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***** NEXT MEETING *****
Wed, February 21st @ - 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation

The Captured New Jersey Civil War Flags with Dr. David G Martin

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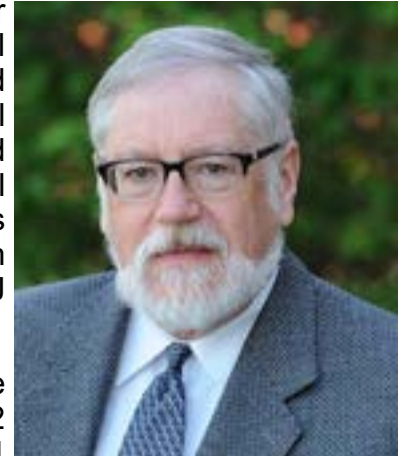
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Seven New Jersey Civil War Regiments lost their flags to the enemy during the Civil War, for a total of nine flags. Dr. David G. Martin, a noted award winning author, historian, and New Jersey Civil War Flag expert, will discuss the history behind all these flags, including their flag bearers as well as his research and role behind New Jersey's Civil War Flag collection at the State Museum and the efforts to get the historic Civil War NJ flags back into public view.



Dr. David G. Martin, Ph.D.

The regiment captured flags featured will be the 1st New Jersey Cavalry (CN 2) during the 1862 Valley Campaign, 2nd NJVI (CN 9) and 4th NJVI (CN 25) at Gaines Mill, 7th NJVI at the Wilderness, 10th NJVI, which lost their flag twice at Richmond, 15th NJVI at Cedar Creek then recaptured by General Custer's troopers and the 33rd NJVI (CN 92) at Atlanta.

These flags can be found by their corresponding collection numbers (CN) and be seen here: <https://njmilitiamuseum.org/civil-war-flags>. Some of the NJ Civil War Flag Collection is currently on display in Trenton at the New Jersey State Museum NJCivilWar.com.

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Heroic Flag Bearer on the cover of Harper's Weekly, September 20, 1862 edition. Thomas Nast/Harper's Weekly.

Dr. David G. Martin received his BA from the University of Michigan and holds an MA and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University. He is a teacher and administrator at Peddie School, vice president of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association, served on the New Jersey Civil War 150th Anniversary Committee, and publisher/editor of Longstreet House book company. Dr. Martin is an author and editor of several works on the Civil War, including "Gettysburg, July 1" and "Jackson's Valley Campaign," and New Jersey's role in the war, including the Monocacy Regiment.

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FOUND - A POEM IN AN OLD KNAPSACK

Bag Carried by Late Captain Austin Opened for First Time Since Civil War

An interesting find in connection with the life of the late Captain Matthew S. Austin was made a few days ago by a member of his family who opened a knapsack which the Captain carried during the Civil War.

From a mass of old newspaper and magazine clippings found in the knapsack it is indicated that Captain Austin had poetical ability, for among the relics of the printing press of the time of the Rebellion is a poem entitled "Trenton," and signed "A."

Captain Austin was very fond of poetry. This trait is indicated by the fact that no less than a dozen excellent pieces of poetry were taken from the knapsack. He was a well read man and there is little or no doubt that the poem signed "A" was written by him. The poem follows:

The deep ravine, tho' dark, is bright;
The gushing stream comes, laugh-
ingly,

As when I wandered there with thee
While life with us was robed in light.

Thy pencil has portrayed it well
Has kept the image strong and true;
All fresh with June's pearl-dropping
dew—

Bathing each green spray of the dell.

The gem is still upon the leaf,
(The leaf is evergreen, ye know)
Now crystallized to ice and snow,
As were the tear drops of our grief.

If serrate off their crystals are,
Or to our touch too icy cold—
Gaze on the beauty of their mould
And own they are divinely fair.

But then 'tis soul that doth enchain,
Tho' love may sorrow, or repine,
We feel soul is a thing divine
And that all loss is lost in gain.

"A."



Matthew S Austin enlisted in Company I of the 5th NJVI in August 1861. He rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant of Company G by November 1862.

At the Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, he was wounded in his upper right thigh and later returned to the regiment by mid-July 1863, missing most of the Gettysburg campaign. Wounded in the elbow this time at the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania Court House, May 1863, Austin decided against amputation. This wound would permanently disable him, making his arm useless for the rest of his life. He was mustered out of service in September 1864.

