look forward to your answers and thoughts to help make this important Camp decision.

On behalf of the Camp, I would like to welcome the following new Compatriots; Jim Swords, Sam Alspaugh, Tim Norman, Dave Beish and Ray Ellis. We look forward to these fine men working for the preservation of our Ancestor's heritage.

The Camp Planning Committee will meet on November 10, 6:30 pm at Hog Wild Smoke House. The main thrust of this meeting will be planning for the December 16 Christmas Social to be held at the Toano Women's Club in Toano. **We need as many volunteers as possible to attend this meeting to make this Social a success.**

Our Camp Archivist Bob Tuck has informed me that family obligations will prevent him from continuing his duties as Archivist. It has been a distinct pleasure having Bob provide the "Journal" each month for our Camp minutes. His work for the Camp is appreciated and will be missed. Bob take care of your "Best Buddy" in life and always remember the Camp is here for you.

Deo Vindice!

Past Commander David Ware:

The Spiritual Cause and Effect of the War to Prevent Southern Independence

European immigrants settled in America in areas suited to their lifestyles and world views. Our ancestors settled in the South because the area provided the best conditions for them to live and raise a family, providing for themselves with the fruits of creation garnered from fertile land and bountiful water. People did this in all regions of the continent. The Northern colonies became entrenched in the doctrine of progress and expansion while the South settled into agriculture and subsistence. These cultures have a set of values and world views that are distinct and pronounced. What we have today is a product of the northern Yankee industrialist/expansionist doctrine pretty much extended into every corner of the nation and being extended into all parts of the Earth as well. The theme runs like this: The idea is to make as much money as possible and spend as little as possible. "As much" and "as little" have no terms or limits. On a micro level the individual is on an endless quest for more, on a macro level, the nation state is on an endless quest for markets and raw materials to exploit in order to sustain the doctrine of the nation's

culture. The nation and the individuals who make it up become parasitic, feeding on fellow citizens of the nation and the world.

In days of yore, our ancestors were those being fed upon. Their culture was mainly one of sustenance, with the goal of providing home and food for the family and community. The North regarded our region as a colonial state to provide it with a source for raw materials for its factories, a market for its manufactured goods and the chief source of the nation's tax revenue to promote the infrastructure needed to expand its doctrine of progress.

In 1860, the Southern states were paying some 80% of the Federal till. This, in itself, would have been an important reason for war on both sides. After the war, the North continued its domination of the South as a colonial dependent but expanded its doctrine of progress in our region, indoctrinating our people to leave their farms, go to cities and towns and take up the mantle of the expansionist/progressive system.

Our land and culture have been pretty much destroyed. Our banks, media, schools, churches, insurance companies, stores and places of employment are all chiefly owned and controlled by Northern interests where propaganda and political correctness take precedence over facts, the community and empirical evidence. Our region provides a far disproportionate share of cannon fodder for expansionist/imperialist wars of aggression fought to placate the banking/warfare/welfare interests that are now ruling this country. Our region has been overrun by Northern hordes who have sold their houses "up North" to buy cheaper houses "down South." Many of these invaders have brought their puritan "holier-than-thou-this-is-how-we do-it-up-North" belief system into the political process bringing us a new wave of carpetbaggers and scalawag's intent on destroying what little is left of our land and culture in the name of the "future." The doctrine of progress and the doctrine of subsistence are not easily co-existent. That's why our enemies denigrate and demean us. They are mostly wholesale subscribers to our antithesis.

Not surprisingly, there are spiritual consequences. A clear example is the behavior of the Amish (an agrarian culture similar to our ancestors' antebellum way of life) in reaction to having a deranged man murder their innocent children on October 2, 2006. The Amish forgave the man and ministered to his family. Contrast that behavior to the United States reaction to the 9/11 attacks in New York City. Grief and mourning are processes that, to be done effectively, require many stages of which anger is only one. Our progressive/capitalist/industrial/socialist culture hardly ever manages to get past the anger stage, embroiling us in never-ending war and worldly mayhem.

