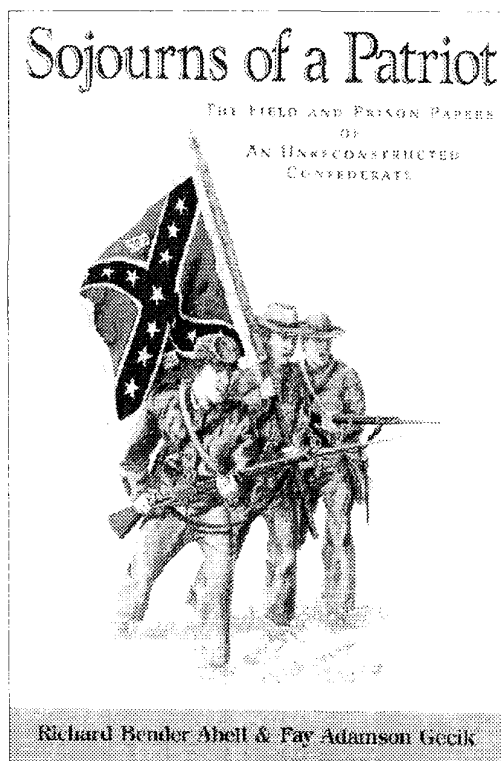




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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



Richard Bender Abell

SOJOURNS OF A PATRIOT

A SOLDIER OF THE
30TH GEORGIA
INFANTRY REGIMENT

THIS MONTH THE ROUNDTABLE MEETS THURSDAY JUNE 17

ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL DUE
TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FAIR
SCHEDULE.

Richard Bender Abell describes the experiences of Confederate Corporal Augustus Pitt Adamson, a member of Company E, 30th Georgia Volunteer Infantry. Adamson published a short history of his regiment in 1912. Abell's book of Adamson's wartime letters and diary record political events, camp life and campaigning in the Carolinas, Florida, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and Atlanta. Eventually Adamson was captured and incarcerated at Rock Island.

Thursday, JUNE 17, 1999, 7:30 PM
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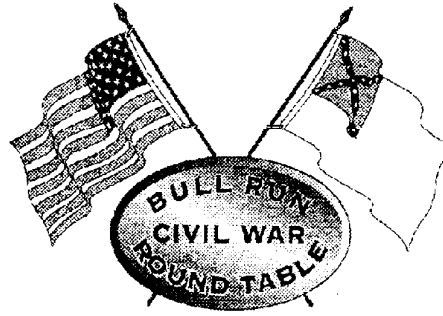
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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table meets the second Thursday of the month at the Fairfax County Government Center, 7:30 PM. Website of the Roundtable is <http://members.aol.com/brcwr/index.htm>.



Greetings Members and Friends,

The **Memorial Day** weekend was a memorable one for me thanks to the 42nd Virginia. I was asked to deliver the address to honor Confederate Memorial Day at the cemetery at Groveton. It was an honor to have both my ancestor and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table represented on a battlefield we are fighting to preserve. My thanks go out to Kathie Fraser of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the 42nd Virginia reenactment group for extending the invitation to speak at such an honorable event!

Thanks to all attendees of the **Gettysburg tour** on the 22nd of May. A good time was had by all as we walked Pickett's charge with a full color guard. Our stop at the Longstreet Memorial meant a lot to me personally and I look forward to getting the group shot on our web page. A personal thanks to John McAnaw and Kevin Anastas for admirably filling in with their coverage of the 69th PA and the 9th Virginia respectively. Kevin's discussion of his ancestor, Francis M. Bailey, 9th Virginia, Armistead's Brigade, who participated in the charge, was a real treat and I look forward to his participation in future tours with our organization.

I also would like to thank all the membership for making last month's meeting the highest attended meeting of the year. As always, Ed Bearss gave an impressive talk on the battle of Chickamauga. I look forward to seeing him talk again at the Lee vs. Grant reenactment on the 18th and 19th of this month.

