

**ATTACHMENT E**

The Army of the Confederacy had, by most accounts, 900,000 men under arms. Over 400,000 were draftees.

I'm here tonight in Memory of Pvt. Alexander B. Bell Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.

Alex was born in 1840 in Staunton VA and grew up on a farm with his brothers and sisters.

Alex was drafted into the Confederate Army in 1862 with his 3 older brothers (Hendren, David and John). His oldest brother, John, was doctor but Alex, Hendren, and David were just soldiers. David was wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville but died from disease shortly after. Alex was captured by Union forces and died of starvation in a POW camp in Delaware in 1863. He was 23 years old. His remains are buried in an unmarked grave somewhere in Delaware.

Alex and his brothers were my Great-Great uncles.

My family has fought and served this great country for over 250 years. The American Revolution, War of 1812, the War Between the States ( WITH BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH), the good Lord spared us the Spanish American War, but we were there for WW1, WW2, Korean War, Vietnam, Invasion of Grenada, 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

I ask you to leave the monument "as is" as a memorial for Alex and all the other soldiers who never came home from that war.

Thank you,

Rod Bowman

Pvt. Hendren Van Lear Bell of Company I, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade)  
 Pvt. David F. Bell born 1831-1863 Company C, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade) Wounded at Chancellorsville, died from disease.  
 Dr. John B. Bell 1836-1891 Confederate Surgeon  
 Pvt. Alexander B. Bell 1840-1863 Company C, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade) Died from starvation in POW Camp in Delaware."

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**WORK SESSION**

August 16, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on August 16, 2021 was cancelled.

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