



# STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

December 2001

## **The Sights and Sounds of Civil War Alexandria through the Photographs of Andrew J. Russell and Matthew Brady**

On 9 May 1998, the BRCWRT conducted an extremely enjoyable and informative walking tour of Civil War Alexandria. Our Chief Tour Guide was the distinguished historian T. Michael Miller. The cited walking tour was a memorable event. We are honored to have Mr. Miller as our guest speaker at our 13 December General Membership Meeting.

T. Michael Miller has long had a fascination with Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Miller earned a B.A. Degree in Political Science and a M.A. Degree in International Relations from American University. In the mid-1970's, he moved to Alexandria and was soon captivated by the old seaport town.

Beginning as a research assistant for Alexandria Archaeology, Mr. Miller has been associated with Alexandria's history community for more than 25 years. He also served as Curator at the Lee-Fendall House from 1978 to 1980, and during his 15 years of service at the Alexandria Library, was a Library Assistant and later, Historian. At the Lloyd House, he also produced and edited the popular *Fireside Sentinel*, a local journal dedicated to Alexandria history.

As President of the Alexandria Historical Society from 1994 to 1996, Mr. Miller orchestrated a series of interesting lectures on Alexandria's historic housing stock. In addition, he continues to serve as editor of the society's journal, *The Alexandria Chronicle*.

Mr. Miller has written and compiled numerous books, articles, and monographs on Alexandria including *Pen Portraits of Alexandria-1739 to 1900* - a compilation of travelers' accounts, *Murder & Mayhem* - a study of criminal conduct in

Alexandria, and *Artisans & Merchants*. He has also co-authored a popular pictographic history, *A Seaport Saga - Portrait of Old Alexandria* with William Francis Smith.

Presently, Mr. Miller is employed as Research Historian with the Office of Historic Alexandria where he assists the public, professional historians, and local museum interns and volunteers with research projects concerning Alexandria's past. His recent research has focused on the city's political history and he has generated a study entitled: *Two Centuries of Leadership - An Overview of Alexandria's mayoralty from 1780 to the present*. As part of Alexandria's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Mr. Miller, in conjunction with Alexandria Archeology, is writing and publishing *Discovering the Decades*, a series which addresses the city's social, political, economic and cultural development.

Join us for a fascinating presentation on the history on one of the most strategically important cities during the Civil War. Alexandria has the distinction of enduring the longest period of military occupation of any city in our Nation's history.

### **General Membership Meeting**

**13 December**

**7:15 PM**

- **T. Michael Miller**  
**"The Sights and Sounds of Civil War Alexandria through the Photographs of Andrew J. Russell and Matthew Brady"**
- **Election of Officers for CY2002**
- **Civil War 101 at 6:30 PM**  
**"Civil War Flags - National Flags, Regimental Flags and Special flags for Both the Union and the Confederacy"**

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**NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

In addition to receiving the  
STONE WALL earlier than you  
normally would through regular

mail services, there are other  
benefits to being on the BRCWRT  
e-mail list. Periodically, I receive  
information from various sources  
that I pass along to members via e-  
mail. These include photos I am  
unable to include in the print  
version of the newsletter due to  
space constraints, and information  
on events and websites.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for January 2002  
articles is 27 December 2001.  
Please send input to Mary Ahrens  
at the above address or e-mail.

**General Membership Meeting  
7:15 PM**

• 10 Jan. – Dan Paterson  
“General James Longstreet,  
C.S.A: Post War Challenges  
& Controversies”

• 14 Feb. – Keith Young  
“Engineers in the U.S. Army  
of the Potomac”

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

December will mark the end of another "Operational Year" of the BRCWRT. On 13 December the membership will elect the officers for CY2002. First, let me state that I thoroughly enjoyed the last twelve months as President. The level of paid membership, the status of our treasury and cost reduction initiatives have allowed us to live up to our motto "We're cheap and we're proud." The Nation's foremost authority and tour guide on the Civil War, Ed Bearss stated that we are the second least expensive, in terms of dues, of all the Civil War Round Tables he has visited. Only the Wichita, KS Round Table has lower membership dues. In the almost eleven year history of our Round Table there has not been a single increase in the cost of membership. The rates will remain the same for CY2002. Please note however, that an increase in dues is inevitable if we are to continue to operate at our current tempo.