We sold all the **shirts and hats** ordered during the May meeting. We have had 6 requests for more shirts. **Please see Mark Knowles at the June meeting to order your shirt and hat if you have not already done so.** We'd like to get the orders all together so we can take care of the remaining requests all at once.

We have another treat for a speaker this month in **Richard Bender Abell**. His book, *Sojourns Of A Patriot* is outstanding and I highly recommend it. It will be available for purchase to the membership at the general membership meeting. See you on the 17th!

Dan Paterson, President

PRESERVATION CORNER

THE CENTREVILLE EARTHWORKS, *continued*

Historian J Michael Miller wrote the following letter to John McAnaw addressing the reasons why preserving the Centreville earthworks are vital for the accurate portrayal of our area's history.

The situation regarding the preservation of the "nationally important" earthworks is grave. Please read Mike Miller's letter and send letters to area newspapers and the Fairfax County Supervisors. Also, 22 member petitions have not yet handed back in. Please turn them in at our June 17 meeting. Washington Post reporter Peter Paeinterviewed myself and others about the earthworks, and his article appeared in the June 11 issue. Hopefully, his report will heighten public concern and outrage.

To review, 14.33 acres of wooded tract that contain the earthworks has been rezoned for a 126 unit townhouse development. Since April 27, Centreville residents and I have met once with Kate Hanley, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and twice with Supervisor Michael Frey. Michael Hummel, the CENTEX project manager also attended Supervisor Frey's last meeting on June 8. Mr. Hummel promised to set up a meeting as soon as possible between concerned citizens and the Virginia Division President of CENTEX, Robert Davis. Various courses of action have been discussed.

In this letter, I wish to address the historical significance of the trench system located in the Centreville area on land slated to be developed near Braddock Road and Route 28. It is clear to me after several visits to the site the two trench lines are of prime historical significance to the Centreville area as well as to Fairfax County. The Civil War is one of the defining events in the history of our nation and our country. The question that reaches us now is, how can we teach our citizens today, as well as those of tomorrow, just what happened in Fairfax County and how it fits into our national heritage? How can we remember the past events and sacrifices of Americans from all across our nation who fought and struggled during this era to make this nation what it is today? Fairfax County, particularly Centreville, was heavily involved in both local skirmishes and large campaigns such as, the Battle of Chantilly and Bristoe Station. In addition, being on the outskirts of Washington, this area captures the stories of the average soldier from both North and South during the many months of occupation during the entire war, 1861-1865.

The trenchlines in Centreville provide a unique opportunity to bring the past to life to current and future generations. The presence of both Union and Confederate trenches on the same site allows the story of our ancestors from both the North and South to be studied and interpreted at the same time. Inevitably, the story of the common soldier can be told based on the variety and design of the earthworks constructed as well as the positioning of the facing trenches.

This site also enables Fairfax County to interpret all the war years from 1861-1865 at one site. The Confederate occupation and withdrawal ('61-'62), the Union reoccupation ('62), the flow of the war through the 2nd Manassas campaign and the return of the armies during the Bristoe Station campaign all took place on this site. Indeed, these trenches mark the last and farthest advance of the main body of Gen. R.E. Lee's ANV. Never again would Lee's army get this close to Washington. This site also fits into the larger interpretation of Fairfax Co. during the war as it can be linked with many other already preserved or lost Civil War locations in the county to form a coherent story which tells of the county's significance and involvement in the war. For instance, only a short distance across route 28, during the recent excavation, bodies of Union soldiers who died during the winter of 1861-62 were found. There is so much that can be done to preserve the history of Fairfax County and at the same time allow for the planned and controlled growth that will come to our county in the future. It is really a matter of learning what is important to preserve in order to bring the past to life, which will enrich us all. It is the duty of persons who possess this knowledge, to inform all interested parties so that they can make informed decisions based on this knowledge. That is the purpose of this letter, to inform you that the Centreville site is a location which must be preserved because it offers so much to us today, and should in the future.

