



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XV, Issue 6—OCTOBER 2008

DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN EXAMINES HOW CONFEDERATES SEIZED THE INITIATIVE IN THE EASTERN THEATER DURING 1862

By John P. McAnaw

Guess who is coming to dinner and speaking to us on 9 October 2008? None other than Dr. B. Franklin Cooling. This prolific and highly regarded historian has spoken to the Round Table in the past on a number of topics. His presentations were always interesting and well received. Dr. Cooling's talk on 9 October will be based on his most recently published book, *Counter-Thrust: From the Peninsula to the Antietam*. Presently, he is working on another book titled, *The Day(s) Mr. Lincoln Was Almost Shot; Fort Stevens, D.C., July 11 and 12, 1864*.

Dr. Cooling is a native of Washington, D.C. He received a B.A. from Rutgers University plus M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a veteran of various government history programs. Our guest speaker served as the Chief Historian Department of Energy, and also as Associate Dean and Professor of National Security Studies, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) D.C. ICAF is part of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Listed below are some of the Civil War and Naval History publications authored by Dr. Cooling.

Forts Henry and Donelson: Key to the Confederate Heartland.

Fort Donelson's Legacy: War and Society in Kentucky and Tennessee, 1862-1863.

Symbol, Sword and Shield: Defending Washington During the Civil War.

Mr. Lincoln's Forts. (co-authored with Walter Owen)
Note: This book is out of print and in great demand.

Jubal Early's Raid on Washington, 1864.

Monocacy: The Battle That Saved Washington.

Benjamin Franklin Tracy: Father of Modern American Fighting Navy.

Gray Steel and Blue Water Navy: The Formative Years of America's Military-Industrial Complex 1881

U.S.S. Olympia: Herald of Empire.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. B. Franklin Cooling, III

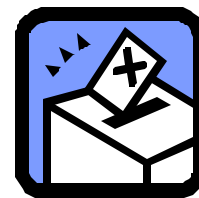
SUBJECT:

**Counter-Trust: From the
Peninsula to the Antietam**

**Above book available NOW on
Amazon.com. Book signing of any of
Dr. Cooling's publications.**

If you have copies of any of Dr. Cooling's books, bring them to our 9 October general membership meeting and he will autograph them. Join us for what will be an educational and entertaining evening with a BRCWRT favorite -Dr. B. Franklin Cooling III.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2009 OFFICERS



By Ken Jones

This is a reminder to the membership of the BRCWRT. The election of officers for the next term will take place in December. Any member of the Round Table is invited to run for any of the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Adjutant, and Treasurer. Should you desire to run for office or wish to nominate a member, please notify Ken Jones at 703-385-8624, or see Ken at the October meeting.

A final call for nominees will be made in November. The election will be held at the regular meeting on December 11th.

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ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES

Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.



FIVE STAR EXHIBIT:
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2008
SHARPSHOOTERS DURING
THE CIVIL WAR:
THEIR WEAPONS
AND ACCOUTREMENTS

By John P. McAnaw

Have you ever heard of the "Old Thousand Yard" or "California Joe"? They were only two of the celebrated Confederate and Union sharpshooters during the Civil War. I hope you are still interested in seeing an exhibit of their weapons and equipment. If so, I have some good news to pass on to you. Mr. Doug Wicklund, the well known curator of the NRA Firearms Museum on Waples Mill Road, has agreed to set up an extraordinary exhibit on 8 November 2008 at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax City. The exhibit will be accessible to the public from noon to 4 pm. AL Post 177 is located at 3939 Oak Street (behind Paul VI High School). The Post's telephone number is; 703-273-2250.

This highly prized exhibit will be part of the Veterans Day weekend activities sponsored by AL Post 177, VFW Blue and Gray Post 8469, and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. I am a member of all three organizations cited above.

To the best of my knowledge, this exhibit will be available to the public only on two other occasions: in late October in Fredericksburg, VA; and mid-November in Boston, MA.

If you are interested in attending the 8 November exhibit, please notify Ken Jones, our Webmaster, or me, at our monthly meeting on 9 October. Obviously, I am interested in making sure there is enough space set aside at AL Post 177 for the exhibit and for Civil War buffs to talk with Curator Doug Wicklund.

One bit of advice, if you plan to attend – **get there early.**



The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

The tempo of BRCWRT activities did not slow down during the August-September time frame. Space limitations prevent the coverage of all the Civil War related events involving BRCWRT members during this period. However, articles on those sponsored by our Round Table can be found in this month's newsletter. Take the time to read about them.

Our monthly meetings in August and September were well attended. The presentations by both guest speakers were excellent. For the record they were:

14 August – Maureen Quinn: *Washington D.C. to Gettysburg: The Civil War in Marble and Bronze* – 72 attendees.



**Thanks
Maureen
And
Steve**



Photo by J. Greentree

11 September – Stevan Meserve: *The Civil War In Loudon County, VA: A History of Hard Times* – 77 attendees.

After-action reports on the following events are contained in this newsletter: 2 August – Tour of Buckland Hall Farm and the Buckland Races Battlefield; 1 September – Dedication of the Ox Hill Battlefield and 13 September – Tour of the White Oak Museum and nearby Civil War sites in Stafford County. I extend my thanks to every member involved in making each of the above events a successful endeavor.

An extremely important event in the history of Civil War preservation in Northern Virginia occurred on 1 September 2008. Around twenty Round Table members were present at the dedication of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park on that date. After more than 22 years of determined effort, Ed Wenzel accomplished the goal of the Chantilly Battlefield Association (Brian Pohanka, Bud Hall and Ed) of preserving a critical part of the Ox Hill Battlefield. Without Ed's unrelenting efforts against formidable odds, there would not have been an Ox Hill Battlefield Park. His efforts were recognized by several speak-

ers during the ceremonial program. He certainly received a resounding applause from the crowd of an estimated 300.

Following the dedication, we had a reception for Ed at the Old Shebeen Restaurant and Pub in Fairfax City. In every sense, 1 September was "Ed Wenzel Day".



Photo By Janet Greentree

Congratulations, Ed. You really made a difference!