Our tours of Civil War battlefields and other important sites related to that conflict were numerous and very successful. The great majority of our Tour Guides were drawn from our own ranks, demonstrating once again the high level of knowledge and commitment of our membership. The impressive slate of guest speakers provided both informative and thought provoking presentations. The numerous intelligent questions and comments made by those in attendance at every meeting is indicative of the high level of interest our members possess.

Also, we were extremely active in Civil War preservation this past year. The Round Table was instrumental in obtaining \$200K, thanks to Chairman Kate Hanley and other members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, for an inventory of Civil War sites in the County. Members worked closely with the contractors of the cited inventory, John A. Milner Associates, Inc. regarding the archival research and physical exploration of numerous "Search and Find" field trips. We were very successful in locating heretofore unknown Civil War sites. The Principal Archeologist of the project wrote a magnificent letter commending us for our support. In it she stated, "*The members of the BRCWRT donated their time on weekends as well as weekdays to seek out and identify events and locations in the county. You have generously donated information carefully compiled through years of*

*independent investigation. Your generosity will benefit this project and ultimately, we hope, the resources of Fairfax County, which once identified may be understood and protected.*" To those BRCWRT members who helped in this endeavor – I extend my thanks.

In October, several BRCWRT members of the Round Table and myself met with the Chairmen of both the Fairfax and Prince William County Board of Supervisors regarding various Civil War preservation issues. Chairman Kate Hanley of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Chairman Sean Connaughton of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors were interested and receptive to what we had to say. My talking papers for both visits are also included in this issue's Preservation Corner.

Lastly, I believe that our Stone Wall newsletter and our website are "second to none" as to providing accurate and comprehensive information to our membership.

Despite the fear of leaving deserving individuals off my list, I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the following BRCWRT members. First, permit me to begin with the members of the Executive Committee: Vice President John DePue, Secretary Nancy Anwyll, Treasurer Mark Knowles, Field Trip Chariman Kevin Anastas, At Large members Michael Duggan, Robert Ford, and Keith Young, Webmaster Maureen Quinn, and our indefatigable Editor Mary Ahrens.

Others I want to recognize for their help include Ed Wenzel (more on him in the Preservation Corner), Bev Regeimbal, Harriet Condon, Blake Myers, Pat Gallagher, and Harvey Simon.

Thanks to all for a rewarding and enjoyable year!  
And best wishes for a holy and joyous Christmastide.

## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

### Tour of Civil War Manassas – 8 December 2001

*In recent years the City of Manassas has made significant progress in preserving what remains of its Civil War heritage. Credit for this positive development belongs not only to certain city leaders but also the staff of the Manssas Museum. The excellence of the Museum's programs and exhibits; the preservation of*

important Civil War sites as Mayfield Fort; the revitalization of Old Town Manassas; and such yearly celebrations as the St. Patrick and Christmas parades have drawn many thousands of visitors to the city. Summing up, Manassas is well worth visiting.

**Tour Guides:** Jason Hall, Public Programs Coordinator for the Manassas Museum. Selected members of the BRCWRT.

**Tour Objectives:**

- Overview (Manassas Museum)
- Tour Liberia House
- Tour Mayfield Fort
- Lunch
- Tour Cannon Fort

**Assembly Time/Location:** Saturday, 8 December 2001 at 10 AM. Assemble at the Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Old Town Manassas. (The Museum is located just south of the VRE/AMTRAK station and the Manassas Visitor Station in Old Town Manassas.) Telephone No. (703) 368-1873

**Tour Duration:** 10 AM to 3:15 PM

**Equipment:** Dress appropriate to weather conditions. Good walking shoes recommended. Bring your own water. Brown bag or eat lunch with us at a local restaurant.

