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Greetings from

Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

This year has had its challenges, however we were able to have wonderful Point Lookout Memorial and Annual Descendants Meeting. We've completed many additions and improvements at CMP.

As we approach the holidays, we would like to Thank All our Point Lookout Family. Whether you physically, monetarily or spiritually supported Confederate Memorial Park, you are the reason our Ancestors will not be forgotten and You are the reason people will be educated about the truth of the atrocities our Ancestors endured at Point Lookout Prison Camp.

Merry Christmas and Have a Happy Healthy New Year!

Always for Their Memory,

Jim and Christina Dunbar



History of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



It is with mixed emotions that we inform our members of the “Changing of the Guard” of one of our Board Members, Treasurer/Secretary, Betty Mann of Friendswood, Texas. We say that because on one hand, we are losing a very dedicated and efficient Lady who has held that position since 2012.



And on the other hand, happy for her now that she is no longer burdened with that task.

Betty asked us several years ago because of health issues to start looking for someone to replace her. It took us sometime to find someone willing and able to fill her shoes but they have been on stand-by so when Betty felt she was ready and satisfied to hand over the position it would be an easy transfer of those position's. Betty will still continue to serve on the Board of CMP Inc. as a Member at Large and Judge Advocate.

Betty has done more than just serve as our Secretary/Treasurer. She is one of the longest standing members and dedicated supporters of Confederate Memorial Park. Without Betty, the organization and construction of the Confederate Memorial Park would not be as far advanced as we are today.

We are fortunate to have 2 persons volunteer to fill the Betty's positions. Jessica Gatton, who lives in St. Mary's County, Maryland will fill the position as Treasurer of CMP Inc. Roslyn Monsees, who also lives in St. Mary's County, Maryland will fill the position of Secretary of CMP Inc. Both Jessica and Roslyn contribute much more of their time and labor for the benefit of the park and organization than just filling the position. They will be a dedicated asset to Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

For the last several months we have been transferring the assets and paperwork. Confederate Memorial Park Inc. (CMP Inc.) has a new mailing address. All mail, memorial brick orders and donations are to be addressed to:

Confederate Memorial Park (CMP Inc.)

P. O. Box 661

St. Inigoes, Maryland 20684

Annual Point Lookout Memorial 2020

The Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service was absolutely beautiful with about 170 people attending to pay homage to those that endured and those that succumbed to the atrocities while imprisoned at Point Lookout.

We would like to thank everyone that volunteered and attended the Point Lookout Memorial and Annual Descendants meeting.

We would love to have the Annual Point Lookout Memorial Service at Confederate Memorial Park every year however, we are faced with the challenge that if we have the Service at CMP, the Veterans Administration would be off the hook, being required to allow us to have a Memorial Service at the Cemetery. We have come up with an idea and hopefully next years Memorial Service will be a combination of Confederate Memorial Park and The Confederate Cemetery.

***** Save the Date *****

October 9, 2021

Point Lookout Memorial Service
and Annual Descendants Meeting.



Annual Descendants Meeting Minutes (Oct. 12, 2020)

Meeting commenced at 1:36 pm October 12, 2020

CMP Inc. Board Members present: Jim and Christina Dunbar, Stephen DeFreytas, Fran Towberman, Roslyn Monsees, Dennis and Barbara, Pam Curtin, Leonard Dean, Shaun Tippet.

Acknowledgement of members/volunteers: Steve DeFreytas: Historian/Brick Coordinator, Dennis and Barbara, Pam: Webmaster, Roslyn and Pete Monsees, Leonard and Linda Dean, Jessica Gatton, Fran Towberman and Special Thanks to our Treasurer/ Secretary : Betty Mann

Welcome members of the Old Brunswick Camp SCV and all our members, some who traveled from distances to be with us.

Betty is retiring from her position of Treasurer/ Secretary however she will still be on CMP Inc. Board as Judge Advocate/Member at Large. Jessica Gatton will become our new treasurer of CMP Inc. Roslyn Monsees will become Secretary of CMP Inc. CMP Inc. has its own mailing address: CMP Inc. P. O. Box 661 St. Inigoes, Maryland 20684

Improvements: Souvenir Shop, New walkway for Memorial Bricks, Pavilion Floor, Security Cameras, New Monument and additional Property.

