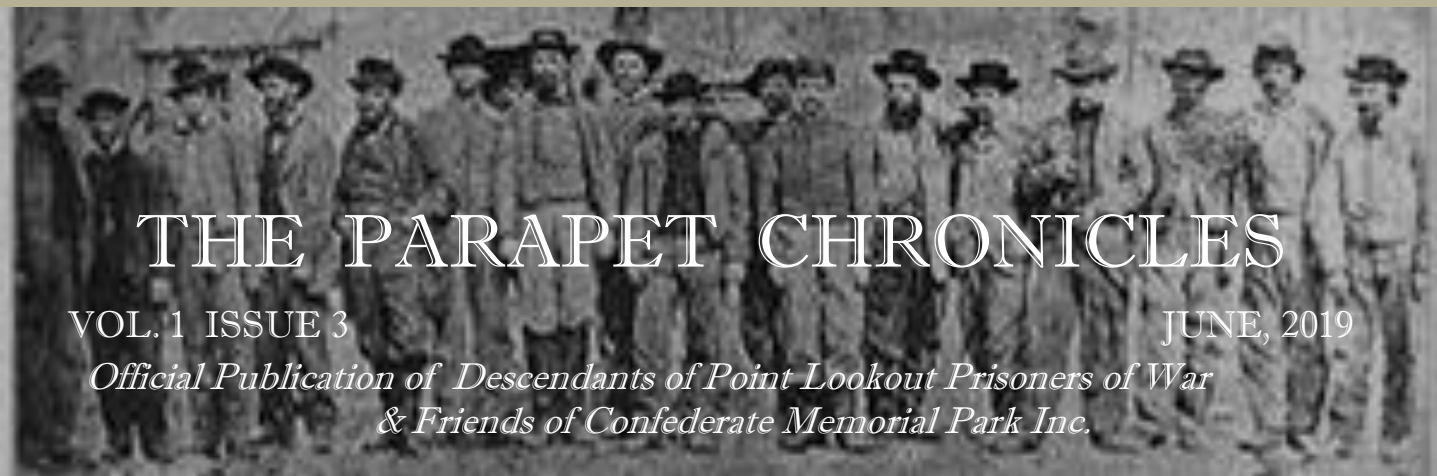




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Greetings from Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

We have had a busy 3 months with spring cleanup and events. The grass at the park keeps growing and we'd like to Thank Leonard for cutting it several times. Leonard has been a God-Send to us, and frees our time so we can do other projects at the Park.

April, we traveled to Hollywood Cemetery in Virginia for member Barbara Spears 3rd Great Uncle, Algernon Tyler's Tombstone dedication and Early May we flew out to Arkansas to another Tombstone dedication for one of our Board Members, Dennis Spears 3rd Great Grandfather, Thomas Radcliff. Both dedications were very emotional and we were honored to be present when these Soldier's Graves were properly marked.

Flowers are blooming and Confederate Memorial Park looks great especially with the new LED light that illuminates our monument and flags at night.

We poured the concrete floor for the souvenir shop and 1/3 of the pavilion floor Thanks to the donation from Carruth and Sons Concrete. Hopefully the shop will be built by October for the Annual Point Lookout Memorial.

We are still pursuing legal issues to recover DOPL's assets from Stacey Wade Harris of North Carolina. We are working on logo's for Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc. for Certificates and Membership Cards. We will discuss these issues at the meet-

ing October 12th after the Annual Point Lookout Pilgrimage.

The State of Maryland is getting ready to start widening Point Lookout Road from Camp Brown Road to the entrance of Point Lookout State Park. We have heard they will not start until the fall. A State Archaeologist will be present when road construction work approaches the section where the present road crosses the small pox cemetery. An explanation is included in the History of CMP.

For several years we have been placing about 150 flags on marked Confederate Graves in St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's and Calvert Counties in Maryland. We would like to Thank, The Private Wallace Bowling Camp #1400 Sons of Confederate Veterans and Volunteers of Confederate Memorial Park Inc. for helping purchase and placing flags on these graves before Memorial Day!

Very soon, our website: www.plpow.com will be changed to: www.plpow.org. We will email everyone when this transpires. Our website will also become password protected! There is no cost to become a member, please do not share the password. If anyone changes their email, please let us know so we can update your file.

As we plan for our Annual Pilgrimage Oct. 12, 2019, we hope many of you will be able to attend and those that cannot we know your thoughts will be

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with all of us when we pay tribute to all our Ancestors who died and survived Point Lookout Prison Camp.

