

CSA Fredericksburg Mid-Year Report

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The CSA Mid-year meeting was held in beautiful historic Fredericksburg, Va., on October 24-25.

The sky was blue, the air crisp and the sun warm. It was a perfect venue in downtown Fredericksburg, with many shops, antiques, historic buildings, good restaurants and, of course, Marye's Heights, all within walking distance.

The meeting was a joint endeavor with the Virginia Postal History Society, CSA Col. Wayne Farley presiding.

A special thanks is given to the local hosts: Gen. Peter Powell and Col. William Shulleeta, as well as to Col. Schuyler Rumsey for his donation toward the hospitality room beverages.

The bourse was well attended with four dealers and the ability to view the upcoming Schuyler Rumsey December 2014 auction, featuring the CSA Charleston collection of Col. Robert Karrer.

There were two interesting presentations.

First, Gen. Jim Monroe presented the "3 cent 1861 Confederate Postmaster Provisional from Fort Valley, Georgia." Six CSA three-cent Postmaster Provisionals are listed in *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, while the Fort Valley Provisional (number seven) is listed in the CSA Catalog as A-FTV-GA-E01.

Anyone interested in his presentation should contact General Jim at: jim@confederatecovers.com.

The second presentation was by Col. Keith E. Littlefield, who discussed "Fredericksburg's Virginia's Confederate Postal History."

It was an enlightening expose on the many postal canceling devices used in Confederate Fredericksburg during the period when the city changed hands 10 times.



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In addition, Littlefield presented evidence that the Fredericksburg CSA Postmaster Provisional sheets were printed locally with the star ornaments on the stamps matching those on local commercial 10 and 25 cent scripts.

Littlefield is finalizing his research and is asking for member help in documenting the earliest and latest usages of the five Confederate townmarks (see the related story on pages 22-23).

His full presentation is available at: klittl5191@aol.com. He would like to receive additional information about

Fredericksburg's CSA cancellations that reside in your collections.

Saturday night featured a "Southern Bavarian Supper" at the Bavarian Chef restaurant located in the old train station. It was attended by 30 CSA/VPHS members and spouses/guests.

The food was great and the portions enormous! Thankfully we were able to walk back to the hotel to make a little room for the after dinner camaraderie of the hospitality room.

Thanks again to Gen. Powell for making an outstanding choice.



Col. Keith Littlefield holding exhibits and a Fredericksburg Battlefield bullet given to all attendees.

Dealers at the October Mid-Year Meeting in Fredericksburg, Va.



Gen. Patricia A. Kaufmann



Col. Labron Harris and Mary Harris



Gen. Tony L. Crumbley



Gen. John L. Kimbrough



Col. Schuyler Rumsey

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Col. Wayne Farley represented the Virginia Postal History Society.

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The Hospitality Suite at the Mid-Year Meeting in Fredericksburg, Va.



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Jim Monroe, Lou Hannen, Mary Harris, Labron Harris, Ginger and William Shulleeta.



Margaret Walker, Wayne Farley, Randy Smith.



William Shulleeta, Rich Murphy, Harvey Teal.



Deane Briggs, John Walker, Ray Bartlett.



Phil Warman, Andy Graff, Betty Murphy.



Frank Crown, Steve Roth.



Ginger Shulleeta, Bob Wilson, Larry Baum, Margaret Walker.