



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol XIII, Issue 5 — June/July 2006

LEGENDS, MYTHS, MISCONCEPTIONS AND MISTAKES OF THE KILPATRICK – DAHLGREN RAID ON RICHMOND

By John McAnaw

Dr. Bruce M. Venter's major Civil War interest is Union Cavalry, with particular research emphasis on the career of General Judson Kilpatrick. He has lectured at cavalry conferences sponsored by the Civil War Education Association (CWEA) and at a number of Round Tables on this controversial cavalry leader. In March 2003, Blue and Gray magazine published his well researched article on the "Kilpatrick – Dahlgren Raid on Richmond." He has also written for *Civil War* magazine, the *Washington Times* and was a book reviewer for *North & South* and *Civil War News*. He maintains membership in four Round Tables and numerous battlefield preservation groups, including the Brandy Station Foundation. He holds a B.A. in history from Manhattan College, a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Albany and is currently Assistant Superintendent with the Wight County Schools. Dr. Venter led a Kilpatrick – Dahlgren Raid bus tour for the CWEA in 2004.

The controversy regarding the Union cavalry raid on Richmond led by BG (Hugh) Judson Kilpatrick and Col. Ulric Dahlgren continues to the present day. The duration of the failed raid was just six days – from 28 February until 4 March 1864. The raiding force, consisting of 3,584 experienced cavalymen and six artillery pieces, crossed the Rapidan at Ely's Ford late on 28 February. On the following day (29 February), the Union cavalry column split at Spotsylvania C.H., with BG Kilpatrick leading the main force toward Richmond and Col. Dahlgren's contingent (500 men) heading for Goochland, 30 miles up the James River from the Confederate Capital.

Dr. Venter will discuss at length the purposes of the raid and the actions of both Union columns and the countermeasures taken by the Confederate War Department to thwart the raiders. During his presentation he will address the significance of the papers found on the body of Col. Dahlgren. These documents indicated the intent of the Union raiders to kill President Jefferson Davis and his cabinet plus put Richmond to the torch.

Join us on Thursday at 7:00 pm, 8 June 2006 for what will be a thoroughly informative presentation

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2006
7:00 P.M. Centreville Library**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
Dr. Bruce M. Venter
SUBJECT:
The Kilpatrick—Dahlgren
Raid on Richmond**

by an acknowledged authority on the Kilpatrick – Dahlgren raid and "Kill Cavalry" himself.

LEGEND, MYTH OR MISCONCEPTION?

"At one time we had Kilpatrick and his hords of raiders just from about Richmond where they had committed all manner of brutal atrocities Dalgreen was killed and they were driven off with their pockets filled, with silver spoons knives, forks, juelry, pictures, every sort of beautiful, elegant thing they had stolen from the citizens, and had hawking about here for sale, and a more savage insulting swaggering set of wretches I never saw."

Anne S. Frobel

Source: The Civil War Diary of Anne S. Frobel of Wilton Hill in Virginia. EPM Publications, 2001, Page 215. Wilton Hill was located off Telegraph Road and the current Franconia Road in Alexandria. Anne Frobel and her sister Elizabeth Douglass Frobel spent the war years and much of Reconstruction at Wilton Hill.

ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES

Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.



JOIN US AT THE BORDER CAFE

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner? Join the BRCWRT board and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

Due to the closing of The Lone Star, we are currently meeting at The Border Cafe at 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library. **Space is limited so RSVP** to Dale Maschino at smasch1verizon.net or 703.734.3244 no later than Tuesday before each meeting.

Of course, it's always Dutch treat for the 'cheap and the proud!' Bring cash to get us in and out quicker.



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E-mail Articles By 9:00 A.M. Monday, July 31

To scox@capitalav.com

If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your e-mail article by Aug. 1, please call Sandra at 703.675.0702 as it may have been blocked by company software.

The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

May 2006 was a month to remember. On Thursday, 11 May 2006, Ed Bearss filled our meeting room to capacity for his presentation on Gettysburg – Day Two. In fact, attendance was a record high for the period that we have been meeting at the Centreville Regional Library. Ed's presentation was superb and served as excellent preparation for the Round Table tour of the Gettysburg-Day Two Battlefield on Saturday, 13 May.



