

PETERSBURG: NOW AND THEN

Reminiscences of a Union Pris n :1---. Northerner's Warm Tribute to Virginia.

BY LIEUTEN.-COLONEL WATHOUS, charming, Virginia hospitality is gur-United Sintes Army. There is a sharp distinction between models. Vrginia hills, valleys and hills

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BY LIEUTEN.-COLONEL WATHOUS, United States Army. There is a sharp distinction between wisiting this old city of Petersburg, in one of the most interesting portions of Old Virginia. In September, 1911, and in yisiting it on April 1, 1865. On the last day of March, 1865, in one of the first battles fought after plags of the war, a builet that wident-ply was intended to wing or permanently by was intended to wing or permanently if wastern brigade, killed his horse, and as horse and rider happened to be with in a few feet of a Confederate line of hattle, emerging from a thicker the the first battles to for the of the first battles to be the hattle, emerging from a thicker the hattle, emerging from a thicker the Interpret of a young adjutant-severe and tern brigade, killed his lorse, and there are the severe control of the severe severe to be the severe severe control of the severe severe to be severe control of the severe severe to be severe control of the severe severe severe severe control of the severe s

pletely that only a portion of mine explosion and telling of his paid ould be scated on the floor at a The balance stood up and slept g a part of the night. The balance stood up and slept a mention of engagements the for lowing August on the Weldon Ra a mention of engagements the for lowing August on the Weldon Ra statis and from supper that night burg. His talk about those engage ments would have been intensely 1 the firth Corps on those occasion the meantime going through a attie and marching under Con-be supression and the statesk on portions of the set super well armed for the statesk on portions of the set super the statesk on portions of the statesk on portions of the set super well armed for the statesk on portions of the statesk on

attack on the 21st, when r charging the Union four times and losing

Anderson could reach him. Armistead fell at a point enemies lines, called by ti heavily, retreated. The general saw no large Union

guns. The general saw no large Union force near at hand and concluded that it was not necessary for his brigade to surrender, and he told the young officer to get back to his command; but he refused to c, wherespon General Hagood whipped out his revolver and shot him from his horse, and then gave his brigade command to retreat on the double-quick... That is not the last of the story. The best of it in 50 come. Many years after the war General Ha-sood, then Governor of South Carolas, received a letter from the officer he had shot, calling his attention to the Weldon Raifroad battle incident, and asked him if he couldn't make an affi-

October S-Battle of Hillsboro, Ky. October 10-Cavalry skirmish at Paducah, Ky. October 12-Confederate steamer Theodora ran the blockade at Charles October 12-Confederate steamer Theodora ran the blockade at Charles October 12-Confederate steamer Theodora ran the blockade at Charles Navai battle at the mouth of the Mississippi, Confederates capture New York Zounves near Newport News, Battle of Green River, W. Va. Battle of Winfleid, W. Va. Skirmish near Camp Nevin, Ky.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

war had command of onbound for Richman's General A. P. 1 mill, while heroteally leading has corps and

against the oncoming timon funce, was

ting tired and sleepy glad to put all the d between me and the enemy. passed a house near sun-up and f man standing in the yard. I him for comething to eat and the brought me

seemed a hopciess one, for 1 y

Colonei Grimes attempts to justify used of quoting from General Ram-

ability of the second s officers commanding can be believed.

fighting, whose daring, whose henced whose scal for their country will never so to record. How many are under the sol on nearly every battlefield. In nearly every prison, from Florida to John-son's Island, whose deeds of daring and whose acts of bravery will never, i never go to record; yet they were irue, tried veterans of an unjust and cruel war.

true, tried veterans of an unjust anu cruel war. Good-by, old beys, good-by. Yeur deeds are recorded in heaven. Soon laps will be sounded and lights out in our camp here, but to those who have been faithful the light of the elernal vision. Soon the long roll will beat; then we will march over and take another city, whose maker and builder is God. Then, reveille, and our work is finished, the war is over and we can lay down the armor and test under the shade of the trees.-Fincastle Herald. Petiligrew. Pickett's division was de-stroyed, every regimental officer fall-ing, the Star of the Confederacy then began to sink West, the heart of the great comander began to break. "Petiligrewites!" Stand up! Answer to the charge "you faltered at Gettys-burg." Virginians. Sorebacks, all! What say you of Charcellorsville, Which these new historians now claim (so modestly) to be a North Carolina fight?" BRISCOE B. BOULDIN. Greensboro, N. C.