**Degree of Physical Exertion:** Light

**Tour Sign up:** Call John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371

**Inclement Weather:** In the event of adverse weather the tour will be postponed to a future date. Contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371 after 7:30 AM on 8 December to learn if the tour has been postponed if the weather appears to be threatening.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP FOR MEETINGS AND TOURS**

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

If, on the date of a scheduled monthly meeting, adverse weather conditions exist or are impending take one of the following actions to determine whether or not the meeting will be held as scheduled:

1. Call John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Either he or a recorded message will advise the caller, or
2. Call the Centreville Regional Library at (703) 830-2223. A staff member will tell you if the meeting is on or not.

**TOURS**

1. Call the Chief Tour Guide. The name and telephone number for the Chief Tour Guide for each tour will be published in the monthly newsletter. In the event contact cannot be made, then
2. Contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Either he or a recorded message will advise the caller.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CY2002**

The following members in good standing have announced their candidacy for the four elected positions of the BRCWRT:

President	John McAnaw
Vice President	Keith Young
Secretary	Nancy Anwyll
Treasurer	Mark Knowles

Other nominations can be made from the floor prior to the election of officers on 13 December 2001.

**PRESERVATION CORNER**

*“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”*

- *William E. Gladstone*  
*Prime Minister of Great Britain*  
*1868-74; 1880-85; 1886; 1892-94*

**Meetings with the Chairmen of the Fairfax and Prince William County Boards of Supervisors (BOS)**

**By: John McAnaw**

On 30 October 2001, Bob Ford, Ed Wenzel, Keith Young and myself met with Chairman Kate Hanley, Fairfax County BOS. The meeting was originally scheduled for 19 October. During the eleven-day period between that date and 30 October, Chairman Hanley announced a 5% across the board cut in county

expenditures. This was due to the drop in revenue following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.

As information, my "Talking Paper" for the meeting with Chairman Hanley was as follows:

1. General Preservation of the County's Civil War Heritage
2. Inventory of Civil War sites in Fairfax County
  - Background and appreciation for support by Chairman Hanley and other members of BOS.
  - Current status of inventory
  - Recommendations:
    - o \$200K to complete project
    - o Extension of Deadline to end of CY2002
3. County Passive Recreation Sites
  - Delays in funding for interpretation of:
    - o Ox Hill (Chantilly) Battlefield (\$110K)
    - o Fort Early (The Great Redoubt)
    - o Artillery Fort (Ring Fort)
    - o Other sites
4. Archeological Investigation of Historical Sites slated for development
  - Deficiencies of the County's procedures and conduct of investigations
5. Other Issues

*Summary: The meeting was informative. The Chairman was obviously interested in the preservation of the county's Civil War heritage. She advised that it is not possible to address the matter of additional funding until May 2002. She did state that the long festering problem of funding the Ox Hill Battlefield would be addressed at the 19 November 2001 meeting of the BOS.*

On 15 November 2001 Harvey Simon and I met with Chairman Sean Connaughton of the Prince William BOS. Harvey's agenda varied somewhat from mine, but my "Talking Paper" included the following:

1. Inventory of Historic/Civil War sites in Prince William County
  - \$150K and two years to complete
  - Participation by other jurisdictions, e.g., City of Manassas and Manassas Park
2. Public Access to Historic Sites along Bull Run and Occoquan River, such as Wolf Run Shoals Ford and Sally Davis Ford.
3. Protection of Endangered Civil War sites:

- Confederate fortifications on Potomac River
  - Bristoe Station Battlefield including cemeteries located therein. Need for independent investigation of grave sites.
  - Confederate battery/family cemetery site Overlooking Sally Davis Ford.
4. Status of Preservation and Interpretation of:
    - Brentsville Court House Complex
    - Ben Lomond Manor
    - Rippon Lodge
    - Other sites

