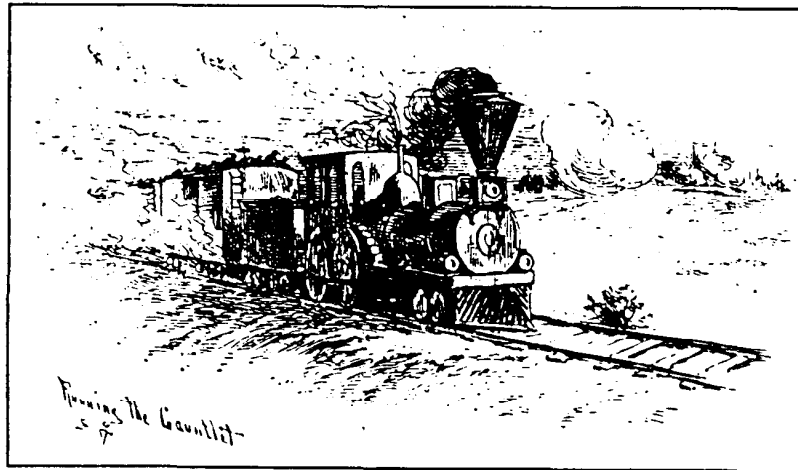


BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
STONEWALL

June 1996



JACKSON The Train Robber

May, 1861. Col. Thomas J. Jackson, commanding the Confederate troops at Harper's Ferry, watched the trains carrying Federal troops, coal, grain and other valuable freight from the Ohio River Valley toward Baltimore and Federal depots.

He had to stop this traffic on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. And more importantly, he had to make off with the goods.

In one day, May 25, his men managed to steal 56 locomotives and 386 railroad cars. These then had to be diverted onto a Confederate railroad, even though no Confederate railroad connected with the B & O:

How the Confederate engineers labored until late August, 1862 to get every engine and tender rolling south is one of the war's most spectacular engineering feats.

Historian Art Candenuist specializes in the lesser-known incidents and features of the war. He'll treat us to a marvelous, but little known, tale of ingenuity and perseverance.

ART CANDENUIST
Thursday, June 13, 1996
Manassas National Battlefield Park
Visitor Center



President's Letter

Members,

I take this pen in hand to update you on the goings on at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. As summer approaches, I am happy to remind you that we are the only table in the area that is open 12 months a year.

Elections

This month we vote in our new officers, who take over in September. I introduced them to you in the May meeting. Every candidate served on the executive committee last year. They are:

President Martha Hendley
Vice President John P. McAnaw
Secretary Marilyn Clark-Snyder
Treasurer Scott Logan

Tours

Our future vice president deserves special mention for conducting a wonderful two-weekend tour in May.

John McAnaw organized a successful tour of the Wilderness on May 11, and Spotsylvania on May 18. We had manageable crowds of 14-22 on each day

and the weather cooperated. I'm sure all who attended learned quite a bit about the first battles of the 1864 Overland Campaign. Thanks to John and all who presented, and congratulations on a job well done.

Our tours are not slowing down this summer either. John McAnaw leads another tour, this one of the Bull Run fords with special attention to Union Mills, on June 22. In August we get a once-in-a-lifetime look at Jubal Early's 1864 Campaign against George Crook, and in September Scott Patchan takes us on a tour of the 3rd Battle of Winchester. And if you think that's not enough, we are tentatively planning to tour Antietam Battlefield in October, and Fredericksburg in November or December. The Bull Run tour and the Early tour are outlined further on in the newsletter.

I am happy to say that our tours are attracting other round tables. On May 11 our organization sponsored a tour for 40 members of the Brandywine Civil War

Round Table. They were treated to a tour of the 2nd Manassas Battlefield. They enjoyed the tour very much and made a preservation donation in our name. Thanks to Charlie Grymes's Web Page for expanding our influence outside the Washington Metro area.

Talks

A record crowd of 85 members showed up for the Ed Bearss talk in May. They did not leave disappointed. I am looking forward to Art Candenquist's talk this month. In July our own Scott Logan introduces us to the Navy, and in August Rod Gainer discusses the fourth largest battle that occurred in the Shenandoah Valley during the war, the second battle of Kernstown. We launch a new season in September with nationally renowned historian Dennis Fry and his talk on Antietam. Hope to see you at every one. And remember

I am most respectfully
 Your obedient servant,
 Gary Ecelbarger

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Stuart's Hill Center Opens June 15

Manassas National Battlefield Park's new interpretive center opens Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m. with much fanfare. Stuart's Hill Center is devoted to depicting the Second Battle of Manassas.

Opening ceremonies include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Mort Kunstler unveils his new oil painting, "Commanders at Manassas," painted

for the new center at 9 a.m. Walking tours and infantry, artillery and signal demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

The Stuart's Hill Center is located at the intersection of Rt. 29 and Pageland Lane. For information call the park, 361-1339.

