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Save The Date

Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service and Descendants Meeting

Saturday October 9th, 2021

Greetings From

Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

We regret to inform everyone, we lost a courageous woman and 2 great guys within the last couple of months. Brenda Unkle, Al Perry and Bob Harris.

After courageously battling cancer, Brenda Unkle entered heaven on July 5, 2021. Brenda was the devoted wife of Tommy Unkle, Commander of our local SCV Camp: Capt. Vincent Camalier Camp #1359 in which hosts the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service.

Al Perry was an ambassador member, a friend, supporter of CMP Inc. and our past editor of "The Parapet and The Parapet Chronicles." Al Perry went home to his heavenly father suddenly on 6th August 2021. Numerus times Al attended the Point Lookout Memorial and even helped us weed the park. Al also entertained the assemble with his songs and guitar accompaniment. We miss Al's guidance as we write the "The Parapet Chronicles"

Bob Harris greeted his heavenly father, Sept. 2, 2021 and three days later his wife Kathy would follow him.

Bob was always a member, supporter of CMP Inc. He brought his

tractor on several occasions and helped with the start of CMP Inc.

We cannot remember a year when Bob did not attend the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service. Bob had notified us this year he wouldn't be able to attend the Point Lookout Memorial because of a conflict but wanted to come Labor day weekend to help us. We were concerned when Bob never showed up because that was not like Bob. Bob would help out with what ever we needed, even peeling about 50 sweet potatoes for the Point Lookout lunch.

Both these Great Supportive Gentlemen and Lady will be greatly missed.

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Greetings from Confederate Memorial Park Inc. cont.

We want to thank everyone that sent in their annual donation towards the maintenance of Confederate Memorial Park and all our volunteers throughout this past year. Every penny helps in preserving Confederate Memorial Park for generations. We have been busy at Confederate Memorial Park all throughout the winter and even now.

We're sorry about the delay of "The Parapet Chronicles" but you can rest assured Confederate Memorial Park is beautiful and well cared for. We would like to Thank Leonard for if it weren't for him, we would be unable to do all the additions at Confederate Memorial Park. Leonard continues to mow the grass and anytime we need a helping hand Leonard is there, with equipment too! We would like to Thank Leonard's wife Linda, for sharing her husband and cooking delicious meals while we're working at CMP. We'd also like to Thank Roslyn and Stephanie for all those late-night calls to check when we notice someone pulling into CMP after dark. And we'd like to Thank Dennis for all the help he has given us.

Confederate Memorial Park has more yearly expenses now with the security system installed costing about \$2500.00 and we always try to keep the expenses down to a minimum.

Yearly Expenses:

Insurance: \$535.00

Electric: \$540.00

Flags: \$400.00

Internet for Security: \$1250.00

Everything like mulch, flowers and building materials we try to get donated. The new granite and bronze signage for the new additional sections, we will be requesting a grant.

We appeal to all our members for a \$5.00 donation for the maintenance of Confederate Memorial Park. It is your park, we are the caretakers, guards and volunteers.

Please send donations:

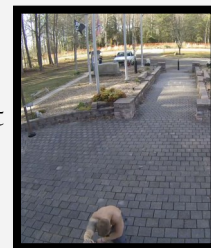
CMP Inc. (Confederate Memorial Park Inc.)

P. O. Box 661

St. Inigoes, Maryland 20684

A tax donation receipt will be sent by January 31st for all donations over \$20.00 unless otherwise requested.

Confederate Memorial Park has had an extreme amount of visitors throughout the holidays, winter, spring and summer. Most of the visits have been positive. We are still amazed from watching the security cameras, those that pray, kneel and salute and the amount of people that state CMP is beautiful and enlightening.



Thank you everyone for your continued support,
Jim and Christina Dunbar
Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Annual Point Lookout Memorial and Descendants Meeting Saturday, October 9th 2021

We will be emailing everyone the program as soon as we receive it. We will be providing lunch to all, however, we do need a head count. Please email us and let us know if you plan on attending the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service. Lunch will be served immediately following the Memorial Service. All are welcome to camp out at CMP or stay on CMP grounds in a self-contained RV. Please let us know if you would like to stay at CMP.

Email: confederatememorialparkplpow@gmail.com

Happenings at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Well, here we are. Some of you have sent emails asking if everything is all right at Confederate Memorial Park. We realize the newsletter is late however, it is because we have been very busy at the park and elsewhere. We have someone who has volunteered to do the newsletter but scheduling conflicts and other activities has prevented us from getting together to train the new editor.

In January we got a head start on mulching and the spring flowers looked beautiful coming through the fresh mulch. We'd like to thank Debbie for the flower arrangements and wreaths she made and placed at Confederate Memorial Park during those drab winter months. We'd also like to Thank TJ, Jared and Brian for their help in mulching.



We cleared the grass area around the large granite stone and converted it to a new garden area to enhance the new informational signage along the new sidewalk. We'd like to thank James for constructing our iron posts for the new informational signage.





has been mowed twice and we are working on a project that in the near future we can once again have reenactments of Point Lookout Prison.



on. With in the next year we will have a guard tower and portion of the stockade wall will be set back 10 ft from the drainage ditch. As all of you well know this has and continues to be a very hot summer. This is not conducive to us working on these projects. We do what we can when we can.

On July 13, I had a procedure done to fix a heart fluttering and AFIB problem. After I presented a wreath for Descendants of Point Lookout at the American Legion on Memorial Day and came back to CMP to continue to work at the park, I had an episode and was transported to St. Mary's Hospital to get it under control. Upon release I was advised to contact my Heart specialist and the procedure was done July 13. It is amazing to me how they can send a tube with a camera on it through your main artery in my leg into a beating heart and burn a heart valve sensor to correct the problem. "Knock on Wood" it worked.



We want to thank everyone who helped put out all the flags on the graves for Memorial Day.



June 12th and 13th we hosted Gray Days at CMP and we'd like to Thank all the guys and ladies that greeted our visitors and Dennis's open firepit Chicken was delicious. And Jim got to test out Leonard's new artillery .



The State started the road widening project early winter and we've been waiting for word from the State Archaeologist on when the construction will start on the section of the smallpox cemetery. During the construction of the Sediment fencing the workers cut the drainage lines at Confederate Memorial Park. Now when it rains, the parking lot fills with water. Three times we have re-trenched a temporary ditch to the old ditch however when it rains it still leaves a slippery slim in the parking lot. We have had to post signs that the park is closed for liability issues. However, many people still come in. If you plan to visit Confederate Memorial Park, please let us know. We will make arrangements to let you visit the park.



We have been donated piles of dirt fill that will help fill in all the low areas around the grounds of the park and low areas on the new property.

On July 4th weekend, CMP got a very much needed bath. With the help of Leonard, his power washer and tanks of water, we pressure washed CMP. What a difference, CMP is bright and shiny now.

