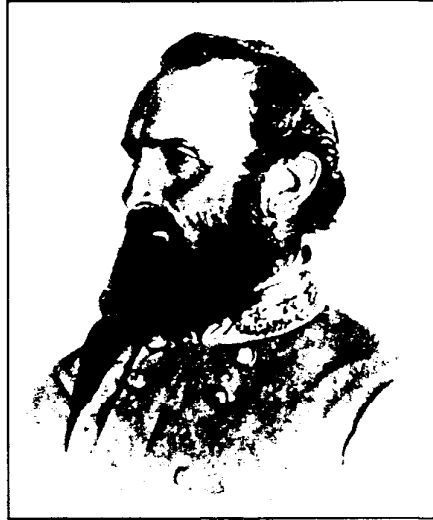


# THE STONE WALL

August 1995



*June 1862*

## STONEWALL IN THE VALLEY

By early June, Stonewall Jackson had marched his Valley Army 400 miles, confusing, frustrating and beating his Union opponents. He and his exhausted men had become legends. And they didn't disappoint the citizens of the Confederacy at the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic.

Robert Krick, author of *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain* and *Lee's Colonels*, and chief historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, treats us to a preview of his new book, to be published early 1996.

**ROBERT KRICK**

*Thursday, Aug. 10, 1995, 7:30 p.m.  
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## SPEAKER SCHEDULE 1995-96

*Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Manassas National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. Speakers may change.*

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FORT DONELSON  
B. F. Cooling, author and historian
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John P. McAnaw
- Nov. 9 THE BATTLE OF BALL'S BLUFF  
Kim Holien, author
- Dec. 14 STONEWALL JACKSON'S WINTER  
CAMPAIGN, 1861-1862  
Dan Jenkins
- Jan. 11 CIVIL WAR MEDICINE  
Dr. George Hocker
- Feb. 8 THE SECOND BATTLE OF WINCHESTER  
Brandon Beck, President of Civil War Institute
- March 14 ROBERT E. LEE, 1862  
Joe Harsh
- April 11 THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS  
Gordon Rhea
- May 9 GEN. HOOD INVADES TENNESSEE  
Ed Bearss
- June 13 STONEWALL JACKSON'S GREAT TRAIN  
ROBBERY  
Art Candenquist
- July 11 THE ROLE OF THE NAVY  
Scott Logan
- Aug. 8 EARLY VS. CROOK, JULY 1864  
Rod Gainer
- Sept. 12 BLOODY LANE  
Gary Ecelbarger

## PRESIDENT'S DESK



July 25, 1995  
Centreville, VA

Dear members:

After having served as your president for most of the last two years, the time come for me to stand aside. I leave the position with mixed emotions. While I will certainly relish the extra time now available to me, the business of BRCWRT has become a part of my routine. The past two years have been a period of growth and maturation for both myself and the round table. For this I must thank Bill Miller. Bill encouraged my involvement with our group, and always provided solid support and guidance when asked. Without Bill, our round table would not be what it is today.

The BRCWRT now goes into the capable hands of our new president, Gary Ecelbarger. In addition to being a good friend, Gary has been intricately involved for the last two years. Gary, thanks for your help. I wish you the best in your presidency, and am ready to serve when you call.

I also extend my appreciation to Karen Fojt, newsletter editor, and John McAnaw, preservation coordinator. These volunteers have labored behind the scenes to greatly improve their areas for BRCWRT. Karen and John have spent many hours furthering the round table's goals. Karen has made our newsletter one of the best among all round tables. John has worked ceaselessly to map and preserve the fortifications at Union Mills, and has kept us informed about events in the preservation arena as no other coordinator has done before him. Karen and John, thanks for your efforts. And thanks to all other officers and appointees who ave assisted me in the past year. You make the round table what it is.

As I write this, I cannot help reflect on where BRCWRT has been and where we are heading. I believe that as a group we are heading into our adolescence. There will be some growing pains, but with its strong leadership, ours will continue to be the premier round table in the Washington D.C. metro area. To maintain this, we must follow a simple course.

