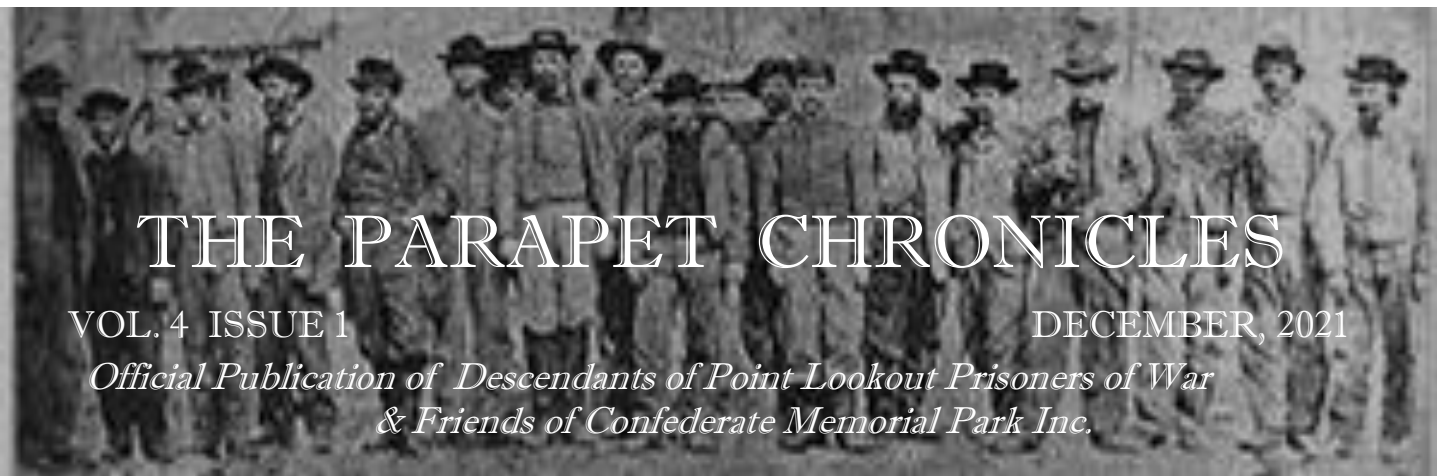



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Greetings from

Confederate Memorial Park Inc

Thank you All who participated physical and spiritual in the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service held in October. We'd like to thank all our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you and we are so blessed to have your support.

We had over 100 people pay tribute to our Ancestors and it was heart warming yet serene. This year we added to the program, having prayers and the laying of carnations at the Point Lookout cemetery from the Descendants. We had a tremendous response to keep this in the program and we will do everything possible to continue this tribute in the future at the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service.

As Christmas approaches we remember our Ancestors that many have been at Point Lookout Prison Camp, others that may have died and even records of some that were

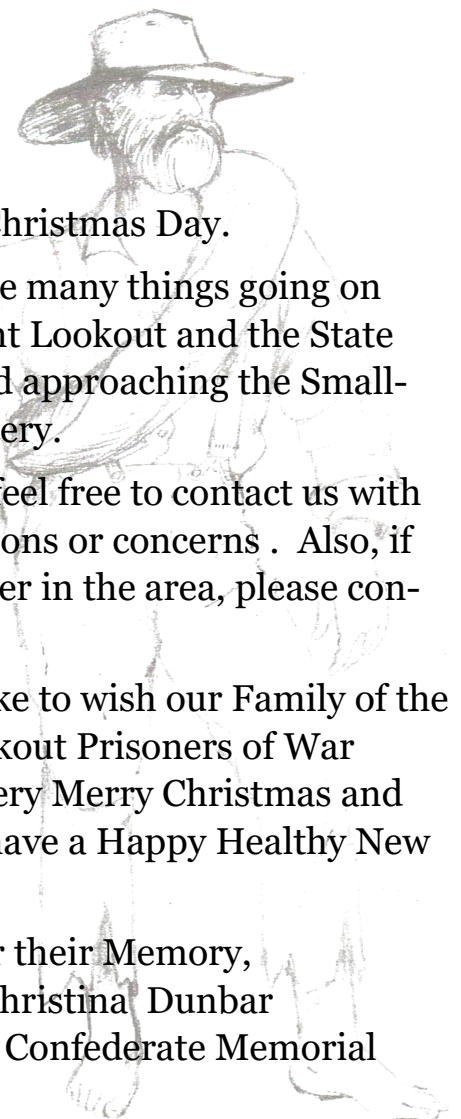
released Christmas Day.

