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Prison Life At Fort Delaware

by Jeffery Forret

Second of two articles (see February 2000, Volume L), prison period 1863-1865, Prison Times Newspaper (1865), social life in the prison pens, jewelers, musicians, the Christian Association, etc.

Parole & Exchange

by R. Hugh Simmons

Dix-Hill Cartel (a general exchange agreement) signed July 22, 1862, legal definitions of parole, delivery, and exchange.

Brother Against Brother

by William E. Craven, Jr.

Family letters and genealogy of the Goldsborough family of Baltimore, Maryland; Major William Worthington Goldsborough, 2nd Battalion, Maryland Infantry, CSA, a POW at Fort Delaware, Immortal 600; Private Eugene Y. Goldsborough, Company C, 2nd Battalion, Maryland Cavalry, CSA, died at Fort Delaware, mother took body home; Dr. Charles E. Goldsborough, Assistant Surgeon, 5th Maryland Infantry, USA, POW in Libby Prison, Assistant Surgeon at Fort Delaware.

The Fort Delaware Prison Fund

by R. Hugh Simmons

Ration reduction for idle men; hospital fund; prison fund; role of the sutler; commissary operations; anti-scorbutics; scurvy;

Private William Davidson Young

by Warren Johnson

Young's Independent Battery, G for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; guards at Fort Delaware; Captain John Jay Young; Pittsburgh Heavy Artillery; Allegheny County; Gihon image; light artillery jacket.

The Reverend & Mrs. Jacob Ott Miller

by R. Hugh Simmons

Virginia Lightfoot McChesney Miller; York, Pennsylvania; First Reformed Church, York, Pennsylvania; Trinity Reformed Church; correspondence with prisoners of war at Fort Delaware; boxes for prisoners; money for prisoners; clothing; food; outside aid to the prisoners.

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by R. Hugh Simmons

Observations from the diary of Sergeant James H. Franklin, Company A, 4th Alabama Infantry; Law's Brigade; captured Gettysburg on July 2, 1863; first occupants of new prison barracks; enlisted prison pen; enlisted men's dining room; prison rations in the summer of 1863; Rogue's Square; Hell's Half Acre; Sutler's Store for prisoners; the water boat & Brandywine Creek; sent to Point Lookout in October 1863; born in England; a resident of Selma, Alabama after the war.

That Damned Old Secesh Preacher

by R. Hugh Simmons

The Reverend Isaac William Ker Handy; a civilian detainee from July 20, 1863 to October 13, 1864; political prisoner; personal diary; minister of the Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Virginia; Port Penn, Delaware; national Presbyterian Church politics; retribution and revenge; Welsh, the Fort Delaware sutler; Handy's brother-in-law William H. Purnell; released without taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Company Q: Fort Delaware's Union Army Prisoners

by R. Hugh Simmons

Union prisoners; United States Army courts-martial; court-martial sentence; deserters; convicts; bounty-jumpers; Reverend Handy's diary; diary of Private Andrew J. Hamilton, Battery G, Pittsburgh Heavy Artillery; "Bullfinch coat"; old barracks on parade ground inside Fort; wearing the ball & chain; hard labor; corporal punishment; political prisoners; Maryland Confederates sentenced by U. S. Army courts-martial.

Old Company Q: A Poem by "One Of The Number"

by Colonel Lester

Poem attributed to the mysterious "Colonel Lester" who was a political prisoner housed with Reverend Handy.

Letters From A Fort Delaware Guard

by Norma J. Kiger

Private William Hopes; Philadelphia; Hermann Segebarth's Marine Artillery; Company A, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery; stationed at Fort Delaware from January 13, 1862 until May 1, 1863; mail and packages from home; drill; mounting of heavy guns; punishment for desertion of taking "French leave"; paymaster; died at Andersonville in August 1864.

Rearming Fort Delaware

by Lee Jennings

Cannons; Columbiad seacoast howitzers; Rodman rifled guns; coast artillery; St. Barbara's medal; 8 inch Columbiad recovered in Allentown, Pennsylvania and purchased with the help of the Fort Delaware Society for display at Fort Delaware State Park.

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by Wm. E. Craven, Jr.

Six pound iron field guns cast at Bellona Foundry, Richmond, Virginia in 1820 & 1821; Wilmington Home Guard; Early's Raid in 1864; Old Town Hall, Wilmington, Delaware; Delaware National Guard; Paul Grimes of the Hagley Museum; Civil War Centennial Commission of the State of Delaware; Rob Howard.