During my tenure, I received numerous compliments from members and guests concerning our the informalo nature of our meetings, and about the youth and energy displayed by the leadership. I believe that our members find our meetings to be a refuge, a place they can cast aside their daily business and avoid the politics that pervade almost every aspect of our lives.

PRESIDENT'S DESK  
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Most routine business issues, such as preservation and treasurer reports, can best be handled in the newsletter. This approach allows the meetings to focus on the items of primary importance to the members — the speaker, the field trips and the book raffle. I believe our members' sense of comradery speaks for the success of this course.

With the busines of running the meetings behind me, I am looking forward to enjoying this more. As president, I knew all the names and faces, but didn't always know which name belongs to which face. So I'm eager to have the time to get to know more of you personally, and be able to put the names and faces together.

It's been a wonderful experience. We've had superb talks from confident professionals such as Joe Whitehornc, Ed Bearss and Mike Miller. Our own ranks have enlightened us, with Bron Wolff on Franklin, Bill Miller on logistics, and Jim Burgess on Bull Run. And many of you listened to my talk on Piedmont and still showed up at the next meeting.

Future speakers promise to increase our knowledge. B.F. Cooling is the author of books on the battles of Monocacy and Fort Donelson, and will speak to us about the importance of Fort Donelson. John McAnaw will tell us about the Civil War's Fighting Irish.

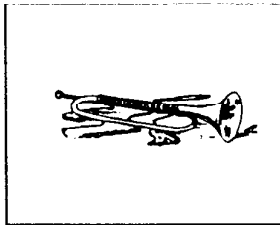
Should the need arise, I stand ready to serve you again. Until then, I look forward to being a member of the best Civil War Round Table in our area. Best wishes to all of you. You're a great group, and it's been a pleasure to stand before you during the last two years.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Patchan  
President, BRCWRT

## Good Reading

### THE SHENANDOAH BATTLEFIELD SITES REPORT



Last month I reported on the availability of the Shenandoah Battlefield Sites Report, the result of a study directed by Congress and published by the National Park Service.

Since then I've had the opportunity to read the document very carefully, and I've found it to be one of the best treatments of those battlefield sites and their

current conditions. It contains lots of high quality photographs, excellent tables and fold-out maps. Order one. It's worth having, and the price is right — free. Call 202-343-9505, fax 202-343-1836. Or write ABPP, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Ste. 250, Washington D.C. 20013-7127.

*Armando Mancini*  
*Field Trips*

## SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF PORT REPUBLIC PRESERVATIONISTS

Members of the Society of Port Republic Preservationists rank among the friendliest Virginians that I have encountered. This organization based, you guessed it, in Port Republic, is soliciting donations to make improvements in the famous Turner Ashby House and adjacent grounds.

Withing this structure are located three rooms which display material relative to three periods in Port Republic's history. They are:

1. The River Room is devoted to the town's early history as a an industrial river barge port.
2. The Turner Ashby Room is where that redoubtable cavalry leader died. It features materials about the final days of Jackson's successful Valley Campaign of 1862.
3. The Port Room covers the town's post-bellum history.

The society has been very helpful to visiting Civil War buffs. For example, on March 26, society members provided a delicious Brunswick Stew luncheon to 80 members of the Rappahannock Civil War Round Table. On June 3 and 10, they hosted, and fed, members of the Civil War Education Association and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites.

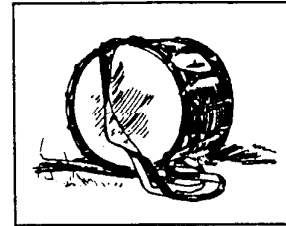
Donations can be earmarked for a specific room of the Turner Ashby House. Send a donation to The Society of Port Republic Preservationists, Inc., P.O. Box 82, Port Republic, VA 24471. Membership in the organization is a bargain — \$5 a year. If interested, send a check to the same address.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to visit the Turner Ashby House when you visit the nearby Port Republic and Cross Keys battlefields.