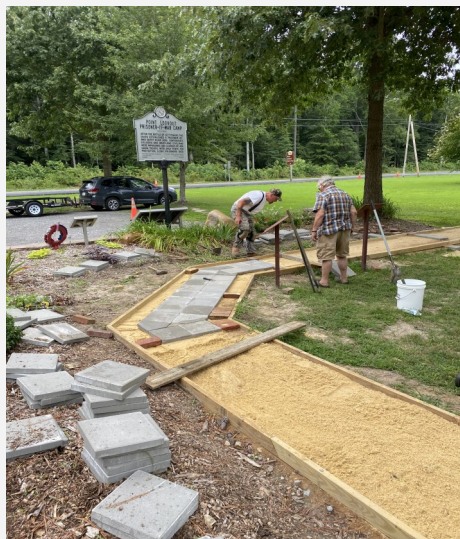


After some persuasion, we decided to prioritize one project and that is a new sidewalk on the other side. This sidewalk will contain informational signage about the Sisters of Charity and the women that were at Point Lookout. This new walkway is almost completed and will also connect with steppingstones to the new monument from the Grace Church Cemetery for the 17 unknown



confederate soldiers that was installed last October.

All the new informational signage will be made temporarily on laminated paper and installed on the new posts so all can read at the Point Lookout Memorial Service. We will include the new signage in the next newsletter so everyone can read. Then we will order the new signage, hopefully securing a grant, and they will be constructed out of granite and bronze.



We have also almost finished the steppingstone walkway around the Souvenir shop. We exceeded the space on the information board at the entrance of CMP with "Faces of Point Lookout" and we have decided to transfer the pictures to the outside walls of the Souvenir Shop. Thanks to Dennis, who constructed 6 large cedar frames that will now house the "Faces of Point Lookout." If you have a picture of your ancestor and want to include them in the "Faces of Point Lookout" please email us their picture.



Christina and I look forward and enjoy your emails, brick orders and all the new members. I hope many of you are planning to attend the Annual Point Lookout Memorial and Meeting on Saturday, October 9th and see for yourself the progress we are making at our Beautiful Park.

Always For Their Memory,
Jim Dunbar
Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc



Ancestors

Captain Joseph Forrest

By Christina Dunbar

Ancestor of Board Member CMP Inc.

Leonard Dean

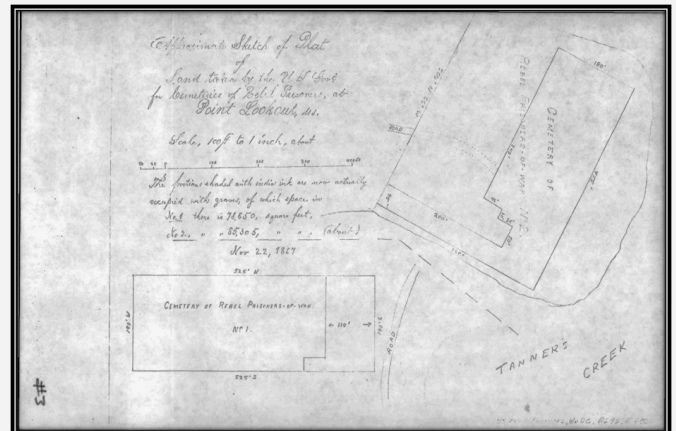


Although Capt. Joseph Forrest was not a Prisoner at Point Lookout Prison Camp, he was very instrumental to our ancestors that died at Point Lookout.

Joseph Forest was born at "Forrest Hall" in St. Mary's County, Maryland on 25th September 1821. He was the son of James Forrest and Mary Emily Jackson and received his education at Georgetown College. On 26th July 1848 he would marry Henrietta Cecelia Plowden and conceive 12 children.

During the war in 1862, Joseph Forrest recruited Southern Maryland men, organized the Chesapeake Artillery and served as their Captain. Upon the reorganization of the unit the men elected William D. Brown to replace Forrest. Forrest migrated to Texas where he had traveled before when the war broke out. He became deathly sick and still in Texas he managed to do clerical duties for the Confederacy, however, Texas authorities insisted he rejoin. Joseph refused and was arrested, and court marshaled. He eventually won his trial proven he was a Marylander and took his Oath of Allegiance in Galveston, Texas 17th July 1865. After returning home to St. Mary's County, Maryland Joseph petitioned President Johnson and was not pardoned until July 4, 1876.

After the war in 1867-1868 the Federal Government started their task of searching and reinterring Union Soldiers at Point Lookout. During this time, the Federal Government consolidated 4 cemeteries, 3 Confederate and 1 Smallpox cemetery into 2 cemeteries marked with individual graves. One cemetery located on the peninsula of Tanner Creek and the other close by in which route 5 crosses over today. After several years of neglect, stock trampling, eroding with remains emerging and a fire that ravaged the area burning the headboards that marked the graves, Mr. Thomas Martin addressed the Maryland



Assembly to enact a committee for the reinterment of the Point Lookout Dead. By May 1870, Trustees were appointed by the General Assembly of Maryland to carry into effect the provisions of an Act, appropriating a sum of money to bury and close the remains of the Confederate Dead at Point Lookout and Captain Joseph Forrest was elected President of the Committee. With the assent from Secretary of War, Mr. Belknap given written consent to Mr. W. L. Thomas (Board Member of the Cemetery Committee) because the remains were on Government owned property and provided it is executed without expense to the United States, the task of exhuming the remains began. In the newspaper **Saint Mary's Beacon** dated 4th April 1872 Joseph Forest informs "It is a source of gratification that *all* the Confederate Dead amounting to three thousand four hundred and four (3,404) have been exhumed and deposited in the State Cemetery and that the -Additional means will be required for the erection of a monument, which will require increased effort on the part of the Trustees to secure." The Maryland State Monument would not be dedicated for another 4 more years on the 4th of July 1876 coincidentally the same day Joseph Forrest was Pardoned.

Joseph died on 8 March 1889 and is buried at St. Francis Xavier Church Cemetery, Saint Mary's County, Maryland.

Saint Mary's Beacon 14 March 1889

A PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD

A Tribute to the late Captain Joseph Forrest, by a Friend who knew him from his Youth.

Captain Joseph Forrest, a gentleman of the old school, fortified by all the rites of his holy religion, died at his residence on the Patuxent River, St. Mary's County, after a short illness, the 69th year of his age.

Captain Forrest was related to several distinguished families of Maryland, members of which held high positions in the State and in the United States Navy.

His father was the son of the late General James Forrest, who was Register of Wills of this county many years ago and, during his time, wielded an influence in national politics second to no man in our State.

His mother was a daughter of the late Doctor Elijah Jackson, a physician of prominence in his day.

Captain Forrest was well known as a man of influence in county politics from his early life, and as far back as 1857 was the nominee of the democratic party for the Senate of Maryland. Later, he was commissioned as a Captain in the oyster Navy of the State and his ability as an executive officer was not excelled.

He was a man of learning, enterprise and energy, a ready and forcible writer, which he evidenced on many occasions with great effect in advocacy of measures promotive of the welfare of the people of his county.

He was foremost in advocating the erection of the Confederate monument at Point Lookout, and was unanimously elected President of the Association, the duties of which, as stipulated in the Act of Incorporation, he never tired of performing.

May the descendants of those poor prisoners whose remains now lie buried beneath that monument, in coming years erect a suitable, a justly merited monument over the grave of our dear friend in the quite graveyard at Newtown.

Beginning life with an ample fortune, consisting of valuable real estate and over fifty servants, and having a kind and generous hear, he soon became one of the most useful and popular citizens of the county, extending at all times a helping hand to others.

