

# STONE WALL

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## THEY DIDN'T LIKE EACH OTHER MUCH

*Joseph E. Johnston & John C. Pemberton at Vicksburg*

**DAVE SMITH**

**M**ost accounts of the Vicksburg campaign of 1862-63 center on the campaign strategies and accomplishments of Federal Maj. Gen. U.S. Grant. This is understandable, since those strategies led to the eventual capitulation of the Confederate garrison under the command of Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton. But a strong sub-plot existed in the Confederate story line with the command structure and relationship between Gen. Joseph E. Johnston and his direct subordinate, Pennsylvania-born John C. Pemberton. The recriminations and blame for the loss of Vicksburg started immediately after the surrender of the garrison, as Johnston, Pemberton and Confederate President Jefferson Davis tried to fix blame for the loss.

**Thursday  
December 10  
7:30 P.M.**

**Fairfax County  
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**They Didn't Like Each Other Much: Joseph E. Johnston and John C. Pemberton at Vicksburg** tells of the relationship between the men, focusing on a recently discovered manuscript written by Pemberton as his response to Johnston's memoirs Narrative of Military Operations. The talk uses portions of the manuscript to explain Pemberton's response to



*John C. Pemberton*

the allegations of blame placed upon him by his boss. The manuscript is being prepared for publication.

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table meets the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va. at 7:30 P.M.

The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact Karen Fojt, 703 330 1965. You can reach the Round Table by calling Karen Fojt, 703 330 1965; by email at [BRCWRT@aol.com](mailto:BRCWRT@aol.com) or <http://members.aol.com/brcwrt/index.htm>.

## Dan Considers the Holidays



General Longstreet's  
statue at Gettysburg.

### Greetings Members & Friends.

It is that time of year again. The holiday season is upon us and 1999 is on the way. It's also time to **renew memberships** to ensure that all members receive their newsletter. Remember that December is the expiration of the annual membership for all, myself included. If you have not yet renewed, please remember to bring a check and give it to Mark Knowles at the next meeting, December 10th.

The **Remembrance Day parade** up at Gettysburg this year was great. My outfit, the 7th Maryland, marched in front of the 20th Maine. It was the 135th anniversary of the Gettysburg address this year so the parade was that much more festive. The next event is the Antietam Illumination coming up December 5th at the Antietam battlefield. If you plan to attend this event, I recommend wearing longjohns as it will be very cold.

On behalf of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, I would like to wish all members and their families a happy Thanksgiving. See you at the next meeting.

Dan Paterson

## GETTYSBURG

### The Remembrance Day Parade

I had the pleasure of participating in my first Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade on November 21<sup>st</sup> with my pards in the 7<sup>th</sup> MD (Union) reenactment group. Before the parade, we held a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the Maryland Monument to honor men of both the blue and the gray who fought for Maryland. Our own Capt. Jay Henson gave a stirring speech and we sang the national anthem afterwards.

Besides being a wee bit cold in my 19<sup>th</sup> century clothes, I had a grand time giving out cookies and candies to the spectators along with Recruitment Flyers to try and encourage more men to take up arms for the Union. Hopefully my ancestors who were 100% Confederate (Tar Heel and Virginia) aren't rolling around in their graves!

Besides I wasn't the only Confederate descendant to march along with the 7<sup>th</sup>, our own Dan Paterson was there as well, looking mighty spiffy in his blue uniform and showing off his brand new Springfield rifle. It was quite amusing to see the folks from the Longstreet Society give a double take as they watched Dan march by!

Dan and some of the guys then proceeded to witness the 5<sup>th</sup> N.Y. have their own ceremony at Little Round Top where their own Brian Pohanka gave a rousing speech amongst the cold and wind. In the meantime the ladies of the 7<sup>th</sup> were busy changing and helping each other into their underpinnings for that evening's ball. It was my first attempt at 19<sup>th</sup> century dancing and I especially loved learning the Virginia Reel. My thanks to my pard Jack Carrigan for putting up with my two left feet and showing infinite patience. A good time was had by all.

Ann Collins

## ***After Action Report***

### **RETRACING THE WINCHESTER SKEDADDLE**

**O**n Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Gary Ecelbarger led nearly 30 members from our round table on a tour of Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's successful push of Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks army out of the lower Shenandoah Valley during May 1862.

The cool, if not cold, breeze buffeting our group throughout the day was a constant reminder that the sun had moved further south. But that did not diminish the spirit of the group throughout the day. The first stop on the tour was at the Asbury Methodist Chapel, south of Front Royal. Gary provided the background on the Union and Confederate forces. From Asbury Chapel we moved our modern day wagon train up the Gooney Manor Road to a spot where the original road trace still exists. The size of our group caused some curiosity with some of the local residents. They joined the group briefly to listen to Gary discuss the approach Maj. Wheat's Tiger's and the First Maryland [Confederate] used as they approached Front Royal.