Port Republic battlefield now has a new interpretative sign installed at The Coalings, the scene of bitter fighting. Other improvements planned for this battlefield include a trail, period fencing, benches, and brochures for visitors.

*John McAnaw*

## TOURS



### BULL RUN/UNION MILL TOUR POSTPONED

Due to injuries, I am forced to postpone our Round Table field trip to the Civil War fords across Bull Run and Union Mills.

We'd originally scheduled the tour for Sept. 16. The new date is Oct. 7. God willing, my foot will be completely recovered and I'll be able to trek through some of the most historic and interesting terrain in Northern Virginia. I regret the schedule change.

### FISHER'S HILL ALERT

The date for the Fisher's Hill tour is not yet firm. We do intend to hold it in September, hopefully around the anniversary date. We'll have details at the meeting.

## PRESERVATION

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*John McAnaw*

### BATTLEFIELD NEWS ON INTERNET

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), part of the National Park Service, puts out an excellent publication called *Battlefield Update*. Once monthly, it becomes a quarterly publication in October.

Readers can access the newsletter and other publications and information on other NPS programs on Internet. The ABPP's address is <http://www.cr.nps.gov/abpp/abpp.html>. Readers can get the latest issue by selecting 'latest issue

hot-link.'

Users may send comments and suggestions to National Park Service, Interagency Resources Division, ABPP, P.O. Box 37127, Suite 250, Washington D.C., 20013-7127, or fax (202) 343-1836.

To get on the mailing list for *Battlefield Update*, call (202) 343-1210, or fax (202) 343-1836.

### CIVIL WAR COMMEMORATIVE COINS

To purchase commemorative coins, contact the Civil War Coin Program, United States Mint, at (301) 436-7400. They can also be obtained through the Civil War Trust at 800-CWTRUST (800-298-7878). Proceeds go to the

Civil War Trust for the preservation of Civil War battlefields. Hopefully, some of this revenue will be used for the 3rd Winchester battlefield.

### UPDATE: APCWS AND THE 3RD WINCHESTER BATTLEFIELD

Representatives of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS) and the Civil War Trust met Aug. 2 regarding funds to purchase land on the 3rd Winchester battlefield. APCWS's Jeff Driscoll said that pending approval by both organizations' boards, \$500,000 will be available by Aug. 15 to make

the downpayment. He said that the two intend to work together to see that the battlefield is preserved.

If you wish to make a donation, the address of APCWS is 305 Charlotte Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

### APCWS MOVING TO MARYLAND

In late July, the board of directors of APCWS voted to move the organization's headquarters from Fredericksburg, Va. to Hagerstown, Md. The city of Hagerstown and Washington County

made them, as the saying goes, an offer they couldn't refuse. Included in the enticement package was office space at no cost to APCWS. The move will occur after the new year.

## FROM THE RANKS

*This soldier's letter home was published in the Wellsburg, Va. Herald.*

Luray, Page County, VA  
June 11, 1862

Dear Father,

We have had another battle, accompanied with a retreat, and again the 1st Virginia has met face to face the rebel hordes who dare assail our flag. This time Wellsburg mourns the loss of several of her brave sons.

I wrote to you on Friday last from Honeyville. On the same evening, Gen. Shields came up to our camp and had a long consultation with Col. Thoburn, who was then in command of the three regiments stationed there, belonging to the 4th brigade. On Saturday morning, we moved up the river, to join Col. Carroll with the 7th Indiana, then at Naked Creek. We joined them in the afternoon and all moved up several miles further, four miles above Conrad's Ford. This was 10 miles from Port Republic and 18 from our camp of the day before. At 1 o'clock Sunday morning we started, on a miserable road, through a long, low, dark woods, a literal 'slough of despond' and the 'valley of the shadow of death' to many a poor fellow. About 10 o'clock we came in sight of Port Republic, a small village on the north side of the Shenandoah. On the hills back of the village could be seen Jackson's baggage train and camps, with his artillery. Soon our cannon commenced shelling one of their camps, they replying from two pieces away off to the right.