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

History of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

Did You Know?

At each state flag pole representing the seceding states there is a granite tablet that gives an account of a prisoner at point lookout from that state of his experiences at point lookout; "Voices of the Pen." Two of these states however, Florida and Texas do not as yet have an account. We do have a poem that we have permission to use for the state of Florida. The title of the poem is "The Florida Boys were There." Also, at the base of each flag pole we have placed representative rocks from each of those states. Currently the states of Florida and South Carolina do not have any rocks from their states. Now, if you're thinking about sending us rocks, we're talking about rock weighing 50-100lbs, with the exception of the state of Mississippi which we have only manage to find small stones. Eventually we will be traveling through Florida (next year at the National SCV Convention) and sometime in western South Carolina which we will acquire representative rocks.

Also be it known that on the flag poles of North Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia, we fly the historical correct flags of those states. That being 1776-1861 North Carolina, the 1956 Georgia Flag (the flag that Sonny lied about) and the unreconstructed Virginia flag.

The Maryland flag pole is not in the circle of flags. However, Maryland did contribute greatly to the Confederate Cause. Maryland provided more men to the Confederate Armed Forces than the state of Florida. The Maryland flag pole is different than the other flag poles in that it is of the Nautical style. There were only 2 Admirals in the Confederate Navy both Native Marylanders, Franklin Bu-

chanan who was the commander of the iron clad Virginia (Merrimack) and later the commander of the CSS Tennessee at the battle of Mobile Bay and the other was Raphael Semmes, commander of the Sumter and the most famous ship of the war the CSS Alabama. Also, the executive officer, 2nd in command of the Confederate Submarine the Hunley was Joseph Ridgeway from Baltimore, Maryland.

We're going to go in a different direction this Newsletter so we can give everyone the information about why the road widening of Point Lookout Rd is especially important to us.

This is a very brief summary, we are working on updating a book about Point Lookout, all the cemeteries and the names of the Confederates that died at Point Lookout Prison Camp.

In Edwin W. Beitzell's Book "POINT LOOKOUT PRISON CAMP FOR CONFEDERATES" one of the most important locations and date of the cemetery is not correct. By April 1872, the Confederate cemetery was located where it is today however, the Maryland Monument stood above the remains of the Confederate dead, dedicated July 4, 1876. (see picture below)

When our Ancestors were buried there were 4 Cemeteries. One located outside the prison pen on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay known as the "Peach Orchard." Three cemeteries were located near the Smallpox hospital with 1 being the small pox cemetery. After the war in 1867 the Federate Government consolidated these 4 cemeteries into 2. One of these cemeteries was located on Tanner Creek and the other across from Tanner Creek in which they added to the small pox cemetery. In these 2 Cemeteries each grave had a numbered Headboard that corresponded to the names of our ancestors that died. By 1870 most of these head-

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boards were destroyed or illegible to read, stock had trampled the ground and a fire ran through these cemeteries.

By April 1872, Capt. Joseph Forest President for the Trustee's of the Point Lookout Cemetery Committee had reinterred the Confederate remains for proper burial to where they are today. The Maryland Monument was built and Dedicated July 4, 1876 and it is stated in an Article in The Beacon prior to the dedication, May 8th 1876 from a correspondence that was surprised to see the monument erected. "The Cemetery is located about two miles North West from Point Lookout, and is contiguous to the main road leading from the Point to the village of Tall Pine. (now called Ridge) This last resting place of the corporeal remains of the intrepid heroes who endured the trials of grim visaged war is substantially and elegantly enclosed." In 1876, the Main Road to Point Lookout ended where Confederate Memorial Park is today.

By 1911, Maryland ceded the Confederate Cemetery to the Federal Government for Perpetual Care with that the Federal Monument was erected above our Ancestors Remains and the Maryland Monument was taken by Mules by James Hall to Tanner Creek which the Federal Government called one of the original cemeteries. In the 1930's even with Maryland road funds still being allocated to the Maryland Monument, it did not see many visitors and the government wanted to sell the land in which it stood. So, by 1938 the Maryland Monument was moved where it is today, next to the Federal Monument in the Confederate cemetery.

