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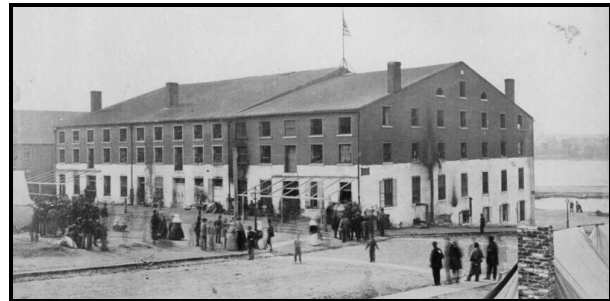
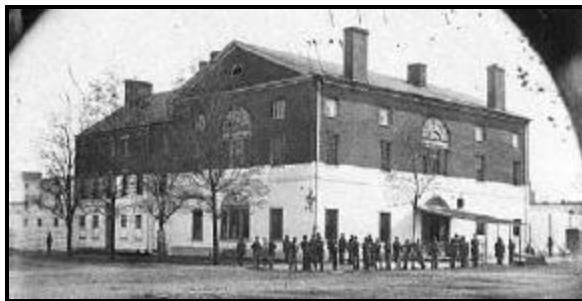
THE CIVIL WAR PAPERS OF LT COLONEL NEWTON T COLBY

April 21, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.
The County Seat Restaurant, 3867 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan

Following in the footsteps of ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, New York State militiaman Newton T. Colby readily volunteered for service at the outbreak of the Civil War. Joining the 23rd New York Volunteer Infantry as a first lieutenant in 1861, he saw minor action with the regiment around the outskirts of Washington D.C. Yet, military politics soon disillusioned the young man and following the occupation of Fredericksburg in May of 1862, Colby resigned his commission.

Soon after his return home however, Newton T. Colby joined the newly formed 107th New York Volunteer Infantry. An inexperienced unit, they would only see picket duty at Second Manassas, but soon after, Colby and the Volunteers faced the true horrors of war in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville. While the 107th New York Volunteer Infantry went on to join Sherman in his March to the Sea, Colby ill with typhoid fever, was discharged in 1863.

Not healthy enough for battle, yet still desiring to play a part in the war, Colby joined the Veteran Reserve Corps and returned to the Nation's Capitol, where he served as the military superintendent of Old Capitol Prison. Here captors and captives would overcome the hostilities of war and, Lt. Newton T. Colby would become an eyewitness to history.



Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D.C. Circa 1865

Please join us on Thursday, April 21st when we welcome William E. Hughes, author, educator and great, great grandson of Lt. Colonel Newton T. Colby.

**\$14.00 for PCWRT members ~ \$16.00 for non-members
Price includes dinner, soft drink, dessert, tax & gratuity**

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