Austin wrote dozens of letters home documenting his experiences in the Federal Army. PKCWRT Member Dennis Buttacavoli shared many of Austin's letters throughout the years which had been published in past editions of the PKCWRT Regimental Bulletin.

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PKCWRT 2024 Schedule

Wed, Feb 21 - 7pm

David G. Martin

A History of the Nine Captured NJ Flags.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890>

Wed, Mar 20 - 7pm

Jon Eric Gilot

John Brown

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/12345678901>

Wed, April 17 - 7pm

Larry Korczyk

The Iron Brigade

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/23456789012>

Wed, May 15 - 7pm

Cecily Zander

General John Pope

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/34567890123>

Wed, June 19 - 7pm

Stuart Sanders

Mills Springs, KY

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/45678901234>

Summer Break July - August

Wed, Sept 18 - 7pm

Sean Chick

General P. T. G. Beauregard

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/56789012345>

Wed, Oct 16 - 7pm

TBD

Fri - Sat - Sun. Nov 1 & 2

Gettysburg Trip

Gettysburg, PA

Wed, Nov 20 - 7pm

Heide Weber

Grant at Shiloh

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/67890123456>

Saturday, Dec 7th 2024

PKCWRT Holiday Party

Bistro 107, Moonachie, NJ

Speaker TBD

A New Discovery about the Bogue Sound Block House and Co K, 9th New Jersey, North Carolina

by Jim Madden & Eric Lindblade

Sometimes and unexpectedly, research discoveries fall into your lap. On a visit to noted NJ Civil War Collector John Kuhl, Eric Lindblade and I viewed John's massive collection of New Jersey related Civil War artifacts.

In particular, Eric Lindblade was interested in viewing the letters and diary of Private Edmund J. Cleveland of Co K, 9th New Jersey, within John's collection. Eric's interest stems from being a Tar Heel native studying the battles in North Carolina. He is an author, historian, and a Licensed Gettysburg Battlefield Guide who has spoken to the Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table a few times as well as joined us on our annual Gettysburg Tour with his [Battle of Gettysburg podcast](#) co-host Jim Hessler, LBG. Lindblade currently is compiling research for an upcoming book on the 26th North Carolina.

While photographing the pages within Cleveland's diary, there was this entry:

"Tuesday, September 16, 1862: On Monday afternoon, we were arranged in line, at parade rest, behind the block-house, for a picture."

"In the photograph, I stand in the foreground with a book in my hand."



Eric Lindblade, with John Kuhl in the background, photographing the Private Edmund J. Cleveland Diary.
Photo by Jim Madden



Above is the photograph of Company K, 9th NJVI who built the Bogue Sound Block House. To the right is Private Edmund J. Cleveland sitting in the foreground with a book in his hand. While the clarity of this photo is not the best, one can make out a soldier sitting with a book. Where as Cleveland states he was "standing holding a book", it's more likely Cleveland moved round and forgot he was sitting when the photo was taken but by the time he made this entry into his diary forgot his position or perhaps more than one photo was taken at the time and he posed in both positions. It is unusual to see a soldier in the field posing with a book, sitting or standing, but this is very noticeable. Cleveland likely did this intentionally to distinguish himself in the photo from his comrades. Civil War photography at the time, a subject had to stand still and motionless for a few seconds while the image was stuck so the subject would not appear blurry.

This discovery happened when Eric Lindblade was examining Cleveland's diary. The photo of Company K and the Block House appeared the 9th New Jersey Volunteer Regimental by Medal of Honor Recipient James Madison Drake, link to that book is below in this article.

The photograph Edmund refers to is the Bogue Sound Block House, built by Co K of the 9th NJ while stationed in the area. An image of the structure appears in Captain James Madison Drake's "The History of the Ninth New Jersey Veteran Volunteers 1861-1865" [1889], and it can be found here at his link: <https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=sJ4vAAAAYAAJ&pg=GBS.PA112-IA2&hl=en>.

Not only does Cleveland's diary give us the exact date of when this photograph was taken, but he also identifies himself within it. Upon closer inspection and based on Cleveland's diary, a soldier is sitting in the foreground to the right with what appears to be a book in his hand. Unfortunately, a better photo of the Block House has not been found, and only exists within this NJ regimental, however there is enough detail to discern the men and a single man holding a book posing with it in the foreground.

