

FIRST IN WAR: The Story of the Powhatan Rifles

On May 28th, 1861 in Powhatan County, The "Powhatan Rifles" Infantry Company assembled under the command of Captain William M. Skipwith then entered service as Company-D of the 20th Virginia Infantry Regiment under the command of Lt. Colonel John Pegram on July 1st 1861.

Only 10 days later, during one of the earliest conflicts of the American Civil War, Lt. Col. Pegram and two companies of the 20th VA were captured, and Powhatan's Capt. Skipwith was killed in action.

Here lie the remains of Capt. William M. Skipwith of the Powhatan Rifles. A man and a soldier without fear and without reproach. He fell at Rich Mountain July 11, 1861, aged 48 years and 8 months, gallantly leading his Command and with his last breath calling to his men "Don't turn your back to the enemy."



On Thursday, January 17th, Dr. William E. Thompson, PCWRT member and recently retired chaplain of Hampden-Sydney College will retrace the steps of Powhatan's own 20th Virginia Infantry.

Thursday, January 17, 2008 At 6:30 P.M.
The County Seat Restaurant, 3867 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan

\$16.00 For PCWRT Members \$20.00 For Non Members
Price Includes Program, Dinner, Soft Drink, Dessert, Tax & Gratuity

All PCWRT Dinner Meetings Are Open To The Public.

Bring Your Friends!

Pre-Paid Reservations Must Be Received By January 15, 2008

Mail Your Payment To:

PCWRT ★ P.O. Box 1144 ★ Powhatan, VA 23139

Or Drop Off Your Payment And Reservation Information At
The Virginia Pantry 2652 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139

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