Martha Hendley, Ed Bearss, John McAnaw,
Keith Young, Dan Paterson, Armando Mancini
Photo by Janet Greentree

Also, on our meeting night, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the founding of the BRCWRT on 9 May 1991 by historian Bill Miller. Also, a month in advance, Ed Bearss received recognition for his upcoming 83rd birthday. A total of five past and present Round Table presidents were in attendance. In addition to the undersigned, they were Armando Mancini, Martha Hendley, Dan Paterson, and Keith Young. Summing up, a good time was had by all.

The Gettysburg – Day Two Battlefield tour was a rousing success. Kevin Anastas, ably seconded by Maureen Quinn, conducted an absolutely outstanding tour of the 2 July battleground that was visually very different from that previously viewed by park visitors. The massive removal of trees, totally hundreds of acres, has restored the affected terrain to what it looked like on 2 July 1863. Please take the time to read Kevin's after action report of his 23 stop tour. Even sporadic periods of rain failed to diminish the enthusiasm of the great majority of the 45 participants. Without question it was the most informative and satisfying tour of the Gettysburg battlefield that I have participated in.

Of note, on 11 May 2006 Ed Bearss recognized the great work of the superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park in restoring the battlefield to its 1863 physical appearance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

13 JULY 2006

GUEST SPEAKER

Brian McEnany

Subject:

The West Point Class

Of 1862



10 AUGUST 2006

GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Mertz

Subject:

"I'll Be Damned If I

Will Cooperate"

MG Gouverneur K. Warren

At Spottsylvania Court House

Through the efforts of the BRCWRT members, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted on 1 May 2006, to delay their decision re: the proposed rezoning of the 3.68 acre Rice Tract located within the proposed expanded Centreville Historic Overlay District. I want to personally thank those Round Table members who eloquently spoke out against the rezoning request by Northern Virginia Properties, Inc. Members of the BOS listened carefully to our views and expressed genuine interest in what we had to say.

As of 30 May 2006, it appears that the next Public Hearing on the Rice Tract will be held on Monday, 26 June 2006. We need more speakers to prevent the ruination of what is left of the magnificent heritage of Civil War Centreville. Instead of "tokenism", we are fighting for a viable Gateway Heritage Park, that encompasses key Civil War sites in the area. Join us in this important fight to save our priceless Civil War heritage.

MOVIE REVIEW OF "CRAZY LIKE A FOX"

by Tim Duskin

On May 6, a movie opened which is a very different kind of movie. The movie was "Crazy Like a Fox." An article about it appeared in the March issue of "Northern Virginia Magazine" and was entitled "Call of the Old: Film Set in Loudoun County Sounds Call to Senses" by Bill Wine. The Producer-Director of the movie was Richard Squires, who Wine says "has lived in Virginia for fifty years, and knows and embraces its history, its beauty, and its values." Wine also said that the movie is "about history and values which, once lost, are difficult to get back."

In an interview on the movie's website www.crazylikeafoxmovie.com "My daughter was taught kindergarten by Robert E. Lee's great-granddaughter, one of her classmates is a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson, and another lives in James Monroe's old home. The Old Virginians provide a direct link to the first days of this country, which were the last days of monarchic rule in the world. Many of them remain on their family farms after hundreds of years. It seems to me that what they stand for has come to be so different from the country that they founded, that it makes sense to show the two forces together before the new one devours the other. Virginia's past isn't just in danger of being forgotten, but obliterated."

This summarizes the message of his movie. It was filmed at Welbourne, a horse farm and Bed-and-Breakfast in Middleburg which borders Goose Creek and Mosby Highway. In the movie, Welbourne is used as Greenwood Farm and Welbourne's owner, Nat Morrison, is the basis of the movie's central character, Nathaniel Banks. Morrison is the sixth generation member of his family to live at Welbourne and a friend of Squires. George Washington was a friend of Benjamin Dulaney, builder of Welbourne, and once stopped there on his way to the Delaware. Washington rode Delaney's horse, Blueskin, during the Revolutionary War and, in 1862, Union troops burned the barns at Welbourne, but spared the house. These real pieces of history are incorporated into the movie as part of Greenwood's history.