*Summary: Chairman Connaughton was very knowledgeable regarding the county's heritage sites. He took the time to cover in detail proposed highway construction in the county including the study on rerouting traffic around the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP). He emphasized the impact that the massive developments planned north of the MNBP will have on Prince William County.*

*In closing, I stated that the inventory cited above, the acquisition of important Civil War sites plus the enhanced preservation/interpretation of county owned historic properties will raise the quality of life and tourism in Prince William County – particularly if actions are coordinated with neighboring jurisdictions.*

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### **Ed Wenzel's Persistence Pays Off - \$118K for the Interpretation of the Ox Hill Battlefield!!!**

**By: John McAnaw**

The front page headline for the 29 November 2001 edition of *The Centreville Times* reads:

### **"Ox Hill Historic Site to be Improved Supporters Cheer End of Years of Neglect"**

The article was written by Time staff writer Jennifer Cooper who spoke via telephone with Ed Wenzel, noted historian Brian Pohanka, and myself on 27 November concerning the Ox Hill (Chantilly) Battlefield and the proposed rezoning of a portion of the Centreville Historic District. (More on the second topic later.)

Ms. Cooper wrote: "Last week" (19 November to be exact) "the Board of Supervisors transferred \$118,360 to the Fairfax County Park Authority for the purpose of making improvements to the park, including parking and a shelter that would house historical interpretations such as maps, first-person accounts, photographs and a written text.

*The park authority may also recreate a portion of the cornfield that was on the site as well as a wooden fence.”*

The figure, \$118K is derived from the \$110K plus interest that was proffered back in 1987 (not 1989, as stated in the article) by Centennial Development Corporation.

Ed Wenzel, in addition to being a member of the BRCWRT, is also one of the founders of the Chantilly Battlefield Association that was formed in 1985. For the past 16 years Ed has fought tirelessly to save the Ox Hill Battlefield and have it properly interpreted.

He has devoted countless hours and expended considerable resources in this worthy effort. He, more than anyone, is responsible for saving the 4.4 acres that constitutes all that is left of the Ox Hill Battlefield.

Chairman Kate Hanley told us at our 30 October meeting that she would look into the matter of the Centennial proffer of \$110K and would bring it up at the 19 November meeting of the County Board of Supervisors (BOS). She fulfilled her promise and the BOS voted unanimously and quickly to transfer the \$118K to the Park Authority. These funds are to be combined with the \$50K already allotted to the park’s improvements from the 1998 park bond for a total of \$168K.

This is a big victory for Civil War preservationists and, particularly for the individual responsible for “making it happen.” Congratulations, Ed Wenzel! You are our Civil War Preservationist of the Year. Well done!!!

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### **Proposed Rezoning of a Section of the Centreville Historic District**

**By: John McAnaw**

Over the years I have run a number of Civil War tours that visited various sites in and around the Centreville Historic District. These sites included St. John Episcopal Church and cemetery, Mt. Gilead, the Old Stone Church (now Anglican-Catholic Church of the Ascension), and the grounds of the Harrison and Havener Houses.

Without question the area around these sites should be preserved. Just beyond the periphery of the Historic District are Confederate earthworks, the site of the Royal Oaks manor, a cemetery and a circa 1750 fort. Evidence

of Amerindian presence has also been found in the vicinity of the Historic District.

The 29 November 2001 edition of The Centreville Times also contains another article on page one by Jennifer Cooper entitled “46 Houses OK’d for Historic Area. Concerns Raised about Preserving Earthworks.”

The article stated that the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee “gave its stamp of approval to the project and the necessary zoning change.” This is the same organization that approved the Deerfield Ridge townhouse development and the destruction of more than 100 yards of Confederate earthworks and 100 + yards of Union breastworks. Only after a great amount of work were we able to save the Confederate earthworks.