The Rare Six Pounders

by Rob Howard

United States field artillery; 6-pound guns predecessor to the Civil War Napoleon's; Bellona Foundry; gun barrels (tubes); gun carriages; Anchorage Productions (Rob Howard's company); restoration work done on the two field artillery pieces.

Three Lonely Graves

by Thomas Massey, III

Fairview Cemetery, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania; Private James W. Alban, 12th Virginia Cavalry; Private M. R. Locklin, Company K, 3rd Georgia Infantry; Private W. H. Quaintance, Sharpshooters of Cupper Court House, Virginia. Died July – August 1863.

Dr. Edward S. Sharpe, A Civilian Detainee

by R. Hugh Simmons

Detained at Fort Delaware October 1862 - January 1863; medical doctor and resident of Salem, Salem County, New Jersey; outspoken anti-war & anti-Lincoln Administration Democrat; mid-term fall elections 1862; politics of loyalty & disloyalty; copperheads; peremptory arrest; Salem County Historical Society; released without taking the Oath of Allegiance.

Pennsylvania Volunteers at Fort Delaware

by R. Hugh Simmons

Commonwealth Independent Company of Heavy Artillery (1861, Captain James E. Montgomery, Philadelphia).

Collis' Company of Zouaves de Afrique (1861, Captain Charles H. T. Collis, 114th Pennsylvania Infantry, Philadelphia).

Independent Battery A, Pennsylvania Volunteers (1861-1865, Captain Frank Schaffer, Captain Stanislaus Mlotkowski, Philadelphia).

2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, Companies D, G, and H (January – March 1862, Captain James S. Anderson, Philadelphia).

Jones' Independent Battery, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (February – November 1862, Captain Paul T. Jones, transferred as Battery L, 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery).

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Schooley's Independent Battery, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (February – November 1862, Captain David Schooley, transferred as Battery M, 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery).

Segebarth's Battalion, Marine and Fortification Artillery (February 1862 – May 1, 1863, Company A, Captain John S. Stevenson, Company B, Captain Franz von Schilling, both companies from Philadelphia, transferred as Batteries A and B, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery).

Company A, 74th Pennsylvania Infantry (August – December 1862, Captain A. von Hartung, recruited from Philadelphia German immigrants).

157th Battalion, Pennsylvania Infantry (February-June 1863, sent to the Army of the Potomac, survivors merged with 191st Pennsylvania Infantry).

Battery M, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery (July 1863, composed of "Galvanized Yankees" recruited from among disgruntled Confederate POWs in the Fort Delaware prison pen

196th Pennsylvania Infantry (100 day militia, sent to Fort Delaware in November 1864 to be mustered out).

201st Pennsylvania Infantry (one year service, sent to Fort Delaware May 25, 1865 for three weeks, mustered out June 21, 1865 at Harrisburg).

215th Pennsylvania Infantry (100 day militia, dispersed companies collected at Fort Delaware May 31, 1865, mustered out in Philadelphia on July 31, 1865).

Company Q Barracks Sketched by Max Neugas

by R. Hugh Simmons

Company Q was pre-war army slang for slackers and shirkers, a term used during the Civil War to describe Union army prisoners sentenced by courts-martial to serve hard time; United States Army courts-martial; deserters; convicts; bounty-jumpers; housed in temporary wooden barracks built on parade ground inside the Fort and torn down in 1864.

Treason Was Afoot!

by R. Hugh Simmons

Charles Perrin Smith, a Republican politician from Salem County, New Jersey and Clerk of the New Jersey State Supreme Court in 1861; claims to have drawn national attention to the defenseless condition of Fort Delaware in April 1861; accused Captain Augustus Abel Gibson, 2nd U. S. Artillery and commander at Fort Delaware of associating with "known Rebel sympathizers"; patronage issue; Smith, a former supporter of the anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic "Know Nothing" party seemed to be taking issue with the hiring of Irish Catholic civilian workers hired at Fort Delaware during Captain Gibson's tenure as Post Commander.

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Photos of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ott Miller

by R. Hugh Simmons

Jacob Ott Miller, Virginia Lightfoot McChesney Miller; Trinity Reformed Church in York, Pennsylvania; prisoner's aid society.

Doctor Haynie's Poem

Copied from Reverend Isaac W. K. Handy's diary. Dr. Haynie was described by Dr. Handy as "*one of Morgan's surgeons who has lately put forth the following effusion which is worth transcribing as a specimen of our Island poetry, and for the important local history involved.*"

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Delaware River Mined During The War With Spain

by William C. Gaines

1895-1906; submarine mine warfare; mine control casemate; cable gallery; wet storage tanks; torpedo storehouse; Major Charles W. Raymond, District Engineer, Philadelphia District; Engineer Battalion from Fort Totten (Willet's Point, New York); 139th Mine Company, Coastal Artillery Corps.