Nat Banks is played by Roger Rees and his wife Amy is played by Mary McDonnell. Their daughter Claudia is played by Squires's real-life daughter, Chloe. In the story, Greenwood has

been in the Banks family for eight generations, but the family has seen better times financially. The house is run down. (Welbourne was in need of renovation at the time of the filming and the movie was finished before the renovation began.) Government regulators, "an army of bureaucrats," according to Banks, cause him to end up owing \$100,000, including legal fees. Against his wishes, his wife persuades him to put the farm up for sale. A crooked lawyer couple from Washington, Will and Ellie Sherman (played by Paul Fitzgerald and Christina Rouner), come to look at Greenwood and eventually offer to buy it. Banks does not trust them, believing that they will "knock down Greenwood and build McMansions," and calls them "carpetbaggers" (though not to their faces). The Shermans assure Banks that they will not. They say that they want to fix up the house and keep Banks on as manager, allowing him and his family to live in the orchard house. They also give him a check for \$40,000 for the furniture in Greenwood. Under those circumstances, Banks accepts their offer. However, after the closing has been completed, Will hands Nat a three day eviction notice. Banks accuses Sherman of "corrupting the law." The Shermans decided to keep the Banks's hired hands on, however.

Nat's wife Amy and their two children move into a house in town, but Nat refuses to leave. He puts on a Confederate officer's uniform and camps along Goose Creek toward the rear of the Greenwood property. The creek scenes were shot at Francis Mill, a farm Squires owns in Middleburg. When Nat's wife asks him to join them in town criticizing him for living in a cave along the creek, he replies, "Have you heard of Bull Run? Cedar Creek? Antietam Creek? This is war!" He says he cannot leave. When his wife comes back to visit him again later with their children, she asks him when he is coming back. Nat replies that he never left. He also says that Washington hid there on the way to Yorktown and that "Washington just wanted people to have their land, just like Robert E. Lee." When his daughter Claudia asks him if Washington was hiding because he was an outlaw, Nat replies that "he had to hide in valleys like these to fight the Revolution."

See "CRAZY LIKE A FOX", Page 11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted please e-mail Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net.

3 June – Manassas Museum, Heritage Railway Festival, 10 am – 4 pm. 9101 Prince William St. Manassas, Free. Call 703-368-1873 or www.manassasmuseum.org.

3 June – Tour of the Beverly Ford and St. James Church area of the Brandy Station Battlefield. 10 am to noon. \$5. Begins at the Graffiti House Visitor Center. Call 540-547-4106, or www.brandystationfoundation.com.

4 June – Fort Washington, artillery demonstrations. Firings at 1,2 and 3 pm. Free with admission. Call 301-763-4600 or www.nps.gov/fowa.

4 June – Richmond Walking Tour. “Capital of the Confederacy” covers sites including the White House of the Confederacy, State Capitol and more. Begins at the Valentine History Center, 1015 E. Clay St. at 2 pm. \$10. Call 804-649-0711.

9 June – Fredericksburg walking tour, “Under The Guns: The Bombardment and Looting of Fredericksburg”. Part of the National Park’s History At Sunset” series. Meets at Market Square, 7 pm. Free. Call 540-373-6122 or, link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

10 June – Walking tour of Malvern Hill Battlefield. Part of the annual meeting of the Richmond Battlefields Association. Free. 10 am – 1 pm. Call 804-272-8888, or www.saverichmondbattlefields.org.

10 June – Living history, “Cavaliers, Courage, and Coffee: Mosby Owned the Night”, lantern-light Civil War stories from the Mosby Heritage area. 8 pm at the Rec- tor House at Atoka, 4 miles west of Middleburg. Free. Call 540-687-6681, or www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

10-11 June – Antietam, Artillery Weekend. Firing demonstrations throughout the weekend. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-7672, or link to www.nps.gov/anti.

16 June – “Fredericksburg’s Forgotten Plain: A Walk On The Slaughter Pen Farm” Part of the National Park’s History at Sunset series. Meets at the Pierson Farm, Route 2, two miles south of Fredericksburg. Free. Call 540-373-6122, or www.nps.gov/frsp.

17-18 June – Leesylvania State Park, Woodbridge – Civil War Weekend. Living history, demonstrations and tours. Parking Fee. 10am – 4pm. For details, call 703-670-0372.