What happened to our Adopt a Highway Project

By Armando Mancini

Many of our members may not know that in early 1992 we adopted Pageland Lane, the road around Stuart's Hill, down to Groveton Road, as the BRCWRT highway program project.

At that time, Joe Gray took on the responsibility of getting volunteers from the membership twice a year to pick up trash along that road. The program worked rather well in 1992 and 1993, but it has been abandoned since because hardly anyone showed up for work and because it didn't receive attention by our officers. Somehow it fell through the cracks. But the sign is still there.

It seems to me that this is a good time to renew our commitment on the project. It's timely, since the new addition to the battlefield is becoming upgraded to park status, and because we voted to do that job.

Civil War Weekend in Culpeper

The Museum of Culpeper sponsors a "History in Review" weekend June 7-9. This year's focus is Culpeper during the

Civil War/War of Secession. As a result of Daniel Sutherland's book, *The Seasons of War*, the Culpeper area attracted national attention. A number of events are slated, including living history exhibits, book signings, and a reenactor encampment. Clark B. Hall leads a bus tour of the Brandy Station Battlefield June 9. Incidentally June 9 marks the 133rd anniversary of the battle of Brandy Station. For tickets and information, call the Museum of Culpeper, (540) 825-1973.

And Other Events of Interest

June 22-23, Reenactment of events of June 22-23 in and around Mount Zion Old School Baptist Church, Aldie. Part of the campaign to restore Zion Church, (703) 437-5400.

July 10-13, Symposium: "Cavalry Operations in the Eastern Theater," in Winchester, CW Ed. Assn. (800) 298-1861.

July 21, Signal Hill Monument Dedication on the site of Capt. E. Porter Alexander's signal station during the First Battle of Manassas. Signal begins at 8 a.m., includes transmission of Alexander's message at 8:45, precisely 135 years after it was first transmitted. Signal Hill Monument Fund. (301) 464-2461.

Report from the Longstreet Symposium

By Dan Peterson

A symposium was held May 11 to raise money for the Longstreet Memorial Fund in Jacksonville, N.C. Speakers included Ed Bearss on Longstreet's various offensives; Lt. Col. Bruce Kelly on the Battle of Chickamauga; Dr. Carol Reardon of Penn State University on how the anti-Longstreet faction developed; and Dr. William Garrett Piston, author of *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant*, which explains why Longstreet was written out of history, and was the inspiration for the memorial fund.

The symposium raised over \$2,000. Sponsors included Gen. Lewis A. Armistead Camp 1302, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Battlefield Bookstore of Jacksonville.

Another symposium is planned at Richmond, Va., in September. If you're interested in attending, see me at our round table's meetings.

Marching Orders WALKING TOUR OF THE BULL RUN FORDS

Saturday, June 22

Due to the grand opening of the Stuart Hill Center on Saturday, June 15, our round table's tour of the scenic Bull Run fords will be held the following Saturday, June 22.

This will be an informative and leisurely paced tour to a number of the historic fords across Bull Run that were used during the Civil War/War of Secession.

ASSEMBLY TIME: 7:50 a.m., June 22

MOVE OUT TIME: 8 a.m.

ASSEMBLY LOCATION: Dogan Ridge parking lot off County Route 234 (Sudely Road) on the Manassas Battlefield.

FIRST STOP: Ford vicinity of Sudley Springs, travelling north on County Route 234 to site.

TOUR DURATION: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT: Dress appropriate to weather conditions. Hat, ankle length trousers and good hiking shoes are recommended. Bring water canteen(s) and a brown bag lunch.

FOR MORE DETAILS: Call John McAnaw, (703) 978-3371 evenings.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS FROM THE PAST

June 1 — Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan, CSA (1825-1864). His sisters married Gens. A. P. Hill and Basil W. Duke.

June 2 — Maj. Gen. Philip KEARNEY, USV, 1815-1862. Inherited \$1 million from his grandfather in 1836.

June 13 — Bvt. Lt. Gen. Winfield SCOTT, USA, 1786-1866. Commanded the U.S. Army, 1841-1861.

June 20 — Maj. Gen. Jesse Lee Reno, USV, 1823-1862. Mortally wounded while leading an attack against Fox's Gap during the battle of South Mountain.

June 27 — Brig. Gen. Junius DANIEL, CSA, 1828-1864. Mortally wounded at the Bloody Angle during the Battle of Spotsylvania.

Strike the Tents! Prepare Rations! FORWARD TO THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Saturday, August 10

On August 10 our Round Table steps back almost exactly 134 years, to the summer of 1864.

We will retrace the steps of the most successful Valley campaign of the war. No, not Stonewall Jackson in 1862. I mean Jubal Early in 1864.

If you are a disbeliever, come along and expect to have your mind changed.