Civil War Burials on Pea Patch Island

by R. Hugh Simmons

Union and Confederate dead buried on Pea Patch Island prior to June 1, 1863; soldier's burial ground across the Delaware River in Salem County, New Jersey was selected for burial of Confederate dead after June 1, 1863; New Jersey burial ground designated as Finns Point National Cemetery in 1875; dead from Pea Patch Island, Union and Confederate, exhumed and removed to Finns Point.

August Koecher, Philadelphia's Independent Battery A, Fort Delaware Guard

by John Potter

German immigrant born Lowenstein, Saxony, Prussia; foundry work as chandler before the war; enrolled in Independent Battery A (Shaffer & Mlotkowski's company) in September 1861; honorable discharge September 19, 1864. August, wife Catherine, and surviving children left Philadelphia and moved to Minnesota in 1877.

Brigadier General John Robert Jones, CSA

by Wm. E. Craven, Jr.

One of 14 Confederate general officers held at Fort Delaware; Jones graduated from VMI in 1848; First Captain of the Corps of Cadets; raised the Rockingham Confederates which became Company L, 33rd Virginia Infantry in 1861; promoted to brigadier general June 25, 1862 under Stonewall Jackson; resigned after Chancellorsville; captured at a civilian in Maryland on July 4, 1863, treated as a Confederate general officer and held until July 1865; transferred to Johnson's Island in July 1863.

Over On Pea Patch Island

From Handy's diary: *"Had some talk, on the bank, this afternoon, with a young Pennsylvanian, named Hackman, who is an attendant at the hospitals. He was sent South on account of his principles, and is now a prisoner, having been captured at Gettysburg. -Like myself, he is gathering up the Island poetry; and at my request, furnished me with the following rhymes, which he found in the barracks--."*

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In Memoriam

Leah L. Roedel, 1916-2003, "First Lady of State Parks" and a member of the Board of Directors of the Fort Delaware Society for 17 years.

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The Missing Piece

by Dan J. Cashin

Fort Delaware Society archives holds a piece of a Union flag carried by Private Henry Thomas Peters, Company H, 2nd Delaware Infantry while a prisoner of war at Andersonville in 1864; captured at Briscoe Station on October 14, 1863; tore regimental colors into pieces before capture; flag scrap kept by Private Peters when he returned home to Wilmington, DE; member of Camp No. 34, Union Veteran's League; flag fragment donated to Society by descendant Milton McCann of Wilmington in 1963.

Prisoner of War Delivery Places on the James River in Virginia

by R. Hugh Simmons

Dix Hill Cartel (a general exchange agreement) signed on July 22, 1862; Aiken's Landing (aka Varina Landing); City Point; Cox's Landing; Boulware's Wharf; Lieutenant Colonel William H. Ludlow, Federal Agent of Exchange; Confederate Colonel Robert Ould, Agent of Exchange in Richmond; Confederate Captain W. H. Hatch, Assist. Agent of Exchange.

"Bivouac of the Dead," A 19th Century Poem by Theodore O'Hara

by Rich Thompson

Memorial Tablets in Finns Point National Cemetery marking the east end of the Confederate burial trenches; Department of Veterans Affairs.

Daniel W. Burgner, Ahl's Delaware Battery, A Fort Delaware Guard

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Daniel W. Burgner was enrolled in Company D, 61st Tennessee Infantry in the fall of 1862 during a Confederate recruiting raid into eastern Tennessee; captured at Big Black Bridge on May 17, 1863; delivered to Fort Delaware June 15, 1863; "galvanized" and joined Ahl's Battery at Fort Delaware in July 1863; died of smallpox at Fort Delaware on October 23, 1864 and buried on Pea Patch Island; remains now interred in Finns Point National Cemetery.

Patrick Hogan, The Immortal 600

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Patrick Hogan, enrolled in the Rockbridge Greys at VMI which became Company H, 4th Virginia Infantry; elected 2nd Lieutenant on September 25, 1862; captured at Spotsylvania Court House on May 12, 1864 and delivered to Fort Delaware; selected to be among the Immortal 600; survived the ordeal, returned to Fort Delaware and released upon taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 17, 1865.