In the 1930's a county road was cut and went from the main road to Point Lookout and across a section of the consolidated small pox cemetery. It is stated by family members of 2 Road Maintenance Workers, that remains were found and reinterred in a pit behind the Federal Monument. The 2 cemeteries even until the 1940's were on survey's and deeds. Even to this day there are still concrete survey posts in the ground for the consolidated small

pox cemetery. (see photo)

We do not believe any of the remains except what was found in the 1930's when the County constructed a road, were removed from the small pox cemetery. That is why we have contacted the State of Maryland, head of the Archeology Department, presented the survey's, deed and all pertinent information. We were told there will be an Archeologist on site when the road widening comes across the consolidated small pox cemetery again. ***We will be present. No one can also tell us, how long small pox survives in the ground. However, we have found out that diseases can survive on contaminated clothes and bandages.***

That is why the road widening is important to all of us. We will inform everyone if remains are found when the state of Maryland widens that section of the road.

Always For Their Protection and Memory,
Jim and Christina Dunbar
Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



Maryland Monument ca 1908 before it was moved to Tanner Creek and before the erected Federal Monument Cemetery

Survey Marker Consolidated Small Pox Cemetery "US 1"



❖ ❖ ❖ Shirley White ❖ ❖ ❖

We regret to inform everyone, Rev. Herman White's wife Shirley said goodbye to this world and went to her heavenly home on May 21st. Shirley attended all The Annual Point Lookout Pilgrimages with Herman. Shirley, Herman's Companion, Love of his Life, and as Pat Godwin stated a "Peace Lily" will be Greatly Missed across the South.

Shirley was born in Jamestown, NC on June 19, 1935, the only child of the late Edgar Paul and Wilma Bertie Wall. She graduated from Jamestown High School in 1953; where she was involved in sports, and after graduation, played in semi-pro fast pitch AAA league. She was employed by Adams-Millis and Silver Knit for 41 plus years, before retiring when Silver Knit closed. Shirley was a life member of the Laura Wesson Order of Confederate Rose, to honor her Confederate Southern American Ancestors. She was a member of the Archdale Holiness Church of God where for over 58 years, she served her Savior and Lord, and blessed thousands with her beautiful voice; singing to glorify God. She was always supportive of her husband's ministry.

On June 20, 1953, she married her high school sweetheart, W. Herman White, and would have celebrated 66 years in June. It was rare down through the years not to see them together; both loved to travel across this vast land together; they visited all 48 continental states, several provinces in Canada, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. There could have been more, but she would not fly! Besides traveling, she loved her kitty cats; espe-

cially the late "Mike", also her late canine friend, "Rowdy".

Shirley is survived by her husband, Reverend Dr. W. Herman White; her daughter, Kimberly Lynn White of Sophia and her grandson, Christopher

Brian Letson of Jamestown. She is also survived by her two feline friends, Blackie and Smokie.

A service to celebrate Shirley's life will be held on Friday morning, May 24, at 11 o'clock, in the chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale, with Pastor Timothy Julian officiating. Entombment will follow in Floral Garden Memorial Park Mausoleum. Her family will receive friends on Thursday evening, May 23, from 6 until 8, at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Daniel Jobe, for being her Physician, and friend for many years, and his nurse Rhonda. They also would like to thank Bob Burleson and Kepley's waitresses, Tammi, Shy-Ann, and the Student; Plaza Café's, Alex and Marie Hatzudis, and our waitress and friend for many years, Bonnie Peeler.

Memorials in Shirley's memory may be made to Archdale Holiness Church of God, 407 Coe Avenue, Archdale, NC 27263.



Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson: *In Memoriam*

April 26, 1924 - April 22, 2018

Fr. Alister C. Anderson, Chaplain (Colonel) U.S. Army (Ret.) departed this life on April 22, 2018 of heart failure. He held many positions in military posts and hospitals, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann Stuart Anderson of 34 years.

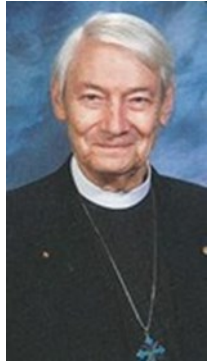
He was the son of the late Rear Admiral Anton Bennett and Ella Miriam (Thompson) Anderson.

Father Anderson served as a military chaplain and civilian parish priest in the U.S. and abroad for 62 years. As a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy during WWII, he witnessed many historical moments during his service as a Communication Officer and navigator aboard the USS Samuel Moore. From the deck of the Samuel Moore, he observed the surrender of the Japanese Empire taking place on the U.S.S. Missouri.