23 June – Fredericksburg. “Clara Barton, Walt Whitman and the Bloody Legions”. Part of the National Park’s History at Sunset series. Meets at Chatham, across the river from downtown Fredericksburg at 7pm. Free. Call 540-373-6122, or link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

26-30 June – Manassas Museum, Civil War Boot Camp for kids (3rd and 4th graders) 9am – 12noon. Join the

ranks as a Civil War Soldier! Campers will experience the daily routine of drills, camp food, gear maintenance, and friendly competitions while doing hands-on activities that illustrate concepts such as artillery and rifle drilling, communications, and earthen fort construction. They will also take field trips to Mayfield Fort and to the Manassas National Battlefield Park. \$130 per child. Call 703-368-1873, or www.manassasmuseum.org.

30 June – Spotsylvania, walking tour. “Granite Shad- ows: A Walk Through Spotsylvania Confederate Cemetery,” part of the National Park’s history at Sunset series. 7pm. Free., call 540-373-6122 or link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

MARCHING ORDERS BRISTOE CAMPAIGN TOUR

Due to inclement weather, the April tour was postponed to the date below.

DATE: Saturday, 17 June 2006,

ASSEMBLY LOCATION/TIME: VRE Station, Old Town Manassas, at 8:15 A.M.

TOUR DURATION: 8:20 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

LUNCH: Bag lunch, or if you prefer, an opportunity will be provided to stop at one of several “fast food” establishments

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Call John De Pue at (703) 791-3389 or check your email.

TOUR GUIDES: John Pearson, Mark Knowles, and John De Pue

PHYSICAL EXERTION: Light to moderate. Anticipate one hike of approximately one mile in length and dress accordingly. The ground at Bristoe may be wet and muddy.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: Parking will present a problem at several stops. We strongly encourage carpooling upon arrival at the assembly point.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Auburn, “Coffee Hill,” Greenwich, Jeb Stuart’s concealed position; Bristoe Station Battlefield.

If you signed up online, you are still on the list. If you need to cancel, please use the online sign-up link, fill out the form and choose “remove me”.

If you signed up at a meeting and need to cancel, please call John DePue.

PLEASE DON'T BE A NO-SHOW!

McENANY TO SPEAK ON "THE WEST POINT CLASS OF 1862"

By John McAnaw

Brian McEnany was born in Cornwall, NY. He was an "Army Brat" and traveled extensively with his family throughout the U.S. and Japan. By the age of 13, Brian had attended 12 different schools, before enrolling at Brooklyn Technical High School in New York City. Following high school he entered the United States Military Academy as a member of the Class of 1962.

After graduation in June 1962, his first assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). His next assignment was in the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) as an advisor. In 1968 he successfully completed the course requirements for a Master of Science degree in Operations Research and Statistics and also a Master of Science Degree in Management!

Brian's active military service spanned 22 years. Assignments included tours in the U.S., the FRG, the RVN, and the Republic of Korea. He served in various positions ranging from artillery battery to division level, including multiple tours in the Pentagon as an operations research analyst.

Following his retirement from the military in 1984, Brian spent the next 22 years working for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in McLean, VA. While with SAIC he became an Assistant Vice President for Technology. In 1994, he was elected as President of the Military Operations Research Society.

After retirement from SAIC in 2006, Brian began using his skills as an analyst of military operations to write a narrative history of the West Point Class of 1862. He expects to have his book ready for publication sometime in 2006.

To quote Brian, "There have been many histories written about West Point and its graduates, but the set of circumstances surrounding the Academy at the beginning of the Civil War are not likely to be seen again. With the secession of the southern states and the firing upon Fort Sumter, the Cadets in the Class of 1862 were faced with divided loyalties. Would they choose to defend their families and states or bear allegiance to the Union they had sworn to uphold?"

The 28 members of the class that remained loyal to the Union served primarily with the Army of the Potomac. Taught by many that later com-

manded them in battle, the members of the class became the second or third officers in many regular artillery units. They also served at arsenals and on the engineer staffs of various armies. One member of the class was promoted to major general of cavalry within two years; another to brigadier general of infantry; one received the medal of honor.