Christopher Mengis, A POW at Fort Delaware

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Christopher Mengis was a German immigrant in New Orleans; enrolled as a Private in the Crescent City Blues Company B; sent to Virginia, this independent company eventually became Company K,

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15th Louisiana Infantry; captured at South Mountain during the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg on July 5, 1863; arrived at Fort Delaware July 7, 1863; paroled for exchange, delivered to Confederate authorities at Boulware's & Cox's Wharves on the north bank of the James River March 10/12, 1865; furloughed home; made his way to Vicksburg, married, and was a resident there to the end of his life.

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Trinity Chapel on Pea Patch Island

by R. Hugh Simmons

Cornerstone laid, building consecrated by the Right Reverend Alfred Lee, D.D., the Episcopal Bishop of Delaware on September 12, 1863. Gothic style Trinity Chapel was completed around May 1, 1864. Located outside the walls at the northeast bastion of the Fort. Intended for the use of the garrison and for services of all denominations. Erected by Confederate volunteers from the prison pen, plus skilled members of the garrison, and Union army convicts in Company Q. Roman Catholic Bishop James F. Wood of Philadelphia conducted services for the Confederate prisoners of war in Trinity Chapel in March 1865. Chapel was badly damaged by the hurricane of 1878 and demolished in 1894 at the beginning of the Spanish-American War period. Post Chaplain: Reverend E. J. Way, Methodist; Hospital Chaplain: Reverend William H. Paddock.

Galvanized Yankees from Fort Delaware in the 1st Connecticut Cavalry

by R. Hugh Simmons

The states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania were allowed to recruit "volunteers" from among disgruntled Confederate POWs at Fort Delaware in the summer of 1863. "Galvanized Yankees" was a derogatory term that came to be applied to Confederate soldiers who renounced their enlistment oath to the Confederate States and took an Oath of Allegiance to the United States. Generally released into northern Society prior to 1863, during the last two years of the war most were enrolled in Union army service. Company G, 1st Connecticut Cavalry recruited 82 men at Fort Delaware in the summer of 1863, company served briefly around Baltimore, and was then sent was an independent company of U. S. volunteers to Minnesota in the spring of 1864 to fight the native Americans on the northwest frontier. Camp Cheeseborough; Fort Ridgely; Snelling; St. Paul, Minnesota.

Victor Braud, Released Upon Taking Oath, Finds "Job" in Union Army

by Arthur W. Bergeron, Jr.

Private Victor Braud enrolled in Company B (Baton Rouge Fencibles), 7th Louisiana Infantry at Baton Rouge in March 1862; straggler, captured on July 14, 1863 at Falling Waters, Maryland; sent to Old Capitol Prison; took Oath of Allegiance on December 13, 1863; enrolled as substitute for Oliver Benner in Company A, 104th Pennsylvania Infantry; resided in Berwick (near Wilkes-Barre), Pennsylvania after the war.

An 1861 Letter from Private Robert D. Coxe

transcribed by R. Hugh Simmons

Private Robert D. Coxe, Commonwealth Independent Company, Heavy Artillery; 100 day volunteers from Philadelphia under Captain James E. Montgomery organized in April 1861 and rushed to Fort Delaware; described as among the "brightest and best of Philadelphia society"; mustered out in Philadelphia on August 5, 1861; later enrolled in

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Pennsylvania militia units (7th Pennsylvania Infantry, 32nd Pennsylvania Infantry) in response to the Confederate invasions of 1862 and 1863; . an attorney-at-law and resident of Glenolden Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania after the war.

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Plane Crash on Pea Patch Island

by William E. Craven, Jr.

A single engine, six passengers Beechcraft Bonanza crashed on the northeast corner of Pea Patch Island on January 26, 2003 killing both occupants of the plane. The dead were Richard C. Meyer, 67, and his wife Judy, 63, of Chapin, South Carolina. This was the second plane crash at this site. During W. W. II, a P-38 Army Air Force plane piloted by Captain David R. Raub crashed on December 15, 1944. Captain Raub was killed.

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Five Paroled Union Prisoners from Ohio Who Died at Fort Delaware in 1862 by Daniel H. Reigle

Paroled Union prisoners of war returned from Virginia in the fall of 1862 under the terms of the Dix-Hill Cartel; Fort Delaware served as parole camp for these paroled Union POWs while they awaited exchange; buried on Pea Patch Island, remains transferred to Finns Point National Cemetery in November 1875; survivors were transferred from Fort Delaware to the Annapolis Parole Camp in December 1862 and declared exchanged; biographical sketches for:

Private George M. Cargill, Company E, 29th Ohio Infantry
Private James M. Cookes, Company I, 66th Ohio Infantry
Private David Merrill Humes, Company A, 66th Ohio Infantry
Private Andrew N. Moore, Company G, 4th Ohio Infantry
Private Darius Sterling, Company F, 66th Ohio Infantry

Colonel John Henry Waring, A Maryland Citizen Imprisoned at Fort Delaware by R. Hugh Simmons

Prominent land owner in Prince Georges County, Maryland; sentenced by military commission; three sons served in 1st Maryland Cavalry, CSA; a biographical sketch; narrative by daughter Elizabeth Margaret Waring Duckett including her visit to Fort Delaware, observations by Reverend Isaac W. K. Handy.

