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& Friends of Confederate Memorial Park, Inc.*

❖ ❖ ❖ New Beginning.....Same Mission ❖ ❖ ❖

This year 2018, we mark our calendars not only as the 10th Anniversary of Confederate Memorial Park but also the year the Descendants Organization is back where they belong. Even though, we have items to straighten out, we are altogether. We all share a common bond and together our Ancestors who suffered at Point Lookout Prison will never be Forgotten and the Truth will remain alive!

Early December we did fall clean-up and planted 160 Spring Bulbs at CMP. Hopefully, they will all bloom next Spring.

For our First Year Together, we would like to let everyone know, there will be No Mandatory Donation to stay a Member of your Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War & Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc. Auxiliary Group. There are many things we have to accomplish at the Park and hopefully we can get things done together. We will have a list of items that we usually pay out of pocket and some large projects in the future that we'll ask for donations but for now we'd rather have our Point Lookout Descendants Family altogether.

Merry Christmas

and Have a Happy Healthy New Year!

Always for Their Memory,

Jim And Christina Dunbar

Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc

History of Confederate Memorial Park

On Oct 13th of this year, Confederate Memorial Park celebrated its 10th anniversary of the dedication of the park which occurred in Sept. of 2008. The celebration was held in conjunction with the Annual Memorial Service conducted by the local Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp at the Confederate Cemetery adjacent to Confederate Memorial Park.

Some weeks before the event, notice was sent to all known former members of the Descendants of Point Lookout Organization from a recently obtained list of former members, that an organizational meeting would be held during the dedication/memorial event. The purpose of the meeting was to resurrect the current non-active Descendants organization.

At that meeting, I presented a historical digest of Confederate Memorial Park and DOPL from its inception to where we are today as I remember it. This being our first newsletter under the new reorganization, I believe it would be an



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appropriate time to remind our former reinstated and potential membership where we now stand.

As I recall it being stated to me, it all started with a casual meeting with 3 people. Patricia Buck, Frank Ernest and another person whose name I do not recall. That was some 20 years ago. At that time, it was their intention to place a statue on the Point Lookout Cemetery grounds. A proposal to the United States Veterans Administration did not even get the courtesy of a reply. Also, sometime later the separate flagpole with the Battle Flag was removed from the Cemetery. When our organization held our annual gathering there, the contents of our program was censored.

At Point Lookout State Park where we reenacted the prison history, we were also censored. So it was decided that the Descendants organization would attempt to purchase a plot of land where we could hold our annual gatherings without censorship and interference.

We were fortunate to acquire a 3+ acre tract adjacent to the Cemetery. Settlement on the land with a deed was accomplished on April 9, 2002. The Cost was \$32,000. We paid off the 5-year loan for the property in less than 6 months, thanks to the generosity of donations.

A plan was adopted for a Memorial Park, a sculptor contracted to produce the statue, all zoning and building permits obtained and work began about 2004. A temporary flag pole was erected on the property to fly the Battle Flag.

With cash donations and donations of building material and equipment, work parties of our members and community individuals work progressed for the next 4 years. The Park was dedicated in September, 2008. Back in 2002 Confederate Memorial Park Inc. (CMP) was officially chartered to facilitate



the construction of the Park. The first chairman was Rick Palmer, I was Vice Chairmen and later I became Chairmen with Joe Dunbar as Vice Chairmen, Frank Towberman as Treasurer, Fran Towberman as Secretary and Steve DeFreytas as Historian. Our Maryland Corporate Charter was officially recognized by the IRS as a 501-3c tax-exempt charitable educational organization on March 3rd 2003. Our articles of incorporation were recorded on Nov. 15th 2002. I also obtained property tax exemption from the State and sales tax exemption.

CMP is free of debt, everything is paid for. To establish the Park, donations of cash, building material, equipment we used etc... amounted to approximately \$225,000.00. Our current major operating expenses are for insurance, monthly electric bill and flag replacement which totals approximately \$1,400.00 a year.

Bringing to light that DOPL members were never told there were two groups that ran separately. They also thought their membership and donations

were going to the support of Confederate Memorial Park, which they didn't. DOPL was never a 501-3c tax-exempt organization and after the unresponsiveness of the current president of DOPL, the situation was discussed and the result of the aforementioned organizational meeting that was held back in October, it was concluded to dissolve the current DOPL organization and create a new auxiliary organization under Confederate Memorial Park Inc., and the Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc. was born.