Previous to the war, becoming somewhat embarrassed and with a hope of keeping his servants together, he sought a wider field and removed with them to the South finally locating in Texas where he resided at the breaking out of the war.

He at once returned to his native home, recruited a company and joined the Confederate army receiving a Captain's commission which he afterwards resigned and returned to his family in Texas.

Like most of the slave owners of Maryland he was kind and humane to his servants and they were devoted to him.

When the U. S. army advanced South he called his servants together and told them that if they desired to remain with him and share the fortunes of himself and family to the end of the war, he would, if they wished, return with them to St. Mary's.

This promise he sacredly kept, some returning and others remaining in Texas. With those who did not desire to return with him, he divided his mules, cattle and such other effects as the ravages of war had left him.

To the day of his death the same interest in their welfare remained with him and notwithstanding his limited means he assisted them in many ways.

The simple letters of his old family servants in Texas which they constantly wrote him and which it was his great pleasure to answer, speak in more eloquent terms of his great kindness and their gratitude, than thought could suggest or words express.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Henrietta Forrest, a daughter of the late Col. William Plowden, of Bushwood, a lady of culture and refinement, three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. May the remembrance of his like inspire them to emulate his virtues in their journey through "this vale of tears." Truly in his case it may well be said, that

"Death, when unmasked, shows us a friendly face,
And is a terror only at a distance"

J. A. C.



Please pray for the souls of Brenda Unkle, Al Perry and Bob Harris and their families. Please continue to pray for our previous Treasurer/Secretary, Betty Mann, and our Webmaster, Pam Curtin that they continue to heal and find the strength to persevere the challenges in their life.

Please pray for All our Members and Families who may need those extra prayers.

We pray for our Nation and Peace.

History of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

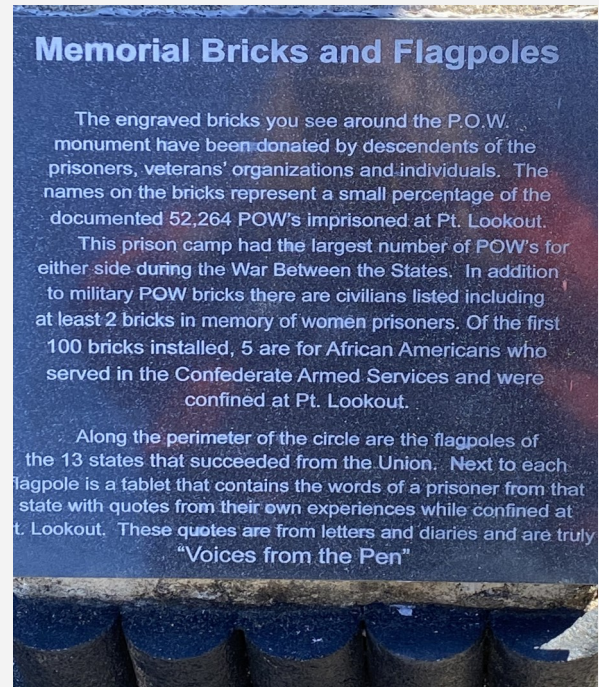
“Voices of the Pen”

The “Voices of the Pen” signage at CMP consists of original documentation from soldiers that were imprisoned at Point Lookout Prison Camp from each of the seceding States by each flagpole. The original engraving wasn’t done deep enough and after years of weathering, they became very difficult to read. Thinking we would have to replace or redo these granite informational plaques, we asked the advice of our Monument contact specialist. It turned out all’s we needed was some spray paint, razor and steel wool!

Our Board member Dennis volunteered to do the task and now all the “Voices of the Pen” are legible. Additionally, Dennis redid all our signage that were difficult to read at CMP. They look Great!

Texas and Florida are the only states not represented at CMP. Florida, we found documentation and Florida’s “Voice from the Pen” will be installed when we order the signage for the new additions at Confederate Memorial Park. We have not found a “Voice from the Pen” from Texas. If anyone wants to try to research documentation from a Texas Prisoner that describes his imprisonment at Point Lookout, we could use the help!

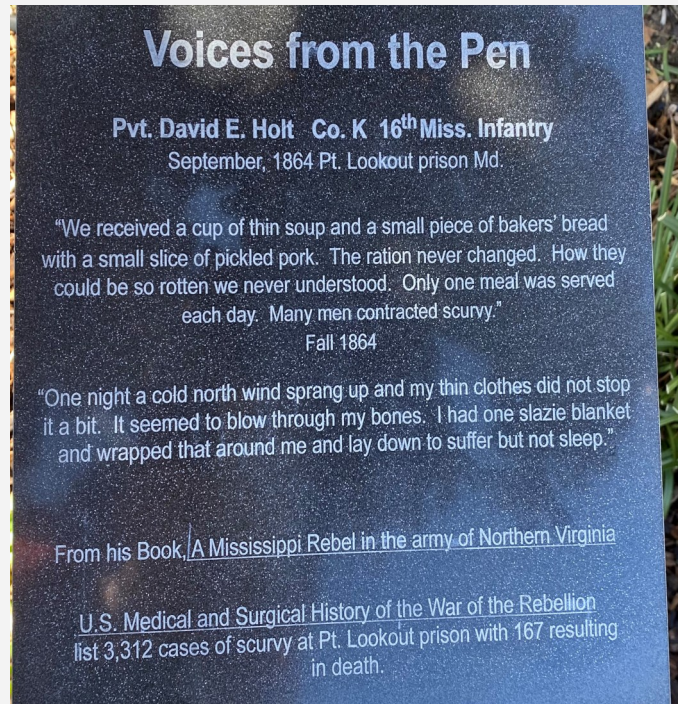
For those of you who have never visited Confederate Memorial Park or those that have never read “Voice of the Pen” we would like to share each of them:



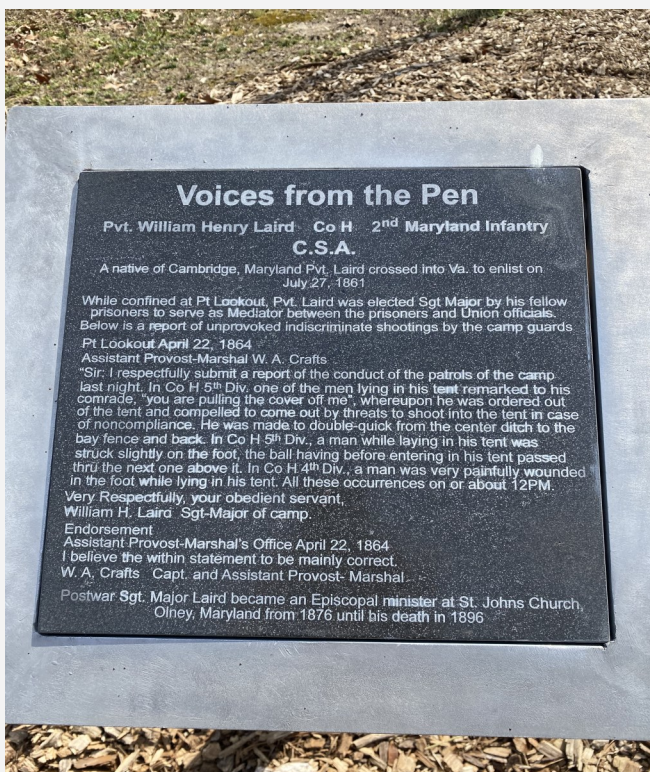
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"Voices from the Pen"