This Block House guarded Bogue Sound Road and Newport Road junction in Carteret County, North Carolina.

The 9th New Jersey arrived in Carteret County in the spring of 1862 and remained until the fall of 1863. During this time, the regiment was posted at Newport Barracks with companies stationed at various points in the county's western portion, including the Bogue Sound Blockhouse, after it's construction by Company K of the 9th NJ in the summer of 1862.



A sketch of the Bogue Sound Block House, built by Co K, 9th New Jersey, showing the earth works around it and other outer buildings, drawn by Herbert E. Valentine, Co F, 23rd MA Vol.

It was a three-story log blockhouse surrounded by a ditch and earthworks for protection, and was armed with a single howitzer. In February 1864, the blockhouse was captured and burned by Confederate forces under General James G. Martin on their way to Newport Barracks and New Bern that same day. The 9th Vermont occupied the blockhouse at the time of the attack.

General George Pickett, had been sent south after Gettysburg, to lead those Confederate forces in North Carolina in an offense against the Union troops entrenched in that area, which lead to the destruction of several sites where the 9th NJVI had called home.

Cleveland went back to the site of the block house and wrote of his visit on **September 27, 1864:**

"Camp Boudinot is not more. The block house and surrounding buildings have also disappeared".

What was left were charred timbers and mounds of what used to be the entrenchments to protect the block house.

The only evidence that remains of the Block House today is a roadside marker. The earthworks, which stood until about 1990, were destroyed during the development of housing community subdivision construction. http://www.fortwiki.com/Bogue_Sound_Blockhouse and <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=77094>

Private Cleveland left his diary as a testimony to his experience and service in the Civil War. The New Jersey Historical Society had published excerpts of his diary in several volumes as Cleveland was a life member of the Society, a genealogist, and a prolific writer, often sending letters to the local Essex County newspapers under the non de plume of "Noeidam" during the war.

Born in Elizabeth, NJ, on Nov 25, 1842, he was educated in private schools; in 1860, Cleveland became a member of the Wide Awakes, and at the beginning of the Civil War, joined Co A of the 2nd NJ infantry, but shortly after enlisting, he was discharged because of illness.

Cleveland re-enlisted at Trenton in Co K, 9th New Jersey on Aug 9, 1862, and served in all their battles throughout the rest of the war; as noted in his obituary. Following General Johnston's surrender at Durham Station, NC, April 26, 1865, the 9th was sent to Greensboro, NC where it took charge of Johnston's cannons and stores. Edmund was appointed clerk to the provost marshal and, while in this position, gathered many valuable relics of the Confederacy as keepsakes.

He moved to Connecticut in 1882 and started a Brokerage business. He died July 2, 1902, and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Hartford, CT.



