

STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

March 2002

Hidden Civil War Heritage of Fairfax County: Forgotten Partisan Rangers, Firefights, Battles, Fortifications and other Historic Sites

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table was instrumental in obtaining \$150K from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (FCBOS), led by Chairman Kate Hanley, to commence an inventory of Civil War sites in the county. BRCWRT members actively participated in the requisite research for the project and in field "search and find" operations with contractor personnel from John Milner Associates, Inc. during 2001. Specific sites scattered throughout designated geographic areas - 41% of the county's area were field checked. Scores of previously unrecorded Civil War sites were found. As the result of these exhaustive efforts, a total of 850 Civil War locations were identified, or 340% more than expected. And this figure, in reality, represented only part of the county. For Phase II of the inventory in 2002, an estimated \$200K will be needed from the FCBOS. Your letters in support of the cited inventory will be most appreciated. (A letter from John Milner Associates, Inc. thanking members of the BRCWRT for their support can be found on page 9.)

While a significant amount of the Civil War heritage of Fairfax County has been destroyed by land maulers enough remains to make the county a tourist attraction. The purposes of John McAnaw's presentation are twofold:

- 1. To bring attention to little-known individuals, units, events and certain historic sites of significance during the war in Fairfax County.
- 2. To encourage attendees to become involved in Round Table efforts to preserve important Civil War sites not only in Fairfax County but also in Prince William and other counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The need to get more individuals involved is critical. Time is running out.

John McAnaw is currently in his second consecutive year as President of the BRCWRT. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, U.S. Army. While serving in the Republic of Vietnam he participated in nine campaigns. His last two active duty tours, prior to retirement, were at the Pentagon and at the U.S. Army War College. He has authored articles on a variety of subjects, ranging from international affairs to military topics, including the American Civil War. He has spoken to a number of area organizations, including our Round Table, on diverse Civil War subjects.

Mr. McAnaw has spent a great deal of time during the past 17 years visiting and searching throughout Virginia for Civil War sites. He has led numerous Civil War tours and "search and find" field trips in Fairfax and adjacent counties. His presentation will feature many film slides and vu-graphs of little known, yet important, Civil War locations in Fairfax County.

Join us on Thursday, 14 March 2002, for what will certainly be an eye-opener on the Civil War heritage of Fairfax County and the state of historic preservation in the county.

General Membership Meeting 14 March 2002 7:15 PM

- John P. McAnaw
 "Hidden Civil War Heritage of Fairfax County: Forgotten Partisan Rangers, Firefights, Battles, Fortifications and other Historic Sites"
- Civil War 101 6:30 PM "Civil War Cavalry" Mike Duggan

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The Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121-2299 Tel. No. (703) 830-2223

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.

If you would like to participate in the e-mail program, (messages are sent blind copy to protect privacy), or if you would like to offer comments please contact:

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for April/May 2002 articles is 27 March 2002. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

General Membership Meeting 7:15 PM Thursday, 11 April 2002

• Dr. James K. Bryant

"African American Soldiers in Army of the Potomac and the Arithe James"

Visit our website at: http://www.bullruncwrt.org

For more information on the BRCWRT website contact: Maureen Quinn: MRQuinn@patriot.net

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

BRCWRT member Keith Young gave those in attendance at our General Membership Meeting on St. Valentine's Day a thoroughly informative presentation on the "Engineers of the U.S. Army of the Potomac" (and a bit more). Congratulations, Keith, on a job well done.

A review of our Membership List reveals that some of our "old regulars" have not yet paid their dues for 2002. I know many of you were "taken aback" by the large increases in the Fairfax County property assessments, but I believe you still can afford our modest dues. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

I would like to also extend my thanks to Patricia Ilura Williams Knock, who acted as our Chief Tour Guide on our winter tour of Leesylvania State Park on Saturday, 16 February 2002. Members of our Round Table ably backed her up. For those who could not attend, we had a thoroughly enjoyable and professionally rewarding tour. Further, we had the opportunity to stretch our legs over some wooded terrain and along the beachfront.

March will be a very busy month for Civil War preservationists. The public hearing by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the proposed rezoning of part of the Centreville Historic District by Stanley-Martin Homebuilding, L.L.C. has been postponed three times since 7 January 2002 at the request of the Sully District Supervisor. It is now scheduled for Monday, 18 March. I urge all interested parties to sign up and speak out at this meeting.