The tour focuses on the Lower Valley Campaign of July 1864. The tour guide is Rod Gainer, the consulting historian for the Winchester-Frederick County Resource Management Plan for the 2nd Kernstown Battlefield Park, and the author of a to-be-published book on the campaign.

TOUR STOP	ACTION TO DESCRIBE
White's Ferry	Early crosses back into Virginia
Castleman's Ferry (Shenandoah River)	The battle of Cool Springs
Rutherford's Farm	Ramseur's defeat, Early's retreat
Lunch Break	Silver Leaf Restaurant, All You Can Eat Buffet, \$6
Sprindale (Bartonsville)	Early returns to Winchester with a vengeance
Stone Lane (McGill House)	Hotchkiss positions Ramseur's troops
Opequon Church	The 2nd battle of Kernstown
Pritchard's Lane	Early breaks Mulligans line, final actions
Final tour stop	Pending approval

Sign up lists will be available June, July and August. The tour is free, but you should reimburse the drivers for gas, and bring money for the buffet. Hope to see you there. *Gary Ecelbarger*

After action reports

WILDERNESS & SPOTSYLVANIA BATTLEFIELD TOURS

By John P. McAnaw

I believe that all participants in the BRCWRT-sponsored tours of The Wilderness on 11 May 1996 and Spotsylvania on 18 May 1996 will attest to the fact that both were informative and enjoyable. We visited a number of significant sites not normally seen on battlefield junkets.

A total of 23 individuals participated in The Wilderness tour, and 13 in the Spotsylvania. On the latter tour date we competed with the large-scale Civil War reenactment held in Orange County, vicinity of Cedar Mountain.

I believe the success of the tours as due to the fact that all BRCWRT tour guides participated in prior ground reconnaissances of the battlefields and were well versed relative to their subject matter. Of note, all tour guides were drawn from the ranks of "The Cheap and the Proud." This fact sets the BRCWRT apart from other similar groups. There is no better way to understand a campaign or a battle than being put on the mark as a tour guide. This forces an individual to familiarize himself/herself with the terrain, consult knowledgeable individuals, and do a lot of reading. The performance of those who joined me as tour guides was, without exception, superb. If you doubt my words, speak with those who attended the tours. These round table members who served as tour guides deserve commendation for the excellence of their presentations. They are Chris Custode, Mike Duggan, Gary Ecelbarger, Charlie Grymes, Joe Kelley and Mark Knowles.

Summing up, the sites visited and the information provided by the tour guides far exceeded that normally provided to battlefield visitors. The planned execution of the two tours went off without a hitch. I thank all tour guides and participants for their interest and cooperation.

TOUR OF THE WILDERNESS

By Martha Hendley

With all military accuracy we started on time and we ended on time. Thanks to John McAnaw and his lieutenants for all the research, advance preparation and reconnaissance. With 39 signed up and 22 showing up, this was the largest self-guided tour our round table has done. It took some persuasion and patience to keep such a motley crew of civilians on target with the day's agenda. McAnaw & Co. were up to the task of whisking their recruits from site to site in a wagon train of six vehicles. They did a great job on transportation, logistics and supply. They even came up with a great display of (rare) sunshine. The storm didn't hit until after we were on the way back home. Timing is everything, in battle or on tours.

However, the day also had the highest pollen count of the year, and even those who don't generally have allergies were coughing, wheezing and blowing. If you had captured our group on audio tape it would sound like a TB ward. With the yellow pollen over everything, the commodity most in demand was Kleenex tissue. Also the natives were lying in wait for us — the ticks, that is; legions of them waiting for a good meal.

A few memories — Second stop, Lacey House: NPS recently acquired this site and went to great lengths to paint the house the color one soldier described it, dove which is a soft reddish brown. I've cared for doves and they just aren't that color. Third stop, Wilderness Wayside: This is where the pollen really started to hit. We stood in Sanders Field and marveled at what adrenalin it must have taken to charge up the hill into the woods. Fourth stop, Higginson House — this is where the good Widow Higginson gave those Yankees what for as they passed by on the way to whip those Confederates. She reminded them that she'd told them so as they retreated back that same path. Sixth stop, Widow Taps: Our six vehicles filled up the parking area, and the tour bus that came after couldn't fit in. We repelled the Yankees right where the Confederates did.

I'd love for John to give me the details about that horse who'd sit down when his officer sat down.

Preservation News

DEAL ON BRANDY STATION IMMINENT

By John P. McAnaw

How many times have you heard that before? Do you remember how often the cartoon character Lucy Van Pelt convinced Charlie Brown that she would not move the football as he moved forward to kick it? Well, this time Dennis Frye, the president of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS), is ready to state "Trust me!"