Jim Dunbar

Chairman Confederate Memorial Park Inc.



CMP, Inc. Minutes 10.13.18

Thank You, everyone, who attended the Point Lookout Memorial and Meeting.

After 81-mile winds and 5 ½ inches of rain Thursday evening the 11th of October, Confederate Memorial Park sustained no damage, but soaked fields and 126 people still came to attend The Point Lookout Memorial.

First, we would like to explain the Difference between Confederate Memorial Park Inc. (CMP) and Descendants of Point Lookout (DOPL.)

Back in 2004, when the Descendants (the organization was called PLPOW) purchased a parcel of land to build Confederate Memorial Park, the Descendant's organization was not a registered 501.c3, meaning it was not tax-exempt nor did the Descendants have liability insurance. Members, Jim Dunbar and Frank Towberman incorporated the Park, registered the park as a 501.c3 so all Donations would be tax-exempt and purchased insurance so not one person as an individual could be sued if anything should happen, especially building the Park, at Events, it also covers the buildings, statue and any damages to the park.

The Descendants organization ran separately; they were never a 501.c3; they never had a board nor did they have insurance. The dues went to the Descendants organization not the Park. A portion of the dues were supposed to go to the maintenance of the park however, CMP Inc. never received a penny since 2007. In 2007, the descendant's organization donated \$2000 for the POW/MIA flag pole. Patricia Buck was then the President of the Descendants organization, who in turn passed the Presidency down to William and Lori Hagin and the Organization became known as DOPL (Descendants of Point Lookout.). William and Lori Hagin turned the Presidency and all of DOPL's assets over to Stacy Harris in 2016 and since then no one has been able to communicate with Stacy. There has been no correspondence, no response to emails, phone calls or certified mail.

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. nor any of its members have any Assets of DOPL's. We have been looking into legal matters to collect DOPL's assets. Until then we do not know who paid for recent dues, metals or pins...etc.

Even though DOPL has not been active, we want everyone to know Confederate Memorial Park has always been maintained. The grass is cut every 7-10 days, spring and fall clean-up, flowers planted, parking lot improvement of drainage system, an equipment building, pavilion, information shelter have been constructed with a privy toilet. Waterproofing, tree trimming and especially all the flags are replaced at least twice a year or when needed.

Confederate Memorial Park was built on All Donations. It is one of the largest Privately-owned Confederate Parks in the United States. The Location of Confederate Memorial Park is adjacent to Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery and before the entrance to the Point Lookout State Park. You couldn't ask for a better location.

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. has always had a Board: Jim Dunbar Chairman, Christina Dunbar Vice Chairman, Betty Mann Secretary/Treasurer, Steve DeFreytas Historian and Brick Coordinator, Frank and Fran Towberman (former Secretary/Treasurer) presently Members at Large. Members at Large and Volunteers: Pete and Rosalyn Monsees, Dennis Spears, Bob Harper, Jessica Gatton, and Shaun Tippett

Because of the following repercussions DOPL has had on CMP Inc.,

1. Members were never told there were 2 groups that ran separately.
2. Members thought their dues were going to help out with the maintenance of Confederate Memorial Park.
3. DOPL was never a 501.c3.

Because of total lack of communication by the present President of DOPL, we voted at the meeting held Oct 13, 2018 to Dissolve DOPL in its present state and resurrect an

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Auxiliary Group under Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

“Descendants and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc.”

1. All Life Members will be honored. (Life Members will receive an email stating they are Life Members)
 2. All present members will be honored.
 3. There will be No Dues.
 4. There will be Membership: obtained by Donations which are Tax-Deductible.
 5. The website will be updated.
 6. Members will receive at least 2 information emails from the Chairmen yearly.
 7. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter, we're hoping to get out the 1st newsletter by Mid-December
 8. Members will receive a certificate.
 9. Members will be encouraged to help out at the Park, attend events or email us with any questions or concerns.
 10. There will still be an Annual Point Lookout Ceremony and Meeting.
- We are presently working on getting everything in place, emails straightened out and the website up-

dated. Al Perry has agreed to be our Editor of the “Parapet Chronicles.” Pamela Curtain has agreed to be our webmaster. We'll be working on a Facebook page: Susan Frise has agreed to be our Facebook Coordinator.

You will receive emails on our progress.

All Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made out to:

Confederate Memorial Park Inc.
c/o Betty Mann
410 Trail View Way
Friendswood TX 77546

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. still needs everyone's support, so it will be cherished for future generations.

