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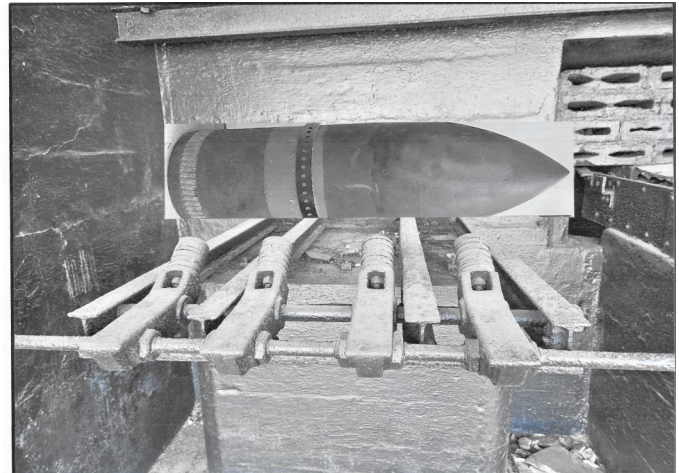
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Table as we received it



Planned Public display

Delivery Table Project

The Friends of Fort Fremont have undertaken a project to salvage a 10-inch projectile delivery table from Battery Thompson, a 10-inch battery previously at Fort Moultrie, SC, transport the table here to Fort Fremont, restore it, for display at our Battery Jesup.

What is a delivery table? The 600+ pound 10-inch projectiles for the guns of Battery Jesup reached the loading platform behind the guns via an electrically driven Taylor-Raymond ammunition hoist. At the top of the hoist, the hoist deposited the very heavy projectile onto the delivery table. Members of the gun detail moved the projectile to the ammunition cart which was positioned next to the delivery table. The cart, with the projectile on it, was then rolled to the breach of the gun for loading.

With the assistance of Beaufort County, which arranged a 10-year loan of the table from the Town of Sullivan's Island (now the owner of Battery Thompson), FFF volunteers have removed the table and transported it to the History Center at Fort Fremont where it is being worked on in the History Center storeroom. Accomplished so far has been the restoration of the four buffer assemblies which prevent the heavy projectile from rolling off the table until the ammunition cart is properly positioned to receive it.

Next will be the fabrication of an appropriate display stand for the table to be located on the back porch of the History Center. This display may include a replica projectile made of wood. The metal fabrication work is being assisted by Pender Brothers, Inc. of Port Royal.

Many thanks to FFF volunteer, Ted Panayotoff for finding the table and to volunteers, George Utter and Rob Kesting for the heavy lifting!



Welcome Table.-Fred, Janelle, Wendy, Barney and Marty



Cookie Table— Kathy, Debbie and Ann served cookies & cider to visitors.



Jane with Students



Hat Table. Sue and Robin help visitors decorate hats.



Alan in Period dress explaining the Fort History



Children playing checkers. There were other games from the 1900's

THE MURDER OF PRIVATE EDWARD SATTER, COOK

Life at Fort Frémont was not always copacetic. On Friday August 15, 1902 at about 3:00 am, Fort Frémont's cook, Private Edward C. Satter and Private David G. Braddy were drinking beer at one of the several Blind Tiger bars that dotted Land's End Road. The soldiers were of the 16th Coastal Artillery Corps under the command of Capt. Joseph L. Knowlton. After several hours of heavy drinking, Braddy was challenged to a wrestling match because Satter apparently disliked his singing. Braddy then declared he could "whip any man in the house." The match began outside the bar and soon became a knife fight. Satter was stabbed in the neck with a hunting knife and subsequently bled to death 30 minutes later (*The State*, August 17, 1902). One newspaper account claims that Braddy nearly severed Satter's head from his body (*Richmond Dispatch*, August 17, 1902). Braddy immediately fled the bar and proceeded to Parris Island where he was captured by pursuing parties shortly before noon that day. Despite the existence of a partially completed interment record and a newspaper article claiming he was buried there (*The State*, August 17, 1902), the Beaufort National Cemetery recently said they have no knowledge of Satter (*Jon Bebbington*, August 2023). It is possible his body was returned to his hometown of Woodhaven, Long Island, NY. Braddy was from Augusta, GA.

Private Braddy was taken to the county jail by Port Royal policeman John Hays and turned over to Sheriff R.O. Jenkins. He was arraigned on the charge of murder and tried in the next term of the civilian Sessions Court in Beaufort. In the investigation, Braddy claimed that Satter, being from the north, was in the habit of "running down southern people and institutions" (*The State*, December 30, 1902). A local church congregation hired prominent local attorney Mr. W.S. Tillinghast, Esq. to defend him (*Savannah Morning News*, June 25, 1903). Braddy claimed it was self-defense, was acquitted and he subsequently surrendered to the commander at Fort Screven, GA. After finding that Braddy would be tried again under court-martial, his counsel Tillinghast took the matter up with the Secretary of War and the Fort Screven commander. After some discussion, Braddy was released and returned to duty at Fort Frémont.

Ironically, one year later, on Wednesday June 22, 1904 Private David Braddy was involved in an altercation on the Fort Frémont reservation and arrested for beating a black woman over the head (*The State*, June 23, 1904). He was arrested and court-martialed at Fort Screven. Despite being defended by lawyer Tillinghast again, Braddy was found guilty and sentenced to two years hard labor at Fort McPherson, GA (*The State*, June 23, 1904). [References: available upon request.]

Article & Research by Jon Bebbington, January 17, 2024

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In Memory

Mary Elizabeth Cannady “Mary Beth” 1946 – 2024. Mary Beth was an educator, wife, mother, and long-time member of the Friends of Fort Fremont. She earned a master’s degree in education working with families and children in all age groups, from pre-k through late teens, and at domestic violence shelters as a child advocate. Mary Beth was actively involved with her husband, Dennis, in the creation of dioramas of Fort Fremont, c. 1900, for the Fort Fremont History Center, and of Bay Street, c. 1863, for the Historic Beaufort Foundation’s Verdier House. She will be remembered for her generous spirit and contagious smile.

A memorial fund has been established to honor Mary Beth and her contribution in our lives and in our organization. The funds are designated for the Carl Project, named by Dennis in memory of Carl Dorr. The project is designed to enhance visitor safety and experience through digital simulation and preservation of the rooms under Battery Jesup, gun emplacement #1.

To donate to the Mary Beth Cannady Memorial Fund, please make your check payable to the Friends of Fort Fremont, include "Mary Beth Memorial" in the memo line, and mail to P.O. Box 982, St. Helena Island, SC 29920.

Your Donation will support the 2024-2026 Mission and Goals of FFF.

Fort Fremont has been secured and a History Center has been opened. The FFF have begun the next phase of enhancing the Fort for the Public to enjoy.

Goals for 2024: (1) Focus on Marketing and Public Relations (2) Implement Lecture Series:
Projects for 2024 (1) PHASE 1 of Fort Display Enhancements; (2) Additional interpretive signs

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