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The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table

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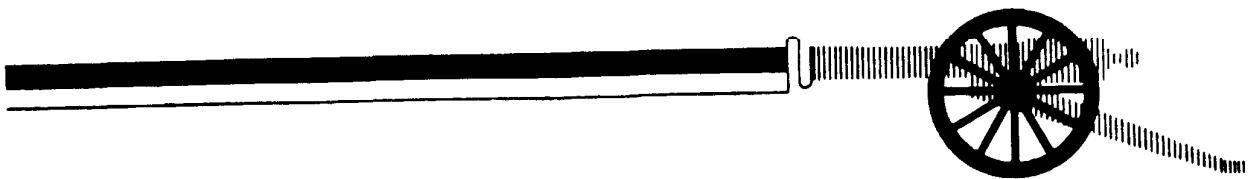
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### **Lyle Henschell to Speak on the Civilians of Bull Run**

Lyle will be taking time out of his busy schedule, which includes construction of a new home in Front Royal, to tell us about the ordinary people who lived on the land that is now Manassas National Battlefield Park. To many of us names such as Henry, Matthews, Dogan, Robinson and Brawner are mere reference points to key spots on the battlefield. But, these people had families and real lives just like the rest of us. Lyle will tell us about those lives and how they were affected by the coming of the Civil War.

### **Wanted: Editor For Newsletter**

As I will be assuming duties as Vice-President this fall, I will no longer be editing the newsletter due to a heavy volume of work on my job. If anyone is interested, please contact myself, Scott Patchan 803-2927 or Kevin Leahy 590-5187. Kevin is the incoming President this fall. The newsletter does not have to be as long as it has been in the past, and the new editor will have much discretion as what to include or not to include.





# ANTIETAM & MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELDS

P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782

## NEWS RELEASE

### ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD UNVEILS PROTOTYPE OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS DATA BASE

May 20, 1993 -- Antietam National Battlefield will open for public use the Civil War Soldiers Data Base beginning Saturday, May 29. Computers will be set up at the Antietam National Cemetery starting at 10 a.m. for use by the public.

Visitors will be able to gain access to *limited* Civil War data by operating the keyboard of the computer. The computer currently includes information on burial records at Antietam, some monuments at Antietam, and a very small number of soldiers and regiments who fought at other Civil War battles.

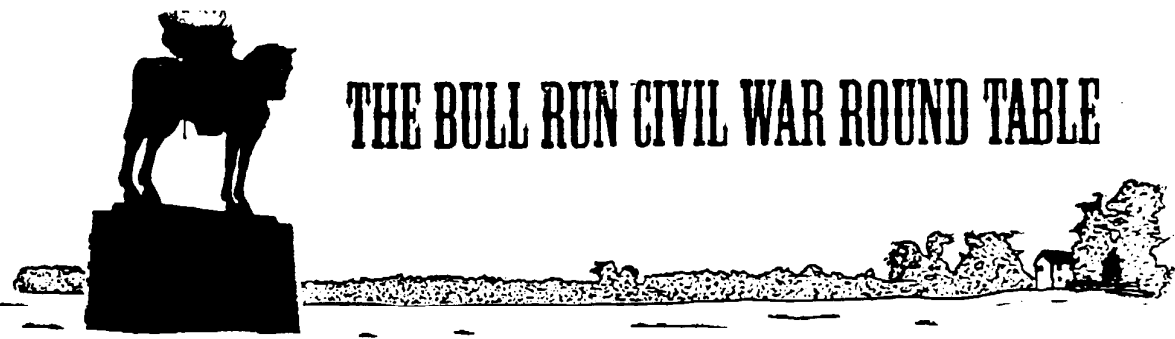
The park is just beginning to test the system and encourages visitors using the computer to offer suggestions for improvements or changes. The ultimate goal of establishing a list of all soldiers who fought in the Civil War is still at least several years from completion.