Enjoy the pictures of The Point Lookout Memorial, Thanks to Nancy Hoffer, Pamela Curtin and Barbara Spears.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to always email us.

Thank You,

Jim and Christina Dunbar
Chairmen Confederate Memorial Park Inc.

confederatememorialparkplpow@gmail.com

Happenings at Confederate Memorial Park

On November 13, 2018 we had unexpected visitors from North Carolina come visit Confederate Memorial Park. Bobby Parker and Johnny Liles came to see where their Ancestors were held prisoners. Even though it was a dreary misty day, we enjoyed showing Bobby and Johnny the history of Point Lookout. Bobby's Ancestor was Private Andrew Duncan Parker Co. B, 24th Regiment North Carolina Infantry. Bobby's Ancestor survived Point Lookout Prison Camp. Johnny Liles Ancestor was Private Kinchen Liles Co. E, 7th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry and he died at Point Lookout Prison Camp. In the future we'll let Bobby and



Johnny write their Ancestors story. Thank You Bobby and Johnny, we really enjoyed your visit and hope you had an enjoyable time learning the History of Point Lookout and visiting Confederate Memorial Park. ❖

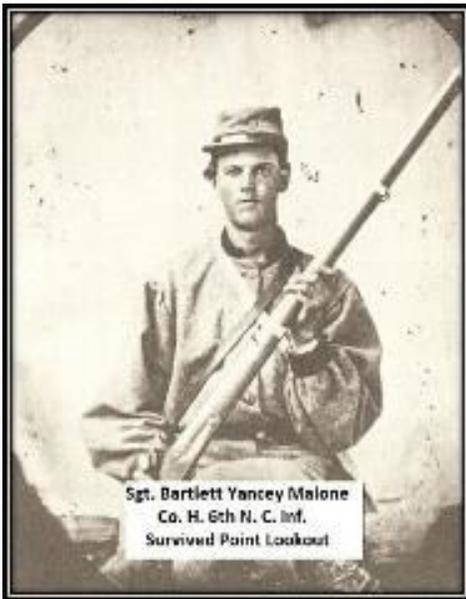


As we approach the Christmas Season our thoughts go back and think about many of our ancestors that may have been in prison at Point Lookout on Christmas Day. Two of those soldiers recorded in their diaries Christmas Day. **Sergeant Bartlett Yancey Malone, Co. H, 6th North Carolina Inf.** and **Private Charles Warren Hutt Co. K 40th Virginia Inf.**

Sgt. Malone's Diary Entries:

1863: "The 25th was Christmas day and it was clear and cool and I was both cold and hungry all day only got a piece of Bread and a cup of coffee for Breakfast and a small Slice of meat and a cup of Soup and five Crackers for Dinner and Supper I had none"

1864: "The 25th was Christmas day And a beautiful one it was. But I had nothing



Strong to drink and but little to eat I had Some loaf Bread fried Meat & Corn Coffee

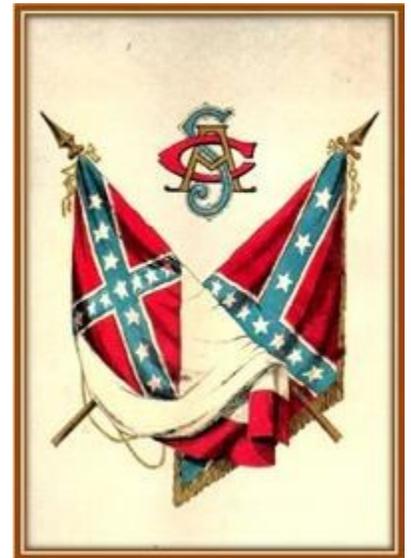
for breakfast and for dinner I had a cup of Split Pea Soup.