Leopold Gošnik, A Prisoner of War at Fort DuPont, 1944-1945
by Irena Tršinar

Slovenian conscript into the German army in 1942; captured in North Africa by the British in 1943; POW sent to Scotland, then Roswell, New Mexico; played in Camp Roswell orchestra; assistant to Camp Roswell dentist; transferred to Fort DuPont POW Camp in 1944; attendant in Fort DuPont Officer's Mess; return to Yugoslavia after the war; career as dental technician; suffered discrimination under the communist Yugoslav regime; out of the shadows with the demise of the communist regime.

Brigadier General James J. Archer, A Maryland Confederate
by George M. Contant

Brigade commander in the Army of Northern Virginia; captured on the first day at Gettysburg; arrived at Fort Delaware 5 JUL 1863, transferred to Johnson's Island on 18 JUL 1863; returned to Fort Delaware 24 JUN 1864, and sent away the next day as member of The First Fifty to Charleston, SC; paroled & exchanged 4 AUG 1864; died 16 OCT 1864 before he could return to duty; prison experience described.

The Great Fresh Beef Scandal
by Dr. Joel D. Citron

A defense of Captain Gilbert S. Clark, Acting Assistant Commissary and Post Commissary at Fort Delaware; prison rations; purchase and issuance

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of beef to the prisoners and garrison; anonymous charges of corruption; July 1864 Board of Survey investigation and findings; government beef supplier was the firm of Barnhart & Barnes, later Holtz & Barnhart.

Private William Raybon Overstreet
by Nick Linville

Biographic sketch; enrolled in Company I (the Jasper Blues), 2nd Florida Infantry; captured during the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg; died at Fort Delaware of anemia on October 17, 1863; buried on the "Jersey shore" in Finns Point National Cemetery.

A Picture from the Past

A biographical sketch of "Mr. Chips", a canine guard employed on Pea Patch Island in the 1970's.

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"Weddie", Mrs. Elizabeth Margaret Waring Duckett, Daughter of Colonel John Henry Waring [p. 13]

Caution: this image turns out to be a well documented photo of Hetty Cary Pegram misidentified in the article as Mrs. Duckett by Waring family genealogy researchers. See retraction printed in the February 2008 issue of *Fort Delaware Notes*, page 45. Editor.

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Brigadier General J. Johnston Pettigrew, First Confederate General Officer Held Prisoner at Fort Delaware by Beverley A. Ramsey

Biographical sketch of the first Confederate general officer to be held as a prisoner of war at Fort Delaware; wounded and captured Fair Oaks Station on May 31, 1862, General Pettigrew was allowed to stay on parole in Baltimore at Guy's Monument House, a fashionable hotel; Radical Republican outrage over issue of "being soft on Rebels" resulted in his transfer to Fort Delaware in June 1862; paroled for exchange and delivered under the Dix-Hill Cartel on 5 AUG 1862; returned to duty; mortally wounded July 13, 1863 at Falling Waters, Maryland, died four days later in nearby Bunker Hill, West Virginia; born in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

The "Dark Cells" at Fort Delaware
by R. Hugh Simmons

Union army prisoners; the non-judicial punishments of close confinement and solitary confinement as applied at Fort Delaware are described; holding cells; bread and water; discussion of treatment of Union army enlistees enrolled in the Pennsylvania volunteers who later claimed protection of the British Crown; Lieutenant Colonel Delavan Perkins in command of Fort Delaware; interaction with representative of the British Foreign Secretary in 1863.

Nathan Boone Lusk, Jr., The Immortal 600
by Judy Griffin

Biographical sketch; 2nd Lieutenant Nathan B. Lusk, Jr., Company G, 12th South Carolina Infantry; captured May 6, 1864 in the Battle of the Wilderness; among the Immortal 600, captured Confederate officers placed under the guns on Morris Island, South Carolina in September 1864; held at Fort Pulaski where they were badly treated; survived ordeal, returned to Fort Delaware in March 1865, and was released upon taking the Oath of Allegiance on June 16, 1865; post-war resident of Marshall County, Alabama.