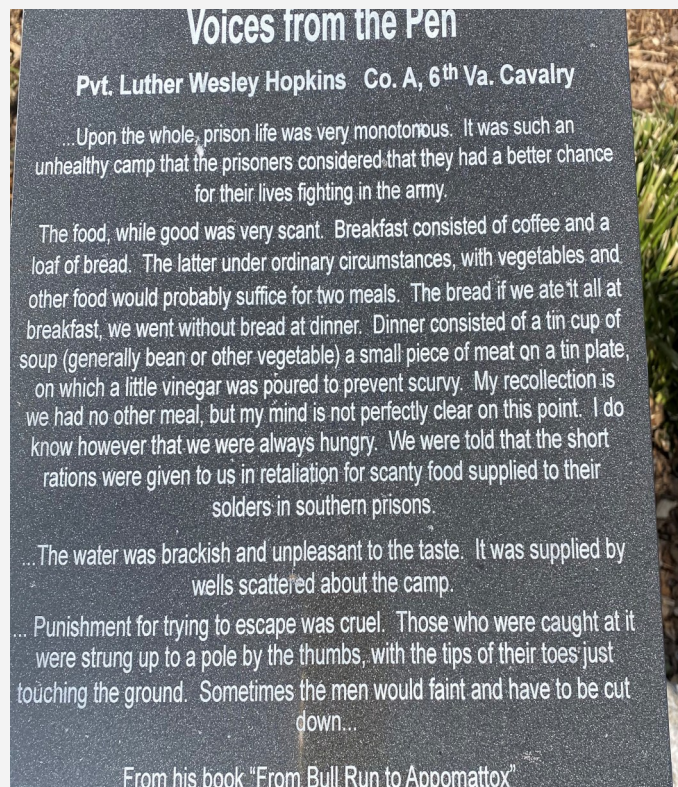
First we would like to share the difference between what the "Voices from the Pen" looked like before and after in an example of Mississippi.



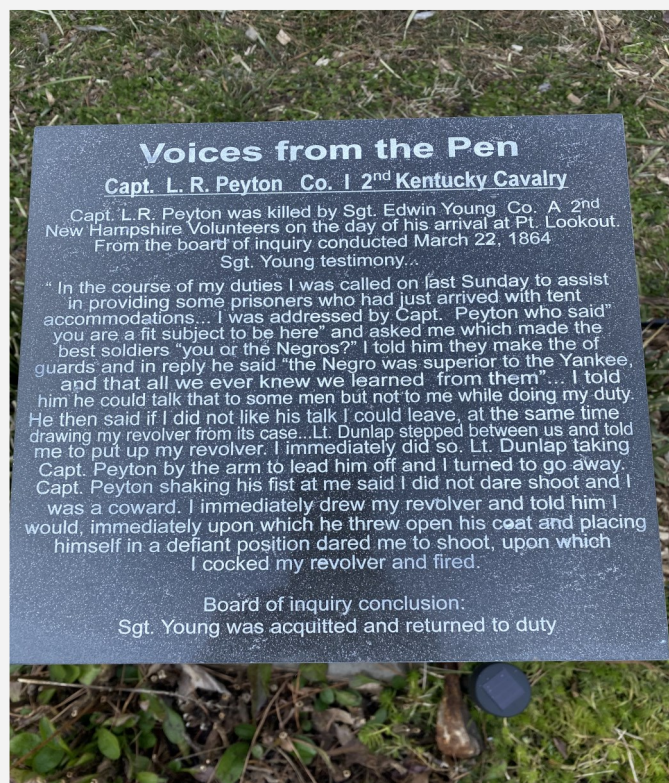
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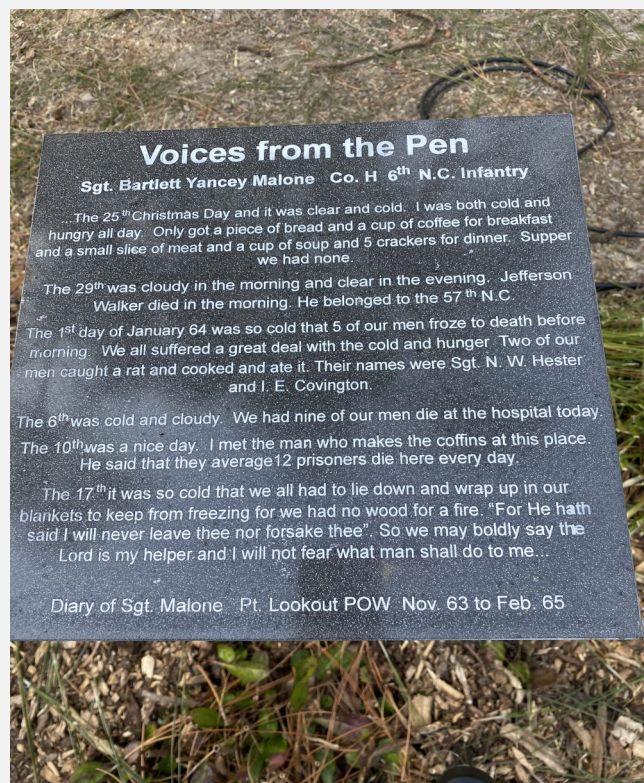
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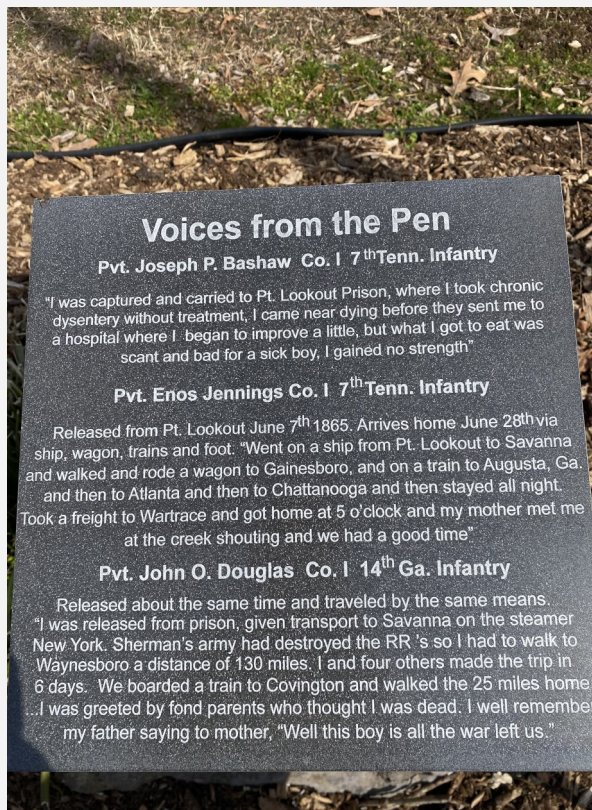
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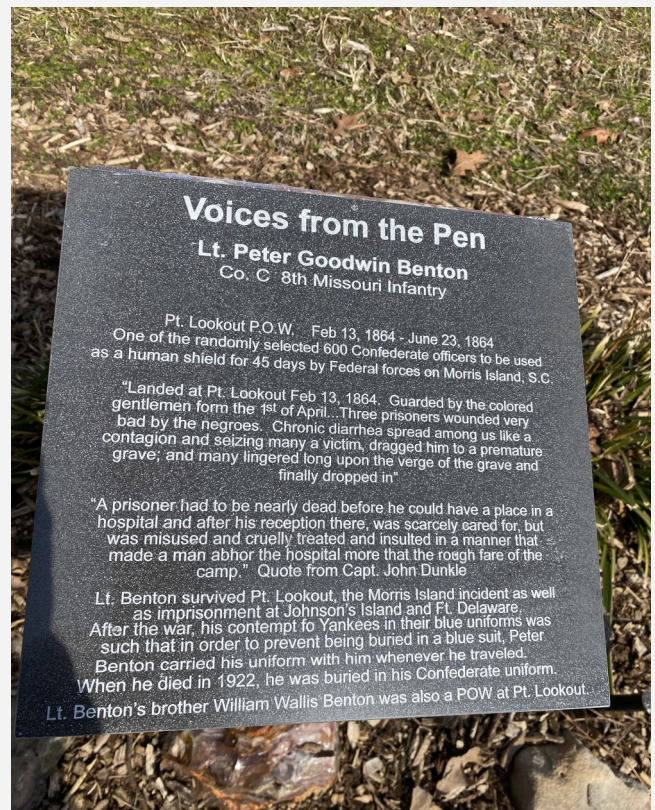
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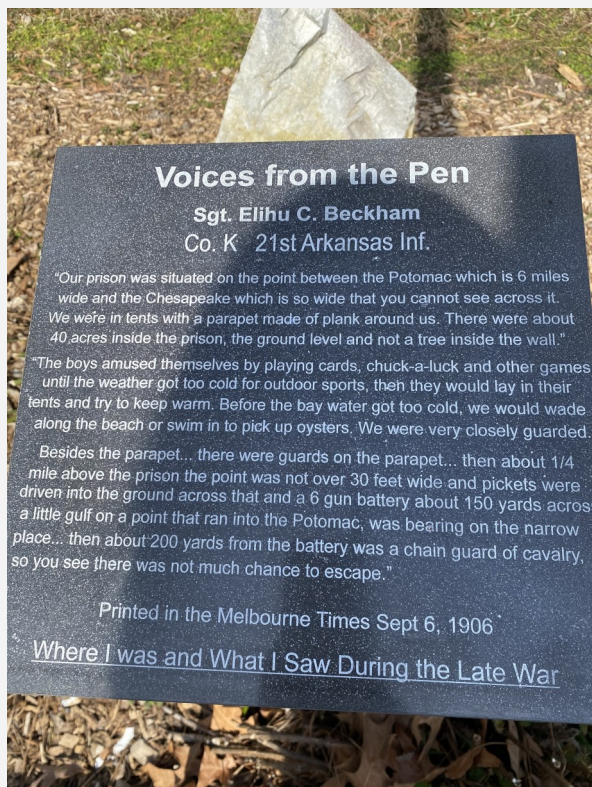
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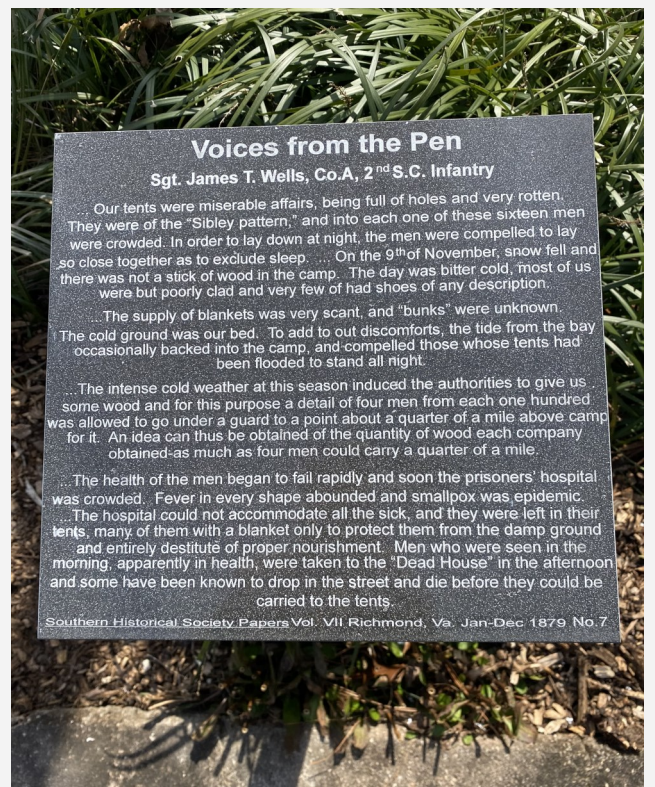
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Obituaries