As an active-duty Army chaplain for 21

years, Father Anderson witnessed the Cold War as a pastor to troops of the 4th Armored Division guarding the border between West Germany and Communist Czechoslovakia. During the Vietnam War, he saw action as a Brigade Chaplain of the 25th Infantry Division during the TET offensive, and was awarded two Bronze Star medals for "Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces." He was also awarded the military's Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding duty in positions of great responsibility," as well as a civilian service citation from the College of Chaplains of the American Hospital Association. In 1990, Father Anderson, having left the Protestant Episcopal Church, became a priest in the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church, where he remained contently for the rest of his days.

[Source: keeneybasford.com/]



In 2008, Fr. Anderson was interviewed by Patricia Redmond of the [Veterans' History Project](#). The following is an excerpt with his final comments in the interview.

Interview with
Alister Carroll Anderson [9/10/2008]

Patricia Redmond:

Do you have something in closing you'd like to leave for youth of America today?



Alister Carroll Anderson:

Yes. We in America are the inheritors of a group of very profound worshipping people who gave us this wonderful political system of a constitutional democratic republic. And they gave it to us because they had fought so hard to attain it from tyrannies that existed all over the world and in Europe. They wanted to get away from that and to give their descendants something much better. And they achieved that.

To the youth of today, we have to go back and study what the constitution is and what the religious foundations of that political system are if we expect to survive and have the freedom and the liberty that we've had in the past. Only if we study and appreciate what our ancestors - political and religious ancestors - have given us will we be able to survive in a very naughty, atheistic, savage world in which we live.

Only if we do those two things - appreciate the religious foundation of our republic, and understand the meaning of it - can we survive and pass on to our grandchildren the heritage which we have enjoyed and which I have been blessed with through the years, even through my older years at 84. I keep fighting...unfortunately, a lot of people of my age have spent the rest of their time vacationing and having a good time and as a result have lost some of the discipline of fulfillment that I've had in fighting for good things. They see themselves just as enjoying life just as it is right now and not caring enough about the life that their chil-

dren or grandchildren will inherit.

I'm sad to see so many in my generation who are not living as they did in earlier years with the same kind of discipline and commitment, and pretend to be open and young and ape the younger generations rather than being an example for future generations to come. So I'm embarrassed by many people in my generation who don't dress properly, who go to church looking like bums, and women who dress inappropriately and don't care about modesty and other Christian virtues that I was trained and enjoy and happy to have all my life. So, I'm kind of angry with my own generation; they should be examples and they are not.

That's a very sad part of being older today, for me, to see what we believed in - people my age - who were trained the same way and believe the same things have thrown it over and are no longer examples for younger people to follow. I see people going to church today and I'm embarrassed that - my mother always taught me that 'cleanliness is next to godliness'. It meant to be clean in heart, spirit and dress.

[Source: Veterans History Project]



Pilgrimage October 12th, 2019

Confederate Memorial Park

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Rev. Herman White, that he finds the strength to live his life without his Love, his wife, Shirley.

Frank Towberman continues to improve. However, he lost his canine companion "Gunny" in May. Please continue praying for Frank and Fran as they go through these challenges in their lives.

Please pray for our Treasurer/Secretary Betty Mann. Betty finds the strength even with her illnesses to volunteer her time to help Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



Gray Days

We had a busy 3 days at Confederate Memorial Park for Gray Days even though the rain came in Sunday and shortened the Event.

We would like to Thank Everyone for their support this weekend, Rosalyn, Pete, Rose, Dennis, Debbie, Dennis, Leonard, Linda, Katie, Tina, John and of course Peyton!

We talked and share the history of Point Lookout Prison Camp to many visitors.

Friday we received a call that our Concrete was going to be delivered Saturday Morning for the Souvenir Shop and a 1/3 of the Pavilion Floor. Saturday, 7:10am it was delivered and we would like to Thank "Carruth and Sons Concrete" for the Donation of the concrete. After several hours working with concrete we celebrated Gray Days with Jim and his Brother-in-Law, Pete, firing the cannon.

Thank You everyone for participating in Gray Days.

Always For Their Memory,

Jim and Christina Dunbar

Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



Gray Days ~ 2019 ~



Lewis Trotman Evans
Company G, 31st Infantry Regiment
North Carolina

By Richard S. White, Great-Great Grandson

Lewis Trotman Evans was born February 6, 1843 in Hertford County, North Carolina, and died 30 Apr 1912 in Bertie County, North Carolina. Records of his parents have not been proven. His birth and death dates were taken from his grave stone.

