

# GET SQUARE WITH THE REBS

## THE CHARLES M. JENKINS CIVIL WAR DIARY

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 • 5 - 7 p.m.  
 Center for American War Letters Archives  
 Chapman University, Leatherby Libraries, lower level  
 One University Drive, Orange, California 92866

From January to September 1865, Charles M. Jenkins, the only Los Angeles-area resident to see combat for the Union Army during the Civil War, kept a diary of his experiences in Virginia during and after the final days of the conflict. This remarkable document was forgotten in storage for over 60 years until it was unearthed last year. Join us to hear about this amazing story. Light refreshments will be served.

### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

## LOUIS DIDONATO

Retired educator and author of a Charles Jenkins biography.

## WAYNE SHERMAN

Drum Barracks Civil War Museum Board of Directors vice-president and collector and researcher on Charles Jenkins.

## PAUL R. SPITZZERI

Homestead Museum director and transcriber of the Charles Jenkins diary.

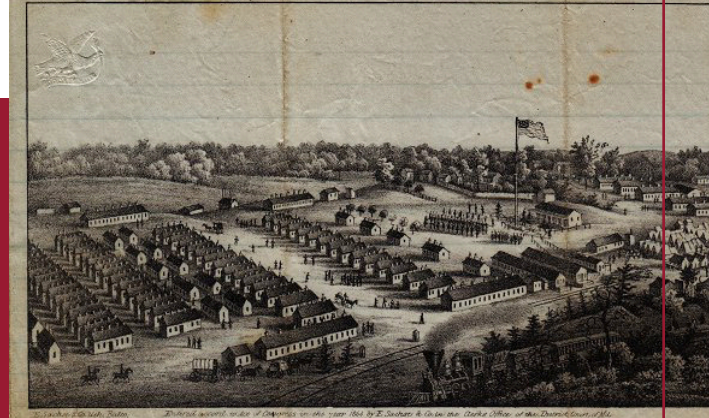
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This morning we take up the place as we surrounded the army yesterday at 9 o'clock and I got wet with a step on the other moon.

On the morning I was in being house a man as not they by something that I never saw before in Virginia every body means a smile both for mail and mail we wrote into camp near Farmington.

we renew the Burkhymachon moved at 10 a.m. I saw more wagons than I ever saw before in my life all belonging to the army we camped in the woods near the station it is reported that we will move near Petersburg.

To day I am on guard at pedigo I received these letters to day on from Shell Betrade and others yesterday was pretty day. We have been in the saddle during this time we have had time to wash our faces we will have good times now for I think that the war is over.



PAROLE CAMP ANNAPOLIS, MD

I No Annapolis, Md Nov 29<sup>th</sup>  
 No No Dear Mother No No V d No etc  
 No Mama No No I arrived here yesterday after fifteen months imprisonment suffering nothing but death, but I am thankful I still have my life and good health at present, but I not had and do not constitute I should not live it though, for there was one forty thousand prisoners died in the time that I was here prisoner. I presume that you thought that I was dead but you cannot get of me so easy as that. I can surmise your feelings in regards on behalf for we have visited ever day inquiring for the news and health there are a great many dead tears shed for those that remain behind for language can not express the suffering in the different prisons in youth. I should like to hear from all of you at home, for it is many years since I have heard from you at all although I shall write for

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1865. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1865.  
 This morning I passed watches with Delle and got ten dollars to boot I also wrote a letter to Annie this afternoon we had divine service by the Chaplain and music by the band the left was from Salmy there was light of Co. I came to day from dismounted camp.

MONDAY 17 THURSDAY 20  
 Today we had in camp day and pitch our tents in line I was detailed to dig a trench to clear the news of Lincoln was confirmed to day horses have not had to eat the news of your son Swander came to us to day.