Brenda Marie Unkle, 62, of Park Hall, MD, surrounded by her family, slipped away peacefully into the arms of our Lord on July 5, 2021. Born December 22, 1958 in Leonardtown, MD, she was the loving daughter of the late Joseph Parrylee and Lois (Delahay) Russell.

Brenda was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County and attended Father Andrew White Catholic School, Leonardtown, MD and graduated from St. Mary's Academy, Leonardtown, MD, Class of 1976. She was the loving wife and soulmate of Thomas J. Unkle, whom she married on May 8, 1981 at Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD. Together they celebrated over 40 wonderful years of marriage. One of Brenda's blessings in her life was being a mother to her loving son Brian, her pride and joy, her everything. Her love for him could stretch around the world countless times. She was so proud of the man

he has become.

Brenda had a passion for working in the medical field and dedicated her entire career to serving to help others. Her many years with Wildewood Medical, under Dr. Tidball, gave her joy and satisfaction. She loved helping others which was always her comfort zone. Brenda retired in 2018.

She was a cherished daughter, devoted wife and mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and a caring friend to all. To know Brenda was to know a person with a heart of gold.

Brenda lived life to the fullest and more than anything loved spending time with her family. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening, playing pitch, traveling, the beach and going to watch the Orioles play. She was an outstanding homemaker. She was famous for always sharing a new dish, which always turned into a favorite for everyone and an essential dish for future gatherings. Holidays were always treasured and filled with family and delicious meals. She was an exceptional shopper who always would find the best bargains. Very special in her heart was her much loved 'Academy Girls', members of her 1976 St. Mary's Academy graduating class, who stayed in touch and celebrated get togethers for the last 45 years. She cherished these times with her many beloved high school friends. Also, very special to her were her dear friends and traveling companions from Baltimore, MD, Wilmington, NC, Hendersonville, NC and London, England, whom she traveled with to many exciting places creating memorable and unforgettable happy times.

She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by everyone that had the pleasure of meeting her. She was a treasure to her family and friends and will always be in their hearts.

In addition to her beloved husband (Tommy), Brenda is survived by her loving son Brian (Lori) of Lexington Park, MD and three cherished grandchildren, Mia, Carlie and Jordan; Siblings Lois Ann Springer (Dale) of Valley Lee, MD, Joe Mike Russell of Port Orange, FL and Tina Russell (Mike) of California, MD, her Aunt Mary Katherine (Khackie) McCurdy (Bruce) of Marriottsville, MD; nieces and nephews Jennifer Shizak (Andy) of Lusby, MD, Robin Cook of Lexington Park, MD, Jeffrey Springer of Valley Lee, MD, Layla Sitnek (Ric) of Frederick, MD, Christy Davis (Darius) of Leonardtown, MD, and Tyler Unkle of Dameron, MD; great nieces and nephews Sydney Mooney, Kyle Shizak, Elizabeth Shizak, Alexis Cook, JJ Springer and Kendal Springer.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Prayers at 7:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Face Church, Great Mills, MD. Interment will be private.