In the evening I went to the School house to meeting Mr. Carrol preached his text was in Zachariah 15th chapt 7 verse After preaching I went to the Comiseary and found that Mr. Walas had bet Mr. Barby five dollars that there was a man in Camp that could eat 5 lbs of Bacon and

3 Loafs of Bread each loaf weighing 2 lbs at one meal.

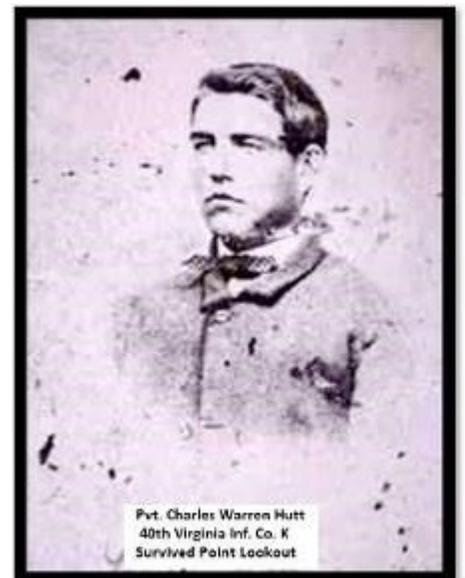
When I left he had only on 1/4 of a pound of Bacon and a half of a loaf of bread they Said he eat it all before he quit.

This man belonged to the 11th Ala: Regiment"



Pvt. Hutt Diary Entry:

"Sunday, December 25, 1864. Clear and pleasant. It is now Christmas which in days of yore I greet with pleasure. I have eaten apples, biscuits, drank tea. Am feeling very unwell as I took medicine." ♦





Our Ancestors

We'd Like to start the Ancestors Page with Jim and Christina's Ancestors even though we share the same Ancestors.

One of Jim's Ancestors that was imprisoned at Point Lookout was: Alexander "Sandy" Beale.

Alexander "Sandy" Beale was born June 24th 1839 in St. Mary's County Maryland. He enlisted in Charlottesville, Virginia Oct. 9th 1862. He was captured at Monterey Springs, PA on July 5th 1863 serving as Lee's rear guard in the Gettysburg Campaign. He was imprisoned at Fort Delaware and transferred to Point Lookout, later exchanged Christmas Eve, 1863.



Alexander "Sandy" Beale
and
Lucy Ann Dunbar Beale

He was captured near the war's end at Fredericks Hall, Virginia on March 13th 1865 and sent to Fortress Monroe, Virginia and transferred again to Point Lookout and later released May 15th 1865. Alexander was a Member of the George Emact Camp, United Confederate Veterans in Hyattsville, Maryland post war. Alexander died August 2nd 1924 and is buried in St. Michaels Cemetery in Ridge, Maryland a few miles from Point Lookout.

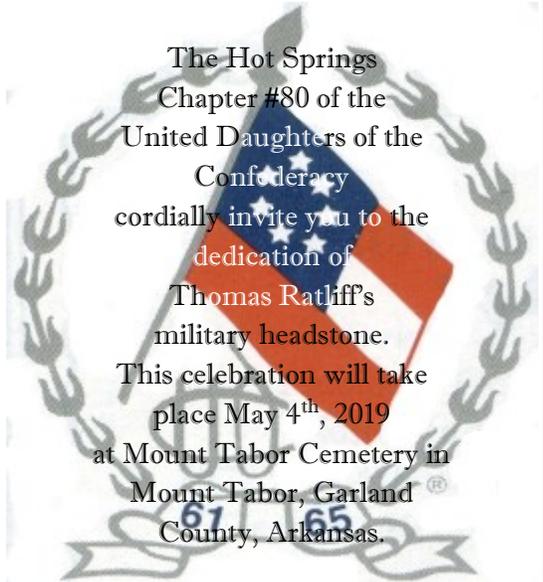
Christina's Ancestors that were imprisoned at Point Lookout were: Robert Abell and George Eccleston Paul.

Robert was Christina's Great, Great Grandfather. Robert was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1828. He married Jane Paul and had 5 children. Robert was a waterman and when he was imprisoned in 1865 Jane was pregnant with their 5th child. There are no records found that Robert was ever released, nor has any record been found on Robert's death. The only record recorded is that Robert was removed from the voter registration in 1868. George Paul was Robert's brother-in law and George was also a waterman. George was arrested in 1864 for suspicion of helping the enemy, however George was released from Point Lookout Prison Camp. George died June 13 1879 near Point No Point, Maryland. Robert and George were two of the many citizens of St. Mary's County that were imprisoned at Point Lookout. ❖

Special Events

Shared by Members

Dennis Spears will be honoring his 3rd Great Grandfather **Thomas Ratliff** with a Headstone Dedication on May 4th 2019, Mount Tabor, Arkansas.