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## *We've Moved !*



The Park Headquarters for Manassas National Battlefield Park has moved to a new location. The new address is 12521 Lee Highway, Manassas, Virginia 22110, at the site of the old White Oak Nursery. The new telephone number is (703) 754-1861, FAX 754-1107.



# THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

June 13, 1993

OFFICERS:  
PRESIDENT

To: Officers and Executive Committee  
of the BRCWRT

Mr. Armando Mancini  
VICE PRESIDENT

From: President, BRCWRT

Mr. Kevin Leaby  
TREASURER

I have advised the Superintendent of the Manassas National Battlefield Park that we selected their organization for our \$600.00 donation to repair and preserve the monument near the Deep Cut. I have also advised those officials that we wish to present that donation at an appropriate event at their facility sometime this month. I will let you know the date and place as soon as possible.

Ms. Martha Hendley  
SECRETARY  
Ms. Linda Schumacher

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:  
Mr. Armando Mancini  
Mr. Kevin Leaby  
Ms. Martha Hendley  
Ms. Linda Schumacher

I have provided most of the material that I have for the next Stone Wall to Scott and I advised him in a previous note to obtain data from Henschell for his talk next month and to obtain material from other officers and chairpersons, also. I'll be out of town for 7 days but, I will be here to reproduce and mail the Newsletter at the end of the month.

Mr. Bill Miller  
Mr. Jay Corbalis  
Mr. Joe Gray  
Mr. G. F. McMahon

I would like for the preservation chairman to prepare a citation to go with the donation and the treasurer to provide a check or a bank draft by June 21.

COMMITTEES:  
CONSTITUTION

There will be a final meeting for this year of the Executive Committee on Monday, August 9, at 7 p.m. at my place. New Officers and chairpersons are also invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to review and critique the activities of the RT for the past year and to assist in the transition of those activities. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours.

Mr. Armando Mancini  
FIELD TRIPS

MEMBERSHIP  
Mr. Bill Miller

NEWSLETTER  
Mr. Patchan

RESERVATION  
Mr. J. Gray

RT LIAISON

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Supt. MNEP  
Chairmen  
New Officers

Armando Mancini  
*Armando*

INFO FOR  
BRCWRT Members  
SCOTT

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You Are Invited to Attend

## "WINCHESTER AND THE WAR"

1993 Convention and Annual Meeting of the American Blue & Gray Association  
July 28 - August 1, 1993  
based at Lee- Jackson Best Western Hotel, Winchester, Virginia

★ With Kent Masterson Brown, Dr. Brandon H. Beck, Dr. William Woods Hassler, Robert Mallin,  
William J. Miller, Alan T. Nolan, Stephen L. Ritchie, Jeffry D. Wert and Joseph W.A. Whitehorne ★

The storied Shenandoah Valley is a region of uncommon beauty, as recollections of first-time visitors attest. "The great Valley of Virginia was before us in all its beauty," wrote one Louisianian. "Fields of wheat spread far and wide, interspersed with woodlands, bright in their robes of tender green. Wherever appropriate sites existed, quaint old mills, with turning wheels, were busily grinding the previous year's harvest; and grove and eminence showed comfortable homesteads. The soft vernal influence shed a languid grace over the scene." The idyllic Valley was a place so fertile, so temperate and so fair that possession of it had for generations driven men to war. Indians had long fought over the territory, and continued fighting with the whites almost into the 19th century. In the 1860s, the people of the tranquil Valley were to learn that the same natural attributes of the landscape that attract peaceful, industrious, lovers of splendor also attract agents of destruction. The bottom lands of river valleys, so precious and productive for farmers, become commissaries to nations at war. Wide, glassy rivers, their clear waters full of fish, become barriers to protect legions from their enemies and the wooded slopes of mountains, so pleasing to the eye and spirit, become commanding fortresses and spy towers. So it has always been, and so it would be in the spring of 1862 and the summer and autumn of 1864.