The 1850 and 1860 Hertford County Southern District Census list Lewis Trotman Evans in the household of James D. and Martha A. Harrison. Lewis was bound/indentured/apprenticed to the Harrison's to learn the trade of farming. No relationship to the Harrison's has been found. According to the Census, Lewis was eight in 1850. He lived with the Harrison's until he was released from the apprenticeship at age 18.

On September 12, 1861, at age 18, Lewis Trotman Evans enlisted in Hertford County in the Confederacy. He enlisted as a Private in Company G, 31st Infantry Regiment, North Carolina. He was wounded and captured on February 8, 1862 at the Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina by Union forces lead by Gen. A. E. Burnside. Lewis was treated and received a disability discharge from Co. G, 31st Infantry on April 1, 1863.

After his discharge, Lewis Trotman Evans returned to the Southern Hertford-Northern Bertie County area and rented land to farm. There he married Margaret Elizabeth Harrell in 1863. She was the daughter of John Harrell and Margaret Miller. She was born April 15, 1843 in Gates County, NC, and died March 4, 1928 in Harrellsville, Hertford County, NC.

Lewis and Margaret had eight children, six survived to adulthood. One of their sons, John Wesley Evans married Julia "Bessie" Elizabeth Matthews, daughter of Jesse Right Matthews another Great-Great-Grand Father and a Civil War Veteran.

Lewis settled his family on a rented farm in the Colerain District of Bertie County. For the rest of

his life, he either farmed rented or share cropped land. As he and Margaret grew older and their children left home, he knew that he must select a final resting place. Not having owned any land, he did not want to be buried where no one would know where he was put to rest. He asked his neighbor who owned land if he could be buried on his farm. Lewis's neighbor, Franklin Pierce agreed. Lewis was buried across the farm lane between his rented farm and the Pierce farm. However, after his wife Margaret and their children died, no one remembered where he was buried.

Fortunately descendants of Franklin Pierce, six years ago when cleaning up their family cemetery, discovered Lewis' grave and recalled the reason he was there. Margaret died 16 years later and was buried five miles away at Christian Harbor Baptist Church. Though I never knew them, their memory is alive in me.



Lewis Trotman Evans



Margaret Elizabeth Harrell Evans

Happy Memorial Day,

We would like to Thank and Honor All Our Brave and Courageous Armed Forces, who sacrificed Their Lives for Our Freedom.

For many years we placed over 150 flags each year on Confederate Veterans Graves in St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's and Charles County Maryland before Memorial Day. We would like to send a special "Thank You," to The Private Wallace Bowling Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans for helping us purchase and place Flags for Our Confederate Veterans. We would like to also Thank everyone who pitched in and helped place the flags too.

At today's ceremony, we presented a wreath from Confederate Memorial Park for the Point Lookout Prisoners of War along with the local Sons of Confederate Veterans who presented wreaths and were also part of the Color Guard at The American Legion Post 255 in Ridge, Maryland. Thank you Debbie and Dennis for helping us present and pay tribute to our Ancestors. Thank You Debbie and Dennis also for the beautiful wreath for North Carolina PLPOW placed at Confederate Memorial Park and everyone who left Flowers for Our Ancestors.

We spent the last 4 days at Confederate Memorial Park, did some maintenance and installed a Gorgeous, Amazing Donation Box. Another member named Dennis built it for Confederate Memorial Park. We have been trying to get this donation box built for several years. We told Dennis what we wanted and actually saw a similar one while we were out in Arkansas and within a week Dennis had it built for us. We need to make up some signage and do some touch up paint but it has already started collecting donations! Cory helped us dig the 4 ft

hole and lift the box into place. (Its Heavy!!!)

Thank You Cory!

We talked to many people over the past 4 days and would like to welcome several new members. June 8th and 9th are Gray Days at Confederate Memorial Park. Everyone is invited to attend. Please email us and let us know if you plan on joining us. There is plenty of room to camp out on the grounds of Confederate Memorial Park or Self Contained RV Campers.

If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to email us.

Always for Their Memory,

Jim and Christina Dunbar

Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



Psalm 50: 14, 15

**Offer unto God thanksgiving;
and pay thy vows unto the most High:
And call upon me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.**



General Lewis A. Armistead Camp #1302 Sons of Confederate Veterans and Friends placed 30 Flags on Confederate Graves in Montfort Point Cemetery in Jacksonville, North Carolina for Confederate Memorial Day.