A developer, Stanley Martin, has proposed to build 46 large single-family detached homes within a portion of the Centreville District on 7.8 acres of land. Yes, that is correct. Forty-six homes!!! Additionally, Stanley Martin has promised to preserve the earthworks that were part of the Confederate main defense line protecting Centreville and Manassas Junction.

I believe that the proposed rezoning of the cited 7.8-acre tract in the Centreville Historic District is a mistake. It will, if approved, set a dangerous precedent. More rezoning requests are bound to follow, not only in the Centreville Historic District, but in others as well. I am quoted in the article as stating: “Why have a historic district unless you protect that district.” I mean it.

Can you think of any part of Centreville that is as historically important and as pleasing to the eye as the area around St. John Episcopal Church and sections along Old Braddock Road? Do you want to see this area “bear hugged” by development?

The protection (from rezoning) of the existing Centreville Historic District, coupled with the expansion of county parkland to include the terrain around the earthworks and land to the southwest of St. John Episcopal (that tract of land on which Royal Oaks once stood) should be considered in the county’s green space initiatives of the County Comprehensive Plan. Why not combine sorely needed green space with preserving our National heritage – for what occurred in Centreville during the Civil War impacted not just a region, but rather – an entire nation.

As of 29 November, the above-mentioned rezoning request by Stanley Martin, is scheduled (along with other agenda items) by the County Planning

Commission at the New Government Center on 12 December. This action has been put on the fast track. It is currently scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors early in January 2002. The meeting will begin at 8:15. **We need your support!** Please call me at (703) 978-3371 if you plan to attend and I will prepare a "Talking Paper" for distribution and try to answer any of your questions.

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**Important! Request to Rezone Part of the Bristoe Station Battlefield**

**By: John McAnaw**

The date for the Prince William County Planning Commission meeting to consider CENTEX's request for the rezoning of a major section of the Bristoe Station Battlefield has been postponed until 20 February 2002. The start time for the Planning Commission meeting is 7:00 PM at the McCourt Building. This is good news. See you there!

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**Press Release for the Dedication of the General James Longstreet Monument, Gainesville, Georgia Sunday, 28 October 2001 (Quoted from "The Gainesville Times")**

**Submitted by: Dan Paterson**

*"A ceremony was held Sunday, 28 October to unveil a new monument of General James Longstreet at the site of his former home in Gainesville, Georgia, the town where he spent most of his post war years. The site was where his home burned in 1889 under what was described at the time as mysterious circumstances. The monument was endowed by the estate of the late L. Denton Hadaway, sculpted by Mr. Gregory Johnson and erected by the General James Longstreet Chapter 46 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Gainesville, Georgia.*

*Many descendants of General Longstreet were in attendance and Dan Paterson, a great-grandson of the General, gave the keynote speech. Mrs. Jamie Longstreet Paterson, the General's granddaughter, unveiled the new monument along with sculptor Gregory Johnson and members of the monument committee from Longstreet Chapter 46, United Daughters of the Confederacy.*

*For a moment on that Sunday afternoon, one could almost hear a call to action, as the monument was unveiled. The Blue Ridge Rifles Camp #1860, Sons Confederate Veterans and 1st State Line provided Color*

*Guard and a twenty-one-gun salute respectively. The 27th Georgia Regiment, Sons Confederate Veterans, provided ushers and also present were members of the Longstreet Camp 1289, Sons Confederate Veterans, Atlanta, Georgia.*

*While a crowd of 150 gathered in the yard of his former Gainesville home to honor General Longstreet and history, it seemed as if the general was ready to issue orders. The monument is a non-equestrian life size statue of the General with his foot on an ammunition box and one hand on his beard with the other holding his order book.*

*Direct descendants of the General in attendance included Mr. Clark Thornton, a great-great grandson and his family, Mr. David Whelchel, a great-grandson, Mrs. Jamie Longstreet Paterson, a granddaughter, Mr. W. Dan Paterson, Jr. a great-grandson and Mr. James Randolph Paterson another great-grandson. Mr. George Wangerman, city councilman, represented the City of Gainesville.*