Elon Jones Way, Post Chaplain, 1862-1865
by Frederick Seyfert, D. Min.

Ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; pastored congregations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware; appointed pastor of the Delaware City Methodist Episcopal Church in 1861; appointed Post Chaplain at Fort Delaware in November 1862; resigned position in June 1865 when the war was over; twice widowed, Reverend Way married a third time to Delaware City widow Mrs. Mary First Robertson; couple gave property for the Delaware City Cemetery where both are buried.

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Robert Rion Lucas, A "Citizen" of West Virginia

by R. Hugh Simmons

Private, 1st Virginia Cavalry; detained as a "*Citizen of Jefferson County, Virginia in Rebel service owing allegiance to the U. S. [who] did take up arms against the U. S. and join the Confederate service and repeatedly give aid and encouragement to guerillas in and about Jefferson County, Virginia*"; released June 21, 1865; brought home to Shepherdstown, West Virginia a violin purchased collectively by Confederate prisoners in 1862 and handed around the prison community with the understanding that the last man liberated would be the final owner; the Lucas Violin is part of the Fort Delaware Society archives collection; extensive correspondence with Miss Sallie Stroup, New Castle, DE.

Four Bounty Jumpers Sentenced to Hard Labor at Fort Delaware

by R. Hugh Simmons

Union army soldiers sentenced to hard labor by Union army courts-martial in September 1864 and sent to Fort Delaware; charged with desertion and violation of the 22nd Article of War; Company Q.

Edward Korpee, Company A, 166th Pennsylvania Volunteers
John Smith alias John Hoffef, 41st Massachusetts Volunteers
James Nolan alias John O'Neil, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteers
Cornelius Toomy, Company E, 2nd District of Columbia Volunteers

Dr. Theophilus H. Turner, A Contract Surgeon at Fort Delaware

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; first contract surgeon hired by Brigadier General Albin F. Schoepf in May 1863; resident of Hope, New Jersey; graduate of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; took "Iron Bound Test Oath" required of civilian employees and military officers in after 1862; promoted to Assistant Surgeon, US Volunteers in 1864 and transferred to an artillery brigade at Cumberland, Maryland; applied for retention in post-war army, transferred to the frontier; Post Surgeon, Fort Wallace, Kansas, died of disease in 1869 at Fort Wallace.

"Hettie" versus "Weddie", A Correction

by R. Hugh Simmons, Editor, Fort Delaware Notes

Image identified as Elizabeth Margaret Waring Duckett by Waring family researchers and published as such in the February 2007 issue of the Fort Delaware Notes (see page 45 of that issue) was in fact someone else. Dr. John Coski, Chief Historian and Librarian at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia confirmed that this is a well documented image of Hetty Cary Pegram. A now deceased member of the Waring family had noted on the back of the image "Weddie" and latter day researchers assumed that meant the photo was of Mrs. Duckett. This was popular image of Mrs. Pegram circulated circa 1900. This one was given to Mrs. Duckett

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Provost Marshal's Holding Cell, Sally Port at Fort Delaware, View from Drawbridge [cover photo]

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Allen Christian Redwood, Illustrator of Reverend Handy's Diary

By Stephen Davis

Condensed biographical sketch written by Stephen Davis and published in the October 1984 issue of *Civil War Times Illustrated*; Redwood served as Private in Company C, 55th Virginia Infantry, and later in Company C 1st Maryland Cavalry, CSA; described by Confederate General Bradley Johnson after the war as "*the best drawer of the Confederate soldier who has ever lived*"; resident of Baltimore after the war; wrote articles published in *Scribner's Monthly* magazine in 1878; created woodblock images used to illustrate Reverend Isaac W. K. Handy's Diary.

1st Lieutenant James Barroll Washington, A Fort Delaware POW in 1862 by Beverly A Ramsey

Biographical sketch; son of Lewis Corbin Washington, grandson of the half-brother to President George Washington and Washington's closest living relative at the time; 1st Lieutenant & Aide-de-Camp to Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston; captured at Fair Oaks in June 1862; West Point classmate of George Armstrong Custer; Library of Congress photo of the two young officers seated on a overturned army rations box before Washington was sent off to military prison; served as temporary aide-de-camp to General Johnston Pettigrew at Fort Delaware; a post-war resident of Baltimore, Maryland; custodian of memorabilia from General George Washington; maintained ties to the Custer family.