The voices of the cadets themselves speak eloquently about their doubts and fears at West Point and throughout the war. It is through the words of one member of the class, Tully McCrea, that Brian McEnany will provide information and vignettes about the other classmates. He will describe how the class reacted to the beginnings of the war, the impact of resignations by half the class, and how these events created a group of cadets with strongly held beliefs in support of the Union. Their contributions during various battles are described and, where information has been found, the activities of some of their southern classmates are included. By the end of the war, many were wounded and, luckily, only four were lost. This extraordinary group of young men would have a continuing impact upon the Army for years to come."

Brian's background makes him well suited to be a first class historian. Join us on Thursday 13 July 2006 at 7:00 pm for a stimulating presentation on the all but forgotten West Point Class of 1862.

**WELCOME
BRCWRT**



**NEW
MEMBERS!**

**James Cole
Don Franklin
Larry Gordon
Jim Ronan
Jeff Silverstein**

GETTYSBURG MONUMENTS REPAIR FUND

by Tim Duskin

On the night of February 15, 2006 or early on the morning of the 16th, Gettysburg National Military Park suffered its worst case of vandalism in the park's entire history. Three monuments were desecrated: those to the 114th Pennsylvania (Collins Zouaves) and the 11th Massachusetts Infantry on Emmitsburg Road and the one to the 4th New York Independent Battery (Smith's Battery) at Devil's Den.

The statue of an infantryman loading a musket on top of the monument to the 114th Pennsylvania was toppled and the ramrod was taken. The monument to the 11th Massachusetts featured a stone arm brandishing a curved stone sword. The arm was found smashed on the ground and the sword was confiscated. The monument to the 4th New York Independent Battery featured a statue of an artilleryman. It was dragged 162 feet along the road and the head and ramrod were both stolen.

The damage to these three monuments is estimated to be \$60,000. Pennsylvania State Representative Harry Readshaw (D-Allegheny) is a long time supporter of the park's monuments and has spearheaded a decade-long effort to refurbish all 140 Pennsylvania monuments and markers on that battlefield. Also a former Marine, he has now formed the Gettysburg Monuments Repair Fund to restore these three monuments. Those wishing to donate to the fund may send checks to:

Gettysburg Monuments Repair Fund, c/o Rep. Harry Readshaw, 122 Irvis House Office Building, House Box 202020, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Information about the fund can be obtained from Readshaw's Harrisburg office at (717) 783-0411 or Gettysburg@pahouse.net. Those wishing to send donations directly to the park should make out their checks to DOI-NPS (for Department of the Interior, National Park Service) and earmark them "for the three vandalized monuments." They should send them to: Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

HELP NEEDED FOR CENTREVILLE/MOUNT GILEAD VA CIVIL WAR TRAILS SIGN

Rob Orrison is asking for information and photographs BRCWRT members might have depicting Centreville and Mount Gilead for the upcoming Fairfax County funded Virginia Civil War Trails sign on which he is currently working.

If you have something to share with Rob, please call him immediately at 571.641.0223 or email him at rorris@pwcgov.org.

ONE OF LONGSTREET'S MEN

by T. C. Harbaugh

*One day deep in the thicket's core,
Where nod the somber pines,
I found a grave with grass overgrown
Where stood the battle lines.
The headboard on the round reclined;
I lifted it, and then
I read: "The soldier sleeping here
was one of Longstreet's men."*

*For him no longer waved the plume
that led the men in gray;
the musket's crash, the cannon's boom
forever had died away;
A little bird with golden crest---
A songster of the glen---
Was singing near her little nest
to one of Longstreet's men.*

*His cherished cause he bravely served,
and deemed it right and just;
where is the foeman who would disturb
that valiant soldier's dust?
The Shenandoah, as it flowed
through meadow, brake, and fen,
Recalled the times when life was strife
for one of Longstreet's men.*

*I set the broken headboard right
that dreamy summer day,
and left beneath the souging pines
the chevalier in gray;
and as I sent a farewell look
A down the little glen,
a ray of sunshine kissed the grave
of one of Longstreet's men.*

Written by T. C. Harbaugh of Casstown, Ohio; published in the Confederate Veteran, Vol. XI, 1903, p. 150, when Gen. Longstreet was seriously ill in Washington DC., as a tribute to his leadership.



Photo of the Gen. James Longstreet monument at Gettysburg by Janet Greentree

BRCWRT member and great-grandson of Gen. Longstreet, Dan Paterson, advised that Tom Broadfoot of Broadfoot publishing has agreed to print 100 copies of Helen Longstreet's book, "Lee & Longstreet at High Tide." The book will include Dan's forward as well as some of his photos. For further information, contact Nikki Payne of the Longstreet Society longstreetnc4@aol.com.