We chased General Banks army to the Peninsula, where the North and South Forks of the Shenandoah come together. Gary took us to a little known site along the riverbank. What few stones remained in the archway represented the Weston Mill. Colonel Kenly tried to slow Col. Flournoy's cavalry advance by burning the North Fork bridge. But Flournoy's men were able to cross the smoldering bridge. We too were not hindered. Our group continued down the valley [North] on route 340, stopping at a stone house that now has an antique store in it. This house was known as the Fairview farmhouse during the brief fight between Kenly and Flournoy on the Cedarville plains. Dallas Brown, the colorbearer of the Sixth Virginia, was shot 21 times at this location (Bummer). From here we sought to control our shivering and replenish our empty stomachs by enjoying a nice hot meal in Kernstown. After lunch, Gary took us on a side trip

to the Opequon Church to relive a previous tour (Kernstown battle) and shamelessly promote a book entitled *We Are In For It* (written by some guy named Ecelbarger). Gary also provided us with an update on the current pressures of preservation the battlefield faces.

From Kernstown we continued our pursuit of Banks. We chased his army to the Handley High School in Winchester. The view of the valley from the high school heights was breathtaking: it is hard to believe that Col. George Gordon's Third Brigade (William's Division) would allow his men to give up this wonderful view to the Confederates. As Gary related the action that took place on Bower's Hill, we could almost hear in the chilly breeze the rebel yell and the victorious CS bands playing as the Federals "changed base." Alas, it was only the high school football game in full swing. The tour concluded at the Shawnee Spring Health Center on route 522. The stone wall along the edge of the parking lot was the site where the Fifth Connecticut and Forty Sixth Pennsylvania tried to defend against Trimble's Brigade [Ewell's Division]. As General Banks retired towards Martinsburg, he left behind valuable supplies to the Confederates, thus earning the nickname "Commissary Banks."

Many thanks to Gary for giving his time and sharing his knowledge of the valley. We all thoroughly enjoyed the tour and look forward to his next book regarding the First Battle of Winchester.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mark Knowles*

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sneak a peek?

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

### EXHIBITS

Ongoing - **MEDICAL EXHIBIT**. New exhibit "Every Kind of Wound and Disease - The Confederate Medical Department." Hospitalization methods during the war, advancements in medicine, and reality of death and disease. Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond. (804) 649-1861.

Thru 3 Jan 99. **SHARED DESTINY: ENCOUNTERS ALONG BULL RUN, 1861**. Focus on 29 individuals - soldiers, civilians, and politicians - who were affected by the 21 Jul 61 battle, including Beauregard, Jackson, Custer, Sherman, Stuart, Mosby, Early, and Ewell. Portraits, letters, engravings, prints, and artifacts. Manassas Museum, (703) 368-1873.

Thru Oct 99. **FORAGE CAPS AND FEATHERED HATS: HEADGEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR**. Free exhibit of Union and Confederate headgear for officers and enlisted men. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, Alexandria, (703) 838-4848.

### EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**13 Dec. FREDERICKSBURG TOUR**. Driving tour of the fight on Stonewall Jackson's flank, conducted by a NPS historian. 9am-12pm. (540) 373-6122.

**13 Dec. FREDERICKSBURG TOUR & TALK**. Commemoration of the Battle of Fredericksburg. Noon battle tour with park historian Frank O'Reilly, from City Dock at the south end of Sophia St. 2 pm program in front of Sergeant Kirkland Memorial with guest speaker former Congressman Robert Mrazek. (540) 371-0802.

## December's TRIVIA

Read carefully - we'll be quizzed.

BIRTHDAYS !!

**3 GEORGE BRINTON MCCLELLAN**, MGen USA (1826-1885) Graduated second in the West Point class of 1846. Designed the "McClellan Saddle" which was selected for use by the US Cavalry in 1859 and remained standard equip-ment until mech-anization elim-inated horses. General-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States from 1 Nov 1861 to 10 July 1862. As a field com-mander he con-sistently over-estimated the strength of his adversary and always demanded more men and supplies before undertaking offensive oper-ations. His first cousin was Major Henry B. McClellan, chief-of-staff to Confederate General Jeb Stuart. Was nominated for President by the Democratic party on a "peace at any price" platform in 1864.