If you have a special event that you would like to share with members please submit the event to: confederatememorialpark-plpow@gmail.com

or editor Al Perry:
asp3@planttel.net

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Pt. Lookout POW

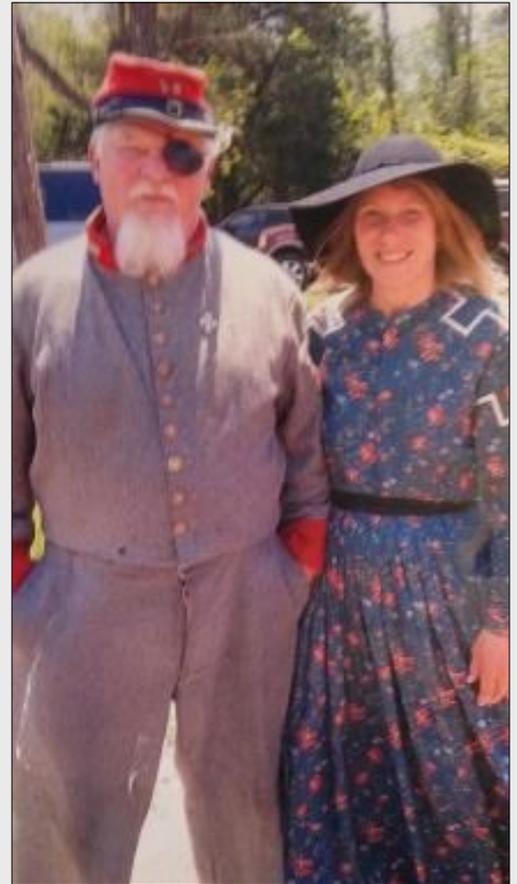
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October 12th

The bite of grief
tests the coin of belief.

~ unknown

Veterans' Day ~ 2018: All Veterans honored !



*Lest
we
forget*

"I myself see in this war, if the North triumph, a dissolution of the bonds of all society. It is not alone the destruction of our property, but the prelude to anarchy, infidelity and the ultimate loss of free responsible government on this continent.
~ Stonewall Jackson

INVITATION



What: Lee & Jackson Banquet

When: 6:00 pm on January 19, 2019

Where: King's Restaurant on US 70 east in Kinston, NC

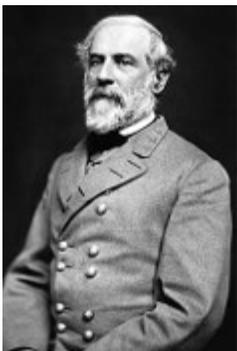
Why: To celebrate the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson

Who: Anyone who cherishes the memory of these two Southern heroes

The Goldsboro Rifles, The Dr. B. T. Person and the Smithfield Light Infantry Camps are hosting a Lee and Jackson Banquet. Please come and help us celebrate the birthdays of these two great men and Confederate leaders. It is General Lee's 212th and General Jackson's 195th birthday.

We are proud to have as our speaker for this banquet, one of our very own, Mike Parker of the CSS Neuse Camp here in Kinston, who will speak on Gen. Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. We are very pleased to have as our returning entertainer this year, Mr. Jimmy Aycock. I know you will be as pleased with his musical offerings as before.

The meal, as before, will be served family style and will consist of King's barbecue, fried chicken, Brunswick stew, slaw, potatoes, tea and hushpuppies.



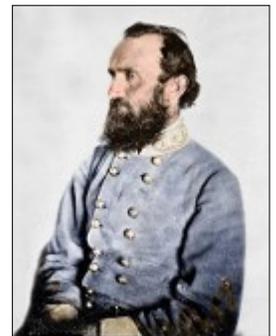
If you would like to be a part of this special celebration, please send your check made out to:

Allen Aycock—\$30.00/couple- \$15.00/single

Allen G. Aycock, Sr.

1128 Aycock Dairy Farm Road

Fremont, NC 27830



Please send it to Allen by January 14, 2019 so we can give the restaurant a head count in time for them to prepare for us. In the past, quite a few have waited to pay at the door. When you do that, we cannot give the restaurant an accurate head count, so, please, send your check to Allen. It really helps us as we want to have enough food and seating for everyone. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

Please feel free to pass this along to **ANYONE** that you think might like to attend. You do not have to belong to the SCV to be a part of this celebration. It is open to all General Lee and General Jackson admirers.

We will be having a silent auction again this year to raise money for the upkeep of the General Joseph E. Johnston Monument adjacent to Bentonville Battlefield. We encourage you to bring items for the auction. Who knows, someone else may bring just what you've been looking for and you might bring what he or she has been looking for. Items do not have to be War Between the States related items, **just any good items you would like to donate** to help the Smithfield Light Infantry Camp with the upkeep of the monument.