We have many things going on down Point Lookout and the State has started approaching the Small-pox cemetery.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns . Also, if you are ever in the area, please contact us.

We'd like to wish our Family of the Point Lookout Prisoners of War Camp a Very Merry Christmas and May you have a Happy Healthy New Year,

Always for their Memory,
Jim and Christina Dunbar
Chairmen Confederate Memorial
Park Inc.



History of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

We have been working on the new informational signage for Confederate Memorial Park. Presently we have **temporary rough drafts** laminated on posts at Confederate Memorial Park. The new informational signs will be etched in granite and displayed along the new sidewalk at Confederate Memorial Park. We have found a "Voice from the Pen" from Florida to be included on the post under the Florida flagpole. We are still looking for Texas "Voice from the Pen". We hope to submit the information to the Monument Co. next year and have them installed by the next Point Lookout Memorial. Examples of temporary plaques:

1. Dedication of the Granite Stone and donated by Hattie Pratt Dunbar Bronze Plaque attached to the granite stone.
2. Explanation of the Granite Stone.
3. Maryland Nautical Flagpole explanation and the Point Lookout Cemetery Committee.
4. The retrieved concrete cemetery posts and consolidation of 4 confederate cemeteries in 1867-1868.
5. Monument to the 25 Daughters of Charity at Point Lookout.
6. History of Sister Mary Consolata Conlan.
7. History of Mary Ellen Whalen Jones.
8. Information on the Grace Church Cemetery Monument.
9. Florida "Voice from the Pen"

This large granite stone fell off the barge into the Chesapeake Bay in 1910 while the Federal Monument at the Confederate Cemetery was being constructed.

In front of the granite stone are Memorial Bricks of some of the missing names of over 2000 unknowns that died at Point Lookout Prison Camp whose names are not engraved on the Federal Monument.



The Maryland Flagpole

The state of Maryland in 1860 was opposed to secession but pro southern states rights. The events at Fort Sumpter South Carolina in 1861, the riots in Baltimore, where 12 citizens were killed by Massachusetts troops and Presidents Lincoln's call for State Troops to coerce the seceding states back into the union swayed Maryland towards succession. Twenty-nine Maryland Legislators were imprisoned by the Federal Government to prevent a vote to secede. Other elected representatives fled south and to Canada.

The Nautical Design of the Maryland Flagpole is because of Maryland's prominence in Confederate Navy. The only 2 admirals in Confederate Navy were Marylander's

Franklin Buchanan, who was Captain of the CSS Virginia (Merrimack) who battled with the USS Monitor. (The first, 2 ironclad ships to do battle)

Raphael Simms, who was Commander of the 1st Confederate Commerce Raider, the CSS Sumpter and late the CSS Alabama.

Joseph Ridgeway was 2nd in command of the world's first successful attach submarine CSS Hunley.

Of all the States that remained in the Union, Maryland never produced more than 65% of its quota for supplying troops to U. S. Army and Navy, the lowest of any State.

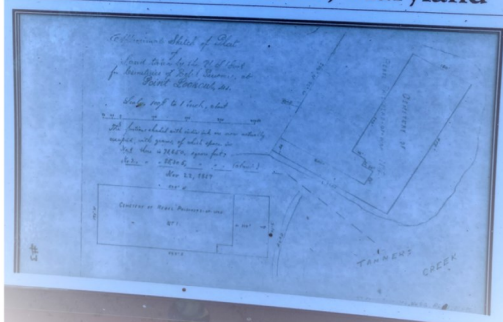
Point Lookout Cemetery Trustees

With the deteriorating conditions, remains emerging and a brush fire that destroyed all the headboards of the 2 Confederate Cemeteries at Tanner Creek, Point Lookout, Maryland, a Trustee Committee was enacted by the Maryland Assembly in 1870 to purchase land for a cemetery, reinter the dead at Point Lookout and ornate the cemetery with a proper enclosure.