**5. GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER**, MGen USV1 (1839-1876) - Graduated last in the West Point class of June, 1861. On 29 June 1863, at the age of 23, he became the youngest general in the Union Army -- he was jumped from Captain, US Volunteers (First Lieutenant, Fifth Regular Cavalry) to Brig. General of Volunteers. Custer's Cavalry Brigade sustained the highest casualties of any cavalry unit of the Federal army during the war: 525 killed or died of wounds. Killed at the Battle of the Little Bighorn (while holding the Regular Army rank of Lieuten-ant Colonel), on 25 June 1876 - along with 2 brothers (Captain Tom Custer and Boston Custer), a nephew (Autie Reed), and a brother-in-law (Lieutenant James Calhoun).

**6 JOHN SINGLETON MOSEY**, Col CSA1 (1833-1916) While a student at the University of Virginia, he shot another student in a provoked incident and was ultimately released. He guided Jeb Stuart on his ride around McClellan in June, 1862.

**12 JOSEPH ORVILLE SHELBY**, BGen CSA1 (1830-1897) - Following the collapse of the Confederacy, and without waiting for his personal parole, he and members of his command buried their battle flag in the Rio Grande and crossed into Mexico to support Emperor Maximilian.

**16 ROBERT SELDEN GARNETT**, BGen CSA1 (1819-1861) -- A cousin of Richard Brooke Garnett (killed during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg). Robert was the first Confederate officer, and the first general officer, to be killed in action during the Civil War (near Carrick's Ford).

**16 HENRY HETH**, MGen CSA1 (1825-1899) Graduated last in the West Point class of 1847. Said to have been the only officer in the Army of Northern Virginia whom R.E. Lee address-ed by his first name.

**18. CHARLES GRIFFIN**, MGen USV1 (1825-1867) As a captain, commanded a Union artillery battery deployed to Henry Hill during the Battle of 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas. His wife was the sister of Union General Samuel Sprigg Carroll. Griffin died of yellow fever in Galveston while carrying out Reconstruction policies as Colonel, 35th US Infantry.

**19. JAMES JAY ARCHER**, BGen CSA1 (1817-1864) - Captured with a large part of his brigade on the first day at Gettysburg -- he was a prisoner for more than a year. His health was shattered by his long confinement on Johnson's Island, and he died soon after his release.

**11 EDWIN MCMASTERS STANTON**, Secy. War (U.S.) (1814-1869). Appointed Secretary of War by Lincoln in 1862. He opposed President Johnson's reconstruction politics and was asked by Johnson to resign. Stanton refused and was suspended by the President. The Senate stepped in and reinstated Stanton and told Johnson that he did not have the power to sack his Secy. of War. He was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1869, but died four days later.

**25. Milledge Luke Bonham**, BGen CSA1 (1813-1890) - Elected to Congress in 1857 to complete the unexpired term of his cousin, Preston Brooks, who had resigned following his notorious physical assault on Sator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts. Commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Bde of Beauregard's Army of the Potomac at First Manassas.

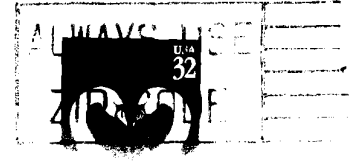
**26 WILLIAM NELSON PENDLETON**, BGen CSA1 (1809-1883). Ordained an Episcopal minister in 1838. Reverend Pendleton was the nominal chief of artillery for the Army of Northern Virginia for a large part of the war. He bore a striking resem-blance to R.E. Lee, and was frequently mistaken for him. Father of Col. "Sandie" Pend-leton of Jackson's staff, and father-in-law of General Edwin G. Lee.

**27. LUCIUS FAIRCHILD**, BGen USV1 (1831-1896) - Commanded the 2nd Wisconsin of the Iron Brigade. Wounded (left arm amputated) and captured on the first day at Gettysburg, he saw no more service and resigned that November.

**29. ANDREW JOHNSON**, Vice President US1 (1808-1875) Held commission as BGen USV. March '62 - March '65, while serving as the military governor of Tennessee. Became the 17th President of the US upon Lincoln's assassination. The only former President to serve in the US Senate, March-July, 1875.

**31 GEORGE GORDON MEADE**, MGen USA (1815-1872). Born in Spain of US parents, which disqualified him as a presidential candidate, but may have contri-buted to his appointment as Commander of the Army of the Potomac, three days before the battle of Gettysburg. Lincoln is reputed to have said Meade, a Pennsylvanian, "...will fight well on his own dunghill." Grant stated in his memoirs: "General Meade was an officer of great merit, with drawbacks to his usefulness that were beyond his control.... He was unfortunately of a temper that would get beyond his control, at times.... No one saw this better than himself, and no one regretted it more. This made it unpleas-ant at times, even in battle, for those around him to approach him even with information."

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