

# *Jubal Early Chapter 553*

## *Newsletter*

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#### Chapter News

Thirteen members were present at the May meeting of the Jubal Early Chapter which was held at the Franklin County Library.

The slate of prospective officers for the 2018 thru 2020 term of the Jubal Early Chapter were voted on and approved as follows:

President	-	Cheryl Chrzanowski
Vice President	-	Beverly Woody
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	-	Martha Hubbard
Secretary	-	Janet West
Treasurer	-	Arlene Cundiff
Registrar	-	Linda Nezbeth
Recorder of MSA	-	Beverly Woody
Chaplin	-	Shirley Dent
Historian	-	Linda Stanley
Parliamentarian	-	Linda Stanley
Custodian	-	Linda Nezbeth

An Audit Committee was formed, consisting of Cheryl Chrzanowski, Janet West, Shirley Dent and Martha Hubbard. They will report their findings at the June meeting.

Our June meeting will take place at the Franklin County History Museum following a program with speaker Virgil H. Goode, Jr., Former Va. State Legislator. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with our Chapter meeting following at approximately 12:45 p.m. First District Chairman, Sue Anne Booth will be installing our new officers.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Va. Infantry Co. B re-enactment unit from New York will be in camp on the lawn next to the History Museum.

The Chapter made a \$150 donation to the Historical Society to help with the costs of the event.

Members were asked to bring a covered dish to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as the June 10<sup>th</sup> event at the American Legion. Contact Linda Stanley for more information.



**Martha presenting Scholarship Check**

Martha Hubbard presented our Hazel Davis scholarship check to Jarrett Wiggonton on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Jarrett plans to attend James Madison University where he will be majoring in Political Science.

#### Other News

Author Tom Perry will be speaking at the American Legion Hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served about 5:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information, Contact Linda Stanley at the History Museum.

#### Upcoming Events

June 10, 2018 3:00 p.m.	-	Veteran's Mem. Day American Legion Hall Rocky Mount
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**June Meeting**  
**Sat., June 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Franklin County History Museum**  
**Rocky Mount**

# *Confederate Ancestor of the Month*

Each month the Jubal Early Chapter of the UDC features a Confederate Ancestor The "Ancestor of the Month" for May 2018 is Benjamin Lewis Bell. The Jubal Early Chapter is proud to present his story.

## *Benjamin Lewis Bell*

Born on 17 March 1840 in Franklin County, Benjamin was the son of John Meador Bell and his second wife, Ann Bird. Siblings were: Louisa Agnes (1837-1858); Thomas J. (1841-1862); Letitia Hanna (1843-1925); Julia P. (1846-1927) Harriet C. (1849-1890); and Martha M. "Patty" (1851-1890). Benjamin is living at the home of Peyton and Elizabeth Hudson in Floyd County in the 1860 census. He was listed as a "Hired Hand".

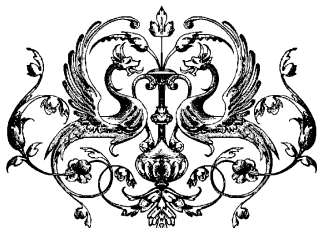
On 1 October 1861 Ben enlisted as a Private in Co. I, 54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Inf. He was promoted to Corporal on 1 September 1862. Records indicate he was on clothing receipt 19 April 1864, place not stated. There are no further military records available.

On 29 May 1865, Ben married Sarah E. Moran. She was born in Floyd County in 1844, the daughter of John and Martha (Cannaday) Moran. They had ten children. Sarah died 21 June 1883 and Ben married Mary Jane Allman. They had nine children. She died Picardie, France, 11 December 1938.

Ben died 27 March 1902 in Floyd County, Virginia. He is buried beside his first wife, Sara, in the Moran Cemetery in Floyd Co., Va.