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History of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Discarded into the water and recovered in 2020, these concrete posts are from the original confederate cemeteries when the Federal Government consolidated 4 cemeteries, 3 Confederate and 1 Smallpox, in 1867-1868 at Tanner Creek, Point Lookout, Maryland



Sister Mary Consolata Conlan

17th Nov. 1842- 30th July 1862
Entered into the Community 28th March 1861
Received the holy habit 8th September 1861

Sister Mary Consolata Conlan was one of 25 Daughters of Charity from Emmitsburg, Maryland that cared for the sick, wounded and dying at Point Lookout, Maryland. Sr. Consolata contracted Typhoid Fever on her 24-hour voyage from Baltimore to Point Lookout, Maryland. Two weeks after arriving Sr. Consolata died on July 30, 1862. Having no lumber for a casket, the Soldiers used packing cases and made her a coffin. In procession the Soldiers played a dead march and Sister Consolata was buried on the banks of the Potomac River near the wharf and cottage hospital.

After the war, when the U.S. Government started exhuming the remains of the dead, Sr. Consolata's remains were taken to Washington D.C. "She came in a box and there was a large wooden cross with her name and date of death." When her coffin was opened "Sister Consolata's body was found in perfect preservation, not a particle changed from the day of burial, her habit and Corset not even mildewed." "There the little figure lay clad in her habit which looked like silk, the hands clasped and holding a crucifix, the collar had turned black; the lower part of her face looked dark, but no decay; she did not have on the corset, but the toques, and that was black; from under it the long hair had grown and swept down the figure and then turned up again, shining yellow hair! The fingernails had grown too but she looked so still and nice!" A requiem mass was celebrated and Sister Mary Consolata's was buried at Mount Oliver in Washington DC.

Mary Ellen Whalen Jones "Aunt Pigeon"

1829-1937 (107 years Old)

Mary Ellen Whalen was born a Slave in 1829 in White Marsh, Maryland. She was called by all "Aunt Pigeon." Maryland still being a slave state because the Emancipation Proclamation did not free the Slaves in the Union States, Aunt Pigeon was commissioned by the Union Quartermaster as a Cook at Point Lookout, Maryland. Being against the rules to give food to the soldiers, Christian and compassionate Aunt Pigeon had her son tell her when the prisoners were coming and she would leave food for them on the windowsill as they passed. Aunt Pigeon died on January 22, 1937, receiving the sacraments that morning and cradling her Crucifix under her head upon her pillow. Mary Ellen Whalen Jones is buried in an unmarked grave at St. Michael's Church cemetery in Ridge, Maryland beside her husband Peter and near the family she was enslaved. She will have a headstone someday from the Descendants for many are grateful that she may have saved their Ancestors lives.



Wilbur Wightman Gramling Co. K, 5th Florida Infantry

Pvt. Gramling was imprisoned at Elmira and observed the prisoners that came from Point Lookout Prison Camp.

Thursday, July 28, 1864.

About 600 more prisoners came in this morning from Point Lookout. I guess they will all be brought up here. They are looking bad. Some so poor they look like it is hard for them to navigate. One-half barefooted.

July 30, 1864

Cay, Carter, Felkel, Berry, Snipes, and Wilford came here today from Pt. Lookout and several others of the Regt. They are well but look quite thin. Give point Lookout a very bad name.

Monday, Jan. 16, 1865.

Weather broken and quite cold. We have had no coal to keep the fire today. No school today. Got the scab knocked off my arm today. Oh it looks quite bad.

Crude vaccinations were not uncommon. One observer reported that among the prisoners from Point Lookout "in arms of some of them there were great soars, big enough, it seemed, to put your fist in." Byrne, "Elmira's Civil War Prison Camp," 1293.