On Tuesday, 19 March, the Prince William Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of a large part of the Bristoe Station Battlefield by CENTEX Homes. Again, I ask all interested individuals to show up and speak. We desperately need your presence and support at both meetings.

In closing, I wish all an enjoyable St. Patrick Day weekend.

2002 Membership Dues

If you have not already paid your 2002 BRCWRT membership dues please do so as soon as possible. This issue of the *Stonewall* is the last issue of the year that will be extended to non-paying members. Please drop your check off at the next membership meeting or send your checks to:

Mark Knowles 169 Applegate Drive Sterling, Virginia 20164

If you have any questions, contact Mark at (703) 787-9811. Thank you for your support!

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Our Spring Tour Schedule will be kicked off with a trip to Quantico in April. Make sure to mark your calendar!

Part II: Confederate Batteries along the Potomac River

Date/Time: Saturday 20, April 2002 9:30 AM – 3:15 PM

Location: Quantico Marine Corps Base

Confederate batteries at Evansport (Shipping Point and Rising Hill, Confederate winter campsites, magazines, etc...) Other locations to be determined.

Chief Tour Guide: Joe Balicki

Assistant Tour Guides: John DePue and John

McAnaw

More Information: *Stonewall* April/May 2002 edition.

John McAnaw: (703) 973-3371

After Action: Leesylvania State Park Tour, 16 February 2002

A total of 19 members/guests showed up for the tour of Leesylvania State Park on Saturday, 16 February 2002. Chief Tour Guide Patricia Ilura Williams Knock of the park staff led us first on a tour of the museum in the Visitor's Center and then to various sites on the Lees Woods Historical Interpretive Trail and along the beach washed by the Potomac River.

The events related to the Civil War history of Freestone Point were covered in detail including units stationed there, the Confederate battery, the fishing shacks, the history of LTC John Fairfax of (LTG Longstreet's staff) and the escape of three Irishmen from the 69th New York State Militia on 27-28 September 1861. Other sites such as the gravesites of Henry Lee II and his wife Lucy Grimes Lee were also visited. The weather was perfect and the companionship was most enjoyable. At the end of our tour we ran across two of our friends with John A. Milner Associates, Inc – Kerri Holland and Brian Corle.

Tour participants were:

Nancy Anwyll Richard Balch Richard Blackburn Mike Buckley **Becky Cumins** Howard Ewing Janet Greentree Bob Ford Patricia Knock Lvnne Toehl Mark Knowles Drew Lavan Justin Lavan Dan Lundeen Dale Maschino John McAnaw Rose Nelson Bev Regeimbal Keith Young

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PRESERVATION CORNER

BRCWRT Members Your participation is requested:

- Monday, 18 March 2002, 5:00 PM
 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
 Public Hearing on Proposed Rezoning by
 Stanley-Martin of 7.81 acres within and
 adjacent to the Centreville Historic District.
- Tuesday, 19 March 2002, 5:00 PM
 Prince William Board of Supervisors
 Public Hearing on Proposed Rezoning by
 CENTEX Homes of Large part of Bristoe
 Station Battlefield.

The Civil War Preservation Trust's Second Annual List of Most Threatened Civil War Battlefields

By: John McAnaw

The Civil War Preservation Trust's (CWPT) 2002 report on "America's Most Endangered Civil War Battlefields" was released on 26 February 2002 at a news conference in Washington, D.C. The report was broken down into two parts:

- Part I Ten most endangered battlefields
- Part II 15 additional "at risk" battlefields

Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania battlefields listed in this report should not surprise members who have participated in past BRCWRT tours. FYI the following is provided along with brief comments:

Part I – Ten Most Endangered Battlefields (Alphabetical Order):

1. Atlanta, GA

- Little remains of the earthworks around city.
- Battlefields, like Peachtree Creek lost.

2. Bentonville, NC

- Only a small portion of the 6,000-acre site is protected.
- Rampant vandalism.
- Threatened by residential development.

3. Chancellorsville, VA

- Under constant threat by sprawl along infamous Route 3.
- VDOT plans \$121M "outer connector" bypass that will be near the eastern edge of battlefield.
- The 781-acre Ashley Farm, scene of Day 1 fighting, is likely to be developed.

4. Corinth, MS

- One of most strategically important locations of the Civil War.
- 300-acres have been saved.
- Other key parcels threatened by commercial development.