The completion of negotiations between APCWS and Elkwood Downs Limited, the owner of 1,543 acres of the Brandy Station Battlefield, is expected shortly. Then a contract will be signed transferring title of the cited 1,543 acres, at a cost of \$6.2 million, to APCWS. One involved preservationist advised me that they were shooting for June 9 as the date for the contract signing. However, last minute legal difficulties will probably delay the projected signing date.

The signing of the contract is only Step 1. Other difficult steps follow. Within 105 days signing the contract, APCWS must come up with the initial downpayment of \$3 million. At subsequent prescribed intervals the APCWS must ante up the remaining \$3.2 million. Thus, while the successful termination of the decade long fight, i.e. the

preservation of the Brandy Station Battlefield, is within reach, another difficult fight begins — that is raising the money to purchase the 1,543 acres. To quote Dennis Frye, "Basically the contract represents the first step. We still have 6.2 million more steps to climb, and we cannot miss one of these steps — not a single one."

The preservation of the Brandy Station Battlefield is an extremely worthy enterprise. I ask you to support the fundraising drive. Your dollars are sorely needed. Donations may be sent to: Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Va. 22714. Make checks payable to The Brandy Station Foundation.

Donations may also be sent to APCWS, but unfortunately APCWS is in the process of moving (May 31-June 3 timeframe) from Fredericksburg, Va. to Hagerstown, Md. I have not received a telephone reply to my query as to their new address. The former address of APCWS was 305 Charlotte Street, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401. Effective June 4, the new APCWS telephone number is (301) 665-1400.

Our Web Page

If you're cruising the web, check out our Round Table's very own page, courtesy Charlie Grymes.

Our address is
[HTTP://OSF1.GMU.EDU/~CGRYMES/BRCWRT/BRCWRTHP.HTML](http://OSF1.GMU.EDU/~CGRYMES/BRCWRT/BRCWRTHP.HTML)

KERNSTOWN DEVELOPMENTS

West Main Design presented its plan for the future Kernstown Battlefield Park in Winchester, May 23. The design consultants were hired by the City of Winchester and Frederick County to blueprint the potential purchase of the Charles Hordy Grim estate, which contains Pritchard's Hill and adjacent lands fought over in two battles of the Civil War.

The purchase price is \$2.7 million, with a due date of Dec. 1. So far \$1.6 million has been raised.

Although enough money has been raised to purchase 200 acres, F&M Bank, the trustees of the estate, will only guarantee 76 acres of the core battlefield. The adjacent lands, if unpurchased, will likely be sold to housing developers.

If the whole estate is preserved, the representative for the Glenburney estate, which owns Sandy Ridge (next to Pritchard's hill) indicated at the meeting that they will donate much of their property for the battlefield.

Gary Ecelbarger is the historical consultant for the 1st Battle of Kernstown for this project. He will talk on the topic at Old Opequon Church on Sunday, June 16, 2:30 p.m.

A General Pens a Poem

I discovered that Gen. F. W. Lander (1821-1862) is a poet! The following poem has nothing to do with the war, but ruminates on a statuette of his sister, who was a sculptress. It was even published, in the Boston Advertiser. I'd like to think that Gen. Lander is the greatest poet general that ever walked the face of the earth, but then, I'm prejudiced. Gary Ecelbarger.

Virginia Dare
By General F. W. Lander

She stands before us like a think of dreams;
The glory of her thought is on her face;
And brokenly the tender sunlight streams
O'er the rapt wonder of her virgin grace:
Lo! the clasped hand; the faint and shadowy trace
Of bashful thought through all her woodland guise;
Pure, starborn dewdrop, that some floweret's vase
Holds up to heaven beneath the morning's eyes,
That, trembling first, grows calm in softened, sweet
surprise.

Hist! 'twas the carol of some wakeful bird,
Or Nature's voices wooing in the low
Sweet tone of flowers her loitering foot has stirred;
Or winds are wailing o'er the buds that glow
In chosen glades, and fear lest she may go;
Or from the brook her Indian lover quaffed,
(More chill to him than Sewell's mountain snow
Since beauty passed) the rival zephyrs waft
O'er echoing waves his sighs that young Virginia
laughed.

No, 'tis the magic of a holier thought;
Fixed in new wonder by fond memories given,
Home, and the song her English mother taught,
Float with the sound, and lift those eyes to heaven;
So the fair Eve, on earth's bless'd day of seven,
Stood forth betwixt young Adam and the morn,
Ere mortal touch, or taint of earthly leaven,
Or that sad sense from evil knowledge born,
Had frayed the enraptured soul that thrilled her to
adorn.

Ye arbiters of calling and true fame,
Translators of divinities ye blend
From faith and hope in Freedom's household name;
Ye judges stern, whom sophistries offend,
Here view the grace that woman's hand can lend
To all ye love; who, where eternal Rome
Bids artist souls to loftier themes ascend,
Could mould the tale of dear Virginia's home,
And love her native land beneath a foreign dome.

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