Faces of Point Lookout will be moved from the Information board out front to the sides of the Souvenir Shop with a walkway around the Souvenir Shop.

Informational Signage along new walkway:

Granite Rock: Signage explaining where it came from. In front of the Granite Rock will be a section for Memorial Bricks for those that died at Point Lookout and who's names are not on the Federal Monument at the Cemetery.

Maryland Nautical Flag Pole

Signage and installation of the Original Cemetery Post from when the Government Consolidated the 4 cemeteries(3 Confederate 1 small pox) into 2 cemeteries. These posts are from the original cemetery on Tanner Creek.

Signage on Aunt Pigeon. With the Coronavirus we had to stop working on the Tombstone for Aunt Pigeon but when we are able to we will start the project up again.

Purchase of Additional 4.10 Acres adjacent to CMP Inc. We just close last Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

Logo's for CMP Inc. and Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park, will be completed in 2021. We will start issuing Members Certificates 2021.

Medals. We found the original maker and we are in the process of obtaining prices to have Medals and pins made.

Susan Holyfield (not present) Facebook. With what's going on in our Country presently, we will not be starting up Facebook until we feel it would be safe. Thank You Susan for all you do.

Questions:

Meeting adjourned 2:45

Board Members of CMP Inc. held a closed meeting immediately afterwards.

New Monument

October 9, 2020

In July 1864, Confederate General Jubal Early came within a day of capturing the U. S. Capital Washington D.C. After defeating Union General David Hunter at Lynchburg Virginia Hunter fled to the high mountains of western Virginia, leaving the Shenandoah valley an open thruway to Washington.

Early moves down the valley into Maryland and defeats the union army commanded by General Lew Wallace at Monocacy and advances to within sight of the lightly defended U. S. Capital. U. S Grant sends reinforcements that arrive in the nick of time and Early must withdraw. Part of Early's intended campaign was to liberate the Point Lookout Prison Camp. Seventeen of his soldiers killed on the outskirts of Washington near fort Stedman were buried in the Grace Episcopal Churchyard along present day Georgia Ave in Silver Spring Maryland. To compensate for damage to the church as a result of the fighting, the confederate soldiers took up a collection a stain glass window containing a battle flag was there until recent years. Some years after the war the fellow comrades of those buried in the churchyard paid for and erected a 10 ft tall granite obelisk over the mass grave of the 17-unknown dead. Since then, 1 of the 17 has been identified.

In June of 2020, unknown culprits graffitied and pulled down the monument. The current church officials did not want the monument re-erected. Two of the suggested means to dispose of the monument was to break it up and dispose of it at the dump or bury it at the church yard.

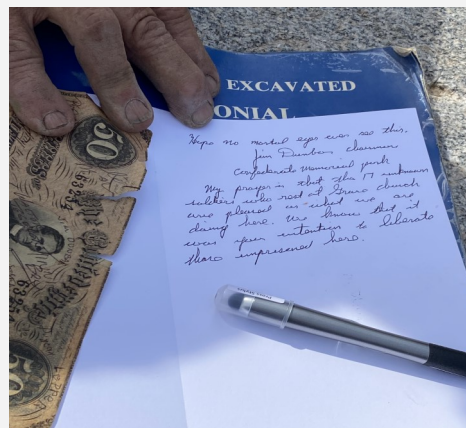
The Maryland division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans researched the ownership of the monument and it was learned that destruction of it would be a violation of Maryland law regarding funerary objects. CMP was contacted for possible relocation which we consented.

The obelisk was placed at CMP Oct. 9, 2020 the day before the Annual Point Lookout Memorial and Descendants meeting.

It is a very nice addition to our park. Those whose earthly remains rest some 70 miles up river from this memorial, it is fitting that at least the Memorial has reached the intended destination they, the soldiers, gave the last full measure of devotion. That being the liberation of those imprisoned at Point Lookout.



New Monument

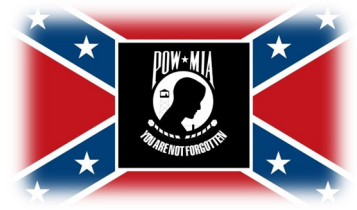


Note: Hope no mortal eyes ever see this. Jim Dunbar Chairman My prayer is that the 17 unknown soldiers who rest at Grace Church are pleased in what we are doing here. We know that it was your intention to liberate those imprisoned here.