5. Franklin, TN

- Battlefield all but lost.
- Local politicians have no interest in preservation.
- 6. Gaines' Mill/Cold Harbor, VA*
 - Both threatened by residential development.
 - Housing developments already along the periphery of Gaines' Mill.
 - Northern half of Cold Harbor lost.
 - Future bleak.

7. Gettysburg, PA*

- Much of the land around the intersection of Baltimore Pike and Hunt Ave. (site of proposed new battlefield visitor's center) unprotected.
- Farm behind Benner's Hill threatened if preservationists cannot raise money to pay note.

8. Harpers Ferry, WV*

- Key parcels threatened by development.
- Plans for residential development and water tower on historic Chambers Farm (Murphy Farm) now being contested in court.

9. Richmond, KY

- Still in excellent condition.
- Now threatened because a large part was designated as a "development area" in Madison County's May 1999 Urban Development plan.
- Unless the battlefield is set apart from the corridor plan, commercial development likely.

10. Stones River, TN

- Murfreesboro City Planning Commission removed 200 acres of battlefield land from the "preservation district" so that a medical center could be built.
- NPS identified 400 acres for preservation. Price tag out of sight \$20M

Part II – 15 "At Risk" Battlefields (Alphabetical Order):

- 1. Allatoona Pass, GA
- 2. Averasboro, NC
- 3. Bristoe Station, VA*
- 4. Buffington Island, OH
- 5. Fort Heiman, KY
- 6. Glorieta, NM
- 7. Manassas, VA*
- 8. Mansfield, LA
- 9. McDowell, VA*
- 10. Morris Island, SC
- 11. Petersburg, VA*
- 12. Pilot Knob, MO
- 13. Raymond, MS
- 14. Stephenson's Depot, VA*
- 15. The Wilderness, VA*

The shortfall in the Commonwealth of Virginia will adversely affect planned road constructed by VDOT. Hopefully the proposed \$121M "outer connector" bypass near the Chancellorsville Battlefield will by delayed for years. If this is the case, proposed residential development may well be postponed. Every effort should be made to acquire the 781-acre Ashley Farm.

During the period of 20-21 January, 2002 I toured the forts and battlefields around Petersburg. I was very disheartened by what I observed. I believe that Petersburg should be listed among the "Ten Most Endangered Battlefields."

Fate of Historic District Hangs in the Balance By: Mary Ahrens

The fate of the Centreville Historic District still hangs in the balance. For the third time the Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing has been deferred. John McAnaw has expended a great deal of time and energy updating members on new developments and schedule changes. BRCWRT members who have signed up to speak or who have attended the meetings to show their support include John McAnaw (President), Keith Young (Vice-President), Ed Wenzel, Bob Ford, Tim Duskin, Nancy Anwyll, Bev Regeimbal, and Becky Cumins. In league with the BRCWRT are Ed Bears (Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service), Brian Pohanka (Civil War historian/author), Jim Burgess (Civil War historian), Rob Hodges (Civil War Reenactor, Independent film producer), Larry Baldwin (former Fairfax County Planning Commissioner), the Vestry (governing body) of St. John's Episcopal Church, and other concerned members of the community.

The reason for the most recent deferral is to allow the developers time to do a more in-depth archeological survey in the area of the earthworks. It is important that the main issues are not clouded by the Phase II survey. It is not whether or not new archeological evidence is unearthed that is important. The issues are simply how much of the earthworks do the developers plan to preserve and why do they insist on building within the historic district itself?

The first question: "How much of the earthworks do the developers plan to preserve?" - has yet to be answered. By virtue of their location within the historic district, a section of these National Historic Register eligible earthworks is already protected by both county and state law which makes it illegal to destroy a structure within the district unless the Architectural Review Board and the county Board of Supervisors has approved the destruction. The earthworks are located partially within the historic district and partially on land adjoining it. Is that section, not within the historic district going to be saved? The actual dimensions of the earthworks to be preserved ought to be stipulated by the developer.

The second question: "Why do they insist on building within the historic district itself?" - has not even been addressed. One of the main intentions of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance is "to protect against destruction of or encroachment upon historic areas", but this seems to have been ignored thus far. Plans for the development provide for a view from Mt. Gilead (built c. 1750) to the earthworks; however, the houses that will be built inside the historic district boundaries are directly between St. John's Episcopal Church (built 1851) and the earthworks, thus severing St. John's from the rest of the historic district. Is St. John's any less important than The earthworks and St. John's were Mt. Gilead? constructed within a few years of each other and should be viewed together in their historical context, not separated by a wall of modern dwellings.

The Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing is now scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2002 at 5:00 pm. Arrangements to speak at the Public Hearing can be made by contacting the clerk to the Board at (703) 324-3151.

Request for Information on an Irish Soldier Believed to be Buried in an Unknown Grave in Centerville By: John McAnaw

The number of Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the Centreville-Union Mills area is unknown. Primary source information indicates that the number is significant. Three years ago Pat Gallagher of our Round Table brought to my attention information on a Union soldier named Patrick Logue, Co. D, 182nd New York Infantry Regiment. The information contained herein is the result of research conducted by Pat Gallagher and C.K. Gailey.

Patrick Logue was born in County Donegal, Ireland. He first enlisted on 12 May at the age of 26 in New York City and was mustered in on 30 May 1861 in Washington, D.C. as a Private, Co. E, 69th New York State Militia (Irish). This was a three-month unit commanded by Col. Michael Corcoran, also a native of County Donegal.

Private Logue stood 5'1/2" tall. His complexion and hair were described as light and his eyes were listed as gray. His occupation was "ship's carpenter." Patrick Logue was captured at First Manassas by the Confederates on 21 July 1861 and was first imprisoned at Richmond, VA. On 25 September 1861 he was sent, for some inexplicable reason, to New Orleans, LA. From there he traveled to Salisbury, NC, where he was paroled on 28 May 1862.

He reenlisted on 18 September 1862 in New York City and was mustered in on 18 November 1862 at Newport News, VA with the rank of Third Corporal, Co. D, 182nd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The 182nd, along with the 155th New York, 164the New York, and 170th New York composed Corcoran's Irish Legion. The Legion was commanded by, now Brigadier General Corcoran, who had also been captured at First Manassas.

In the summer of 1863 the Irish Legion moved from the Suffolk area to Fairfax County. Its mission was to protect Centreville, Fairfax Station, and the Orange and Alexandria Railroad from the Accotink Crossing (the railroad bridge over Accotink Creek) to the Bull Run Bridge. The 182nd was stationed in the vicinity of Centreville when, on 26 September 1863 Third Corporal Patrick Logue died of dysentery. An inventory of Logue's effects, conducted by Capt. Michael McGuire disclosed the following:

1 cap and cover 2 pair shoes 1 great coat 1 handkerchief

1 blouse 1 knife 1 pair of trousers 1 fork 1 pair flannel drawers 1 spoon 2 pair flannel shirts 1 pipe

Patrick Logue was married to Ann Lovell Logue at St. Joseph Church, New York City, in 1859. They had no children. She filed for a pension in 1863, giving an address of 128 Charleston St., New York City. Tragically, she died at age 28 on 24 October 1864.

If you have any information on Patrick Logue, please contact me at (703) 978-3371 or send it to the BRCWRT address. Your help will be deeply appreciated.

FLASHBACK 1861

Flashback - March 1862 By: Mark Knowles

March 1 - John Minor Botts, former Virginia congressman and avowed neutralist, is arrested for treason against the Confederacy. Richmond is now under martial law. President Jefferson Davis places Gen. John Winder in control of the city.

March 3 - Gen. Henry Halleck accuses Gen. U.S. Grant for his tardy appearance during the Fort Donelson takeover. President Lincoln gives Gen. Halleck permission to transfer Gen. C.F. Smith to command the troops going up the Tennessee River out of Ft. Henry.

March 4 - Confederate President Davis calls Gen. R.E. Lee to Richmond, VA to assume duties as a military advisor in VA.

March 7 – Gen. Van Dorn's Confederates surprise Gen. Samuel Curtis' Federal forces, at Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern), Arkansas. But Confederates are unable to rout the Union soldiers.

March 8 - Confederate Generals McCullock & McIntosh are killed at The Battle of Pea Ridge. The ironclad CSS Merrimack makes its debut by destroying the USS Cumberland & USS Roanoke, while inflicting heavy damage to the USS Minnesota.

March 9 - The CSS Merrimack and the USS Monitor clash in the harbor at Hampton Roads, VA. Little damage is done to either vessel. The battle has no real victor.