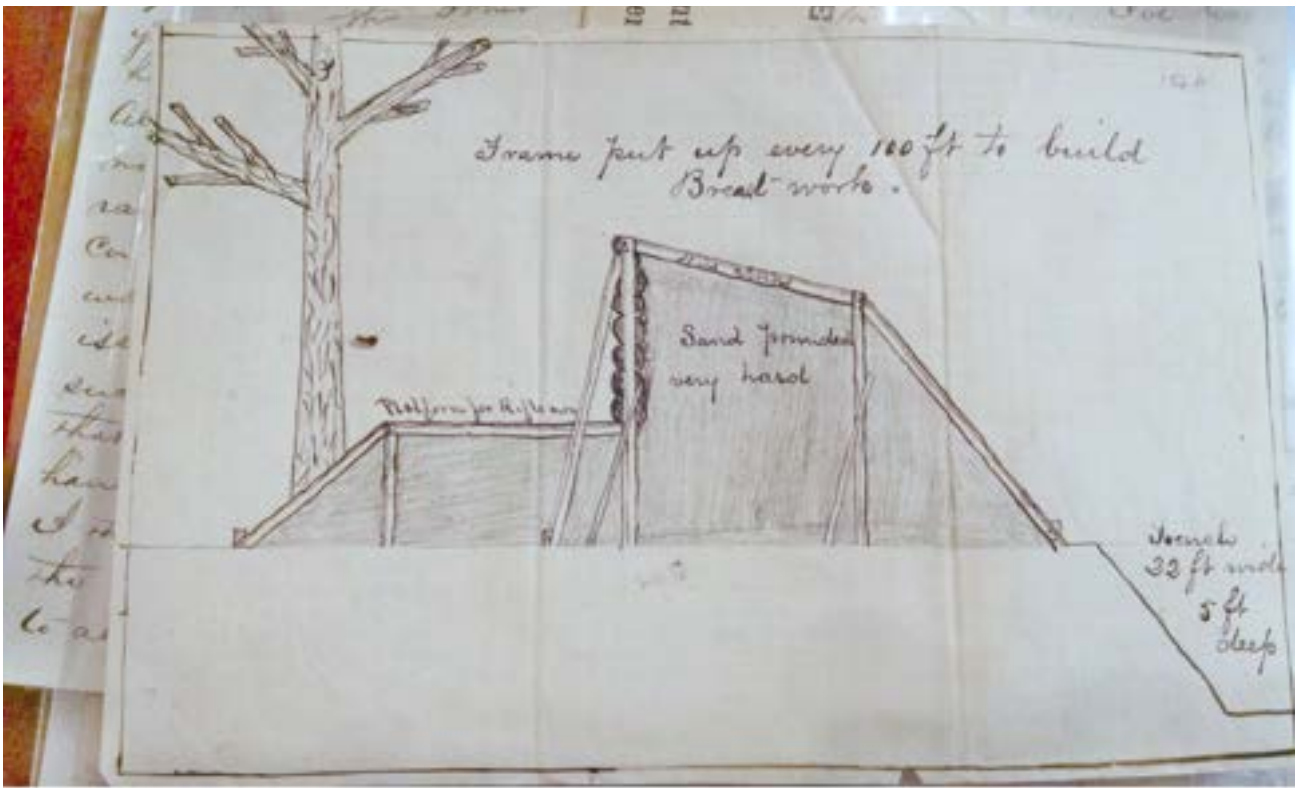
Private Edmund J. Cleveland, Co K, 9th NJVI in uniform, wearing a great coat and under that a 4 button sack coat. Photo courtesy John Kuhl collection.

Through Eric Lindblade's keen research eye, he uncovered another small gem of New Jersey's Civil War Hidden History. A special thank you to John Kuhl as well as Eric Lindblade for helping share the details of this find.



Above is the 9th NJVI Regimental Flag (CN 52) in the New Jersey State Flag Collection. To the right is a sketch of the same flag which appears in Drake's Regimental of the 9th.

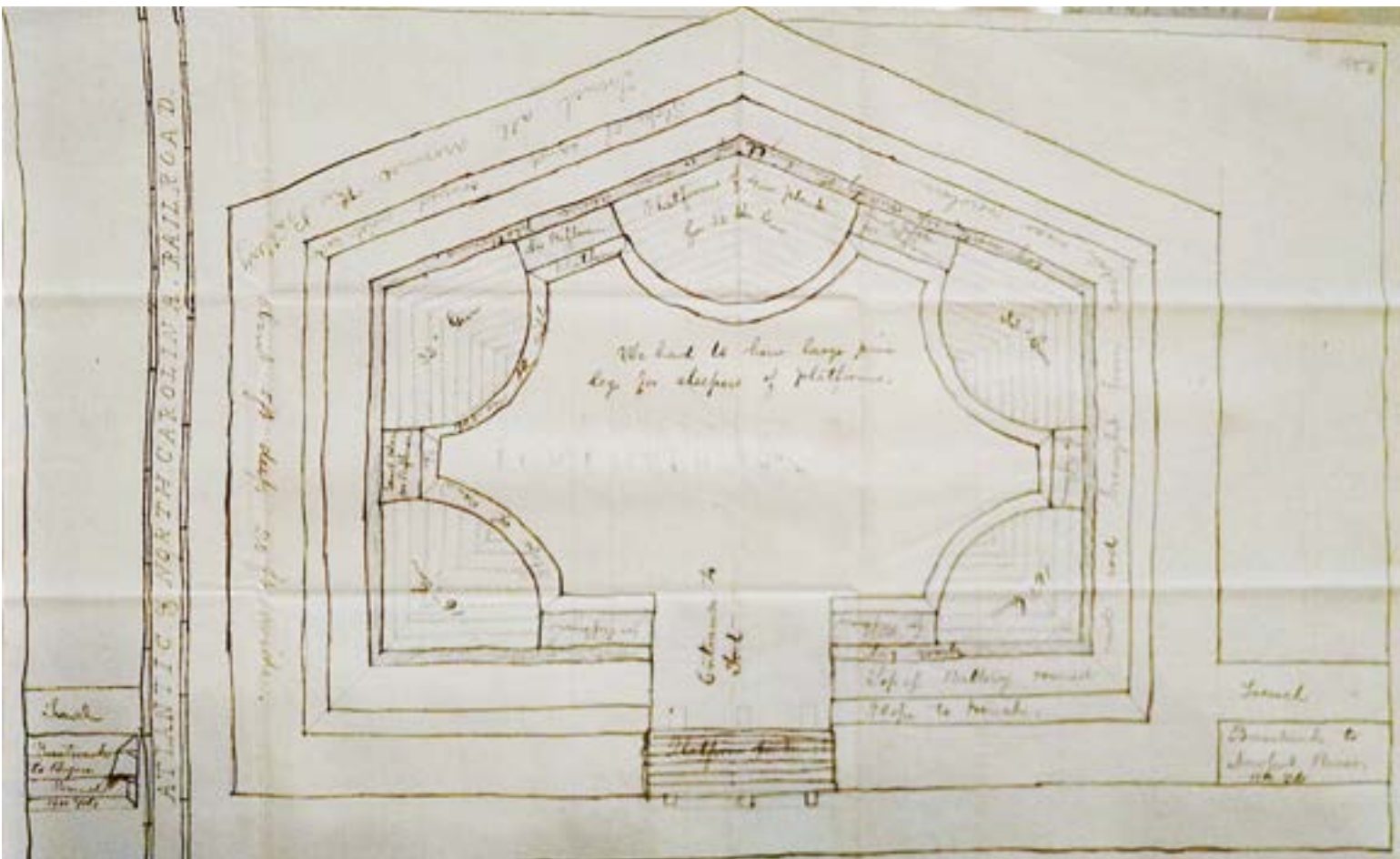
Left: Edmund J. Cleveland, this photo was taken around 1880 in Elizabeth, NJ at the William Henry Hill Photography Studios.