More of these spiritual differences will be further explored in future writings.

1st Lt. Commander Jeff Toalson: Book Auctions: Jeff will be conducting his book auction monthly and donating the proceeds to the Camp's general fund. Last month we had our best Book Auction bringing in \$90!

Compatriot Willard Gilley will be donating several books per month that we will be auctioning. Willard's continued support for Camp is greatly appreciated.

Books for October:

Confederate Goliath by Rod Gragg. Published 1992, New York, soft bound, 342 pages. This work deals entirely with the campaign, defense and capture of Ft. Fisher which defended the port city of Wilmington, NC.

The Centennial History of the Civil War, Bruce Catton, 3 vols, 1961, New York, hard cover. Published to launch at the start of the centennial celebration this bestselling general study of the war is an excellent addition to any library. *The Coming Fury*, *Terrible Swift Sword* and *Never Call Retreat* are the volumes.

Thanks for your continued support of our book auction which funds our speakers. Our goal is to improve the auction by having multiple winners each month.

JAMES CITY COUNTY CONFEDERATE GRAVESITES

By Historian/Genealogist Fred Boelt

The largest concentration of Confederate graves in James City County is located at Olive Branch Christian Church. We have already looked at the lives of many of these men and their families. This month, we will look at the life of George Washington Otey. Based on the 1900 census, he was born in August 1830 in James City County. Marriage records indicate that his parents were George W. and Elizabeth Otey. Little is known of his early life until the 1850 census when Washington Otey, age 20; his wife Christiana, age 18; and their one year old son, George were living in the Burnt ordinary section of the county. By 1860, this couple had a total of five children in their household and George was farming.

Like his neighbors, George answered the call at the outbreak of the war. He enlisted in Williamsburg on June 22, 1861 into Company F, Lee Artillery. This unit was originally a part of the 32nd Virginia Infantry, but it was separated and became a part of the 1st Regiment Virginia Infantry on September 12, 1861. William Robertson Garrett of Williamsburg was the captain of this company. Scant records of Otey's service indicate that he was absent, sick in hospital on October 31, 1861, and that he was discharged on February 18, 1862. How or where Otey fared for the balance of the war is unknown. His pension application submitted in 1903 stated that he served for twelve months.

The 1870 census listed George and Christiana Otey with five children again in their household. However, two daughters on the 1860 census were missing and two young sons had been born in 1862 and 1868. Two more sons were born to George and Christiana around 1873 and 1875. Christiana died in the middle of that decade, for on October 28, 1878, George married Savannah Glazebrook, daughter of Joseph and Mary Glazebrook of New Kent County. Savannah was twenty-seven years old at the time of this union and had a daughter born in September 1879. At least two more children were born before Savannah's untimely death.

The James City County Death Record shows that Savannah died on August 22, 1887 as a result of child birth. George then married Georgia Anna Filbates (Philbates) on June 5, 1889. Also of New Kent County, Georgia was the daughter of Edward and Mary Hicks Filbates and was 28 years old at the time of her marriage. George Otey had five more children by his third wife. Though the records are not complete, George had at least fifteen children by his three wives.

George Washington Otey died on November 10, 1908, survived by his third wife. His obituary stated that he was a miller for many years at Piggott's Mill (known later as Fenton's Mill), and that he lived near the mill. His pension application stated that he had resided at Fenton's Mill for seventy- three years. If this is true, George had grown up and lived with his three wives and their children in the same area for all of his life. Georgia Filbates Otey is buried next to her husband and two of their sons and spouses are buried nearby.

Robert H. Tuck Camp Archivist

Not really sure how I got selected for the job of Camp Archivist. Compatriot Steve White said it was because I was not at the meeting to decline the job. No matter what the reason was, it has been an honor to have served the Camp and watch it grow to one of the best, if not the best in the SCV. The Camp has come a long way since I first started taking the minutes back in June of 2008 and we are still growing and improving; taking on more cemetery clean-up projects, placement of headstones to honor our ancestors, clean-up and care of Ft Magruder, recruiting new members, projects to support our troops overseas, from a printed and mailed newsletter to an electronic newsletter, and the list goes on.