Respectfully yours,
J. Michael Miller

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MARCHING ORDERS

Union Mills to Manassas

Saturday, June 26, 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Our tour of Civil War sites in Prince William County from Union Mills to Manassas Junction has been moved forward to June 26, while the tour of Williamsburg will run in July. I encourage all physically able members to make this tour of sites rarely visited (except by relic hunters) by Civil War buffs. The landscape in that part of Manassas Park near Bull Run is changing rapidly. Construction firms are building homes in this area rapidly. The creation of the Manassas Park Golf Course and new home construction has resulted in the loss of some sites; however others remain. Thankfully Civil War sites beyond the boundaries of Manassas Park remain untouched (for the present).

OBJECTIVES

- Enjoy the scenery of the Prince William County side of Bull Run.
- Visit hard-to-get-to Civil War sites west of Bull Run and south of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks, including the vicinity of Bull Run bridge and Yates Ford.
- Tour old Confederate camps and cemeteries in or near construction areas southwest of Union Mills.
- Walk through important Confederate earthworks, including Signal Hill
Visit other important Civil War sites in Manassas and Prince William County, as time permits
- Gain an appreciation of significant events that occurred within the tour area during the Civil War
- Assess past destruction and possible loss of extant Civil War sites.

ASSEMBLY Parking lot of the Manassas Park Golf Course located in Manassas Park at the terminus of Manassas Drive. A map will be available at the June 17 meeting.

ASSEMBLY TIME 7:45 a.m.

EXPECTED WEATHER Hot and humid.

EQUIPMENT Light day-tripper pack and good hiking boots. A minimum of two quarts of water or other noncarbonated beverage. Lunch, sweatrag, insect repellent and toilet paper.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- We will hike 4.1 miles. Only individuals of average or better physical condition should sign up. Those with histories of heat stroke/exhaustion, respiratory ailments, or heart problems should not participate.
- Latrine facilities will be available at the clubhouse at Manassas Park Public Golf Course and at Signal Hill Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXHIBITS/PROGRAMS

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.

Thru Sep 2002. "TAPS – The Military Bugle in History and Ceremony," at Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center. Bugles, photos, sheet music, manuals, uniforms, bugler insignia featured. Open daily.

26 Jun – Civil War for Kids. Educational program for school-age children at the Wilderness Library in Locust Grove. 10am-1pm.

LECTURES

27 June – Talk about Civil War photography by George Anthony. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg 3pm. (540) 465-5884.

22 Jul – "Christ in Camp" talk by the Rev. Dave Birch. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 3pm. (540) 465-5884.

TOURS

3 Jul – Guided walking tour of Lee's Last Line, Spotsylvania Battlefield,

6:30-8pm by NPS Historian, Elsa Lohman. Meet at NPS Tour Stop #14. (540) 972-9954.

10-11 Jul – Part of the 135th Battle Anniversary. Sat: Tours of Monocacy Battlefield led by historian B.F. Cooling at 11am and 1pm, free by reservation. Ranger programs at noon and 3pm. Interpretive program about American brass band through Civil War with the Wildcat Regiment Band at 2pm. Concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band and the Stonewall Brigade Band on Gambrill Mansion lawn at 5pm. Sun: Cooling tours, free by reservation, at 10am, noon, and 2pm. Ranger programs on the hour from noon through 5pm. (301) 662-2515.

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Gettysburg, May 22

On the 22nd of May, 1999 the Bull Run Civil War Round Table invaded Pennsylvania. While most of the troops rallied at the Visitors Center, the rear guard formed up at the Expo Center in Chantilly and proceeded to the ford of the Potomac at the Point of Rocks.