AFTER ACTION REPORT; GETTYSBURG THE 2ND DAY (13 May 2006)

By Kevin Anastas



Photo by George Evans

On Saturday 13 May the BRCWRT made history. For the first time in over 100 years a group of great Americans were able to see the same views as the soldiers who fought at Gettysburg on 2 July 1863. Thanks to the recent efforts of the park staff to cut the trees back to their wartime configuration, we were able to study terrain that no human has seen since the National Battlefield Park was established in the 1890s. It was a great day!

Our group was made up of forty-five members and guests. We gathered at the Visitor's Center parking lot at 0900 and spent the entire day studying the major actions of the second day.

The morning stops focused on the overall Confederate plan of attack and the maneuvers of Hood's division as he attacked the Devil's Den and Little Round Top. We followed the general path of the 1st Texas infantry from their line of departure, past the Bushman house (where Hood was wounded) and across the triangular field. We then spent some time on Houck's ridge discussing attacks and counterattacks around the boulders of the Devil's Den. We concluded the morning tour by hiking up Little Round Top. We skipped the well worn path to the site of the 20th Maine's fight and focused instead on key actions of some other less well known leaders. These included Vincent, O'Rorke, Weed and Hazlett.

After lunch we reconvened the tour in The Wheatfield in time for a short spring shower. Thirty some hard corps members stuck it out as we toured the site of the bloodiest fighting of the day. We made short stops at the 4th MI, 17th ME and Irish Brigade monuments to get a sense of the action in this part of the field. Enroute to the Peach Orchard we crossed the area where hundreds of men from Kershaw's South Carolina brigade were hit by artillery and rifle fire when they responded to a false order and exposed their flank to the Federal batteries along the Wheatfield Road. We then stood on the site of the Wentz house and discussed the attacks of Barksdale and Woford's brigades as they crushed the ill advised salient occupied

by Dan Sickles' 3rd Corps.

From the Peach Orchard Maureen Quinn expertly guided us along the path of Bigelow's battery as they conducted their famous "retreat by recoil" to the vicinity of the Trostle house. There the unit was essentially destroyed as they delayed the Confederate attack long enough for LTC McGilvery to establish a new artillery line along Cemetery Ridge.

The last part of the tour was the most strenuous but perhaps the most rewarding. We hiked north along the west side of Plum Run in the area of the Codori-Trostle thicket. The mature trees have all been cut down exposing the entire panorama to our view. We were able to see all the way from the original line of departure where we started in the morning to the site where Barksdale and Wilcox's brigades were finally stopped by Federal counterattacks. The scene is spectacular and well worth the effort. We carefully picked our way to the marker where COL Willard of the "Harper's Ferry Cowards" was killed after leading his brigade in a counterattack against Barksdale's exhausted brigade.

Special thanks to Maureen Quinn for leading the tour at two of the stops. I'd also like to thank Jerry Froelke for helping me with the maps and to Dale Maschino for bringing the name-tags. Thanks to Janet Greentree and George Evans for the great pictures.

Once again we accomplished our mission on time and under budget. See you in the fall when the Round Table returns to Antietam!



Photo by Janet Greentree
Tour Participants

Kevin Anastas, Michael Block, Dom Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Doug Cox, Sandra Cox, John DePue, Tim Duskin, Ray Eichleberger, George Evans, Jerry Froelke, Janet Greentree, Ken Jones, Mike Jones, Toni Jones, Andy Kapfer, Mark Knowles, Harlan Lenius, Sharon Lenius, Lyle Loveall, Cindi Loveall, Dan Lundeen, Dale Maschino, John McAnaw, Randy Moller, Rose Nelson, Dan Paterson, Bud Porter, Phil Pruna, Maureen Quinn, Bev Regeimbal, Alexander Rice, Charles Rice, Chuck Rice, Ken Rice, Lois Rice, Mike Rumsey, Fred Schmidtman, Mike Shannon, Jim Squier, Andy Wartell, Patricia Wartell, Ed Wenzel, Patty Wheeler, Keith Young.