Our CY 2008 Membership Campaign was very successful. At present there are 216 members. I extend my thanks to Vice President John DePue and his membership committee and to all of you. The CY 2009 membership campaign will officially kick off in November. I ask you for your continued support.

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Stone Wall* is Ken Jones' article titled "Nomination and Election of 2009 Officers." Please read it. All four elected officer positions are open to members. **In that vein, I am stepping down as President of our fine organization, effective 31 December 2008.** I have had a most enjoyable and rewarding run as President. We are blessed as an organization to have so many talented and hard working members who treasure our national heritage. It as been an honor to have been associated with you. See you at the 9 October 2008 meeting.

UPCOMING MEETING

13 NOVEMBER 2008

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Joseph Whitehorne

SUBJECT:

**The Battle of Auburn,
12-14 October 1863:
The Price of Gettysburg**



BRCWRT MEMBER NEW PRESIDENT OF PWC PRESERVA- TION GROUP

BRCWRT member, Mark Trbovich, who has been extremely instrumental in erecting VA Civil War Trails signs in PWC, is the newly elected President of the Prince William County Historic Preservation Foundation. Mark says he, "really owes the Bull Run Civil War Round Table so much for starting my interest in historic preservation efforts. This organization can be so proud of standing up for Hallowed Ground that can't defend itself. The BRCWRT is a stronghold for preservation, and I can't thank everyone enough for your efforts and time serving this great cause. In PWC, Bristoe Station Battlefield is one site of many, so grateful for your efforts over the years."

The Prince William County Historic Preservation Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization which raises funding for Prince William County Historic Preservation group's many sites. The new website is located at www.pwchpf.org. The Foundation is currently raising funds for the Visitor Center project at Rippon Lodge. The Visitor Center will tell the story of Colonial Life along the Potomac River.

At Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the Foundation is soliciting donations to support the protection of two Confederate cemeteries. The project will fence in the Mississippi and Alabama cemeteries and add two monuments for the soldiers who are buried there. The Foundation is also soliciting funds to fence the battlefield along its border with Bristow Road.

Please visit the new website and give Mark a call at 703.361.1396 if you have a question about the Foundation. The PWCHPF needs your support. Please become a member. Every charitable donation helps so much. Additionally, donations can be earmarked for specific projects at PWC historic sites.

Remember the Civil War 150th Sesquicentennial anniversary is coming 2011....we have to get these sites ready.

JOIN US AT THE REDROCK CANYON GRILL

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner? Join the BRCWRT board and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting at 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library. **Space is limited so RSVP** to Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net or 703.734.3244 no later than Tuesday before each meeting.

Of course, it's always Dutch treat for the 'cheap and the proud!' Bring cash to get us out quickly.

BRCWRT 2008 Fall Tour Retreat from Gettysburg



Pursuit of Lee's army. Scene on the road near Emmitsburg - marching through the rain / Edwin Forbes.

Date: Saturday 18 October 2008

Assembly Location/Time:

If you want to carpool to the battlefield, meet at the Centreville Library parking lot -- we will depart at 7:00 AM sharp. If you choose to drive on your own, meet in the parking lot of the **McDonalds in Gettysburg** (517 S STEINWEIR AVE, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325). We will depart the McDonald's parking lot at 9:00 AM for the tour. (Driving time from Centreville is about 1 hour 45 min).

We will cover over 60 miles in the car from Gettysburg to the vicinity of Falling Waters/Williamsport. Our plan is to use radios in the cars to conduct a tour on the move with stops at some key locations. If you have a pair of citizen's band radios, please send me a note so I can make sure we have enough to have one in each car.

Tour Duration:

9:00 AM until approximately **3:00 PM**.

Lunch: We will have lunch in the vicinity of Hagerstown. We will stop at a picnic area (weather permitting) near fast food restaurants. You are welcome to pack a lunch or pick something up on the road.

Sign Up: Please sign up for the tour using the link on the BRCWRT home page. I will also pass around a signup sheet at the October meeting.

Inclement Weather: We will send out a weather cancellation notice via e-mail the morning of the tour. If you do not have e-mail, call Kevin Anastas for an update.

Chief Tour Guide: Kevin Anastas Cell: (703) 431-2569. E-mail kka2@cox.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted please e-mail Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net.

4 Oct – Book signing, Civil War book authors Charles V. Mauro, James Lewis, Thomas Evans and Gregg Dudding will sign their books at the Freeman Store and museum, 131 Church St. NE in Vienna. Noon-3 pm. Free. Call 703-200-7806.

4 Oct – Living History, “1st Conn. Heavy Artillery” at Fort Ward in Alexandria. Camps and demonstrations 10 am to 4 pm. \$2/adult Call 703-838-4848 or www.fortward.org.

6 Oct – Lecture, “Fighting for Manassas Junction During the Civil War,” at the Manassas museum in Manassas. 12:15 pm. \$4. Registration required. Call 703-368-1873 or www.manassasmuseum.org.

10-12 Oct – Living History, “Bristoe Station Anniversary” at the newly preserved park off Rt. 28 near Manassas. Camps, demonstrations and a march to the battlefield planned. Call 703-257-5243.

11-12 Oct – Living history, infantry demonstrations and camp at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-5124 or www.nps.gov/anti.

18 Oct – Walking tours of the “Spirited Past” in Manassas. Contact the Manassas Museum for details: 703-368-1873 or link to www.manassasmuseum.org.

18 Oct – Tour, “The Heart of Jackson’s Valley Campaign: A Field Tour” based in Front Royal. A Civil War Education Association Event. Call 800-298-1861, or www.cwea.net.

18 Oct - Battlefield hikes at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick, MD. Two-hour ranger-led hikes feature different parts of the field at 8:30 am, 11 am and 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations required. Call 301-662-3515, or www.nps.gov/mono.

18-19 Oct – Reenactment, “The Battle of Cedar Creek” on the historic battlefield near Middletown, south of Winchester. Living history camps, military and civilian demonstrations, music and much more. Call 888-628-1864 or link to www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org.