Serving as pallbearers will be Andy Shizak, Darius Hawkins, David Adams, JJ Springer, Tyler Unkle and Georgie Kennett. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer Shizak, Jeffrey Springer, Robin Cook, Christy Davis, Layla Sitnek.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Brenda's honor to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Obituaries cont.



Mr. Al Perry III, age 77, of Ben Hill County, died Friday, August 6, 2021, Dorminy Medical Center in Fitzgerald after a brief illness. He was a native of Columbus, a graduate of Columbus High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Business from Georgia State College in Atlanta. He was a salesman for International Tractor Company, John Deere and Caterpillar. He was a devoted Christian, and attended Douglas Gospel Assembly Church near Broxton. He was an active member of Georgia Sons of Confederate Veterans, and served as the State Editor for many years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Allison Smith Perry, Jr. and Lucie Griffin Perry.

His family includes Jesse H. Perry and wife Denise of Ellabell; grandchildren, Shelby Perry and Haley Perry; and his former wife, Millie Perry of Vidalia.

A graveside funeral service was Monday, August 9th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Douglas Gospel Assembly Church Cemetery in Coffee County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Georgia Confederate Youth Camp, PO Box 447, Fitzgerald, GA 31750.

www.ronaldvhall.com/obituary/Al-PerryIII



Robert "Bob" & Katherine "Kathy" Harris

Robert "Bob" Carter Harris, 74, died on Thursday, September 2, 2021. His wife, Katherine "Kathy" Caldwell Harris, 74, died on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Bob was born in Lynchburg, Va., on December 3, 1946, the son of the late Elsie Lee Carter and Robert Samuel Harris, II. He was also predeceased by his stepmother, Ruth McNeal Sanderson Harris.

He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church, where he had served as a deacon and choir member. He also attended Sovereign Grace Baptist Church. Bob was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans High Bridge Camp #1581, as well as a member of The Virginia Flaggers. He was a graduate of Prince Edward Academy. Robert retired from B & W where he worked in Core Assembly as an Electron Beam Welder. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Kathy was born in Newport News, Va., on January 15, 1947, the daughter of the late Nina Mae Howell and Jack Sears Caldwell Jr. She was a member of Hebron Baptist Church, where she was a member of the WMU, served as church treasurer, served on the cemetery committee, and served as a Trustee. She also held various other offices in the church. She graduated from Phillips Business College. Kathy began her employment with Farmers Bank in 1970, and after 39 years she retired as Vice-President and Manager of the Concord Branch of Farmers Bank.

Bob and Kathy are survived by two sons, William Thomas Harris and wife, Nicole, and Jack Carter Harris; and three grandchildren, Bayley Ridgeway, Sydney Ridgeway, and Charles Harris.

A private graveside service will be held at Hebron Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contributions to Appomattox Christian Academy, P.O. Box 517, Appomattox, VA 24522, or Hebron Baptist Church, P.O. Box 871, Concord, VA 24538.

<https://www.robinsonfuneral.com/obituary/robert-and-kathy-harris>

Letter to the Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

**City of Savannah Attempts to Impose on Privately-Owned Land & Destroy Private Property:
Mayor & City Council Aim for Destruction of Memorial to Savannah's Fallen & Missing in Action.**

Friends,

As many who love their heritage and family feel the sting of defeat in other places across our beloved nation in cemeteries, memorial parks, public squares, and even on fields of battle christened with the blood of martyrs, we take immense pride and comfort in the opportunity to achieve an absolute and assured victory- *We need your help to achieve it!*

In 2017 the Mayor and City Council of Savannah voted to remove the busts of Generals Francis S. Bartow and Lafayette McLaws from their place next to the Confederate Memorial in Forsyth Park. At the same time, they voted to modify the wording of the Confederate Memorial to memorialize all of those who died, Union and Confederate, in the War Between the States. Conversely, the specific intent of the families and people who planned and funded the Memorial was to honor ONLY the Confederate soldiers from Savannah who died in the War. Among the men to whom this memorial is dedicated are several hundred who, to this day, rest at Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp.

This decision by the mayor and city council was made after they had conducted a county-wide survey with the purpose of discovering what, if anything, the residents wanted to do about the Confederate Memorial. The survey results showed 65% of Savannah city residents voted to "Do nothing" while more than 70% of all respondents voted the same way. So, the city obviously chose to ignore their own survey, or to put it in the words of a Vox Populi writer from the 3-14-18 edition of the Savannah Morning News, "Concerning the monuments in Savannah: Apparently the purpose of having a survey is to do the opposite of what the majority want."

Since that time, a group of heritage organizations comprised of Savannah Chapter No. 2 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy®, Lafayette McLaws Chapter No. 97 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Francis S. Bartow Camp No. 93 and the Savannah Militia Camp No. 1657 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have organized to ensure that the Memorials in Forsyth Park remain in place and remain intact.

In 2020, the new Mayor and Council voted again to remove the busts of Bartow and McLaws and to modify the plaque on the Confederate Memorial, which dedicates it to the Confederate war dead from Savannah.

Consequently, these heritage organizations have worked to ensure that the Confederate Memorials would remain unchanged; they hired attorneys to enforce a Georgia statute^[1] and federal law^[2] regarding Memorials to make certain they remain in place and as they were designed. Sadly, there is a move afoot across this country to erase all vestiges of history regarding the War Between the States.

There are brief biographical sketches of the soldiers on the pedestals, whose busts are displayed:

Francis Bartow was a Savannah attorney and commander of the Oglethorpe Light Infantry, a militia company that existed in Savannah since 1856. He was commissioned a colonel in the Confederate Army and was killed at the First Battle of Manassas in 1861. A member of Independent Presbyterian Church, his body was returned to Savannah for burial. His grave is located in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

Lafayette McLaws was a native of Augusta Georgia and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He fought in the war with Mexico and subsequently resigned his commission from the United States Army when the South seceded. He was commissioned into the Confederate Army and served as a major general under Lieutenant General James Longstreet in the Army of Northern Virginia. After the war he became postmaster of Savannah and subsequently died in Savannah in 1897. He is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

We have determined that the southern half of Forsyth Park, starting at about Gwinnett Street and running to Park Avenue is privately owned by a group known as The Retired Captains Association.

Contained in the Savannah City Code is a section which provides as follows:

It is hereby ordained by the mayor and alderman of the City of Savannah in Council assembled, that the title and right of the Volunteer Military Companies of Savannah, through their Commanding Officers, in the ground known as the Parade Ground, or Forsyth Park Extension, the same being bounded on the North by Forsyth Park, proper, on the East by Drayton Street, on the South by Park Avenue, and on the West by Whitaker Street, as a Military Parade Ground, are fully recognized and confirmed, as fully and as completely as if a deed of exchange had been made. [3]

This ownership is reflected on Chatham County tax maps and confirmed by annual bills generated by the Chatham County Tax Commissioner's Office to the Retired Captain's Association.