William Joseph Ward

Co. B, 13th Alabama Infantry “Southern Stars”

By Michael Gravitt 3rd Great-Grandson



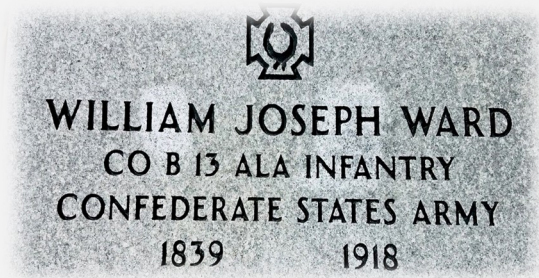
William Joseph “Joe” Ward was born in Mt. Meigs, Montgomery County, Alabama, in October of 1839. His parents, Edwin William Ward and Margaret M. Gunter, had married on January 28, 1839, in Guilford County, North Carolina, and immediately made the move to Alabama before Joe was born.

Joe voluntarily enlisted in Company B, 13th Alabama Infantry, on July 19, 1861, in Montgomery County, Alabama. His regiment was nicknamed the “Southern Stars.” A few months after enlisting, he was sent to Virginia and fought in the Peninsula Campaign. He was at Yorktown, April 5-May 4, 1862; Seven Pines, May 31-June 1; Mechanicsville, June 26; Cold Harbor, June 27; and, Malvern Hill, July 1. He fought in the Maryland Campaign at South Mountain, September 14, 1862; Antietam/Sharpsburg, September 16-17; and, in the Chancellorsville Campaign in Virginia, April 27-May 6, 1863.

He was at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1-3, 1863, where he was sick and in the hospital, and then captured a couple weeks later at the Battle of Falling Waters, Maryland, on July 14. He was initially sent to the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C., and then to Point Lookout Prison where he appeared on the prisoner rolls on August 23, 1863. He was released under Oath of Allegiance on February 13, 1865, along with 2,051 other prisoners. They were received at Coxes Landing, James River, Virginia, on February 14 and 15, 1865. After his release, Joe reported back to duty, God willing, and was discharged after the War on May 12, 1865.

After the War, Joe married Mary Jane Murrah on Christmas Eve 1868 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. The Ward and Murrah families had left Alabama during the War and relocated to Tennessee. Joe worked in the textile industry and later as a farmer. He and Mary Jane had seven children: Sarah Ella (b. 1870), Charles (b. 1871, my 2nd great-grandfather), James Edward (b. 1874), Jane (b. 1874, James and Jane were twins), Adam (b. 1879), Ernest Jesse (b. 1882), and Carrie Stacie (b. 1886). The family moved back to Alabama by 1880. Joe died on August 11, 1918, at the home of his youngest daughter, Carrie Stacie.

On August 10, 2018, a military marker (see photo) was placed on William Joseph Ward’s unmarked grave at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama. He is interred in the old Scott’s Free Burying Ground next to his eldest daughter, Sarah Ella. She died just a few years after him. The marker was placed to commemorate his honorable service in the Confederate States Army and the 100th anniversary of his death.--



Brick Memorial Program

3 New Designated Areas At Confederate Memorial Park



For the past year we have been working on the new designated areas for Memorial Bricks and maintaining the serenity of the park. These areas will also offer more education with informational signage about Point Lookout Prison Camp. We have designated 3 areas for Memorial Bricks along the new walkway from the parking lot to the souvenir shop with signage along the way. We finally finished the walkway and we feel it will complement Confederate Memorial Park.

The first will be along the new walkway from the parking lot to the Souvenir Ship. These will be for those who either survived or died at Point Lookout. The deceased will include those that have their names on the Federal Monument.



The second area will be in front of the large granite stone. This is the granite stone that fell off the barge into the Chesapeake Bay while the Federal Government were constructing the Federal Monument at the Confederate Cemetery. We were going to put the missing names on this granite stone however we have found out there are too many to place the names on this stone. We will install a plaque on this stone that will be dedicated to the over 2,000 unknowns, who's names are not on the Federal Monument at the Cemetery. The area in front of the large granite stone will be solely for Memorial Bricks who's names are not on the Federal Monument.