*Benjamin Bell Lewis*



## Virginia's Black Confederates By Greg Eanes

*The following are excerpts taken from the above-mentioned book*

Black Confederate is defined as: *"Persons of color, free or slave, who performed work or rendered services in support of the Confederate war effort: Work may have been performed as a volunteer, as a contractor or as an involuntary conscript (draftee, free or slave). Work may have been performed in or out of uniform but had to be performed at the direction of, under or in support of Confederate authority. The term includes men, women and children."*

Black Confederates fell into two categories; free persons and slaves. Records show that free persons of color served as conscripts (draftees), volunteers and contractors providing services to the Confederate war machine. Free men of color were paid for their labor even when conscripted. Many were integrated into combat units. Women often worked in hospitals or as company laundresses and were paid. Based on documentary record data, it can be inferred that there was economic benefit to working for the Confederate government.

Those mentioned from Franklin County as listed on the Approved Pension Applications of the Commonwealth of Virginia were:

**Chandler, George**-85/1825; Cook; from 1861-1863; left because he was "sick with fever"; Master-Billie Mansfield.

**Fralin, Jim**-83/1925; Teamster; Drove team and hauled iron from 1862 to 1864; Master-Bob Fralin.

**Holland, Claiborne**-85/1925; Laborer on breastworks from 1862 to 1865 "when Lee surrendered"; Master-Johnson Holland.

**Holland, Cornelius**-84/1925; Teamster and Cook under Jubal Early; Master-Tommy J. Holland.

**Holland, Creed**-79/1925; Teamster for Infantry; "Looking after and driving teams hauling supplies for Confederate soldiers"; under Capt. Chandle; Master-Bill Holland.

**James, Charles**-77/1925; Cook/hostler; Master-Bruce Jones. Born in Pittsylvania County.

**Kasey, Steven (Stephen)**-79/1924; Laborer on breastworks; Master-Gen. Tom Kasey; served 1862 for about three months in Richmond area.

**Law, Jack**-78/1924; Teamster and laborer on breastworks; Master-Thomas Law; January to March 1862 at Chickahominy Swamp; 1863 in Richmond; 1864 from September to December in Charles City and Nine Mile Road area.

**Lemons, John**-85/1924; Servant and Laborer; 1861, near Richmond, five months on breastworks; then with master in cavalry; cooking and foraging; Master-George Lemons; with him in Kentucky and Georgia until EOW; Master was wounded.

**Lumpkins, Ned**-78/1924; Teamster under Abner Anthony (master); from 1862 until discharged; born in Bedford County.

**Menefee, J.H.**-81/1924; Laborer on breastworks from 1864 to April 1865 in Prince Edward County; Master- Wm. Menefee.

**Price, George**-85/1925; Carpenter building stables and throwing up breastworks at Petersburg; Master-Piler Saunders; Served from June 1864 to March 1865 when he was called home.

**Pinkard, John**-85/1924; Laborer building breastworks under Capt. Mason at Drewry's Bluff; Master-Tom Prichard; served from 1862 to April 1865; sent home "about a week before the surrender".

**Reeves, Armstead**-86/1931; Cook "infantry"; "Cooked and tended horses"; started in 1862 in Dismal Swamp and "came home to serve master" at an undetermined date; served under Jake Dent [possibly J. Jacob Dent, Co. A, 37<sup>th</sup> Va Infantry]; Master -Joshiah Reeves.

**Robertson, Richard**-77/1924; Teamster; "drove a team and hauled for the army" for his master James Robertson; began service in 1862 near Petersburg and served until April 1865; "discharged at surrender".

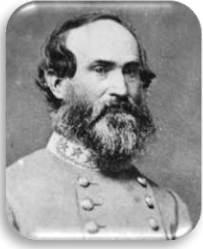
**Smith, Daniel**-83/1925; Laborer building breastworks near Richmond; under Capt. Featherstone from 1862 to undetermined time. [Note: Possibly Walker Featherstone of Walker's Battery of Artillery.]

**Turner, Arthur**-85/1924; Laborer on breastworks in Richmond; served 12 months under Giles Clingenpeel; Master-George C. Turner.

**Walker, Samuel**-82/1924; Teamster and breastworks from Fall of 1863 to EOW; served under Gen. McGowan; Master-Nat Walker.

**White, Henry**-78/1925; Body Servant for Col. Patrick Henry; Began service in Danville in 1861 and terminated "at surrender".

**Woody, Peters**-90/1924; Laborer on breastworks; slave; sent home in March 1863 after 60 days service; " was honorably discharged".



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