In 1957 the City was contacted by one of the local hospitals interested in using Forsyth Park for overflow parking. The city responded that it could not grant such permission as it did not own the park.

The City of Savannah also does not own the Memorials. The busts of Bartow and McLaws are owned by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Memorial is owned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy®. This particular Memorial was paid for with funds raised in the 1800s by widows and orphans of Confederate soldiers from Savannah who died in the War Between the States. The money was raised over a period of 30 years through fundraising and bake sales, and the Memorial was subsequently dedicated in 1897. The City Council is attempting to revise history at best and erase history at worst. The attorneys hired by the heritage community are experts in their fields. They are:

Patricia Bangert a Denver attorney who is a First Amendment expert and who was formerly an attorney with the U.S. Department of the Interior and subsequently Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Law.

Doug Jones is a partner in the Nashville firm of Schulman, LeRoy and Bennett and is an expert in defense of Memorials, having participated in numerous cases throughout the Southeast. He has served as President of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society and Vice President of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation

Society.

Dennis O'Brien is an experienced Savannah trial attorney who practices in both State and federal courts in Georgia. He has an expertise in criminal law, having earned his law degree while serving as a police officer in Memphis, TN.

In addition to the fact that the City neither owns the Memorials, nor the land on which they are situated, they are further prevented from moving, destroying or modifying these Memorials by the provisions of Georgia State Law, which not only make it a crime, but classify such action as a felony.[4]

We initially raised \$30,000 when we became aware of the City's plans and intentions back in 2017. Having completed our legal and historical research and prepared a lawsuit for filing, we now need to replenish our legal defense fund.

At present, we still have \$4,000.00 in that fund, but we need to raise an additional forty-six thousand (\$46,000.00) so that we reach our ultimate goal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) which will ensure there is adequate funding to carry this fight forward. We need your financial help and support. Any contribution is tax deductible since all the groups participating in the lawsuit are 501©3 organizations. As you might suspect, time is of the essence, and the sooner we reach our goal the sooner we shall file our lawsuit. Victory is within our grasp.

Please help us protect Savannah's history from the "historical sanitation brigade" currently sweeping this country. The use of "presentism", where historical facts are reinterpreted through the lens of current social standards, is a common fallacy of poorly trained historians. Moreover, if people are remembered only for their flaws and failures rather than their accomplishments and abilities, then no one will ever be remembered for anything. As George Orwell wrote in his famous novel, 1984, "Who Controls the past, controls the future: who controls the present controls the past." Tourists and many others come to Savannah for its unique history—all of it! Not just the part that the "sanitation brigade" feels is acceptable to their sensitivities.

As we wish only to honor those in our families who served their country and sacrificed all for their beliefs, we appeal to our friends in the Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and the Friends of Confederate Memorial Park, Inc. to help us in this noble undertaking. We undertake smaller goals in increments; Please donate a tax-deductible amount in order to preserve this special place and take a stand against the dangerous iconoclasm plaguing our nation today.

Friends, as you have seen the law is on our side; The ownership is irrefutable, both of the memorial itself and the land upon which it sits. State and federal law vindicate us and ensure protection of our rights and property, something every man, woman, and organization in our great nation is entitled to. Is this something we all cannot support? Let us do so.

Checks should be made payable either to:

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, (SCV) Francis Bartow Camp No. 93
P. O. Box 16381
Savannah, Georgia 31416-3081 or

The United Daughters of the Confederacy®, (UDC)
Savannah Chapter Number 2.
c/o P.O. Box 1468
.Rincon, Georgia 31326-1468

Your help is urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated.

For further information or questions concerning this project, contact John W. Wright, Commander of the Francis Bartow Camp No. 93, SCV at jww8thga@yahoo.com or (912) 660-8323

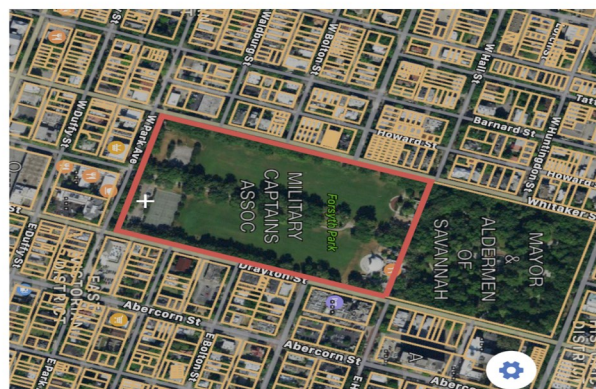
Donate at our GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-our-memorial-to-fallen-veterans>

[1] O.C.G.A., §50-3-1.

[2] 16 U.S. Code §426i

[3] City Code of the City of Savannah, Chapter LXXI, Park Squares and Grass Plats, Page 921 (July 11, 1923).

[4] O.C.G.A., §50-3-1



Memorial Bricks installed at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

We were honored to install these Memorial Bricks at Confederate Memorial Park in memory of your Ancestors this past year. In January the 1st order of 17 Memorial Bricks were placed with the Supplier, however, because of an outbreak of COVID at the supply company that order was delayed. The 2nd order of 32 Memorial Bricks were ordered in May with the Supplier and finally we received the Memorial Bricks in July. All these 2 orders of Memorial Bricks were immediately installed at Confederate Memorial Park.

Descendant/or Donor

Ancestor

1. Virginia S. Hudson	John W. Scott, Co. B, 57th VA Inf. Died PLO
2. Virginia S. Hudson	Robert R. Lavender, Co. G, 57th VA Inf. Survived PLO
3. Virginia S. Hudson	John D. Turner, Co. B, 24th VA Inf. Survived PLO
4. Virginia S. Hudson	Samuel H. Scott, Co. B, 57th VA Inf. Survived PLO
5. Melissa S. April	John Henderson Hodge, Co. F, 6th NC Inf. Survived PLO
6. Amy B. Carter	William Woodson May, Co. L, 24th TN Inf. Survived PLO
7. Leonard Dean	Capt. Joseph Forrest, 4th MD Arty. CSA Pres. PLO Cemetery Cmte.
8. Michael Todd Ashley	William M. Ashley, Co. A, 26th NC Inf. Survived PLO
9. Bob Brewer	Wesley Brewer, Co. I, 33rd NC Inf. Survived PLO
10. Pamela F. Hanzaker	Samuel J. Carter, Co. E, 5 th NC Cav. Died PLO
11. Pamela F. Hanzaker	John V. Tutterow, Co. F, 13th NC Inf. Survived PLO
12. Pamela F. Hanzaker	Alfred Moore Brower, Co. H, 11th NC Inf. Survived PLO
13. Kenneth Wayne Hart	Sgt. Joel C. Hart, Co. B, 4 th NC Jr Res Survived PLO
14. James N. Langley	James R. Langley, Board Member PLO Cemetery Cmte.
15. James N. Langley	Walter Langley, Board Member PLO Cemetery Cmte.
16. James R. Hopson	William C. Hopson, Co. D, 6 th MS Inf. Survived PLO
17. Beverly C. Jankiewicz	Andrew H. Kirby, Shoemaker's Btry, Survived PLO
1. Cmdr Tommy Uncle	Capt. Vince Camalier CSA Signal Corps Secretary/ Treasurer PLO Cemetery Cmte.
2. Susan Winstead	Whitson H. Surratt, Co. I, 3 rd NC Inf. Died PLO
3. Christina Dunbar	Jas. Chambers Citizen Died PLO