After the troops concentrated at the Visitors Center, we then proceeded to the Black Horse Tavern, behind the Confederate lines. A hard march to the top of the hill gave the group a great perspective of the routes taken by Gen. Lafayette McLaws on July 2nd, 1863. Also seen from the hill in the distance, was Little Round Top, one of the objectives of the attack of Longstreet's Corps on the second day of the battle. An inspired discussion of the counter march was given by John McAnaw, Kevin Anastas, after I distributed a map showing the route of the march, including the turning points the division took so as to not be detected by the Federal Signal Corps.

We then proceeded to the Peach Orchard, following the route of the Confederates, where John McAnaw discussed the action, including the advance of Dan Sickles' division, his wounding and the success of the Confederate attack in that area.

After breaking for lunch, we formed up at the Virginia monument and fell in with General Lee and his accompanying color guard and proceeded to march across that hallowed ground as Pickett's division did on July 3rd, 1863. The general giving his commentary and reactions to the battle as we walked along. We proceeded to hit the Emmitsburg Pike, crossed the rail fence and hit the stone wall, meeting a lone Union Corporal from the 7th Maryland, holding the line. The situation was quite reversed from what it was in 1863, as we outnumbered the

yankees. The ceremonial handshake across the wall was reenacted and General Lee then gave a discussion and prayer for the soldiers who lost their lives at the wall. John McAnaw then gave a detailed explanation of the 69th Pennsylvania units and their locations on the union side of the wall. Following John, was Kevin Anastas, who read a letter written by his ancestor, Francis M. Bailey, of the 9th Virginia, Armistead's Brigade, describing the event as he saw it, the attack and his eventual capture.

The group then made a stop at the Longstreet Monument where I described the ceremony of last July. The final stop of the tour was at LRT where Kevin and John discussed the actions of the 20th Maine. We stopped at the 20th Maine marker and then at the stone marking the spot where Strong Vincent received his mortal wound.

We all had a wonderful time on the tour and a world of thanks and appreciation go out to Art Twigg (Gen. Lee) for putting the color guard together for us. The experience would not have been quite the same without him. Also, I would like to thank Cpl. Guy Bevin, the 7th MD, Vincent's Brigade for having the courage to be the only Yank to show up that day. Finally, a debt of gratitude to John McAnaw and Kevin Anastas for putting together material for the tour in such a short period of time. Kevin's discussion of his ancestor, Francis M. Bailey, really made the charge that much more surreal.

Dan Paterson

LIVING HISTORY Events

26 Jun – "Confederate Hospital Steward and Southern Caregiver," by Glenn and Gloria Baugher at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. 11am-3pm. (301) 695-1864.

2 Jul – Noon return of the *USS Constellation* to Baltimore Inner Harbor berth following restoration to 1861 appearance. Free tours.

Weekend celebration activities including flotilla, music, fireworks. (800) 282-6632.

4 Jul – Vivandiere – equivalent of modern field medics – National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. 11am-3pm. (301) 695-1864.

17 Jul – Program on Civil War medicine by Regimental Surgeon Marty Zuckerman, 13th VA Inf. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 1-5pm. (540) 465-5884.

17-18 Jul – "The Battlefield Embalmer: Preserving the Civil War Dead," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. noon-4pm, both days. Presentation by historian Dr. James W. Lowry as "Dr. Lowry Embalming Surgeon." (301) 695-1864.

24-25 Jul – Observation of the 138th Anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas and grand opening of the remodeled Visitor Center/exhibit area and bookstore at Manassas National Battlefield Park. Cavalry demonstrations at 11am and 1pm; guided tours at 10am and 1pm; Henry Hill walking tours at 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15 both days. Saturday only: 3-5pm, Visitor Center opening with the Regimental Band, book signings, unveiling of new art work, refreshments. Outdoor picnic Grand Concert at 6pm with Wildcat Band and candlelight tours of the Stone House from 8-9:30pm. (703) 361-1339.