*"Inspiring," said David Whelchel, the general's great-grandson. "I feel like he's home again right here."*

*General Longstreet was General's Lee's second in command of the Army of Northern Virginia and a battle-hardened leader of its 1<sup>st</sup> Corps. His campaigns included 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, Gettysburg and Chickamauga as well as the Wilderness; he was also present at the surrender at Appomattox. He settled in this northeastern Georgia town after the war and ran the Piedmont Hotel here. Members of the Longstreet Society, the organization raising money to renovate the remnants of the Piedmont, were also in attendance. Longstreet died 2 January 1904 and is buried in Gainesville's Alta Vista cemetery in a flag marked grave.*

*"It's befitting," said Charles Beasley, commander of the Gen. James Longstreet Camp No. 1289, Sons Confederate Veterans. "I think they did a good job."*

*The crowd included Civil War enthusiasts, politicians, re-enactors as well as descendants of the General.*

*"I'm doubly proud to have the statue dedicated on this site," said Dan Paterson, a great-grandson. It's fitting that the monument be located where his house burned." In his speech Paterson also referred to images of the General living his final years in Gainesville, also*

his mother's hometown and where his grandmother, Mrs. F.R. Longstreet lived until her death in 1984.

After the ceremony Taps was played by a bugler followed by re-enactors providing the 21-gun salute concluding with an emotional rendering of "Dixie."

## FLASHBACK 1861

### Flashback - December 1861

By Bob Ford

**1 Dec.** Lincoln sarcastically asks McClellan in a letter how long it will take to get the Army moving. There is skirmishing in KY, TN and MO.

**3 Dec.** "The Union must be preserved..." Lincoln proclaims in the State of the Union Address.

**4 Dec.** Senator John C. Breckinridge of KY is kicked out of the U.S. Senate after joining the Confederate Army in November.

**7 Dec.** U.S.S. Santiago de Cuba halts a British schooner at the mouth of the Rio Grande and seizes a Confederate purchasing agent.

**9 Dec.** Congress establishes a Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War.

**10 Dec.** The Confederate Congress admits KY and MO to the Confederacy. (It didn't seem to matter that the states had not seceded from the Union)

**13 Dec.** Five Union Regiments attack Confederate Camp Allegheny in Western Virginia. Each side has 20 killed. The Union wounded number 107 and the Southern wounded are 116.

**15 Dec.** Congress recognizes slavery as one of the fundamental causes of the war. Sterling Price's Confederate Army tries to move into Kansas, but is cut off by General Pope. Two Confederate blockade-runners are captured off NC.

**17 Dec.** Stonewall Jackson operates near Harper's Ferry against Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Skirmishes occur in NC, KY, and Trans-Mississippi.

**18-21 Dec.** The British minister demands Union release of Confederate commissioners Mason and Slidell. The President recognizes the "Trent Affair" risks war with England.

**20 Dec.** Sharp fighting at Dranesville, VA.

**22 Dec.** Light skirmish near New Port News, VA.

**23 Dec.** Secretary of State, Seward, rules the seizure of the Confederate commissioners was unlawful.

**24 Dec.** There is a minor skirmish at Wadesburg, MO.

**25 Dec.** There is fighting at Cherry, VA and Fort Frederick, MD during the first Christmas of the War. A blockade-runner is taken off Cape Fear, NC. In Washington, discussions about the British demands for the release of Mason and Slidell occupy Lincoln while he prepares to host a Christmas dinner for many guests.

**26 Dec.** The Cabinet agrees to release Mason and Slidell thereby avoiding war with England and France. Martial law is proclaimed in St. Louis, MO. Pro-Union Creek Indians in Oklahoma are driven to Kansas after battle with superior Confederate forces.