Our object was to cross the river here and destroy their baggage, fall back across the river and proceed up to Waynesborough and burn two railroad bridges, thus completely cutting off Jackson's communications and retreat. Well, the cavalry under Col. Carroll and Maj. Chamberlain made a dash into the bridge, the infantry, four small regiments, following close up. By this time we had gone for a half mile

along Jackson's lines, and the rebels could be seen plainly maneuvering on the opposite side of the river, when, almost simultaneously, the rebels unmasked and opened on us *19 more pieces of cannon*. Of course, this made things so hot that we could not stand it, and we 'about faced' and fell back a couple of miles. In this cannonading our regiment did not lose a man, but the brigade lost about 20. Capt. Robinson lost three pieces of artillery, which got swamped. The 3rd Brigade came up in the evening, and we bivouacked in sight of the enemy. Next morning was foggy, but so soon as it became clear enough for sight, the enemy could be seen advancing on our position up the road and along the bottom. We fell in and formed on the road, and two of our cannon on the left, placed on the edge of a road, commenced shelling the approaches to our position. We moved up into the woods to support this battery, which kept firing away with great effect. The rebels replied to this fire, bringing into action quite a number of guns. Directly the forces down in the bottom, on our right, became engaged, infantry and artillery. From our place we could see distinctly how the fight was going on. Our men drove the search back with heavy loss, and with sufficient force could have whipped them to death, but the rebels were too many for us, as their reinforcements could be seen plainly coming up in large numbers. To counteract this, our regiment was ordered down into the open fields. We soon engaged the enemy at fair rifle range. They could not stand this increased fire, and divining the defenceless state of our left, fell back from the bottom into the woods our men closely chasing them, the 1st Virginia in the lead. In less than five minutes they made their appearance on our left, in strong force, under cover of the woods, pouring a heavy fire into our men, and charged and took our left battery of two pieces. To check this flank movement which, had it been successful, would have cut us

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all off, the 7th Indiana and 7th Ohio marched up to meet this storm of hail, and right gallantly they stood up to the work. The battery was retaken, but the rebels reinforced again, and we all formed under a heavy fire to fall back. This we did, starting in good order, but the enemy threw the shell into us so heavy that no line could be kept in order. The cavalry made four or five charges on our rear, killing and capturing several. The order of retreat was for the 29th Ohio to cover the rear. This regiment was nearly all captured and killed, or the rest scattered. This threw the 1st Virginia into the rear. I saw every charge they made. They had one piece of artillery with them, and we had several, but they had not a single round of ammunition. We fell back rapidly 12 miles, when we met reinforcements, and the secesh halted, Fremont having attacked them in the rear.

The forces engaged on our side were the 3rd and 4th Brigades, the first consisting of the 3rd, 7th, 29th and 66th Ohio, about 2,000 strong; the second of the 1st Virginia, 7th Indiana, 84th and 110th Pennsylvania, about 800 strong. We were pitted against Jackson's whole army, about 35,000 strong, and how we made the stand we did is more than I can tell. Our regiment went into Sunday's fight 205 strong, and when we

counted off in the evening we numbered 118! Since then we have picked up a good many, and I am enabled to give you a fair estimate of the loss of Companies G and B. I will give you the loss of the regiment in another letter. Co. B has George Prather, wounded and a prisoner; George Taylor, Lagrange, James Cabal (from up Buffalo), Thos. Merryman and Joseph Noland missing. Co. G has Sam'l Callendine, Jno. Adams, Wellsburg, and John Edie and Daniel Kerr, Hancock County, missing.

I was in the fight all through both days' work. The only mark I have is a scratch from a piece of shell thrown into my face, which burst just at my left. The dirt and dust blinded me so that I could not see for some time. A piece of the shell struck a sergeant just in front of me, shivering his gun to pieces and making an ugly place in his side. He was so close that I could have put my hand on him.

Maj. Duval is wounded in the leg, and starts for home tomorrow.

I marched 20 miles of the retreat in my bare feet, my shoes having given out. But I must close. Write soon. Direct to Luray.

H.J.J.

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