REENACTMENTS

19-20 Jun – "Grant vs Lee: 1864" 135th Anniversary reenactment in Brandy Station on actual battlefield. Sat: 5am-11pm; Sun: 8am-4:30pm. (908) 903-1064.

10-11 Jul – 135th Anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy. Site opens at 10am, battles at 1pm. Burning of B&O Railroad block house and Monocacy Junction covered bridge by Union troops after retreat. (800) USA-FLAG, 4-6pm, weekdays.

31 Jul-1 Aug – Battle of First Manassas, at Bull Run Park, Centerville. (717) 528-8761.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 **John Hunt Morgan**, BGen CSA (1825-1864) -- His 2 sisters married Generals A.P. Hill and Basil W. Duke. Killed while en route to attack Federal forces near Knoxville.

John Bell Hood, Gen CSA (1831-1879) -- Left arm was crippled at Gettysburg, his right leg was amputated at Chickamauga. Asked to be relieved from command of the Army of Tennessee in January 1865.

2 **Philip Kearney**, MGen USV (1815-1862) -- Inherited a million dollars from his grandfather in 1836. Lost his left arm during the Mexican War (1846). Killed at the battle of Chantilly.

3 **Jefferson Finis Davis**, Pres CSA (1808-1889) -- Would have preferred to have been a field commander rather than president of the Confederacy.

5 **Marcus Joseph Wright**, BGen CSA (1831-1922) -- From 1878 until 1917 worked as an agent for the collection and organization of Confederate records for inclusion in the Official Records. One of only 2 Confederate generals buried at Arlington National Cemetery (the other is MGen Joseph Wheeler).

11 **James Lawson Kemper**, MGen CSA (1823-1895) -- Wounded and

captured during Pickett's charge (Not recovered by his troops as depicted in the movie Gettysburg.).

12 **Samuel Cooper**, Gen CSA (1798-1876) -- Ranking general officer in Confederate service. Served as Adjutant and Inspector General throughout the war. Was the father-in-law of Union MGen Frank Wheaton.

13 **Winfield Scott**, Bvt LGen USA (1786-1866) -- Commanded the US Army from 1841-1861.

Philip St George Cooke, Bvt MGen USA (1809-1895) -- Born in Virginia, but chose to remain loyal to the Union. Father-in-law of MGen J.E.B. Stuart and father of BGen John Rogers Cooke -- both Confederate officers.

16 **Welsey Merritt**, MGen USV (1834-1910) -- Promoted to BGen of volunteers the same day as other "boy generals" George Armstrong Custer and Elon John Farnsworth (29 June 1863). During the Appomattox campaign was second in command of cavalry to Philip Sheridan.

17 **Strong Vincent**, BGen USV (1837-1863) -- At Gettysburg, in the absence of his division commander, took the initiative to deploy his brigade to Little Round Top to stop a potential Confederate envelopment. Mortally wounded there.

20 **Jesse Lee Reno**, MGen USV (1823-1862) -- Mortally wounded while leading an attack against Fox's Gap during the battle of South Mountain.

21 **James Brewerton Ricketts**, Bvt MGen USV (1817-1887) -- Wounded and captured on Henry Hill while commanding an artillery battery during the first battle of Manassas. At Cedar Creek, was wounded by a bullet through the chest which disabled him for life.

23 **Edwin Henry Stoughton**, BGen USV (1838-1868) -- At the time he was promoted to BGen of volunteers (5 Nov '62), he was the youngest general officer in the service. Captured at Fairfax Court House by John Singleton Mosby during his celebrated "midnight raid" in March 1863.

26 **Abner Doubleday**, MGen USV (1819-1893) -- Did not invent or name the game of baseball. Both of his brothers became volunteer colonels. Is said to have aimed the first gun fired in defense of Ft Sumter.

27 **Junius Daniel**, BGen CSA (1828-1864) -- Mortally wounded at the "Bloody Angle" during the battle of Spotsylvania.

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