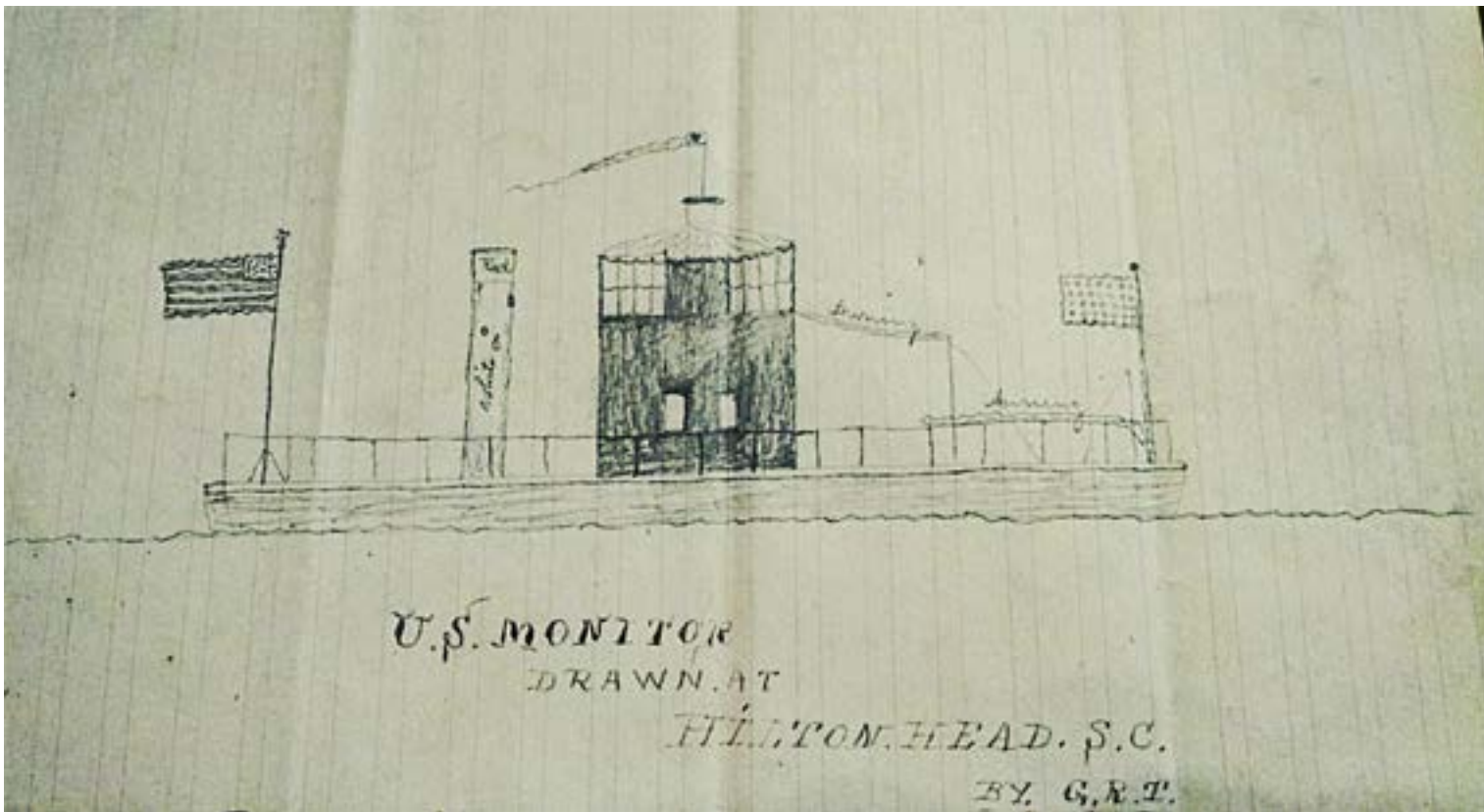


These follow sketches were found in Edmund J. Cleveland's papers.

Above: A diagram of the construction of breastworks, which included a ditch, 22ft wide and 5 foot deep, wood frames, platform for riflemen and sand pounded very hard and compacted into the