While the SCV is a big part in my life, it is now time for me to devote more time to my "*best buddy*" in my life. It has been my honor to have served the Camp and the Cause.

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. Please e-mail Commander Don Woolridge at dsw317@earthlink.net to be added to this list." Newsletters are also posted on the website for your convenience.

Visit our website at: <http://www.jamescitycavalry.org>

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SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROJECT . . . virtually nothing was brought in for our soldiers last month . . . Norman Goodwin's shelves are running low and he was only able to send one box to our troops last month . . . Norman especially needs . . . wet wipes, hard candy, slim jims, dental floss picks, bubble gum, disposable razors and Christmas cards with envelopes.. Please bring a couple of items with you to the October 27th meeting.

Thought for the Month

"The time for compromise has now passed, and the South is determined to maintain her position, and make all who oppose her smell Southern powder and feel Southern steel."

President Jefferson Davis 



CAMP JOURNAL

September 22, 2010

- **Meeting:** Held 7:00 PM at Hog Wild, James City County, VA
 - 33 attendees
 - Welcome given by Commander Don Woolridge
 - Invocation: given by Chaplin Fred Breeden
 - Pledge and Salute to the Flags:
 - US flag pledge, Virginia flag salute, and CS flag salute by Camp members
 - The Charge: was read by Quartermaster Jerry White
 - Recognition of guests and friends of the SCV by Commander Don Woolridge
 - Two special guests from England were in attendance, Greg Steiger and his Mother. Greg is doing a term paper on the “War of Northern Aggression”
 - Ancestral Memorial Candle Lighting: “*Sgt Major Marion Hill Fitzpatrick*”, Company “K” 45th Georgia Infantry, 1835-1865. Historical information read by Compatriot Charles Bush
- **Adjutant/Treasurer’s Report:** Adjutant parsons reported approximately \$1718.00 in checking and \$1500.59 in savings
- **Announcements:**
 - Adjutant Ken Parsons has SCV lapel pins available for \$7.00
 - Next SCV Camp meeting 27 October at “Hog Wild” restaurant
 - Planning Committee will meet at Hog Wild on Wednesday 13 October at 6:30 pm. All Compatriots are invited and encouraged to attend
 - Due to James City Cavalry SCV Camp continues to grow and an alternative meeting site may become necessary
 - 49 members at present
 - Member questionnaire forthcoming on the matter
 - Christmas supper now on December 16th at Toano Women’s Club, Compatriot David Ware working details
 - “Picket *Lines*” can now be found on the camp web site
- **August Minutes:** Approved as published in October edition of “*Picket Lines*”
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Support our Troops Project: Compatriot Joel Goodwin reported on recent shipments, items needed etc.
- **Old Business:**
 - Camp project, Support Our Troops continues to need items and is being actively worked by Compatriot Joel Norman

- **New Business:**
 - Five new members were inducted into the camp; Jim Swords, Sam Alspaugh, Tim Norman, Dave Beish, and Ray Ellis
 - Camp book auction generated \$90
 - Commander Woolridge asked for volunteers for Camp Archivist to replace retiring Compatriot Robert Tuck
 - Compatriot Chris Hockaday volunteered to fill the position
- **Program:** Guest speaker Compatriot Frank Earnest gave a first person character portrayal of Major Heros von Borcke, which was both quite entertaining and very interesting from a historical viewpoint. Major Borcke was a member of J.E.B. Stuart's staff
- **Benediction:** Chaplin Fred Breeden
- **Adjournment:** Camp adjourned at 8:20 P.M. Next regular meeting scheduled for 27 October 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Tuck Camp Archivist



Graham's Battery, 1st Rockbridge Artillery's moving their 3-Inch Parrot into Battery