Retaliation Resolution

"Rebel prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to a treatment finding its parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

~ U.S. Senate, January, 1865

[Did this statement equate the U.S. government to "savage tribes"? It appears so to me.

.al perry.]

Happenings at Confederate Memorial Park

In May 2019 we had an unexpected visitor at Confederate Memorial Park. While someone was taking random pictures of Confederate Memorial Park it appears, we have a visitor. Even though Point Lookout Lighthouse is one of the most haunted places in the United States we have never seen any supernatural apparitions or felt anything uncomfortable while staying at Confederate Memorial Park. We have heard many stories from people and some people will not visit Point Lookout for fear of visualizing or hearing an apparition.

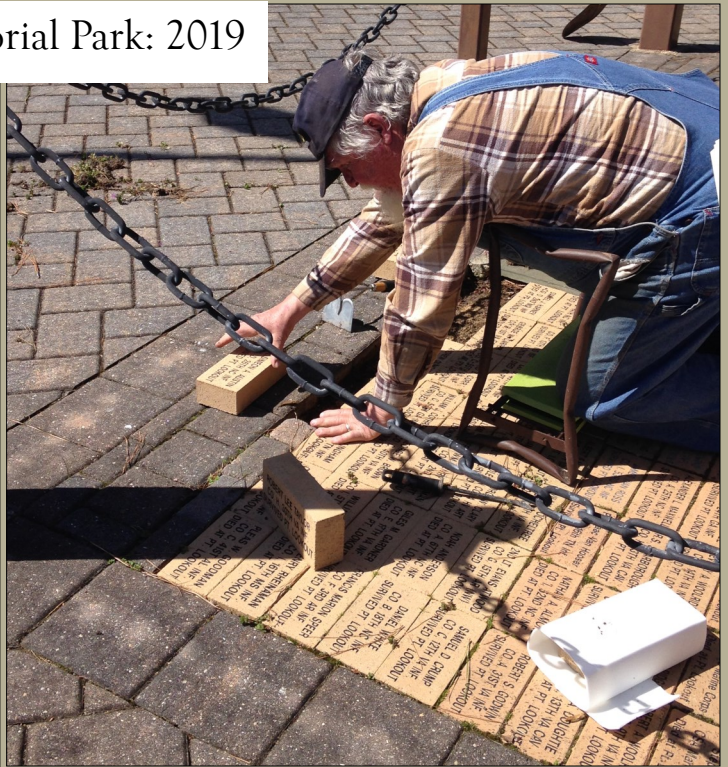
👉 Picture May, 2019

Blown up portion near pavilion 👉

You tell us what you see.



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ESCAPED PT. LOOKOUT	CO. B. 1ST MD CAV.	CO. H. 54TH NC INF.	CO. H. 5TH VA INF.	GEORGE W. CLAY
WILLIAM S. ADDERTON	ESCAPED PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	COL. J. N. COVA HV A
CO. D. 14TH NC INF.	THOMAS J. HOOPS	GEORGE W. FALLIN	CAPT WILLIAM P. DUFF	WM. HENRY HICKMA
DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	CO. F. 13TH MS INF.	CO. D. 49TH GA INF.	CO. G. 50TH VA INF.	CO. K. 2ND NC ART
DANIEL J. HARNEY	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT
CO. D. 2ND MD INF.	GEORGE W. CARPER	RICHARD B. CORR	WILLIAM J. COTHREN	GEORGE W. BROWN
DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	CO. B. 1ST VA CAV.	CO. C. 55TH VA INF.	CO. C. 50TH GA INF.	CO. C. 40TH VA INF.
AVLETT BOOTEN YATES	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT
CO. D. 4TH VA CAV.	CPL SIMEON A. AUSTIN	ANDREW DUNCAN	KINCHEN LILES	STEED DILLINGHAM
SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	CO. D. 26TH NC INF.	CO. B. 24TH NC INF.	CO. E. 7TH REG NC INF.	CO. A. 17TH TN INF.
WILLIAM A. BAGGETT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT
CO. B. 2 BATTN NC TRPS	SILAS E. BAGGETT	GARRETT CALLOWAY	AUGUSTUS G. MORRIS	ASA RASH
SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	CO. H. 20TH NC INF.	CO. D. 11TH GA INF.	CO. G. 43RD AL INF.	CO. B. 55TH NC INF.
JOHN W. UNDERDOWN	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	SURVIVED PT. LOOKOUT	DIED AT PT. LOOKOUT
CO. F. 26TH NC INF.	THOMAS H. MURDOCK	EDWARD W. VANN	JAMES B. OVERBY	THOMAS WILLS
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Confederate Memorial Park: 2019



That this may be a sign among you,
that when your children ask their fa-
thers in time to come, saying,
What mean ye by these stones?
Then ye shall answer them.....

