

**SESQUICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE**



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Walt Brown, Ronnie West, Rick Francis, Peter Griffith, Lemuel C. Brown, Wayne Edwards, Jay Felts, Gerry Greene, Amanda Jarratt, Mary Howald & Teresa Preston

REGRETS:

Jim Hart, Rickey Blunt, Dan Howe, Barbette Porter, & Rod Phelps.

1. **Welcome / New Committee Member/ Introduction** - Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed Peter Griffith from the Urquhart-Gillette Camp (Grey) who was asked to introduce himself. Peter is a Civil War historian and author. He is currently working on two Civil War books and he plans on being at the HistoryMobile event for all three days.
2. **Recap of Activities accomplished** - Civil War 150th HistoryMobile Visit
 - a. The date of the HistoryMobile visit is locked in for November 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2011
 - b. The visit is listed on the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission's website and is advertised on the Commission's 2011 hand outs.
 - c. The Library of Virginia Legacy Project for document digitization of original manuscript materials related to the Civil War is locked in for November 14, 2011. Teresa Preston is the contact person (757-375-5956) for scheduling scanning appointments (letters, diaries, photographs, claims for damages, hand-drawn maps and/or sketches, military passes/ discharge papers, pension materials, etc.)
 - d. The first press release has been sent out to the Tidewater News and the Southampton schools. A copy of the Tidewater News article was circulated for everyone to see. Chairman Brown thanked Amanda Jarratt for supplying the email addresses to all media contacts in the region.
 - e. The Host Service Support Agreement has been completed.
 - f. The liability insurance certificate for the County has been sent to the Commission. A copy of the transmittal of the liability certificate was passed out to committee members.
 - g. Chairman Brown is still waiting for the site team to announce the date they will visit to determine the exact location of where they want the HistoryMobile to set-up on the fairgrounds. They have indicated it will be early October before they visit. Until the site team locks in the HistoryMobile's site, all other camp locations must wait.
 - h. Confederate Camp (Grey) - on board - site location to be determined – pending site team's visit.
 - i. United States Colored Calvary – on board – (Buffalo Riders of Hampton Roads) site location to be determined – pending site team's visit.
 - j. Union Camp – on board - site location to be determined – pending site team's visit.

- k. School List – Rickey Blunt has all the school addresses for Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Greenville, Isle of Wight Counties & Herford and Northampton Counties in North Carolina for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades who are studying American history.
- l. The Community College list – pending- Paul D. Camp and Tidewater Community College campuses.
- m. CONFERENCE CALL – Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 10 AM – County Administrator’s Office In attendance were Walt Brown, Teresa Preston, Rick Francis, Lemuel Brown and Mike Johnson. The committee did not remain on the telephone for the duration of the conference call once it became clear that the conversation was mainly for localities that had questions relating to how to apply to schedule a HistoryMobile visit.
- n. MEETING OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR COMMISSION -Local Sesquicentennial Committee Update - August 11, 2011- 10:00 AM - Virginia Historical Society, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA. Committee members attending were Chairman Walt Brown, Teresa Preston and Lemuel Brown. We obtained information on directional sign advertising (or lack thereof), the Commission’s official logo for use on all media, information on available grants and the types of qualifying projects, and upcoming museum displays of the rotating Civil War exhibit scheduled to visit museums throughout Virginia during the Sesquicentennial. We learned that the HistoryMobile is staffed by four full time state employees, 3 male, 1 female. These workers require separate motel accommodation, no exceptions. All HistoryMobile sites are visited by a “Site Team”, Rusty and Noell, who determine the best location for the 53 foot HistoryMobile prior to bringing it on site. The site can be open no more than 8 hours per day but the hours are flexible. We then were led on a guided tour of the Civil War exhibit displayed at the Virginia Museum of History which is part of the building complex housing the Virginia Historical Society and the Department of Historic Resources.

3. DRAFT BUDGET

Security.....	\$1,437.2
(See letter from Sheriff Vernie Francis for breakdown)	
Hotel Rooms – 4 each @ \$40 X 3 Nights.....	\$ 480.00 (plus Tax)
(Rooms already reserved at the Palm Tree Inn, Courtland, VA)	
Porter Johns – 6 Each (2 Handicap)	\$ 250.00
Directional Signs (10 each)(Vic’s Signs).....	\$ 250.00
Bottle Water for Staff (8 cases).....	\$ 56.00
Total (Approx).....	\$2,500.00

4. Committee Reports: Gray, Union, USCT

- a. Civil War Units / Union, Confederate and USCT / USCC/Native American
- b. Source: Old Southampton Politics & Society in a VA County – 1834-1869 by Daniel W. Crofts
 - Name of Units
 - Name(s) of Southampton County Individual Soldiers and Sailors both Union, Confederate, USCT / USCC and Native Americans (Research)
Chairman Brown thanked Jay Felts for the research he has turned in thus far.
 - Possible Marker with name of individuals and units.

2. Grants / Marketing /Tourism / Media / Face Book / Twitter

- a. Marker (2012 -2015)
- b. Trails
 - Research into all of these areas needs to be done.

3. Brain Storm Opening Day Ceremonies For 150th History Mobile Visit

- a. Camp Set-Up – Discussions regarding the arrangements for the camps were discussed. Rick Francis volunteered to purchase a cord of wood for the camp fires of all three units and have it delivered to the site with the understanding that after the event, he would remove all remaining firewood to take home for his personal use.
 - Blue and Gray (Union & Confederate)
 - Captain Ron Pierce (Union) opening day – 757-242-3077 (pierce.ronald@yahoo.com)
 - Peter Griffith (Grey) Urquhart Gillett Camp -757-777-7797 (griffith33@gmail.com)
 - United States Colored Troops / Calvary (USCT / USCC) / Buffalo Riders
 - Buffalo Riders – Rickey Blunt- 757-663-8686 – (rblunt56@gmail.com)
Have committed to having camp.
- b. Political / VIP / School Invitations

4. Comments / Recommendations.....View Video, Part 3 “The Common Soldier”

The video was not shown due to the computer & projector going off due to a malfunction that could not be corrected. It will be shown next time.

5. DRAFT DIRECTIONAL SIGN

Chairman Brown showed the committee the following suggested wording for the directional signs. Ten signs will be made complete with logo and appropriate directional arrows to guide tourist to the exhibit. (see attached example)

6. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – October 10, 2011 – 6:30 PM- ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM

When the HistoryMobile’s site team schedules their visit, Chairman Brown will have a call meeting which will take place at the fairgrounds while the site team is present. There may not be much advance notice for this daytime meeting, but it is an important one to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa B. Preston, Recorder

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Walt Brown, Chairman

Southampton County Sesquicentennial 150th Civil War Committee / 757-334-5510

DRAFT DIRECTIONAL SIGN

CIVIL WAR HISTORY MOBILE EXHIBIT

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

NOVEMBER 14TH – 16TH, 2011

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA LEGACY PROJECT

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2011