The third area for Memorial Bricks will be for the Men who were enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland as Trustees of The Point Lookout Cemetery Committee, January 1870. These men were instrumental in the reinterment of the Confederate Dead for providing a proper burial and where the remains are today. They also helped with the erection of the Maryland State Monument that first rested on top of the Confederate remains and was dedicated 4 July 1876. These men were all from Maryland so it would be appropriate to construct an area for their memorial bricks near the Maryland flagpole.



We are asking for your help by sponsoring a Memorial Brick for these men.

Original 9 men enacted; Trustees of the Point Lookout Cemetery Board:

1. Capt. Joseph Forrest, President (has been sponsored)
2. Col. James Parran Crane, Vice President
3. Vincent Camalier, Treasurer and Secretary
4. Chapman Billingsley
5. George H. Morgan
6. William L. Thomas
7. J. Marshall Dent
8. George Thomas
9. James R. Langley

Replacements after some of the Original Trustees died:

10. Hon. Thomas Martin
11. Dr. John M. Brome
12. Daniel Shanks
13. George R. Garner
14. Walter Langley
15. J. Thomas Parsons

Happenings at Confederate Memorial Park



We have had many visitors to Confederate Memorial Park this past year. Two particularly; these Marines had not seen each other since they were discharged. They fell in love with our flag that fly's on the Maryland Nautical Flag-pole and asked us if they could lower it briefly for a picture with it.

We also had members Keith Ellis and his lovely wife Lynne visit us at Confederate Memorial Park in July. They presented us with a Unreconstructed Virginia Flag which we raised and have continuously flown since the Point Lookout Memorial in October.



We now have 14 cameras installed at CMP. And with all those Camera's, it's unbelievable what we have been missing at Confederate Memorial Park. Our Statue has been Saluted, Toasted, Serenaded and Blessed. And of course all the Ghost Hunters! We would like to Thank our Police Officers, Members, Neighbors and Volunteers that have come to CMP during all hours, night and day, to check on our Park throughout this past year.



Happenings at Confederate Memorial Park

In September we had a couple of geologists come visit us and they donated a beautiful rock from Missouri. While pouring the concrete floor for the pavilion, we gathered enough concrete to cement the Mozarkite Rock near the base of the Missouri Flag Pole and "Voice from the Pen".

Mozarkite is Missouri's official State rock. The name MOZARKITE is a contraction of "Mo" (Missouri) "zark" (Ozarks) and "ite" (meaning rock). Mozarkite is a form of chert (flint) consisting essentially of silica with varying amounts of chalcedony (milky or grayish quartz). Mozarkite has won distinction as a particular form or variety of chert because of its unique variation of colors and its ability to take a high polish. Typically, the colors are different hues of red, pink and purple with varying tints of green gray and brown.

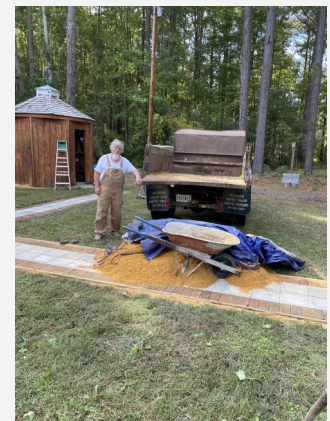


Medals and Pins:

We will be ordering Medals and Pins next year (2021). We have found the original maker and we will provide information to members soon.

After the Point Lookout Memorial, we finished the walkway to the parking lot, installed additional security cameras, hung a fan in the pavilion and formed the additional area's for Memorial Bricks. We can't Thank Leonard enough for all the help this year.

Sometimes we feel like crashing and sometimes we just have those days were things go wrong!



Additional Property at Confederate Memorial Park

On October 6, 2020 CMP Inc. purchased 4.10 acres. The property is adjacent to CMP . Last year CMP sold less than a 1/4 acre to the State of Maryland for The road widening of Point Lookout Rd. With the proceeds from the amount we received from the State we purchased the property with \$500.00 to spare. We gave up less than a 1/4 acre and gained 4.10 acres. The property is pictured is the back field.