**27-28 Dec.** More fighting occurs in Missouri.

**29 Dec.** Fighting in three western VA counties. Skirmishes continue in MO, and in the Indian Territory of OK.

**30 Dec.** Mason and Slidell are handed over to British, ending the Trent Affair.

**31 Dec.** A troubled Lincoln, concerned over the lack of action by his Army, finds that McClellan is ill. A Federal landing party captures Biloxi, MS, destroys a battery but does not hold the town. So ends a year of sorrow, defeats and frustrations for Lincoln and the Union cause.

Sources "1400 Days, The Civil War Day By Day" by Chris Bishop, Ian Drury, and Tony Gibbons, and "The Civil War Day By Day, An Almanac 1861-1865", by E.B. Long.

## VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Submitted by: Keith Young

### HOMESPUN DRESS AIR

-- "Bonny Blue Flag"

Oh yes! I am a Southern girl, and glory in the name,  
And boast it with far greater pride than glittering wealth  
or fame;



I envy not the Northern girl her robes of beauty rare,  
Though diamonds deck her snowy neck and pearls  
bedeck her hair.

**CHORUS** -- *Hurrah! hurrah! for the Sunny South so dear,  
Three cheers for the homespun dress the Southern ladies wear.*

This homespun dress is plain, my hat's palmetto too,  
But then it shows what Southern girls for Southern rights  
will do –

We scorn to wear a dress of silk a bit of Northern lace,  
We make our homespun dresses up and wear them with  
much grace.

**CHORUS**

Now Northern goods are out of date, and since Old  
Abe's blockade,  
We Southern girls are quite content with goods ourselves  
have made –  
We sent the brave from out our land to battle with the  
foe,  
And we will lend a helping hand -- we love the South  
you know.

**CHORUS**

Our land is a glorious land, and ours a glorious cause,  
Then, three cheers for the homespun dress and for the  
Southern boys;  
We sent our sweethearts to the war, but, dear girls, never  
mind,  
The soldier never will forget the girl he left behind.

**CHORUS**

A soldier is the lad for me -- a brave heart I adore,  
And when the Sunny South is free, and fighting is no  
more,  
I then will choose a lover brave from out that glorious  
band,  
The soldier-boy that I love the best shall have my heart  
and hand.

**CHORUS**

And now, young men, a word to you, if you would win  
the fair,  
Go to the field where honor calls, and win your ladies  
there:  
Remember that our brightest smiles are for the true and  
brave,

And that our tears are for the one that fills a soldier's  
grave.

**CHORUS**

*--- From "The Civil War in Song and Story. 1860-1865." Collected and arranged by Frank Moore, 1865, reprinted 1882. ---*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Note: If you plan to attend an event please verify the information given in this column by calling the telephone number provided.*

**15 Dec.** - 2 PM – 3PM 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour of Prospect Hill. Hosted by Friends of Fredericksburg Area Battlefields. Info: (540) 972-9954

**16 Dec.** – 12 PM – 5 PM “Court End Christmas” at The Museum and White House of the Confederacy, The John Marshall House, Wickham House, and Valentine Richmond History Center. Free. Info: (804) 649-1861

**16 Dec.** – 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM “Civil War Along the James” tour led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour is by bus from Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. \$106. Info: (202) 357-3030

**22 Dec.** – 7:30 AM – 7:30 PM “Siege of Petersburg” tour led by led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour leaves from Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. \$106. Info: (202) 357-3030

**6 Jan.** – 7 AM – 7:45 PM “The Civil War in Alexandria, Fairfax and Prince William Counties” tour led by led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour leaves from Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. \$102. Info: (202) 357-3030

**12 Jan.** – 8 AM – 6:15 PM “Washington Defenses” tour led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour Civil War fort sites. Tour Leaves from Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. Call for ticket info. (202) 357-3030

**13 Jan.** – 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM “Civil War Washington – The Political & Social Science” tour led by led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour leaves from Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. \$100. Info: (202) 357-3030

**18 Jan.** – 10 AM – 5 PM Lee-Jackson Day. The Museum of the Confederacy. Free. Info: (804)649-1861

