



James City Cavalry Picket Lines



October 2019 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.

Next Muster

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019, 6:30 pm

Colonial Heritage Club House

<http://colonialheritageclub.org/home.asp>

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.

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

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October Guest Speaker

Billie Earnest
Virginia Beach, VA



“The Men Who Signed The Declaration of Independence and the Price they Paid”

The signers pledged their lives, liberties and fortunes. Some paid a very high price. Billie will share some of those stories.

Born and raised in Franklin, VA, Billie’s ancestral families were from the surrounding counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton. She joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1994 and has held offices at both the Chapter and Division levels. She was awarded the Jefferson Davis Medal for her extensive research and subsequent articles on Major General George Pickett and his wife Sallie Corbell. Her love of Confederate History and genealogy has grown over the years to include many subjects, including tonight’s program.

Camp Journal for Last Muster

Meeting:

Held 25th of September at 6:30 PM at Colonial Heritage Club House,
James City County, Va., 36 attendees

Pledge & Salute to the Flags lead by Aide de Camp Jon Holland

Blessing:

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Break for Supper

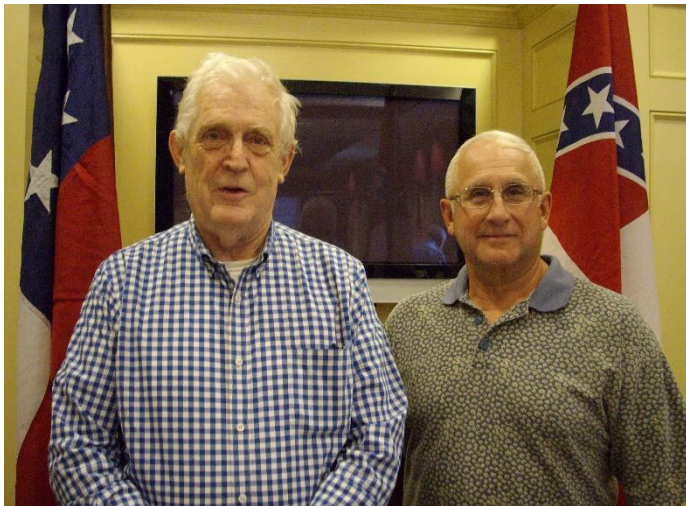
The SCV Charge read by Quartermaster Joel Goodwin

Welcome given by Commander Jerry Thompson

Program:

1st Lt. Commander David Hastedt introduced the evening's guest
speaker: Mr. Lawrence "Lindsey" Jones.

Mr. Jones presented *"The Confederate Navy, Cotton Clads & Rams"*, an
overview of the ships comprising the Confederate "green water" navy.



Mr. Jones and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt



Committee Reports and Announcements:

Cemetery Report

2nd Lt. Commander Steve White reported that several trees have
died at Ft. Magruder and will be removed this winter. In addition,
several large trash items have been thrown over the back fence
at Ft. Magruder. He has been working with UDC to get a taller
fence erected along this area. Many thanks to Eleanor Hunter of
the UDC for her help on these issues.

Old & New Business

- Update on the Keating Fund — Adjutant Parsons
- Update on Litigation in Charlottesville — Adjutant Parsons
- Update on tearing down monument in Norfolk—Adjutant
Parsons
- Follow up on Sgt. Livingston letter donated to SWEM Library
— Compatriot Toalson

New Member Induction Compatriot Dal Bailey



1st Lt. Cmdr. Hastedt, Adj. Parsons, Compatriot Dal Bailey and
Cmdr. Thompson

Book Raffle

Proceeds were donated to the Camp Treasury
for the raffle of the three donations plus a bonus book.

Benediction

Given by Chaplain Warren Raines

Adjournment

8:35 PM

Camp Officers



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Christmas Party Date

Save the date: Saturday, December 14th for the camp Christmas Supper Party! More details will follow in the next month.



Civil War in October

**Battle of Santa Rosa Island, Florida
October 9, 1861**



Camp Meeting Guests



Last month Jerry & Marianne Bayer of Florida were guests at our camp dinner. Jerry is Past Commander of the Antietam, Maryland, camp and is the current Commander at the new camp at the Villages in Florida. Jerry also served as a past Maryland SCV Division officer.

Civilian Glimpes

(Contributed by Compatriot Fred Boelt)

So far this year, we have gained insight into civilian losses during the war years. John Martin's farm journal and Littleton Tazewell Waller's letters to his neighbor, Dandridge Watkins Marston, have laid out a bleak picture of life on Old Forge Road. We now turn our attention to the family living at La Grange, site of present day Stonehouse Commerce Park.

Alvan James Edmund Jennings was born on July 25, 1820. He was the son of James and Mary Jennings and this family was living in Lynchburg, Virginia, when the 1830 census was taken. By the 1850 census, James had died, Alvan had completed medical school training, and he and his mother were living with his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ira Connolly, in Brunswick County, Virginia. Alvan was listed as a physician. Later that same year on November 27th, he married Judith Edwards Vaiden of New Kent County, Virginia. They had two children, John Melville Jennings and Judith Edwards Jennings. After the death of his first wife in 1854, Dr. Jennings married Virginia Hall Enos in 1858, and they had one son, Alvan [Jr.]. In 1861, he bought La Grange from his father-in-law, Warner Enos, and added an office and apothecary room to the main house and opened practice in Burnt Ordinary.