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Point Lookout Memorial Service Oct 9, 2021



Save the Date

October 8, 2022

Point Lookout Memorial and Descendants Meeting



The Point Lookout Memorial Service turn out was uplifting. Thank You everyone that cam to pay tribute to our Ancestors. We started the Memorial Service with a procession- al walk to the Point Lookout Cemetery where prayers were said by Jay Barringer, Mary- land Division SCV Assistant Chaplain and carnations were placed at the cemetery by the Descendants. The response to include prayers and carnations was overwhelming and we will be including it each year to the Memorial Service.

Thank you Tracy Clary, Old Brunswick SCV Cap #512, for “The Greetings from the Point Lookout Descendants”, Tina and Jaydn for helping with the souvenir shop, and all our vol- unteers that helped set up, cook, clean and serve to make the Point Lookout Memorial and Descendants Meeting special. And everyone that Presented Wreaths, it was truly Beautiful.

Many more Pictures of the Point Lookout Memorial have been posted on our Website of The Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service.



Happening at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

In 2020, you may remember we had 2 Marines, Tom and Mark, visit Confederate Memorial Park. They had not seen each other since their discharge and loved the custom-made Maryland History Flag designed by Jonathan Beasley. They asked if we could lower it to get a picture of them with the flag. We had promised that when we changed the flag we would donate the flag to them.

On Nov. 4, 2021, Jonathan had a presentation on Maryland Military at the Ridge, Maryland American Legion. We invited Tom and Mark to the presentation. Jonathan and Jim both signed the Maryland History Flag and presented it to Tom.

Semper-Fi



MARYLAND: A STATE DIVIDED
MD MILITARY HISTORY TALK
NOVEMBER 4, 2021 • 6:30 P.M.

THE ONLY 2 ADMIRALS
16 GENERALS

HEAD OF THE C.S. MARINE CORPS
22,000 CONFEDERATES
MARYLAND HISTORY!

HEAD OF THE C.S. SECRET SERVICE
12 US GENERALS
1 US ADMIRAL
60,000 MARYLANDERS
4 ST. MARY'S COUNTY VOLUNTEERS
3 MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS
MARYLAND HISTORY!

RIDGE AMERICAN LEGION
13390 POINT LOOKOUT RD
RIDGE, MARYLAND 20680
FREE ADMISSION
BY JONATHAN BEASLEY

Happening at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Fall clean-up at Confederate Memorial Park was done in November. The pine needles and leaves this year were tremendous. Although, Jim was happy to do his controlled burns.



The Christmas decorations were all up in November and the Park looked Festive.



Obituary

We lost a supportive, caring friend and descendant member. Johnny Luther Liles, 78, of Emerald Isle, died Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Carteret Health Care.

We first met Johnny, November, 2018 when he arrived at Point Lookout State Park from North Carolina in his RV with his buddy, Bobby. Johnny and Bobby wanted to see where their Ancestors were imprisoned. It was a misty miserable day however, we talked for hours. We took them around and shared the history of Point Lookout Prison Camp. We immediately felt we were with Family. Johnny we'll miss you at the Point Lookout Memorial. Rest in Peace.

www.mundenfuneralhome.net

Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Morehead City, N.C.





Pvt. Kinchen Liles
Co. E, 7th NC Inf.
Died at Point Lookout
*From Johnny Liles notes, his
2nd Cousin 4 x removed*

Kinchen Liles was born 1842 in Nash County, North Carolina. He was the son of Jonathan Liles and Matilda Jane Stallings.

Kinchen enlisted into Co. E, 7th North Carolina Infantry on June 1st, 1861 at the age of 18. Kinchen also had a older brother, Wesley Liles, that enlisted in Co. E. 7th NC Inf.

Kitchen was wounded with a gunshot in the thigh in Richmond, June 1862. On July 3rd, 1863, he was captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and confined at Fort Delaware, on July 10th, 1863. He was transferred to Point Lookout, Maryland October 10th 1863. November 10th, 1863 he was admitted to the smallpox hospital at Point Lookout and later returned to the general prison Jan. 18th 1864. Pvt. Kinchen Liles died August 25, 1864. No notes have been found on the cause of death.