A Letter from Annapolis

by R. Hugh Simmons

Paroled Union prisoners in parole camp at Fort Delaware; Private J. Hamilton Armstrong, Company K, 66th Ohio Volunteers; captured at Port Republic in Virginia June 9, 1862 and held in Confederate POW camps at Lynchburg and on Belle Isle in Richmond; released on parole, delivered to Fort Delaware on September 17, 1862; wrote to hometown newspaper describing trip through Chesapeake & Delaware Canal from Fort Delaware to Camp Parole at Annapolis, Maryland December 20/21, 1862; comparison of conditions at the two locations.

William Preston Johnston, Aide-de-Camp to Jefferson Davis

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; son of Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston; commissioned into Confederate service from the State of Kentucky; appointed Colonel of Cavalry & Aide-de-Camp to Confederate President Jefferson Davis in 1862; captured with President Davis in Georgia and delivered to Fort Delaware on May 22, 1865; letter to wife written from Fort Delaware on July 4, 1865 describing his imprisonment; released in July 1865; post-war law practice in Louisville, Kentucky; Professor of History and Political Economy at Washington College (now Washington & Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia; wrote biography of his father;

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served as President, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge (1880-1883) and as President, Tulane University in New Orleans (1883-1899).

Thomas B Brown, 1st Sergeant, Ahl's Battery

by Alfred Wilson

Ahl's Battery was credited to the State of Delaware, but the vast majority of its enlisted men came from the Confederate prison pen at Fort Delaware; biographical sketch; enrolled at Camp Boone, Tennessee as Private, Company D, 3rd Regiment, Kentucky Mounted Infantry; captured May 16, 1863 at the Battle of Champion Hill; arrived at Fort Delaware in June 1863; took the Oath of Allegiance and enrolled in Ahl's Battery in July 1863; selected to be company 1st Sergeant; married Margaret Thomassin of Delaware City in St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church on September 11, 1864; mustered out July 25, 1865; returned with Margaret to her native state of Louisiana; moved to Missouri, divorced in 1884, and moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas; occupations included Deputy U. S. Marshal; died in 1922 and buried in the Fort Smith National Cemetery.

George Washington Newell, A POW in the Citizen's Barracks at Fort Delaware by Roger A. Bullard

Biographical sketch; conscripted into the Confederate army and assigned to Company D, 53rd North Carolina Infantry; captured at Gettysburg; asked to take the Oath of Allegiance but apparently unwilling to serve in the Union army; housed separately away from the other Confederate POWs with Anderton's Squad [Private William T. Anderton, Company G, 9th Virginia Infantry] in the Citizens Barracks; regarded as "galvanized" by the other Confederates; wrote letter in November 1864 to George Hay Stuart, Chairman of the United States Christian Commission complaining about not being released; endorsement by Chaplain William H. Paddock indicates there were 200 to 300 of these "citizen" prisoners being held; released by special orders on April 2, 1865; returned home to North Carolina, attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Greenville, South Carolina, called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilson, Franklin County, North Carolina.

Thomas Thompson, Private, Company G, 196th Ohio Infantry at Fort Delaware, August-September 1865 by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Private Thompson enlisted for one year's service on February 27, 1865; initially sent to Camp Chase with the 187th Ohio Infantry, he was transferred on March 23, 1865 to Company G, 196th Ohio Infantry; sent to the Valley of Virginia; company transferred to Fort Delaware at the end of July 1865; regiment mustered out at Baltimore, Maryland on September 11, 1865.

A Stranger Among Us, Easton, Pennsylvania's Rebel, Lieutenant Harry Warfield Coleman by Carole J. Heffley

Biographical sketch; 1st Lieutenant, Company H, Miles's Legion, Louisiana Infantry; family connections to Vicksburg, Mississippi; captured at Port Hudson, Louisiana; arrived at Fort Delaware on April 28, 1865; died May

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20. 1865; body removed by brother-in-law Theodore Fitz Randolph to Easton Cemetery and buried in a family plot; Randolph was a successful railroad owner heavily involved in the coal hauling business, a member of the New Jersey Assembly and the Senate, and elected Governor of New Jersey in 1869.

A Picture from the Past

A 1950 view of the Fort Delaware parade ground showing members of the Society visiting. The narrow gauge railroad tracks used during the Endicott Period (the Spanish-American War) and W. W. I to move ammunition and supplies around was still in place. Grounds over grown with brush and small trees. Fort Delaware State Park has come a long way from this initial image.