The war years came close on the heels of Dr. Jennings' purchase of the farm. He enlisted in Company I, 3rd Virginia Cavalry on June 24, 1861, in Williamsburg. He was absent, sick through July 1861, with no further record. However, he appeared on the post war roster for Company H, 5th Virginia Cavalry.

The family suffered deprivations from both armies. On May 4th and 5th, 1862, the retreating Confederate army took 37 hogs and 400 pounds of bacon. On May 9th, the pursuing Union army took 2 mules, 1 calf, 7 sheep plus some fowl. In June 1863, they again raided the farm and took 18 sheep, a young ox and fowl, and in 1864, on another raid, they took a tumbrel cart and gear.

And then to add insult to injury, in the fall of 1864, Dr. Jennings and several other citizens were taken as prisoners by the Yankees and marched off to Camp Hamilton at Fortress Monroe. The actual reason for their incarceration has not been established, but three letters written by Dr. Jennings to his wife have survived and are located at the Virginia Historical Society [Mss 2 J4413 b]. The first letter dated December 1st seems to have been written soon after his arrival. The envelope was postmarked on December 6, 1864, and addressed as follows:

"Mrs. Dr. Jennings, James City Co, Virginia

In care of Mrs. Alice Bailey, Williamsburg, Virginia

Some Friend will please forward [to] Mrs. Jennings"

The letter follows: "Dec 1st 1864 Near Fortress Monroe, Camp Hamilton

Dear Wife, I am now at this place. My health is as usual – cough sometimes troublesome. I room with two others from Jas. City, all well. My love to yourself, my little boys & family and friends.

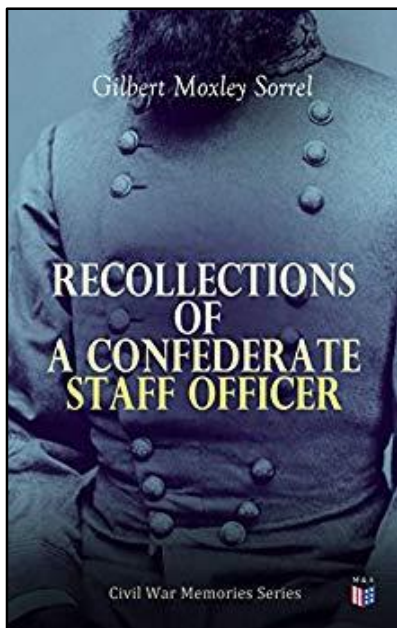
I remain your affectionate Husband, A J E Jennings

PS I hope soon to see you. A J E J"

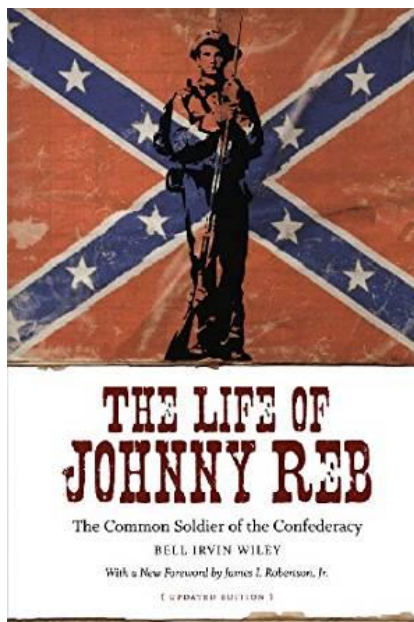
The address itself tells a tale. Remembering that Williamsburg was in Union territory and mail was not passing through, the letter was sent in care of Mrs. Alice Bailey, perhaps a relative or friend. But in smaller script, Dr. Jennings asked that some friend would forward the letter to his wife. Letters were regularly smuggled through the blockade lines just west of town on market days or by others who slipped in and out of town on a regular basis.

This letter seems to have been a first communication letting his wife know where he was, how his health was and that he was imprisoned with at least two other men from James City County. We know that Mrs. Jennings did receive the letter simply by the fact that it survives today in the Jennings Family papers. We will look at another letter from the Doctor next month.

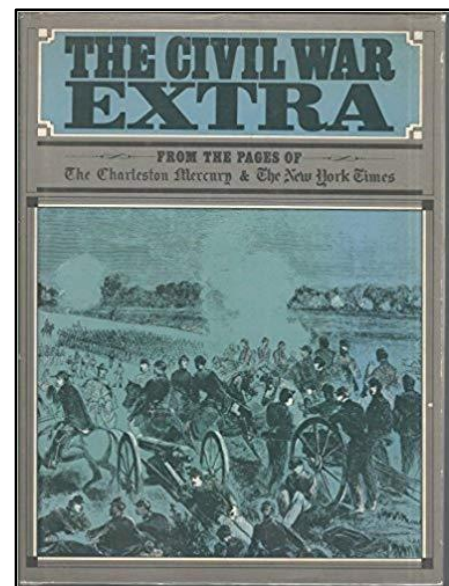
October Book Raffle



"Recollections of a Confederate Staff Officer"
by Brig. Gen. G. Moxley Sorrel, CSA



"The Life of Johnny Reb, The Common Soldier of the Confederacy"
by Bell Irvin Wiley



"The Civil War Extra, From the Pages of The Charleston Mercury & The New York Times"
Edited by Eugene P. Moehring and Arleen Keylin

October Trivia Question

On average, how many pounds of musket balls were fired to kill one soldier in the Civil War?



Williamsburg Civil War Round Table



Battle of Wilson's Creek

<http://www.wcwrt.org>

On October 22, 2019 - Ethan Rafuse will present:

"The Civil War in Missouri"