25 Oct – Living history, “Ship’s Company, Civil War Sailors on the USS Constellation” in Baltimore Harbor. 10 am – 5 pm. Free with admission. Call 410-539-1797 or link to www.constellation.org.

25 Oct – Opening of the new Interpretive Center and Civil War Museum at the Historic Blenheim Estate, 3610 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. Activities include period music, gallery tours, and living history. 11 am – 4 pm. Free. Call 703-385-8414 or, www.manassasmuseum.org.

26 Oct – Lecture, “The Disinterment of Will Farley” at the Graffiti House on the Brandy Station Battlefield. 2 pm. \$5. Call 540-727-7718 or, www.brandystationfoundation.com.

26 Oct—Re-enactor Chaplain Rene Kinard will portray “Religion In The Civil War Era”, period music, candle-light event at historic Fairview Chapel, New Market. MD. 7:00 pm. Info: 301-898-5292

26-27 Oct – “Under Fire: The Battle of Harper’s Ferry”, living history and ranger programs highlight the 1862 battle at the Harper’s Ferry National Historical Park. Programs at noon, 2 pm and 3 pm. Free with Park admission. Call 304-535-6029 or, www.nps.gov/hafe.

TWO DAYS with EDWIN C. BEARSS

OCTOBER 6 & 7

NORTH ANNA RIVER AND COLD HARBOR

Follow Grant and Lee on their fiercely contested march to Richmond following the bloody engagements at The Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House.

Only \$235

Entitles you to a two day bus and hiking tour of the North Anna River (October 6) and Cold Harbor (October 7) battlefields with Edwin C. Bearss and Frank O’Reilly, refreshments and buffet lunches both days, a tour dinner and address by Greg Mertz (noted historian) October 6.

To Register:

Visit the Friends’ web site Tour Promotion Page:

<http://www.fmnbp.org/tours/2008/index.htm>

Download and complete the Registration Form, and

follow directions for mailing the Registration and check.

We will stage out of the Ramada Inn South at Fredericksburg. Directions to the Ramada Inn South and for obtaining discounted lodging rates are available on the Tour Promotion Page. Inquiries may be directed to Harvey Simon (703-670-3277).

Tour sponsored by:

The Friends of Manassas National
Battlefield Park

OX HILL BATTLEFIELD PARK OPENS; CEREMONY, WREATH- LAYING AND ARTILLERY CAP MAJOR INTERPRETIVE AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

By Ed Wenzel

We sometimes thought it would never happen, but the long effort to preserve, plan, interpret and restore a small piece of the historic Ox Hill/Chantilly battlefield finally ended on 1 September 2008, the 146th anniversary of Fairfax's only major Civil War battle. The historic site, where Brig. Gen. Isaac Stevens was killed leading the Union attack against the Confederates of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and where monuments to Stevens and Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny were erected in 1915, was opened before a throng of 300 people, the largest crowd ever to attend an event at Ox Hill.

A beautiful blue-sky morning and a tight parking situation brought the crowd in early as Evergreen Shade (Dr. John Tole and Mrs. Robert Howard) provided a stirring atmosphere of Civil War period music. Many folks wandered through the park before the ceremony began, trying out the new trail and examining the restored landscape and the spanking new interpretive markers. For Civil War buffs, it was like Christmas in September. On hand were reenactors from the 28th Massachusetts Vol. Infantry Co. B, commanded by Capt. Steve Hane; the 49th Virginia Infantry commanded by Capt. Tony Meadows; and Stribling's Battery, Fauquier Artillery, Sgt. Matt Devor, gunner. In attendance were Boy and Girl Scouts, neighborhood residents, children, Civil War buffs, County Supervisors, Park Authority staff, military veterans, and a large group from the BRCWRT.

At promptly 10:00 a.m., Park Authority Board Chairman Harold Strickland welcomed everyone to Ox Hill and made the introductions. Remarks were made by Supervisors Pat Herrity, Sharon Bulova and Michael Frey; and by Jonathan Goertz and the writer. Jonathan, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology and the College of William & Mary (and now studying at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore) was a fifth grade elementary student in 1994 when he testified before the Board of Supervisors in support of acquiring Parcel-5 for the park. After listening to Jonathan's plea, the Supervisors voted unanimously to purchase the property which now comprises the south half of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

Following the wreath-laying, Georgia Meadows of the 49th Virginia (escorted by a Yankee officer!) placed a rose on each of the two monuments to generals Kearny

and Stevens. Georgia was dressed in her signature black mourning attire. She was also a mourner at Ox Hill's 125th Anniversary ceremony in 1987 and has been in mourning ever since!

After the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, Stribling's Battery topped off the event by firing a salute that rocked the condos and townhouses for a half-mile in every direction. The blast startled the crowd and delighted the children who ran to the battery position to watch the gun crew reload and fire a half-dozen more rounds. One gentleman told me later that his wife was in the Safeway across Monument Drive when the first salute was fired, and that it caused quite a stir until someone said that the "Civil War people were dedicating their park." The police likely got some phone calls. Infantry drills and Irish music by the CCE Session Players continued into the afternoon while the Park Authority staff led tours on the loop trail.

A number of notables attended the ceremony, among them: Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus, NPS; Chris Howland, Senior Editor, *Civil War Times Illustrated* and *America's Civil War*; Robert Hickey, Past President, Father Corby Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Floyd Houston, Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post #8469, Fairfax; John McAnaw, President, Bull Run Civil War Round Table; Steven Stanley, Civil War Preservation Trust; and Tom Hovis, American Legion Post #177, Fairfax. Tom's great, great grandfather, Private Daniel Hovis, fought at Ox Hill with the 34th NC, Pender's brigade.

The Big Day was planned and arranged by the Park Authority's Public Information Officer, Judy Pederesen and her staff, including Matthew Kaiser, Diana Fuentes and Margaret Lucas. The ceremony came off as scheduled, but the timing was really cut close, and work at the park progressed right up to that very week end. The key man who made it all happen was George Rogers, the general contractor from Southern Asphalt Inc. of Newington. George and his crew worked all summer, first clearing away the woods and brush and grinding stumps; then restoring the fields, building the trail base, the parking area, entrance road and kiosk pad. Other contractors laid the paving blocks, installed the rail fences and built the three kiosk structures. All this, of course, was superbly supervised by the Park Authority's Planning and Development Division, Dave Bowden, Nataliya Scheib, John Lehman and Tim Scott.