March 11 - General War Order Number Three, President Lincoln removes Gen. McClellan from his command as General in Chief of the Union army. Gen. McClellan is given the Army of the Potomac.

March 14 - Gen. Burnside's Union troops take New Berne, NC from Gen. Branch.

March 15 - Gen. Grant resumes command of field forces in TN after Gen. Halleck absolves him of charges of misconduct at Fort Donelson.

March 18 - Jefferson Davis names Judah Benjamin as Confederate secretary of state.

March 22 - Light fighting occurs in Kernstown, VA between Gen. Shields' Union soldiers & Gen. Jackson's advancing Confederates.

March 23 – 9,000 Union troops duke it out with 4,200 Confederates at Kernstown, VA. Gen. Jackson's men perform admirably, however, they retreat after suffering 80 KIA, 375 WIA, 263 MIA compared to Union losses of 118 KIA, 450 WIA & 22 MIA.

March 28 - New Mexico Territory sees a major battle at La Glorietta Pass.

Source: "The Civil War Day by Day" Edited by John S. Bowman

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Submitted by Keith Young

A Glimpse of Stonewall Jackson Colone l Stannard, 9th Vermont

When Harper's Ferry surrendered to "Stonewall" Jackson, in September 1862, General Jackson halted his horse in front of the 9th Vermont, and, taking off his hat, solemnly said: "Boys, don't feel bad; you could not help it; it was just as God willed it." One of Jackson's staff asked me if I had anything to drink. I handed him my flask, and the young Confederate captain poured out a horn and arrogantly said: "Colonel, here is to the health of the Southern Confederacy."

I answered: "To ask and accept a courtesy of a prisoner and then insult him is an act that an honorable soldier would scorn."

Jackson turned on his staff officer and gave him a severe scolding, saying the repetition of such an insult to a prisoner would cost him his place. Then turning to me, General Jackson apologized for the conduct of his officer, saying that it was an exceptional act of insolence on the part of a young and reckless man; and, bowing gravely, the famous Confederate captain rode away.

--- From "Echoes of 1861-1865: Campfire Sketches and Battlefield Echoes of The Rebellion by the Boys," c. 1887. ---

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.

The following events will be held at the Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 E. Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, (804) 649-1861

The Museum of the Confederacy and White House of the Confederacy are located in the historic Court End neighborhood in downtown Richmond and are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5. For additional information, please call (804) 649-1861.

Through May 26 – View artifacts on loan from the Confederate Memorial Hall, the Confederate Museum in New Orleans

March 6 – 24th Annual 2002 Evening Series, Lecture, "Was Secession Constitutional?" Kent Masterson Brown & Dr. John Y. Simon, \$5, Reservation required, Info: (804) 649-1861

March 13 - 24th Annual 2002 Evening Series, Lecture, "Virginia at the Crossroads: The Secession Crisis, 1860-1861", \$5, Reservation required, Dr. James T. Moore, Info: (804) 649-1861

March 20 - 24th Annual 2002 Evening Series, Lecture, "The First Steps Toward Freedom: Ben Butler & The Contrabands", \$5, Reservation required, John V. Quarstein, Info: (804) 649-1861

April 4-7 - Louisiana visits Richmond, Celebrate South Weekend, Four-day weekend featuring events from battlefield tours, workshops, Cajun music, and Louisiana cuisine. For ticket info: (804) 649-1861 x 41

April 5 – 7 pm – 10 pm, Homecoming Gala Reception and Auction, Part of the Museum's 7^{th} Annual Celebrate South Weekend, Tickets are \$20 a person and may be purchased by calling the Museum at (804) 649-1861 x. 41 or x. 44.

April 6 – 8pm Celebrate South Weekend, National Park Service historian and park ranger Ed Sanders will deliver a lecture on the prelude to Cold Harbor, followed by a tour of the battlefield site itself. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by calling (804) 649-1861 x. 41 or 44.

The following events will be held at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA:

March 9 - Women in Civil War America, Lecture series. Info: (703) 838-4848.

March 16 - Women in Civil War America, Lecture series. Info: (703) 838-4848.

The following events will be held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD:

April 6 – 10 AM – 3 PM, 7th Virginia Infantry C.S.A., Camp life. Info: (301) 695-1864

April 7 – 11 AM – 3 PM Preparation of medicine during the Civil War - Demonstrations.

Electronic Newsletter

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