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The Charleston Affray, Civilian Detainees at Fort Delaware

By David P. Price

Copperheads (Peace Democrats, aka "butternuts") in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois engaged in a brief gunfight with local Union soldiers from the 54th Illinois Infantry on March 28, 1864; 15 men detained without trial and sent to Fort Delaware; released on direct orders of President Abraham Lincoln dated November 4, 1864; analysis of the politics of southern Illinois during the Civil War.

Thomas Benton Bush, Private, Company F, 60th Virginia Infantry

by Alvin G. Bush, Jr.

Biographical sketch; descended from Revolutionary War ear German immigrants and a resident of Gilmer County, Virginia; enrolled in Confederate service on November 13, 1862; captured with General Early's forces on March 2, 1865, sent via Harper's Ferry to Fort Delaware; released after the war was over on June 27, 1865; resident of Glenville, Gilmer County, West Virginia, a member of the Knights of Pythias.

A Letter from Fort Delaware, Gilbert Averill Pendleton, Independent Battery G transcribed by Richard H. Cole, Jr.

Independent Battery G, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Allegheny County; written May 12, 1863 from Fort Delaware at the beginning of the Schoepf period; Dix-Hill Cartel still being honored relative to Confederate enlisted prisoners, hence arriving POWs are promptly paroled for exchange and sent away; description of garrison rations and duties.

The Oath of Allegiance as Administered at Fort Delaware

by R. Hugh Simmons

The standard pre-war officer's oath of office was modified to reflect the situation providing an Oath of Allegiance for prisoners of war released in 1861 and 1862. The Ironclad (aka Ironbound) Test Oath for government employees accommodated Radical Republican concerns about past loyalty, as well as current and future loyalty. President Lincoln developed an Amnesty Oath as part of his Ten Per Cent Plan for reconstruction. Prisoners released from Fort Delaware from March 1864 through May 1865 took Lincoln Amnesty Oath. Following President Lincoln's death, Andrew Johnson developed his own amnesty plan and revised the Amnesty Oath. Prisoners released from Fort Delaware in June and July 1865 first took the War Department's Oath of Allegiance, and then had the option to take the Johnson Amnesty Oath. Confederate officers above the rank of Captain had to take the Johnson Amnesty Oath first and apply to the Office of the President for a pardon. If pardon was forth coming, they were released upon taking the War Department's Oath of Allegiance. Examples of these various oaths given at different times at Fort Delaware are provided with close attention to the language used.

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Memoirs of a Philadelphia Woman

by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Margaret Anna Parker Knobeloch was married to a German immigrant and had family ties to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Charleston, South Carolina. Her husband returned to Germany to avoid Union army service and Mrs. Knobeloch provided aid to Confederate prisoners of war at Fort Delaware from the fall of 1862 through much of 1863. Meantime, her mother and sister moved from Charleston to Newberry, South Carolina where the family resided after the war. Her memoirs were written in 1905 and describe events during Major Henry Stanton Burton's tenure as Post Commander at Fort Delaware.

Major Henry Stanton Burton, Post Commander, August–November 1862 by R. Hugh Simmons

Biographical sketch; Major Henry Stanton Burton was a West Point graduate and veteran of service in California during the War with Mexico. He married Maria Ampara Ruiz, a daughter of the Mexican land owning class in Upper and Lower California. Burton remained in California after the war as an American military officer. Promoted to Major, he was recalled to Fort Delaware in 1862, briefly commanded the post. and was then superseded. An experienced artillery officer, he later commanded an artillery brigade with the Army of the Potomac during the early stages of the siege of Petersburg in 1864. Felled by malaria, he was given command of the 5th U. S. Artillery regiment. Promoted to Brigadier General for his services at Petersburg, he was sent to Fort Monroe where he was in charge of ex-Confederate President Jefferson Davis during the second year of Davis' incarceration. Following Davis' release, General Burton was sent to command Fort Adams at Newport, Rhode Island and died there shortly after his arrival on April 4, 1869 suffering from a recurring bout with malaria. Maria Ruiz de Burton returned to California and wrote two English language novels about the American occupation of California by the Americans after the War with Mexico.

Childhood Memories of Fort DuPont, 1933 to 1939

by Neil Lewis

Author Neil Lewis was the son of Staff Sergeant Fay G. Lewis, a member of the regimental band of the 1st U. S. Engineer regiment stationed at Fort DuPont. Born in Walter Reed Army Hospital shortly before his family moved to Fort DuPont. His recollections of life at the Post are those of a very young child.

A Picture from the Past

Neil Lewis provided an original of the wide angle group photo of the Regimental band, 1st U. S. Engineers at Fort DuPont on August 1, 1936.

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