While the site work was going on, the interpretive markers and kiosk panels were being fabricated in Canada. First, color proofs were made and returned.

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These were examined and corrected by the Interpretive Team, which met several times as new proofs arrived for inspection. Helping to review the proofs and catch errors were Michael Rierson, Mike Henry, Paula Elsey, Elizabeth Crowell, Matt Devor, David Ochs and the writer. The finished markers and panels arrived only a few days before the park opened. The markers were installed on 28 August, and the kiosk panels (with emergency assistance from Ron Pearson and Lee Sites) on 29 August. You couldn't possibly cut it much closer than that!

The fence rails, however, arrived with two weeks to spare, and were hauled in and stacked by a West Virginia contractor. A good number of the rails were old and weathered, and obtained from mountain farms. The fence style was apparently not specified in the contract. Thus, it appears that an Appalachian type fence was installed, rather than a typical lowland Virginia fence with its cross-buck Xs and top rails. An important detail I suppose, but one that can be easily corrected. Critical to the installation was the precise alignment and placement of the fence as it passed John Ballard's quartz stone, set 120 years ago to mark where General Stevens fell. To recreate the historic scene, the contractor carefully replicated a photograph of the stone and fence, taken by "The Rambler" in 1921 for *The Washington Sunday Star*.

Arriving at the very last minute were small signs to mark the sites of future monuments for the Union and Confederate soldiers. Private fundraising for the new monuments will come later, and it's hoped that they can be erected in time for the sesquicentennial, or at the very least, for the centennial of the Kearny and Stevens monuments. These will *not* be inexpensive, but with the regiments and brigades etched in stone or cast in bronze, the new monuments will make Ox Hill a *true* battlefield park.

Still to come this fall is the sowing of pasture grasses (alfalfa, timothy etc.) in the "grassy field" and broom sedge in the "cornfield". Only one mowing is planned per year, so by next September we should have some very realistic farm fields. Also coming (and paid for) are six off-site markers highlighting a number of other incidents and actions in the battle. These will be located along the hiking and bicycle trail that parallels Monument Drive as it crosses the battlefield.

All told, it was a glorious day for Ox Hill and a wonderful cap to years of planning and interpretive work by the Park Authority and private citizens. The result is all we could have hoped for. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and made it possible!

OX HILL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Ribbon-cutting, September 1,
2008



Photo by J. Greentree

Speech given by Ed Wenzel

Supervisors Patrick Herrity, Sharon Bulova, Michael Frey; Park Authority Board Chairman, Hal Strickland; Director, John Dargle; Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Isn't this place beautiful! What a change! The Fairfax County Park Authority has actually brought this little piece of the old Ox Hill/Chantilly battlefield back from the 19th Century! And it's been right here all along; right in the middle of modern, urban Fairfax! This is a Civil War buff's dream!

Before I begin, I want to say that I had prepared some lengthy remarks about this battlefield. I was going to talk about the post-war battlefield and John Ballard; about the Civil War Centennial in the 1960s, and the efforts of Lt. Col. Robert Ross Smith, who worked so hard *40 to 50 years ago*, trying to save something here. I was going to talk about relics and artifacts found on this battlefield, and the grave of a Confederate soldier found in 1985 by Ron Blevins.

I thought I might mention the scarcity of official reports and historical accounts for Ox Hill; and our hope that new letters or diaries and artifact information will someday come to light, that will help us to better understand the troop movements here. I was going to thank and acknowledge the many individuals who have supported Ox Hill, and contributed significantly to this park over many, many years. But this is a "ribbon-cutting event", and *brief* remarks are the order of the day. So I'll save the battlefield discussion for another time; and the thank-yous for another day—except for two:

Brian Pohanka of the Chantilly Battlefield Association, our historian and chief researcher, who did not live to see this day; I know you're watching Brian! May God bless you! Huzzah! And **John McAnaw** and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, whose steadfast support of the battle interpretation here, and other contributions, are gratefully acknowledged. Thank you, John!

Ninety-three years ago, in 1915, monuments to Union Generals Isaac Stevens and Philip Kearny were dedicated here in a ceremony very similar to this one. Today, I'd like to suggest that this battlefield park be

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dedicated in memory of the soldiers, Union and Confederate, who fought on this field; because this battle was a part of the greatest struggle in American history. This is hallowed ground. This is ground bequeathed to us by Americans who fought and sacrificed here for their principles and their beliefs.

During the War Between the States, sparsely populated, and divided, Fairfax County sent more than 600 of her sons to fight for the Confederacy, and a much smaller number to fight for the Union. On September 1st 1862, at the close of the Second Manassas Campaign, some of those Fairfax men returned here, to Ox Hill and Chantilly with the Army of Northern Virginia, as "Stonewall" Jackson attempted to intercept the retreating Union forces. The resulting battle that occurred here in a raging thunderstorm was the only major battle of the war fought on Fairfax soil. More than 23,000 troops from 16 states were here. Perhaps 15,000 were engaged in the actual combat. In little more than two hours, over fifteen hundred men lay dead, wounded or missing.

The battle was fought across 500 acres of farm fields and woods. Today, only five acres remain. But this ground, where we gather today, is at the very heart of that battlefield. Across this ground came a part of the Union attack of General Isaac Stevens' division of the IX Corps. The 79th NY and the 28th MA regiments charged forward, through a hail of bullets, across these fields. The Massachusetts troops pushed forward into the northeast end of the cornfield against Field's Virginia brigade and Gregg's South Carolinians. The New Yorkers struck Hays' brigade of Louisianans in the woods directly behind you. This is the very ground where General Isaac I. Stevens, himself carrying the national colors and leading his troops, was killed with the flag of the Republic in his dying grasp.