For questions, you may email me at gnfields@msn.com or call me at 919-778-9565.

Hope to see you at the banquet,

Glenn Fields

Goldsboro Rifles Camp 760

Memorial Brick Program

Good Evening,

Please, make out all checks for Donations and Brick orders to **CMP Inc.**

Send them to our Treasurer:

Betty Mann

410 Trail View Way

Friendswood, Texas 77546.

We have 12 Bricks orders ready to go to our Supplier. We will be sending out the order in a week. If Steve has confirmed your Ancestor please send your check in now for this set of Bricks. There will be only about 35 slots for bricks around the circle of the Monument down at CMP after this order. If you would like to order a Brick for your Ancestor you need to email Steve DeFreytas Historian/Brick Coordinator: stdebay@aol.com Steve will confirm your Ancestor was at Point Lookout and he can also inform you if there is already a brick at CMP for your Ancestor. After Steve has Confirmed your Ancestor Please Send your Check Made Out to: **CMP Inc.**

to Betty Mann our Treasurer.

Thank You Everyone for your Support

Jim and Christina Dunbar



Good Evening Everyone,

We hope everyone had a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

We would like to inform everyone that The New Name for your Auxiliary Group under Confederate Memorial Park Inc. will be "Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoners of War and Friends of Confederate Memorial Park Inc." We'd like to also explain because some members are confused: We are Not changing the name of Confederate Memorial Park; all donations and brick orders will still be written out to Confederate Memorial Park Inc. (CMP Inc.)

The Majority also voted to have the Point Lookout Memorial the 2nd Weekend in Oct. We would like to keep this date every year unless the local SCV changes the date of their Memorial Service.

Also, we would like to let everyone know we have 9 completed brick orders toward the needed 10 to

proceed with the next brick order to our suppli-

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er. We also have several members that have had their Ancestor confirmed by our Historian/Brick Coordinator Steve DeFreytas and we are just waiting for them to send in their check. If you would like to order a brick this is the time to do it otherwise the following brick order could take up to a year before we get enough orders. Please email Steve DeFreytas: stdebay@aol.com and have Steve confirm your ancestor. Steve can also inform you if your Ancestor already has a brick at Confederate Memorial Park. Once Steve confirms, please then send your check of \$55.00 made out to Confederate Memorial Park Inc to our Treasurer Betty Mann, 410 Trail View Way Friendswood, Texas 77546.

Thank You for Your Continued Support,
Jim and Christina Dunbar

EMMANUEL: God with us.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2: 1 ~ 7



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2019 DEADLINES

MARCH 1st ~ JUNE 1st

SEPTEMBER 1st ~ DECEMBER 1st

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Brick Orders in Honor of Their Ancestors to be installed at C.M.P.

Descendant	Ancestor	
1. Jean C. Moore	Asa Rash; Co. B, 55 th NC Inf.	Died Pt. Lookout
2. Mark A. Heiss	Thomas Wills; Co. B, 11 th VA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
3. Erin Garcia	James B. Overby; Co. H, 34 th NC Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
4. Frederick M. O'Connor	Augustus G. Morris; Co. G, 43 rd AL Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
5. Lena Beth Manchester	Garrett Calloway; Co. D, 11 th GA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
6. David Spalding	Thomas Payne; Co. A, 46 th VA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
7. Jane Clary Bermijo	William Henry Clary; Co. A, 21 st VA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
8. Jane Clary Bermijo	Robert Lee Taylor; Co. H, 30 th VA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
9. Barbara J. Spears	Algernon C. Tyler; Co. B, 41 st VA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
10. Barry Lenhart	Aylett Booten Yates; Co. D, 4 th VA Cav.	Survived Pt. Lookout
11. B. Kay Murdock Folsom	Thomas H. Murdock; Co. H 64 th GA Inf.	Survived Pt. Lookout
12. David Underdown	John W. Underdown; Co. F, 26 th N.C. Inf.	Died Pt. Lookout

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 lines with up to twenty 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.

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

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

Betty J. Mann; 410 Trail View Way; Friendswood, TX 77546-7862

Confederate Memorial Park Inc. Board Members:

Jim Dunbar: Chairman

Christina Dunbar: Vice Chairman

Betty Mann: Secretary/Treasurer

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Frank and Fran Towberman: Former Secretary/ Treasurer Presently Members at Large

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