Memorial Bricks

Descendant/or Donor

Ancestor

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| 4. Kenny Bage | Richard A. Sneed, Co. C, 18 th MS Inf. Survived PLO |
| 5. Kenny Bage | Samuel J. Hutton, Co. F, 37 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 6. Kenny Bage | Robert Lynch, Co. G, 56 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 7. Kenny Bage | Raleigh W. Marks, Co. C, 53 rd VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 8. Kenny Bage | John H. Pafford, Co. F, 23 rd VA Battn. Survived PLO |
| 9. Kenny Bage | Stephen A. Allen, Co. C, 8 th KY Inf. Survived PLO |
| 10. A. Joseph Epps | William H. H. Pearson, Co. I, 12 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 11. A. Joseph Epps | Samuel H. Gunn, Co. H, 59 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 12. John Herbert Williams | William T. Talley Co. I, 12 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 13. Michael J. Sadler | James J. Moseley, Co. G, 21 st VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 14. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Augustus B. Singleton, Capt. Allen's Arty. Survived PLO. |
| 15. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Charles H. Hawks, Co. B, 59 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 16. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Richard H. Cordle, Co. F, 12 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 17. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Jacob M. Flournoy, Co. E, 56 VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 18. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Joseph H. Dameron, Co. H, 53 rd VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 19. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | William L. Foster, Co. E, 56 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 20. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Francis Rives Fraser, Co. E, 56 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 21. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | William Henry Hicks, Co. F, 14 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 22. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Robert Oswald Moss, Co. B, 56 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 23. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | John James King, Co. G, 21 st VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 24. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | Lee Atlas Jackson, Co. B, 59 th VA Inf. Survived PLO |
| 25. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 | James Andrew Riddick, Co. H, 53 rd VA Inf. Survived PLO |

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26. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 George W. House, Co. E, 56th VA Inf. Survived PLO
27. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 Andrew J. Kirkland, Co. I, 12th VA Inf. Survived PLO
28. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 Thomas F. Duane, Co. H, 53rd VA Inf. Survived PLO
29. The Old Brunswick Camp #512 Winfield S. Coleman, Capt. Allen's Arty. Survived PLO
30. Lisa W. Ferguson James T. Wilcher, Co. K, 11th VA Inf. Survived PLO
31. SCV Old Line Camp Maj. James P. Crane 2nd Maryland Co. B, Vice President PLO Cemetery Cmte.
32. Paula T. Boys Alfred Perry, Co. B, 11th NC Inf. Survived PLO

Next order of Memorial Bricks awaiting the minimum of 10 orders to be submitted to our supplier

1. Deborah Adams Cpl Wm T. Bearden Jr, Co. H 1 Reg SC Rifles Survived PLO
2. Deborah Adams Samuel H. Taylor, Co. F, 22nd SC Inf. Survived PLO
3. Kathy & Ron Winston John Angel, Co. B, 61st NC Inf. Died PLO
4. Kathy & Ron Winston Lilbon Haden, Co. K, 5th VA Cav. Survived PLO
5. Sammy R. Hagee Noah S. Aker, Co. D, 45th VA Inf. Survived PLO
6. James Brett Keeter Ezekiel Henderson, Co. K, 11th NC Inf. Died PLO
7. Jim and Christina Dunbar Point Lookout Cemetery Committee enacted 1870
8. Jim and Christina Dunbar Joseph C. Dunbar Volunteer CMP Inc. 1943-2009

You can place a brick at Confederate Memorial Park honoring a prisoner of war who were imprisoned in Pt. Lookout POW Camp. There were over 52,000 imprisoned at Pt. Lookout. Each Memorial Brick is \$55.00. Three lines with up to twenty spaces per line- Spaces have to be left Between Word.....Punctuation counts as a space.

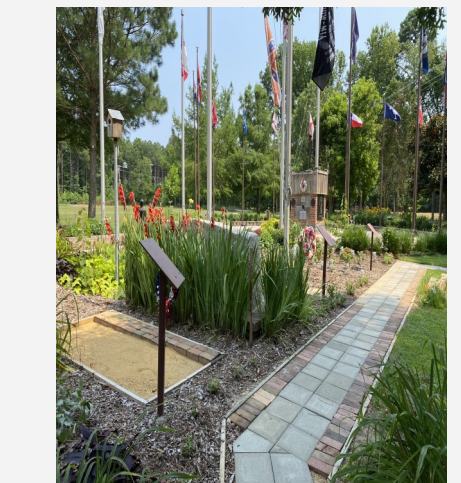
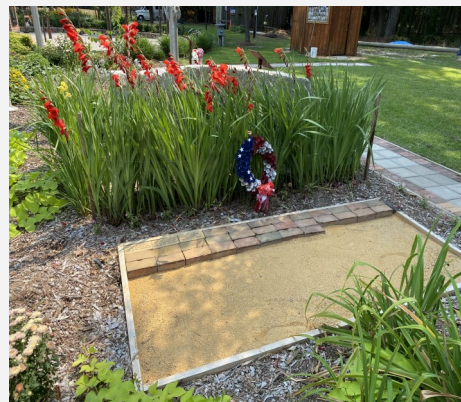
CONFIRM YOUR ANCESTOR'S CAPTIVITY WITH STEVE DeFREYtas at: stdebay@aol.com

Then mail \$55.00 check, payable to CMP Inc. to:

P. O. Box 661

St. Inigoes, Md 20684

Memorial Bricks installed at Confederate Memorial Park Inc. 2021



Brick Order Form



Confederate Memorial Park POW Memorial Bricks



You can place a brick in Confederate Memorial Park, honoring a prisoner of war who was imprisoned in Pt. Lookout POW Camp from 1863-1865. This is in memory of **Pt. Lookout POWs ONLY**.... those who survived and those who perished there. There were over 52,000 imprisoned in Pt. Lookout, but we won't be able to construct that many bricks, so get your order in today! *Each memorial brick is \$55.00.*

Three (3) lines with up to 20 spaces per line. *Spaces Have To Be Left Between Words.* Punctuation counts as a space. Please print or type all information for brick engraving and customer contact information.

Example Layout of Ancestor Information

F	r	e	d	e	r	i	c	k	W	.	M	a	r	c	h
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(please check one)

☒ Survived Pt. Lookout or ☐ Died Pt. Lookout

Required Information:

Please submit proof that the POW was imprisoned in Pt. Lookout with your order. Questions: STDebay@aol.com

Your Name _____

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Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone No. _____

Signature _____

(Please check one) Permission to Include Donor's Name on Our Website Yes ☐ No ☐

Line 3: (please check one) ☐ Survived Pt. Lookout or ☐ Died Pt. Lookout



Confirm your ancestor's captivity with Steve DeFreytas, at stdebay@aol.com. Then mail check/money order for \$55.00 payable to CMP, Inc. to our Treasurer at this address:

CMP, Inc.

P. O. Box 661

Saint Inigo, MD 20684



While cleaning the grates at the entrance
we saved a visitor that was trapped.

Spring 2021



Summer 2021



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