We gather here today to take part in a ribbon-cutting, and the opening of Ox Hill as a "Cultural Resource Park" and a "Battlefield Park". The word "park" can mean many things, but at *this* park, brave men *willingly* gave their lives. *Never* forget that. We honor them all by this ceremony here today. Let their memory, and their deeds, reside forever in the consciousness of our citizens. And let the rolling terrain of this battlefield be a tangible reminder of our Civil War past, and a treasured link to the history and heritage of Fairfax County.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Supervisors and the Park Authority, for presenting the historic Ox Hill Battlefield Park to the people of Fairfax and the nation.

Thank you,

Photo by Nancy Anwyll



"Some kid a hundred years from now is going to get interested in the Civil War and want to see these places. He's going to go down there and be standing in a parking lot. I'm fighting for that kid."

Brian Pohanka
1955-2005

WALK-THROUGH TOUR OF THE OX HILL BATTLEFIELD PARK

By John P. McAnaw

Led by the indefatigable Ed Wenzel, a total of 24 BRCWRT members and guests toured the Ox Hill Battlefield Park on the morning of Saturday, 20 September 2008. The weather was perfect that date.

The great majority of the tour participants were not present at the dedication of the battlefield on Monday, 1 September nor had they previously seen the interpretive markers and the kiosk panels which were installed at the park on 28 August and 29 August, respectively.

During the tour, Ed Wenzel thoroughly covered the events that occurred on that fateful day of 1 September 1862 and also the challenges he faced during his 23-year struggle to make the Ox Hill Battlefield Park a reality. He did a masterful job.

All attendees were asked to state what they liked and what they did not like about what they saw. I acted as the recorder for their comments. Their observations were as follows:

Overall appearance: Excellent restoration of the landscape and farm fields.

Interpretive markers along trail: Very professional. Excellent design

Kiosk interpretive panels: Very informative. Excellent design

Parking lot: Approx. 25% thought parking lot was too small

Stone paver trail: Looked good. Several expressed concern over traffic ability of trail during icy periods.

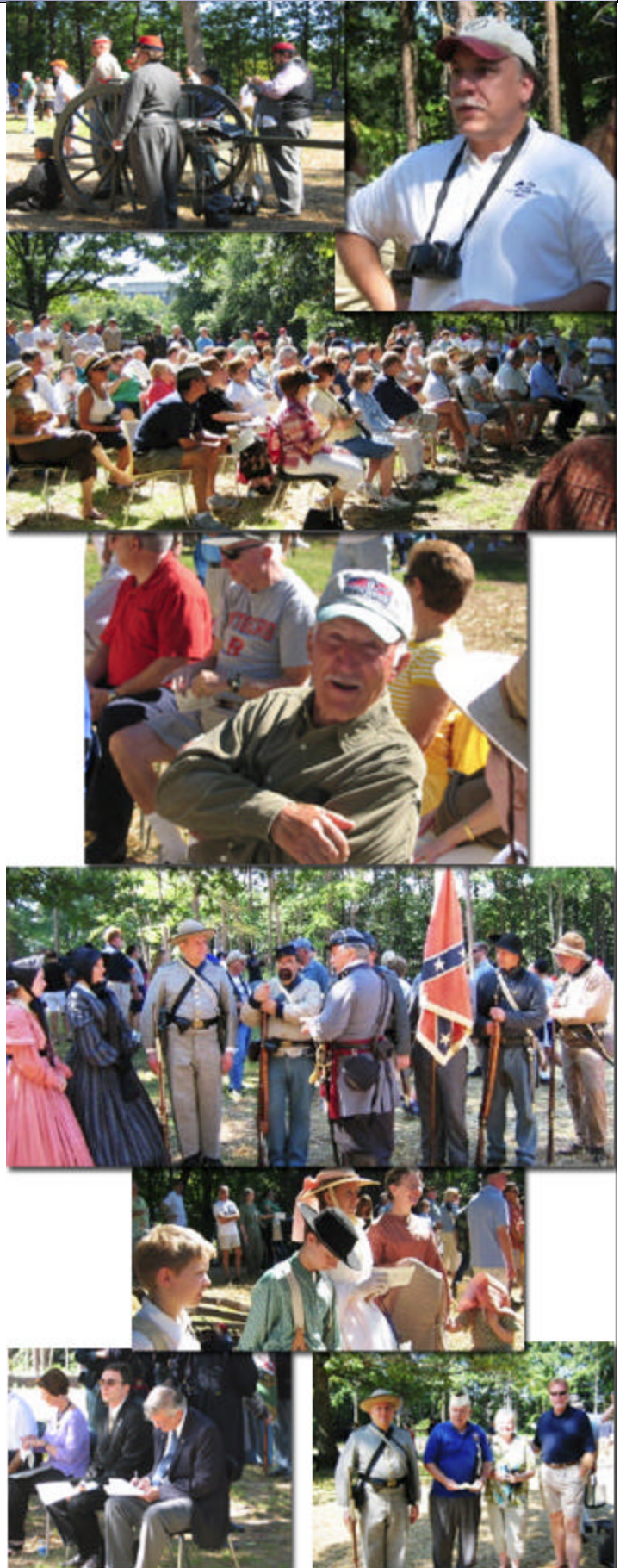
Stone benches: 23 of 24 participants stated benches inappropriate for Civil War battlefield. Should be replaced. No one had positive comment.

Wood fences: Looked good. However several noted they were wrong style. Cited Manassas National Battlefield Park.

Garbage removal: General agreement: Need trash barrel at Monument Drive park entrance and another at parking lot off West Ox Rd.

The 24 individuals who participated in our walking tour of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park on 20 September 2008 were: Ed Wenzel, Carole Boland, Ken Boland, Tom Bozek, Mike Buckley, Matt Cosner, Dennis Feldt, Bob Fitzgerald, Ken Jones, Jim Lewis, Harold Mathias, Anthony Meeks, John McAnaw, Brian McEnany, Patrick McGinty, Tony Pimentel, Patrick Quinn, Mike Rumsey, Mike Shannon, Larry Soufel, Andy Wartel, Pat Wartel, Robert Webb, and Patty Wheeler

Photos on Pages 8 & 9 by
Janet Greentree and Doug Cox



AFTER ACTION REPORT: White Oak Civil War Museum 13 September Tour

By Ken Jones



D. P. Newton, using the elaborate map he drew just for his talk to the BRCWRT, unravels the Belle Plain landings on Potomac Creek

thank for preserving this moment in time?