Joshua 4: 6, 7



Lest we forget.

CHINA DOLL THAT WENT THROUGH WAR

Spent Over Three Years in Knapsack of a Brave Confederate Soldier.

In the fall of 1862, while on a leave of absence from the army, I spent several days at my home in Goochland county, and met many of my friends and schoolmates, male and female: the great majority of them being females. As nearly all of the young men and boys of my youth were in the army. Among the girls there were several of my schoolmates with whom I spent a most happy and pleasant time. But as all things must have an end, the time of my leave of absence expired, and I had to return to the army. Three or four of the girls presented me with a little present when I felt, and among the lot was a very small china doll. I was particularly pleased with the baby, as it came from the one with whom I was most pleased. The doll was very handsomely and neatly dressed and looked too nice and clean to be consigned to a soldier's knapsack. When I reached camp, as I had no where else I could conceal her, as I did not want to have the boys know anything about my having the doll in camp, as I knew they would tease and worry me about it. I place her in a very secure position among the few clothes that I carried and there she remained until the 14th of April 1865.

On the 6th of April we fought the battle of Sailor's Creek and our command, which was in General Ewell's Corps, along with the general and all of his staff, after a hot and stubborn fight were made prisoners. We

had been on the march since the night of April 2nd on very short rations, and by that time had not eaten anything for about thirty hours, and the men were all badly in need of rest, sleep and food. After the fight, as we were being marched from the field, one of the guards who was marching near me very kindly offered me some fat pork and hardtack, which I divided with a comrade by my side. I shall always remember that man with kindly feelings. He gave me his name and regiment and corps, but I have forgotten all except the corps. His regiment was attached to the Sixth Army Corps. Commanded, I think by either Generals Wright or Ord. The next morning, we were put on the march for the rear, faced for Richmond, and high hopes sprang up in the minds of the men that Richmond would be our destination, but when we arrived at Petersburg, after getting nearly through the city, still faced for Richmond, the column was turned sharply to the left, and after passing through the city we were halted and informed by the officer in command that we were then headed for City Point where we would take boats, and our final destination would be Point Lookout. We reached City Point about 6 P.M., and spent the night near the wharf. On the next morning we were loaded on a boat and the next afternoon reached Point Lookout about 4 P.M... We were then marched to the headquarters of Major Brady, who was at that time in command of the post: here all of our baggage was search to guard against our taking any concealed weapons in the prison: then

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it was for the first time in three and a half years that the doll had been exposed to daylight, and the first time in six or eight months since I seen her, and the sight of the doll created a great amount of fun for the men, and many comments and suggestions were offered as to whether she could be placed in the men's bullpen, as it was called, or paroled and sent to Richmond, or be confiscated by the government. These remarks and suggestions were made by the officers who were inspecting our knapsacks in a kindly and joking way, and they assured me they had not idea of confiscating the baby. This happened on the 14th day of April, 1865. On the 13 day of June we were paroled and on the 15th myself and doll reached our home about 6 P.M. and we met with a happy and joyful greeting from the family. Among my sister, of whom there were three, two of them being quite young, ranging from six to eight years old, became very much interested in my knapsack, and wanted to see what it contained, so I suggested we take the knapsack out in the garden and open it there, as I knew in its contents were other things that the doll and a few clothes I had left. I very carefully took out each article, and finally took the doll out and held her up so all could see her, as all the family had come out to see. I never saw people more astonished and surprised: the little girls laid claim to the doll at once, and wanted to take her in their hands, but I knew that would not do, so I told them she would have to be washed and dressed before

they could handle her, as she had not been washed or dressed in the last three and a half years. My mother then took charge of the situation, and directed that everything remain where they were until the next morning. A few days after the girls brought the doll to me thoroughly cleaned and nicely dressed, but found that she had lost one arm and one leg while in the army: while I came through without and serious injury.

It is now forty-two years since this occurred, and I think that the doll is still in existence, stowed away among the playthings of one of these girls of 1865, now grown to be old ladies in 1907. I met the girl who presented me with the doll a few days after I reached home and was cordially greeted by her, and we spent many pleasant and happy hours together, but she had other admirers, and finally she married but it was the other fellow. She has now passed over the river and is resting under the shade of the trees. This ends the story of the little china doll who spent three and a half years in the knapsack of a Confederate soldier.