OX HILL INTERPRETIVE PLAN REDRAFTED; PARK STAFF CLINGS TO ANNUAL EVALUATIONS



Photo by Janet Greentree

By Ed Wenzel

The Ox Hill Battlefield Park Interpretive Planning Team met for an hour and a half on May 24th to discuss changes in the park's draft Interpretive Plan. Changes were written into draft 1.7 by team leader Mike Henry based on comments submitted by the writer on March 27th. The changes were agreed to by the team with only a few modifications.

However, draft 1.7 continues to cling to the idea that after the park is completed, the content and effectiveness of all interpretive panels and markers will be evaluated *annually* and changes made as deemed necessary. The draft also states, "Additional visitor evaluation should be conducted as situations permit (possible intern projects)", and "changes and updates to *all* site interpretation and interpretive plans will be made as necessary."

The writer has commented previously that no one objects to evaluations of the accuracy, content and effectiveness of the interpretation. Omissions, errors or newly discovered historical accounts that would alter the interpretation would certainly warrant rewriting or correcting the interpretive materials. However, to plan now to conduct visitor evaluations on a permanent annual basis after the park opens, for the purpose of gathering opinions which could cause not only the interpre-

tive text to be changed or rewritten, but also the *interpretive plan itself*, is simply uncalled for. This may be standard "boiler plate" language for the Park Authority, but it could be used to justify almost any changes imaginable. We should be very leery about where these open-ended evaluations and opinions could lead. If the Park Authority feels unsure of the knowledge we have or lacks the confidence to interpret this battle correctly, then it should let another organization take the lead and get these interpretive materials completed.

Also, team member Paula Elsey suggested that decisions on "text conceptualization" for the kiosk panels and decisions on the interpretive text should be postponed. She correctly noted that these texts cannot be written by committee at a short meeting. Sufficient time must be allocated to fully consider the number of panels and to come to some common sense understanding on the interpretive approach and the marker and panel texts.

Indeed, this has been a problem since the planning began, as the Park Authority has not blocked out any time on its schedule to accomplish this work. Past meetings have been scheduled and written materials produced on a catch as catch can basis, sometimes with intervals of months between meetings. Also, all Park Authority team members have other full-time jobs and scheduled work, meaning that the Ox Hill interpretation is subordinate to other work schedules.

Thus, to provide the necessary time to consider these issues, Mike Henry agreed to a daylong meeting on June 20th to work on kiosk panel conceptualization and the various interpretive texts. Mike, Paula Elsey and the writer will hammer out the remaining issues. Additional extended meetings will be held as needed until the team comes to agreement on the interpretation, including the text, graphics and maps that visitors will see at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park. Stay tuned.



PATERSON VISITS LONGSTREET'S TENNESSEE (1863—1864) HEADQUARTERS



In late 2005 I'd received letters from Mr. Randy Miller, of Morristown, TN regarding Gen. Longstreet's headquarters from 1863-1864 being up for sale and local group's attempts to purchase it. The probability was very high that the property, zoned commercial, was going to be developed and a Dollar Store built upon the property. Mr. Miller was kind enough to send me photographs of the house which I'd never seen before. Although I had knowledge of the general location of the General and his troops and their actions during this part of the war and I'd visited Knoxville multiple times in the past, I'd never ventured to the area before.

Thanks to Mr. Randy Miller I can now say that I have. Mr. Miller put me in touch with Mike Beck, the local SCV Camp's Lt. Commander and Mike kept me informed about the progress of property's purchase. I was invited to give my program on General Longstreet in Morristown, TN; the start of what I feel will be a wonderful project upon completion.

Memorial Day weekend 2006: I can't think of a better time. I found myself on a journey to East Tennessee to spend a weekend in the area where my ancestor's troops spent the winter of '63-'64 and near where the Battle of Bean's Station was fought. Upon my arrival I was immediately taken on a wonderfully comprehensive tour of the area where I saw sites that I would otherwise never been able to see, thanks to Mr. Mike

Beck. A relic hunter, part of the time, Mr. Beck has a detailed knowledge of the local sites and where the troops were, regiment by regiment. This was one of the most exciting tours of a Civil War site that I've ever been a part of and I am most grateful for the experience.