D.P. Newton is the founder, owner, curator, docent, heart, and soul of the White Oak Museum. He is a most remarkable man, who with his late father, collected and researched the vast majority of the artifacts in the museum. Before meeting D.P., our tour began in an unusual way. We gathered on the schoolhouse porch to hear Sandra Cox read a poignant, emotional thank-you note written three years ago by D.P.'s wife Bonny to an organization that had made a donation to the museum. Referring to her "dear sweet husband", she assured them that "He will take your money and stretch it much further than most of us know how to do." Inside, we found D.P. at the blackboard on which he had drawn an elaborate map of Potomac Creek. Behind the entrance desk his mother and business partner, 88 years old, smiled sweetly at each of us. A man of quiet dignity, D.P. humbly began with an apology for his manner of



Tour participants with "Polly" and D. P. Newton at White Oak Museum located in the one-room school house attended by Polly and D.P.

speaking. "I talk like from around here. You might not be able to understand me." Using the map and his enormous breadth of knowledge, he unraveled the pervasive confusion found in soldiers' diaries and scholarly accounts, of Belle Plains landing with several other landings on Potomac "Crick". Here we learned that "Crick" was Creek and "Marble Point" was Marlborough Point. And also that Belle Plains landing received all of the Union Army supplies for the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862. In addition, during about three weeks in May, 1864, following the Wilderness and Spotsylvania CH battles, 8,000 rebel prisoners and 23,000 wounded Yankees were brought to Belle Plains and transferred to flat bottomed steamers bound for the North. With Belle Plains only four miles distant, we were anxious to finish lunch and pay a visit.

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The White Oak Civil War Museum, housed in an old 1912 school house, is bulging with Civil War artifacts that were gathered mostly by one man and his father from a surrounding area that extends just a few miles from the museum. There was no battle fought here, yet the grounds saw as many as 250,000 Union soldiers during two winters of the war. All manner of soldier belongings are neatly displayed in copious quantities. 60,000 bullets in one showcase. In another, several dozen buttons are pinned to white cloth, framed on the back wall, and lighted from above to show the inscriptions. And in a tray below the frames...a pile of at least 500 more buttons, any one of which would delight a collector. There were *so many* soldiers here. At least 250 belt buckles are displayed, as well as candle holders, dentures, handcuffs, charcoal filters for canteens, ink wells, and more. Oddly, the only names among the displays are of those who either donated or dug the items. Nowhere is there the name of any elite individual who owned, or wore, or sat on, or gallantly waved an artifact. These, it seems, are the belongings of the men who would have been our own fathers, or sons, or husbands if we had lived in the time of the Civil War. The many galleries were feeling familiar now, and beckoning. Nine shoes are on display, found in 2005 underneath an excavated corduroy road, also on display. They were evidently sucked off the feet of nine soldiers, now with one bare foot, having had the misfortune to step through a gap in the road and into the mud beneath. Who do we

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D.P. led our car caravan to Belle Plains with an intermediate stop at the prison compound site. At both places the relatively small size of our group (12) was appreciated. We could all gather close to D.P. as he talked. His soft-spoken words were free-flowing and they brimmed with information and historical insight. Having studied so many of their letters and diaries, he reminisced about regiment after regiment as though they were former neighbors. In a way, they were. D.P. dates his Virginia ancestry back to the 17th century. Our day came to an end at Belle Plains landing. We stood at the pebbly water's edge with a breeze crossing the wide Potomac Creek. The peaceful scene contrasts starkly with an image from 1862 of horses, supplies, and thousands of men showing all manner of distress, shuffling down the wharves, disgorged from steamer after steamer.

At this point, D.P. drew on his experience as a commercial crabber to explain how in misty fog, Pratt's Point looks much closer than it actually is. The phenomenon contributed to the confusion mentioned earlier about locations on the Creek. He lamented once losing a whole pot of eels when a south wind blew the water completely out of Potomac Creek. Then D.P. said something that had us all looking down and picking up our feet. Paraphrasing: "Right here is where they laid John Wilkes Booth's body. The *Ides* was out there at Pratt's Point and Lt. Doherty rode out this way, across that crick and that next crick to get to the *Ides* and send a launch over here to get the body." Wow! That story was a perfect way to cap off a wonderful day. We ended by congratulating and thanking D.P. for his outstanding museum and for sharing his exhaustive research and insights with us. The birds scattered at our rousing applause.

The participants were: Nancy Anwyll, Ron Beavers, Sandra Cox, Ken Jones, Jim Lewis, Dan Lundeen, John Pearson, Jeff Silverstein, Patty Wheeler, Ned and Dottie Woisard, and Gwen Wyttenbach.

P.S. Are you curious too about those 60,000 bullets in a single showcase? I said to D.P. "Did you actually count all of those bullets?" His reply: "Momma did."

ARE RON BEAVERS AND D.P. NEWTON RELATED?

During our September 13 White Oak Museum tour. Museum owner, D.P. Newton, showed us a piece of flat rail. Ron was keenly interested as he is Vice President of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and speaker at numerous Civil War events about railroads, particularly the O & A..