Brick Memorials at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Memorial Bricks ordered waiting to be installed at Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Descendant/Donor	Ancestor	
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
9. Janet Faye West	Theophilus Ferguson, Co. E, 58th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
10. Linda N. Stanley	Riley H. Hilton, Co. A, 24th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
11. Shirley Dent	Silas Garrett Dillon, Co. E, 58th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
12. Lloyd B. Bloodworth	Richard J. Bloodworth, Co. E, 45th GA Inf.	Died PLO
13. James C. Smithson	Angus Graham Bain, Co. I, 51st NC	Survived PLO
14. Andrew G. Surface	William E. Swain Co. K, 8th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
15. Andrew G. Surface	John H. Swain Co. K, 8th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
16. Dottie Rodda	George W. Pettit Co. H, 15th VA Cav.	Survived PLO

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

1. Philip Martin	Thomas M. Turpin Co. G, 34th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
2. Paula Teem Boys	Jackson D. Levi Co. G, 35th NC Inf.	Survived PLO
3. Mark Sheehan	Cornelius Sheehan Co. F, 59th VA Inf.	Died PLO

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 DeFREYTA at: stdebay@aol.com

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

P. O. Box 661

St. Inigoes, Md 20684

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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	
C	o	.		A		1	6	t	h		V	A		I	n	f	.	

(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 _____

Last,

First

Middle int.

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 Inigoes, MD 20684



Minutes of Annual Descendants Meeting Oct 9, 2021

Descendants Meeting 10/09/21 1:25pm

Acknowledgement of the CMP Inc. Board Members and Special Volunteers

Brian Piaquadio to ask CMP Board about Mechanized Calvary Event June 18, 2022.

Brian didn't show, Tommy Uncle spoke about the Event.

Needs to be voted on by the Board of CMP Inc.

Old Business:

Certificates: still working on legalities and logos.

Point Lookout Medals and Lapel pins-in process of ordering should be available in 6 months.

New Business:

Since last October we finished the 1 sidewalk to the parking lot up to and around the Souvenir Shop. We installed 5 picture frames around the souvenir shop for "Faces of Point Lookout". We have 1 more picture frame to complete. We removed the grass around the Granite Stone and Maryland Flagpole and added a section in front of the Granite Stone for Memorial Bricks of those that died whose names are not on the Federal Monument. We also added a section for Memorial Bricks for the Point Lookout Cemetery Committee. James Leapley constructed the posts for the new signage. There is temporary signage on the posts presently which we are putting in for a grant to have the signage completed in granite.

Started clearing the new property.

We installed a new sidewalk (Women's Section) on the other side of Confederate Memorial Park to include information about the Daughters of Charity, Aunt Pigeon, Jane Perkins and other women that were Imprisoned at Point Lookout.

July 4th weekend CMP was power washed.

Paypal or Venmo we will try to add to the website after next years taxes are filed.

New Construction:

Parapet Wall and Tower going to be built on new property.

Roof over the Conex Box for extra storage

Bridge over the Ditch to the new property picnic area.

When we have Smeco install electric on the new property, we will

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Install a well so we have water on the property.

We may receive other monuments at CMP Inc.

Texas "Voice from the Pen" we need help with.

Questions?

Meeting adjourned 2;35

Please pray for the souls of Johnny Liles, his family and his special buddy Bobby. 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.





*Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service &
Descendants Meeting
October 8, 2022*

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. Board Members:

Jim Dunbar: Chairman
Christina Dunbar: Vice Chairman
Steve DeFreytas: Historian/Brick Coordinator
Jessica Gatton: Treasurer
Roslyn Monsees and Stephanie Dean: Secretary's
Betty Mann: Former Treasurer/Secretary, Presently Judge Advocate
Fran Towberman: Former Secretary/ Treasurer Presently Member at Large
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Rev. Herman White and Shaun Tippet: Members at Large

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