J. B. GATHRIGHT

Formerly of Guy's Batter,
Goochland Artillery

John Benjamin Gathright was born in May, 1844 in Virginia and died 5 Aug 1909 in Virginia. He is buried in Taylorsville, Hanover County, Virginia. This Article John Benjamin Gathright was written in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* (Richmond, VA) page 36, on Sunday, June 30, 1907.

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Pt. Lookout POW

Pilgrimage

October 12th

THE PARAPET CHRONICLES

2019 DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER 1st

DECEMBER 1st

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Brick Orders in Honor of Their Ancestors to be installed at Confederate Memorial Park

The Current Batch of Memorial Bricks should be arriving soon. We have decided to install the current bricks the Friday (Oct. 11, 2019) before the Annual Point Lookout Pilgrimage Oct. 12, 2019. If you would like to be present when we install these bricks please join us. This will probably be the last of the bricks to be installed in the circle under the Monument. There maybe room for a few more bricks, we will let everyone know. We are in the process of assigning another area at Confederate Memorial Park for Memorial Bricks in the future.

Descendant	Ancestor	
1. Jane Clary Bermijo	Christopher Taylor, Co. G 22 nd VA Bn Inf	Survived Point Lookout
2. Welby Thomas Cox, Jr.	Sgt. William Cox, Co. E, 60 th TN Regt.	Died Point Lookout
3. Rebecca C. Sharrett	John N. Cheek, Co. B, 28 th VA Inf.	Died Point Lookout
4. Jane Clary Bermijo	Lewis H. Clements, Co. B, 18 th VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
5. Jane Clary Bermijo	Edward Clary, Co. G, 21 st VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
6. Page Williams Jones	Alonzo A. Williams, Co. F, 47 th NC Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
7. Norma S. Hill	Middleton H. Belcher, Co. H, 60 th VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
8. Patricia R. Dockery	Charles Allen Case, Co. G, 35 th NC Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
9. Rowland S. King	Sgt. Edward S. King, Co. D, 1 st MD Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
10. Ray W. Smith	David V. Smith, Co. I, 6 th NC Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
11. Michael Gravitt, Jr.	William Joseph Ward, Co. B, 13 th AL Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
12. Jerry J. Bayer	George H. Hughes, Co. I, 6 th VA Cav.	Died Point Lookout
13. Sharon Hilliard	Bernard A. Seay, Co. A, 14 th VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
14. Barbara J. Spears	Algernon C. Tyler, Co. B, 41 st VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
15. Forrest S. Daws	Pvt. David T. Daws, Co. A, 19 th MS Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
16. Pamela K. Jackson	Thomas E. Traylor, Co. I, 1 st VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
17. Hobert S. Halsey, Jr.	Byronn B. Hash, Co. D, 50 th VA Inf.	Died Point Lookout
18. Thomas Boardman	Callohill M. Newman, Co. B, 14 th VA Inf.	Died Point Lookout
19. J. Turner	Francis Eli Rodgers, Co. A, 7 th SC Cav.	Survived Point Lookout
20. Audra K. Edwards	Rev. Thomas Crymes, Co. B, 15 th GA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
21. William Rose, Sr.	26 th NC Regt. Band, 8 members who all	Survived Point Lookout
22. Robert T. Simmons	William A. Jackson, Co. C, 12 th VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
23. Dr. Arnold M. Huskins	James Reid Ellis, Co. H, 56 th NC Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
24. Susan L. Frise	William Lewis Stone, Co. C, 21 st VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
25. Keith D. Holyfield	Isaac Holyfield, Co D, 2 nd NC Jr Resv	Died Point Lookout
26. Janice E. McKenney	Wiley P. Kirkman, Co. G, 26 th NC Inf.	Died Point Lookout
27. Jefferson F. Ellett	John Driver, Co. K, 14 th NC Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
28. Christopher D. Cherry	Asbury Gwynn, Co. E, 61 st VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
29. Ginger Gentry	Booker Dove, Co. I, 53 rd VA Inf.	Died Point Lookout
30. Carole Snyder	Richard P. Mitchell, Co. G, 22 nd VA Inf.	Survived Point Lookout
31. Edwin Karnes	Adam Andrew Rinica Co. H. 33 rd VA Inf.	Died Point Lookout



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)

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First

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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 & mail to our Treasurer:

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