While showing us the flat rail, D.P. mentioned he

had a 'rail nail' he would give Ron which was used to nail the flat rail (it was called strap iron before and during the Civil War) to the wood beam timber. Ron said D.P. called him "early Sunday morning, and I returned that afternoon to get the nail. While there, we started talking about the railroads, and then the subject turned to our ancestry. I mentioned my great great grandfather was a member of the 30th VA. The 30th VA came from Fal-mouth. He asked my great great grandfather's name, and I told him his name was John Francis Snellings. He got his book (the same book I have) on the 30th where it lists my great great grandfather as well as his brother Walter J. Snellings. Walter is buried in the White Oak Church yard across the street from the museum, and Walter married Ida **Newton**. John Francis Snellings married Alice Sullivan. Of course, there are Sullivans and Newtons in the cemetery as well as the Snellings...D.P. took me back to 1807 for my maternal and paternal ancestry for both the Snellings and Sullivans. I have not done any genealogy on Walter yet, **but I would not be surprised if D.P. and I share some common ancestors."**

One of D.P.'s friends, Donnie Shelton, was with him at the museum when Ron returned that day to get the scrap rail nail. Donnie joined in the genealogy conversation. Several days later, Ron received an email from Donnie which said, "Our conversation about your Snellings and Sullivans here in Stafford piqued my curiosity to investigate what Sullivan line it was. Your ancestor John F. Snellings married Sarah Sullivan, daughter of John Berryman 'John Pole' Sullivan. This John B. Sullivan was a brother to my great great grandfather, Benjamin Sullivan." Attached was a genealogy report showing the Snellings/Sullivan connection. This Sullivan family was very large, and many of their descendents are still in the Stafford area. One of Sarah Sullivan Snellings' sister's grandchildren lives about two miles from the White Oak Museum.

Ron shared that "Sunday 14 September was a very beautiful, sunny day, but it will always be remembered and treasured by me for something else – the link to my family's past. It truly is a small world after all."

Thanks to Jim Lewis for initially telling our *Stone Wall* editor about Ron's experience. Jim said, "That's the kind of stuff that really makes this history so interesting. It just never ends, unless someone isn't willing to make the intellectual investment. Great stuff...." Yes, Jim it truly is!



Photo of Ron Beavers taken by Janet Greentree at our Dec 07 meeting when Ron spoke on 'Civil War Logistics: The Key To Victory'



RECRUITS!

By John De Pue

As most of you know, on Saturday, October 11, 2008, Prince William County will commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Bristoe Station at the battlefield park on County Route 619 (Bristoe Road) near its intersection with Route 28. Activities will include over 200 reenactors, living history displays, and narrative interpretations of the October 14, 1863 battle.

Dave Born, the Battlefield Site Manager, has solicited the assistance of BRCWRT members in supporting the commemoration. Specifically, he would like several members to act as tour guides and provide narrative explanations of the battle at key points on the battlefield during the morning and afternoon of October 11th. Dave also needs support and assistance in conducting a candlelight tour of the battlefield on the evening of October 11th. Our participation will not only assist in making the event a success, it will showcase the Round Table and -- hopefully -- attract some new members. Detailed knowledge of the battle is not a prerequisite for involvement. Should you, however, have the inclination to assist as a guide, an excellent narrative of the battle is available on the Website of the First Minnesota Volunteers, a reenactment group that is participating, is <http://bristoe.1stminnd.org>. Click on "History."

Should you be interested in assisting, or in learning more about opportunities to do so, please contact John De Pue at (703) 791-3389 (jfdepue@comcast.net) or John Pearson at PearsonJ@mwa.com.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Terry
Chris Godart

Hundreds to Re-enact Crucial Civil War March and Battle



Bristow, VA – Prince William County's Historic Preservation Division will commemorate the **145th anniversary of the Civil War's Battle of Bristoe Station** with a major living history event from Oct. 10 to 12, 2008. For additional information, contact Dave Born at 703.257.5243 or dborn@pwgov.org.

Friday, October 10th:

SOL-based educational programming beginning at 10 am
\$2/student

Reservations Required

Saturday, October 11th:

Activities planned from 10 am-5 pm

Federal and Confederate soldiers march through the local community

Tours and Military Demonstrations

Witness the Battle of Bristoe Station at 3 pm

Post-battle collection of wounded, processing of prisoners, picketing of battlefield

Food by Skip's Barbeque available for purchase

The Aftermath of Battle: Evening Torchlight Tours every 30 minutes from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Adults:\$3, children 6-15 \$2, under 5 free

Daily Admission free, donations appreciated. \$5/car recommended.

Sunday, October 12th:

Activities planned from 10 am—3 pm

Music, military demonstrations, guided tours

Daily Admission free, donations appreciated. \$5/car recommended.

SITUATION REPORT ON THE WESTERN (FAIRFAX) FRONT

By John P. McAnaw

During September 2008 BRCWRT members participated in the following events in Sully District:

13 September – Centreville Day, celebrated within the Centreville Historic Overlay District.

Charlie Balch and Ed Wenzel manned the BRCWRT booth.

Mike O'Donnell made slide presentations on wartime and post war Centreville.

John McAnaw conducted a tour of Centreville Civil War fortifications.

Other members enjoyed sights and food.

16 September – Public Information Meeting: Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA); Mount Gilead/Centreville Fort Sites Master Plan.

John McAnaw represented the BRCWRT.

58 individuals attended. Those present included Supervisor Michael Frey (Sully District), Harold Strickland, Chairman FCPA Board; Pat Rosend, Project Mgr. Planning and Development Div.; Judy Pedersen, Public Information Office.

My remarks addressed the following issues:

In the mid-1990's the FCPA asked residents what type of parks they wanted. As their first choice nearly 67% of respondents stated that they wanted passive recreation areas, i.e., sites where they can enjoy nature.

I specifically requested that the area around Mount Gilead should be left as it is today (Do not convert it into a multi-purpose site).

Nomenclature for the fortifications in the Master Plan should be clarified. Also, the fragility and vulnerability of the fortifications was emphasized.

The Rice Property Tract (3.9 acres) should be treated as an historic site and not degraded. Its Importance as a Confederate winter encampment area should be stressed. It should be a passive recreation area.

The great historic importance of the entire area comprising the proposed Historic Centreville Park (HCP) was stressed. At least as early as 1935, the National Park Service tried to incorporate every site within the entire proposed HCP into its national park system. Why did it take so long for the politicians to recognize and appreciate its historic importance?

Create a memorial area to honor American military personnel.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT: BUCKLAND MILLS, BUCKLAND RACES, AND SURROUNDING AREAS

By Patrick McGinty

Old fashioned Southern hospitality trumped threatening skies and an ominous weather forecast on Saturday August 2, 2008 as 28 members of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable (BRCWRT) visited Buckland Farm in Gainesville, Virginia. Buckland was the scene of the infamous "Buckland Races", a skirmish that turned into an ignominious defeat for the Union forces on October 19th, 1863---but more on that later. Upon arriving at Buckland by private vehicles, the visitors were met by Buckland Farm owner and historical preservationist David Blake, who graciously offered them ice tea and assorted soft drinks before beginning a presentation on the history of Buckland and the efforts of local preservationists---himself included---to retain the farm and surrounding area in an historically pristine state. After ushering the visitors into the living areas of the house, David began his presentation. He told the group that the main house .