At Jackson's Fusers to the Editor of Confederate (Sir,-Seeing the notice in the that Comrade E. J. Dunn, Con-

h Virginia Regiment, men" detailed to act Stonewall Jackson's

BY W. D. WOODSON, Company K. 28th Virginia. last letter left me at a creel ng Indian. Now, it was import hat I should get as far away fron territory by day as it was pos Fifty-sixth through Richmond, whilst true, is mis-

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for I am so cold I can scarcely write my love and blessing to you all. Your Affectionate mother,

MARY CAMPBELL

MARY CAMPBELL Kiss my dear little Jack for me my sweet little Suckey, Sally, Lucy etc. Tell my little Jack I have not for him suit of broad cloth I promised you get it for him & present my present as will best pleas colour will cost picture. No no judge of mens clothes. No have been up these 8 weeks or have sent you some. Adleu der

have sent you some. Adicu des dren. Polly mentioned in the letter daughter of John. From John Spotswood to his Nancy and Polly, written w student at Eton College:

Dear Nansy & Polly

I wish it was proper for you to come here to school it would add Greatly to my my pleasure but as that cannot be I wish make all the haste I can to learn my house be t wish make all the naste i chi to learn my books, that I may come home to live with you so much the sooner England is a fine place I will tell you a deal about it when I see you pray my love to cousin Moors & all friends & believe me your most affec-lionate Brother will tell 1 see you tionate Brother I want some red Birds

JOIN SPOTSWOOD, Robert Wellford was the good phy-sician who was the ancestor of the Virginia Wellfords. Colonel Spotswood, Orange Grove.

was sent to me by Mr. Thompson I can readly feel for the situa-a that engrosses the whole of your ughts when under immediate afflict-hand of of providence, yr faith I we added by these transmitted to the increase yr resignation to the painful

son waits upon his God father to take 'cave of himself and his amiable family. I shd have accom-panied him as far as yr house, but the many slippery characters I have to deal with during Court confines me to town. I will, however, shortly see you I fear upon some plan of removing the . At present preparing Wil-liam Thorntons for his voyage. Spots-wood has occasioned me no little em-ployment in the family for his journey to the still Works. With bost wishes for yourself and family, I am Your sincers friend, ROBT. WELFORD.

Fred. 21th. Oct., 1794.

My dear Friend:

cannot omit the attention and ro-cannot omit the attention and ro-ct which uniformily characterizes young friend, your son John, in econdret towards me, from the day t we left Fred, to the hour that we twe left Fred, to the hour that we take in the prize son and the has fixed in the size of the size of the size of the size most characterizes the prize son and the has fixed in the size of the size of the has been been size of the has been been size of the size of the size of the has been size of the has been been size of the size of the has been size of the size his conduct towards me, from the day that we left Fred, to the hour that we parted for his return. The principles by which he is actuated flow from so pure a source that, that his actuated cannot fail to redoun to his honor. We are enamoured with him. I cannot is yout flattery or exaggeration assure you, that during the late expedition he has gained a place in the estatement of many worthy characters; I very much increase the regard of those that personally knew him before the ex-cursion. The impressions made upon my mind tëfhiot be forgotten. If it suits Mr. Robin Gaines to keep Jack and Bob another year, I have to re-quest you, to make cannot fail to their services and whatever agree-ment you do make cannot fail to satisfactory to me. Respecting isauc, from an arrangement with my overseer I shall want him at the plantation. When I was at your house on my way to the western Coulies of Penn-with said could be dons from Robin Gaines; as the season is advanding, I would be gide to know when he Gaines; as the season is advanding I would be gide to know then her factor of the func-tions and the favor of you to my which said could be dons from Robin Gaines; as the season is advanding I would be gide to know when her mean you do make cannot fail to be satisfactory to the west for may reason for going to my Uncle Moors is my Uncle and Aunt Clai-borne are in Williamsburg. Give my mean you do make cannot fail to wish most cordially to see her but I must be the bearer messenger of bat is advanding Gaines; as the season is advanding I would be gide to know when her forman yo higes from Robin i won the said could be dons from Robin i won the said could be dons from Robin i won the could be for the said wand ther forman yo could be gide to know when her forman y degat to the chair broke his leg formany obliges me to conclude this leg formany obliges me to conclude this pro-tor the chair broke his leg formany obliges me to conclude this pro-tomate the chair broke his leg formany obliges me to conclude this pro-fut t that we left Fred, to the hour that we Gaines; as the season is I would be glad to know willing bring it down a quantity is not in dred. Oblige me with a let **sa** you can and additionally by viewing the the hogs tain if the amount of two nounds can be sent down. haif cordially joins and unites with me in offering pliments of the senson to be an a lever have been un Nineteenth Regiment and the Virginia Volun-e. Pickett's di-

Yr. friend, R. WEELLFORD,

This letter is addressed to Col. John Spotswood, and is delivered through the favor of Mr. ----- Strother,

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e. I mean this world Ass divided, between the Ass divided between 2 bun-of straw. My fathers patrimony and equally be where he will. I often thought and still do think happier with my dearest brother is goodness gives me liberty to be where I'll live. I love him so a markers more than I shall now arly perhaps more than I sh her man. Yet in your priv have almost get myself in k with a worthy object and it to do I know not, time alone determine it. Shou'd anything of sort happen. You may depend n it as one of my first friends of what upon it as one of my first friends of being early acquainted with it in tho mean time give me your advice aud bo very private you know nothing is certain, tell Miss Nancy, I am Inte-rupled by a clever young gentleman, who I know would willingly be intro-duced to a Virginia Lady. I beg my compliments in a particular manner, this is certainly aimed at you Nancy, well you were born in a lucky hour. My dear Father desires hys best re-spects to be made to you. He says Jimmie those that love you. I love too -surely the New Post family are in the number. May every happiness atthe New Post family are in ber. May every happiness at-imy dear Mrs Campbell sin-ishes your affectionate

BOUCHER.

