



"When History Speaks"

New Kent County, Virginia

3rd in our "When History Speaks" Lecture Series

March 2010

THE NEW KENT COUNTY HISTORIC COMMISSION

Proudly Presents...

THE BATTLE OF ELTHAM'S LANDING



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
DR. JOHN GODDARD



Join us as Dr. John Goddard, of Shreveport, Louisiana, regales us with personal accounts told from soldiers on both sides of this little known battle that became pivotal in the conflict between Union and Confederate forces. Hear how a General's life was ultimately saved by a Confederate private who had disobeyed orders as well as accounts told from the perspective of local citizens of the time.

In April 1862 Union General George B. McClellan commenced a major offensive up the Virginia peninsula referred to as "The Peninsula Campaign." His goal was to capture Richmond and subdue the Confederate government. On May 6, Federal troops under the command of General William B. Franklin were dispatched by ship up the York River to Brickhouse Point and a vast array of equipment and thousands of Federal troops poured off the ships and into the open fields of Eltham - under the watchful eyes of Confederate cavalry on the hills to the south. In the early morning hours of May 7, 1862, the peaceful landscape of New Kent County erupted in gunfire as the two opposing armies clashed in what became known as The Battle of Eltham's Landing.

2:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010
@
NEW KENT MIDDLE SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

Following the lecture, Dr. Goddard will take questions.



**SPEND AN HOUR LEARNING ABOUT ONE MORE
HISTORIC EVENT THAT HAPPENED HERE IN
NEW KENT COUNTY!**

Refreshments will be Served!

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