frames. The frame, as noted was put up every 100 feet to build breast works.

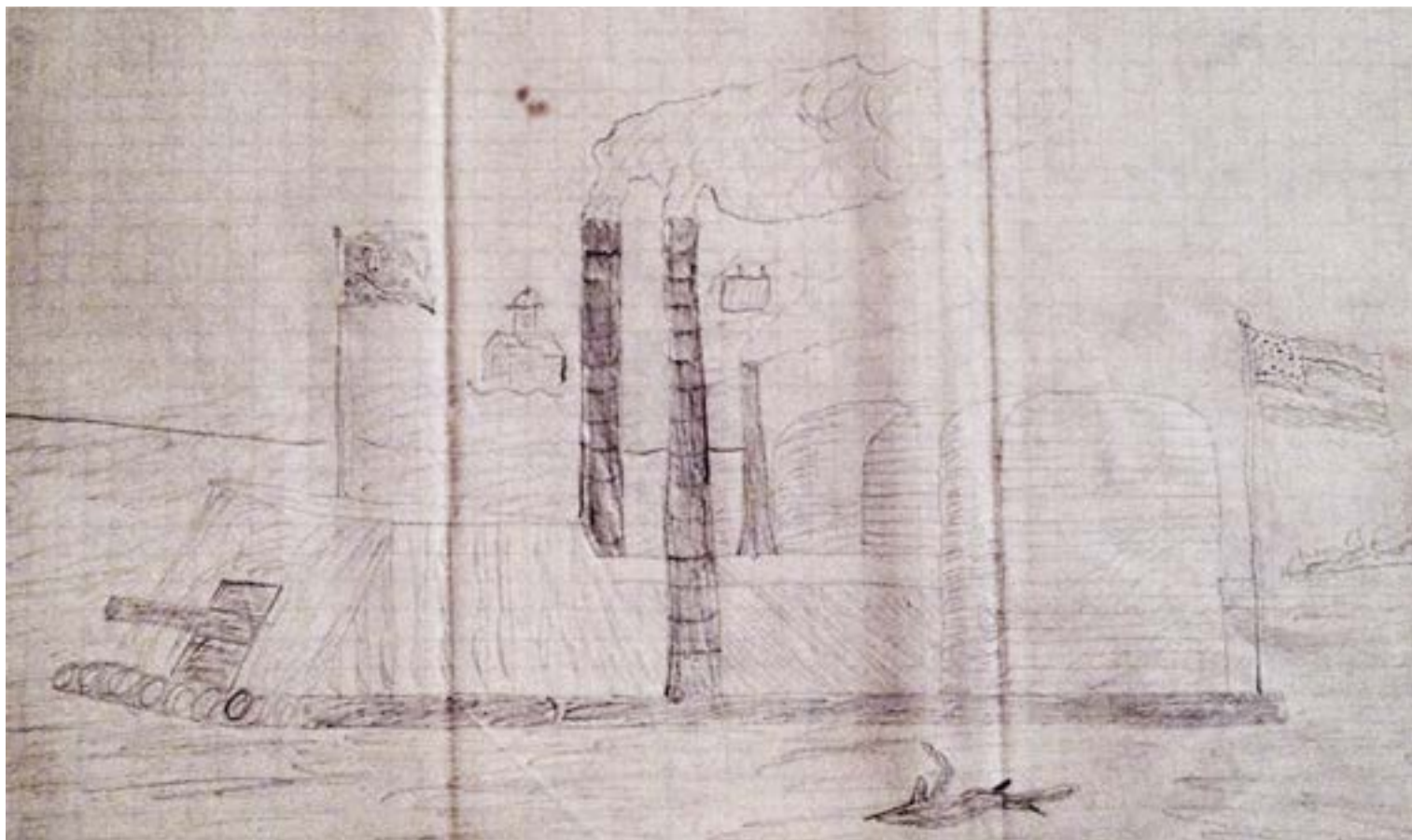
Below: Diagram of the Federal fort at Morehead City, which was built along the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad by the Newport River and Bogue Sound near New Bern.