Because the significant political barriers of the Civil War ran generally east-west, dividing territory into north and south, the natural barriers of the Shenandoah Valley — the Allegheny Mountains on the west and the Blue Ridge on the east — formed a natural corridor that crossed the political boundaries between Virginia and the North. The northern end of the Valley at Harpers Ferry yawned invitingly at the very doorstep of the North, scant miles from Pennsylvania and considerably north of Washington. An aggressive Confederate commander in the Valley could use the mountains to shield his advance, cross the Potomac River into Maryland and threaten Washington from the north.

The key to the Valley was Winchester. Served by both the railroad and a network of excellent roads, including the surfaced Valley Turnpike, Winchester was an ideal supply and staging area, both for invading the North and for driving southward deep into the Valley. The town changed hands scores of times during the war, and Northerners and Southerners alike erected earthen forts on the surrounding hills in efforts to hold the historic old town. Armies under Jackson, Ewell, Banks, Milroy, Early and Sheridan clashed at Winchester, fighting three pitched battles in three different campaigns and countless skirmishes in and around the town.

Join us in the Shenandoah Valley, "The Breadbasket of the Confederacy" as we consider the importance of Winchester, the key to the Army of Northern Virginia's strategic left flank. Our special focus will be on civilian and military aspects of the war in Winchester. Our program will consist of lectures, tours, and reenactments. We will consider all three battles of Winchester and the campaigns by which the Confederates won the town. We will consider Confederate strategy around Winchester in 1864, and our tour guide will take you to the sites where the Confederates developed and peering into the past on the sites where they met their end. We will see the sites where they cheered the liberators of their fair town.

During the Thursday Annual Meeting, members will decide which ones to launch or continue in 1993. The Association board of directors, who will meet on Friday, will discuss the next phase of development.

On Friday evening, you are invited to a dinner and auction, led by that redoubtable auctioneer, Courtney B. Wilson of Americana. In the course of the auction, you will be treated to period music by The Band of the Shenandoah and a fashion show. The address in a Civil War Fashion Show, presented by the nationally acclaimed authority on fashion of the period. Amid all the excitement, we hope to raise \$10,000 to recruit a legion of new members from the local community.

**BRCWRT MEMBERS - Please notice.**  
This is a great organization. I'll guarantee you'll have a great time if you attend - Mancini  
Call 800 992 1863 for info.

NINTH PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES  
An Unincorporated Association  
Respond to: 49 Belvidere Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

I plan to visit  
Dunlop & Vargo. Any-  
one else interested?  
Call me. Mancini

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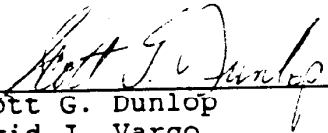
Dear Members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table

We have received your kind contribution to the C.F. Jackson Memorial Fund. It is our goal to fully fund the sculpting of a replacement grave monument for General Jackson in time for a public dedication ceremony by approximately Memorial Day of 1994. Your contribution will provide valuable assistance in the honorable task of preserving the memory of this faithful soldier.

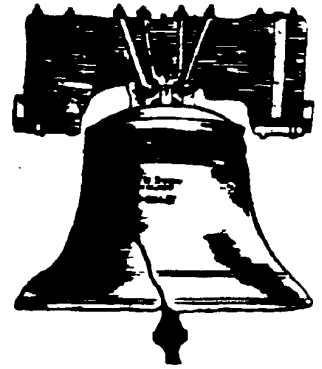
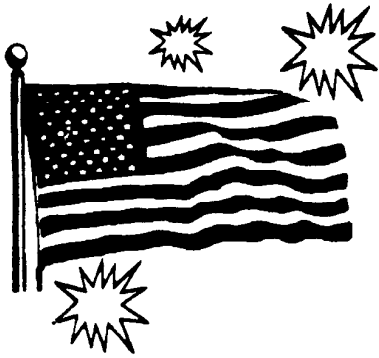
Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely yours,

NINTH PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES  
C.F. JACKSON MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

  
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Scott G. Dunlop  
David J. Vargo  
Co-Chairmen

Sincere thanks for your interest and support.  
Please look us up at the Manassas  
re-enactment in August!



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