Court and Campbell is designat-

Bernard Moore Qualified as Executor Bernard Moore Qualified as Executor of John Spotswood dec'd the 5th day of December 1755 and gave bond to Fielding Lewis, Beverly Winslow, Jo-seph Brock, William Smith and John Crane Gent, Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania then setting in the penalty of Fifty Thousand pounds currency money, with John Baylor, Nathan'el West Dandridge and Philip Whitehead Claiborne securities J. CHEW C S C. Williamsburg, May the St. This is the third time I have wrote

with ambourg, gainsy the ot-sis the third time I have wrote y dear Mothe without ever re-ing a line from her nor have I heard whether she was well or need not say how much I long turn to dear Newpost for Wil-burg is at present extremely dull. with me at this season of fer-with me at this season of fer-tilamsburg is at present extremely d y, to me more festive than ever, a l inform you that I returned to this town and I can't say that was agreeably entertained at that tour, I round every t dividual of amily hearty and well. I have settled my account rela-to my late appointment, I conne there with. In a most satisfac-them bur I force on Hudson that

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dutiful daughter MARY SPOTSWOOD

Married Peter Inn. Married Peter Inn. 24. 1795. Spotswood s

to leave my fathers house, but I have many agreeable jaunts of 8 or 10 miles distance in view and 1 am now modeli. Ing my cloaths for that purpese. Here all are plain and neat and that just suits my taste best not but we are a polito set of people too I assure you. all much improved. England is really a delightful spot. I wish you were here I would fly to meet you 7 I think I am certain you are my friend, as such I now speak to you for your advice in my fathers life future life. I mean this world. I am like the Ass divided between 2 burnet. was the cause of it. After the chess irrees were burned I was ill ten of before I heard this news & whe did I was south it had no effect on It had no further effect than I ble God that he had pointed out a p pect by which if it was his will prolong my life I might have you yours happy, whon I was taken I this world & if I am ever restore health & receive this proposal f (his gentleman I would wish not leaves these affairs to dwish not 6 than the pientiful comfor support me in old age an a with ease was I in hope pire I would I should be ver to rejoice in it, but in od as far as I was able. Is gone to Richmond and to Hobbes Hole to see the second second second second second to Hobbes Hole to see an Empire I would I shou God never to rejolee in it, ing good as far as I was brother is gone to Richmone thence to Hobbes Hole to daughter, I suppose on his will bring me Mr. Hiltons for I have heard nothing f. I wrote you. We shall all ho see you and Bob, my de but Nancy, to see you and Bob, my dear Jack is best re-hurs. So does my sweet Suckey and t love too provide the says the site is have it all sailed and packed way by five O'Clock the day it ar-tived. They have all been fixing for Christ-mas and will go to Church on Christ-mas Day and I suppose proceed next to attend the balls. I was obliged to to attend the balls.

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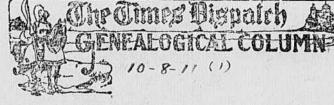
state 62 mas Day and I suppose proceed next irchases ir after sond Patzey and Polley Payne over to Nottingham till we got all of the meat out of the way and all there clothes out of the way and all there clothes washed and Ironed you can depend. I have had a great deal on me since again Monday ovening. They are two sweet good girls, & there father I bond to sweet good girls, & there father I bound to the way enabled to Ride to ride plain & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride plain & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride plain & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride plate & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride plate & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride plate & easie in his manner. I thank God I was enabled to Ride to ride the play as I am not strong to under-take helping. I set in my low chaig by the fre, and am helped & I en-joy there chat & I think nothing in the matter me now, but weakness, but the fill ong a hurry about me. I must now thank in giltite Sallie for her kind for her kind inquiry after grandma in her liter to her sister grandma in her am and kiss my dear little com-panions who was so tender of me all to attend the balls panions who was so tender of m the summer in my sickness, ickness more sugar and flour should have done had not my unexpectedly increased. In dded ne. Now I must ask a Sallie and all the rest dear little tribe in one breath am quite tired & weak, there tenderly embrace my deare children all of you and con most affect mother

M. CAMPBEL

Copy of a letter from Parson Thomp-son, who married the widew of Gov-ernor Spotswood, to his father in Ire-land. This letter is one of a series of letters copied by Mrs. E. M. Vass in Fredericksburg in 1850. The orig-inals are believed to be in the pos-session of the Forbes family, of Fred-erlarsburg descendants of the Thermeericksburg, descendants of the Th sons. Honoured and Dear Sir

Being sensible of ye respect from a child to a parent obliges me to make this tender of my boun den duty and sincere affection den duty and sincere affection, ac-knowledging upon accounts ye great obligations I lye under to you as ye best of parents and particularly for ye estimable benefit yt plous and vir-tuous education with you were al-tuous ready to cultivate and improve. Sir I think myself in duty bound to secondar you with all

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