Above: A sketch of a U.S. Monitor seen at Hilton Head, S.C. The artist is credited as G.R.T. however it is likely Private George R. Townley (G.R.T) also of Co K who sketched this image. This drawing is not Edmund J. Cleveland's but was within his papers. This monitor appears to be the USS Patapsco - Passaic Class Monitor (Atlantic Blockading Squadron) based on the single stack, it's placement on the deck as well as the color pattern on the stack. The sun protective awning on top of the turret was a feature of the USS Patapsco seen in some photos. The Patapsco participated in the failed attack of Fort Sumter and Sullivan Island in Charleston Harbor, SC, April 7, 1863.

Below: A double stacked steam paddle wheeler Iron Clad U.S. monitor with a gun on the front protected by iron sheeting.

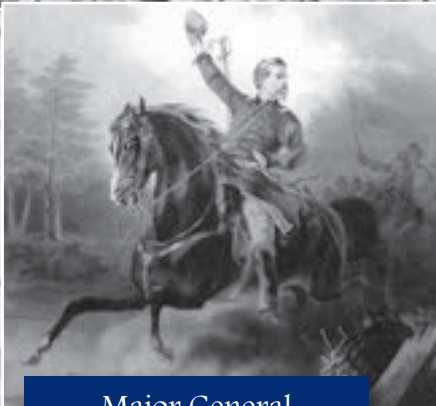
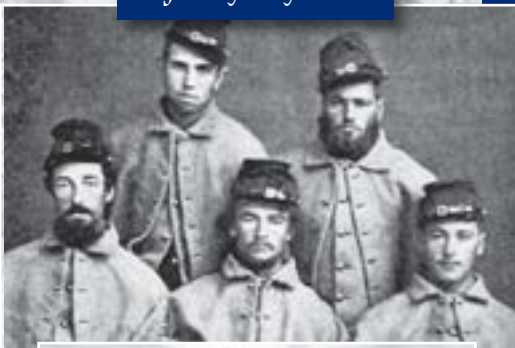


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Saturday, May 4, 2024

- 6:00 Bus Departs From Cherry Hill
- 12:30–5:00 Tours of Williamsburg Battlefield,
Fort Magruder & Redoubt Park
- 5:30 Check in
Best Western Williamsburg Hotel
- 6:30–9:00 Dinner with speaker

Sunday, May 5, 2024

- 6:30–8:30 Breakfast at Hotel Included
- 9:00–10:00 Dedication of Civil War Trail
Sign at Location
- 10:00–1:00 Tour of Lee Hall Mansion
- 1:00 Board Bus for return trip

The cost for this exciting weekend will be \$175.00 per person, exclusive of hotel rooms. Hotel, Best Western Williamsburg Historic District, (757-229-4100)

When making reservation advise that part of Old Baldy Group for special rate. Non-bus attendees for \$55.00 can enjoy the Guided Tours, The Speaker's Dinner, Dedication Ceremony and Lee Mansion Museum Tour.

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