Please pray for our webmaster Pam Curtin that she overcomes her health issues and Please continue to pray for Betty Mann and Al Perry that they continue to heal and find the strength to persevere the challenges in their life.

Pray for all our Families, Friends and Peace in our Nation.



Memorial Brick Program

Memorial Bricks Installed at Confederate Memorial Park

Correction from last Parapet Chronicles:

Descendant/Donor

Ancestor

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|----------------|--|--------------|
| 1. Becky Muska | Franklin L. Riley, Co. B, 16th MS Inf. | Survived PLO |
| 2. Becky Muska | John Jackson Lee, Co. I, 17th MS Inf. | Survived PLO |
| 3. Becky Muska | Josiah A. Lee, Co. I, 17 MS Inf. | Survived PLO |

It was an honor to recently install these Memorial Bricks a day before Thanksgiving at Confederate Memorial Park along the new walkway:



Descendant/Donor

Ancestor

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|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1. Wanda J. Branch | Sgt. Thomas Bailiff, Co. E, 30th Bn VA | Survived PLO |
| 2. Wanda J. Branch | Pvt. Elijah C. Smith, Co. B, 11th NC | Survived PLO |
| 3. Anza Bast | John James Rawlings, Co. I, 59th VA | Survived PLO |
| 4. Anza Bast | Joseph L. Peebles, Coleman's Hvy Arty | Survived PLO |
| 5. Anza Bast | Sterling J. Dugger, Co. C, 44th VA | Survived PLO |
| 6. Clyde T. "Billy" Baird Jr. | John G. Callis, Co. B, 59th VA | Survived PLO |
| 7. Dennis Keith Griffin | George E. Michael, Co. H, 53rd VA | Survived PLO |
| 8-12. SCV Old Brusnwick
Camp #512 | Thomas C. Branch Co. E, 12th VA Inf. | Survived PLO |
| | John Rose Clayton Co. H, 53rd VA Inf. | Survived PLO |
| | George E. Clayton, Co. H, 53rd VA Inf. | Survived PLO |
| | James A. Brough, Co. B, 59th VA Inf. | Survived PLO |
| | James McAden Barrow, Co. B, 59th VA Inf. | Survived PLO |

Memorial Brick Program

Next Order of Memorial Bricks waiting for a Minimum of 10 to be submitted to our supplier:

<u>Descendant/Donor</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>	
1. Virginia S. Hudson	John W. Scott, Co. B, 57 th VA Inf.	Died PLO
2. Virginia S. Hudson	Robert R. Lavender, Co. G, 57 th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
3. Virginia S. Hudson	John D. Turner, Co. B, 24 th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
4. Virginia S. Hudson	Samuel H. Scott, Co. B, 57 th VA Inf.	Survived PLO
5. Melissa S. April	John Henderson Hodge, Co. F, 6 th NC Inf.	Survived PLO
6. Amy B. Carter	William Woodson May, Co. L, 24 th TN Inf.	Survived PLO
7. Leonard Dean	Capt. Joseph Forrest, 4 th MD Arty. CSA	Pres. PLO Cem. Cmte.
8. Michael Todd Ashley	William M. Ashley, Co. A, 26 th NC Inf.	Survived PLO
9. Bob Brewer	Wesley Brewer, Co. I, 33 rd NC Inf.	Survived 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 in 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 DeFREYTAGS 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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2021 DEADLINES

MARCH 1st ~ JUNE 1st

SEPTEMBER 1st ~ DECEMBER 1st

confederatememorialparkplow@gmail.com



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





“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”

LK 1:31

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. Board Members:

Jim Dunbar: Chairman

Christina Dunbar: Vice Chairman

Steve DeFreytas: Historian/Brick Coordinator

Jessica Gatton: Treasurer

Roslyn Monsees: Secretary

Betty Mann: Former Treasurer/Secretary, Presently Judge Advocate

Fran Towberman: Former Secretary/ Treasurer Presently Member at Large

Bob Harper, Dennis Spears, Pete Monsees, Pam Curtin,

Leonard Dean, Bill Rose, Rev. Herman White, Barbara and Shaun Tippet: Members at Large

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