After another quick tour of some other related sites, including Rogersville, TN, we went to the house in Russellville, TN known as "Longstreet's Billet" so identified by a state historical marker in the front yard. We had a photo opportunity provided by the local newspaper, the Citizen Tribune and CW Courier.

Saturday evening my program was well received at the local library. A full house was on hand and the formal announcement following the program that the house was purchased and saved from development by the *Lakeway CW Preservation Association*. The house will be restored to its wartime appearance and will serve as a visitor's center for information on the entire area.

I thank Mr. Randy Miller for getting in touch with me initially about the house. Many thanks to Mr. Mike Beck and Bill White for touring me around the area where Longstreet's men camped, skirmished and wintered in 1863-64. This was an excellent experience and I look forward to my return September 22, 2006 for a reenactment/living history event whose proceeds will benefit the project, one that has my full endorsement and support. Let us all spread the word about this project to the Civil War Community and anyone interested in battlefield preservation.

Submitted by Dan Paterson, Great-grandson of James Longstreet

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Would you like to write a short article about your Civil War soldier ancestors for an upcoming edition of the 'Stone Wall'? If so, please contact Janet Greentree at jlgrtree@erols.com or see her at the June meeting.

"CRAZY LIKE A FOX"

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When winter comes, the Shermans go to Palm Springs, California until spring. The hired hands then invite the Banks to move back to Greenwood for the winter, which they do. The hired hands insist that it is the Banks' house. Both Nat and the hired hands believe that the Shermans are trying to burn the house down.

When the Shermans return to Greenwood in the spring, Nat returns to his cave along Goose Creek and the rest of his family returns to their house in town. The Shermans then appear before the First Circuit Court of Leesburg with a plan for a housing development at Greenwood, just as Banks predicted. The community is very cool to their plan and Judge Tyler Robinson of that court (played by Michael Goodwin) says, "You cannot rob this community overnight. You will have to stand in line for that." He then tables their application for a month.

Shortly after that, Tick Bean, one of the hired hands (played by Howard Coon), comes to Nat and tells him that the Shermans have moved into the Red Fox Inn and that they have brought in a wrecking ball to tear the house down. Nat immediately goes and confronts them. When he asks if the furniture is still in the house, Will says yes and Ellie says that it is just a bunch of junk. Nat says that it is still his furniture and gives Will back the uncashed check for it. Nat then goes into the house to defend it. The wrecking ball operator then says that he refuses to demolish an occupied house.

The Shermans then go to Judge Robinson's office to confront him. When Will starts talking about "the law," Robinson replies that he knows their crooked lawyer tricks concerning "the law" and that he knows "how to distinguish justice from the letter of the law." He then said, "We wrote the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights down here," and that "if you destroy the land, you destroy the people." Ellie Sherman then replies, "That is the price that you pay for democracy." The reader will see the movie to learn the outcome of the story. Thus, two conflicting forces are depicted in "Crazy Like a Fox." Those of Northern sympathy will definitely take exception to Bank's obvious pro-Confederate proclivities. One example of this is the first scene in which he approaches one of the hired hands, Mary Johnson (played by Myrrh Couther) after putting

on his Confederate uniform. He addresses her with the question, "Mary, have you seen General Sherman?" However, both the Union and the Confederacy sought to further perpetuate the ideals of the Founding Fathers, though they had two differing views concerning them. The threatened obliteration of this heritage in our day is something which "Crazy Like a Fox" addresses, and which needs addressing. We need more movies like it, and this movie could help to awaken people to the need to preserve our heritage, values, and historic sites before it is too late.

Parents should be cautioned that the movie contains foul language, though nothing else objectionable.

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GREENTREE AND QUINN PHOTOS PUBLISHED

Last year BRCWRT members Janet Greentree and Maureen Quinn were contacted by an author who was writing a book on monuments in Washington, DC. Last spring and summer they tramped all over the District getting shots of the many monuments on the list. They took photos of at least 100 of the 125 that the author requested.

Maureen said, "This turned into a real treasure hunt and I found places and memorials I would never otherwise have seen." Also, the author used some of the photos from our website -- the reason why he contacted us in the first place. Because of that, the BRCWRT is cited throughout the book as a source -- Janet and Maureen, along with the Round Table get top billing in the acknowledgments!

The title of the book is "Monuments and Memorials of Washington DC" and the author is Allan M Heller.

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