(Buckland Hall) was built in 1774-6 by Samuel Love. Later, (1806) a hallway, door, "hanging staircase" and porch were added by John Love, son of Samuel, who would go on to be a US Congressman in the early 1800's. Working from maps and drawings, David explained that the origin of the town of Buckland, Virginia, which today is also part of his real estate holdings, could be traced back to the 6th Lord Fairfax. The village of Buckland was laid out in the pattern of an English axial village settlement, with the road from the house to the village dating back to 1771. The land eventually passed through several owners before Mr. Samuel Love took possession in 1774. The fact that the property was

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visited by Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, Lafayette and Lee speaks to its importance as an historical site, both today and in times past

Before continuing further with his discussion of the historical significance of Buckland, David outlined some of the issues confronting him, his fellow members of the local preservation society in particular and preservationists in general in their seemingly never ending conflict with land developers. By way of background, David Blake, a native born Virginian with a love for both history and horses, purchased Buckland Farms about ten years ago with the idea of breeding horses. It was not long before he became interested in studying the history of Buckland. As his knowledge of local history increased, so too did his interest in preservation. As he explained, this interest in preservation would propel him into many unforeseen conflicts. After many long hard fought battles with state and local bureaucracies (Buckland Farms borders two counties: Prince William and Fauquier, and two Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) districts)

The Buckland National Historical District as of January 2008 had secured a four hundred acre easement against encroachment by developers. Complicating the preservationists' problems was the fact that VDOT had originally planned to bisect the village of Buckland with US highway 29, which would have had simplified things for transportation engineers and commuters, but would have had catastrophic results for the village of Buckland. Fortunately, the preservationists were able to argue that the charter of the Village Council is still active and it would take an act of the General Assembly in Richmond to rescind the charter. Apparently the political will to do that was lacking and the preservationists won a battle in the continuing struggle to retain Buckland's status quo.

As he related his historic preservation experiences, it became obvious that the battle to preserve historical sites such as Buckland could very well be compared to a David versus Goliath like conflict with the preservationists--- in this case The Buckland Preservation Society, a registered non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization--- in the unenviable role of underdog and the wealthy land developers, especially in the fast growing Washington suburbs of northern Virginia, appearing to be virtually invincible. Moreover, if it were not for the efforts of people like Mr. Blake, a sizable portion of our American heritage would be forever lost.

The "Buckland Races", for which this property is best known by Civil War historians, was a small part in the aftermath of Battle of Bristoe Station, and this tour was a natural follow-on to the BRCWRT tour of The Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park conducted on Saturday, July 5th, 2008 and written up in the previous edition (August & September 2008) of the *Stone Wall*. After defeat at Bristow Station and an aborted advance on Centreville, Major General JEB Stuart's cavalry

shielded the withdraw of Lee's army from the vicinity of Manassas Junction. In order to accomplish his mission, Stuart fell back to Gainesville and Haymarket, with another Division commander, Major General Fitz (Fitzhugh) Lee, in nearby support. The two Divisions were to meet, if desirable, in the vicinity of Warrenton. Union cavalry under General J. Kilpatrick, with Custer's brigade in the lead, pursued Stuart's cavalry westward and the sound of gunfire along Broad Run between these two forces could be heard throughout the area. Fitz Lee, hearing the gunfire, sent Stuart a message suggesting a plan. Fitz indicated that his Division was approaching from Auburn and soon would reach the eastern side of the road from Buckland to Warrenton. If Stuart would retire from Broad Run and lure the Federals on, Fitz could come up on their left flank. Then, when Fitz was at hand, he would give a signal by firing a cannon. Stuart thereupon could attack and drive the enemy northward while Fitz struck their flank. Stuart gleefully accepted the plan. Meanwhile, Custer's men continued to pursue Stuart along the Warrenton Turnpike unaware that Confederate troopers from Hampton's Division had fallen back to Chestnut Hill (about two and one half miles northeast of Warrenton) and taking advantage of the natural cover and concealment provided by the terrain, prepared the ambush.

Civil war historian Douglas Southhall Freeman, writing in *Lee's Lieutenants*, sets the scene: "Hidden and confident, the Southern cavalry waited and watched the approach of the Federals. A gallant display the enemy made. His equipment, which the Southerners always admired, shone in the dazzling autumn sunshine. Weapons glittered. Flags flapped proudly" The Federals were scarcely 200 yards from the head of the Confederate column when Fitz Lee fired his cannon signaling Stuart that the ambush was beginning. Before he knew what was happening, the confident and vainglorious General Custer had fallen into the well-conceived and implemented ambush. Stuart---who had been heading toward New Baltimore---reversed his line of march and with Stuart's men before them and Fitz Lee's forces at their flanks, the startled Union troops panicked. Unfamiliar with the terrain and confounded by the fog of war, the Federal troops fell back in disorganized retreat. Among the many casualties were about thirty Federal cavalry who plunged to their deaths over a steep cliff at Broad Run. The Federal troopers were scattered and chased five miles in the affair of October 19th, 1863 that came to be known as the "Buckland Races" The action resulted in the capture of 250 Federal prisoners and eight or ten ambulances---nothing really significant by Civil War standards. However, the importance of the "Buckland Races" cannot be measured in body counts. Rather, the Buckland farce helped to restore the army's morale, damaged five days earlier by the Bristoe fiasco. Moreover, the casualties inflicted upon the Federals by the Confederates far outweighed those which they had suffered. As the name suggests, the village of Buckland and

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the present day Buckland Farm were the scenes of some very intense military action. One of the more interesting artifacts David used in his presentation was a drawing by Alfred Wood that shows General George Armstrong Custer's troops shelling the village of Buckland during the hostilities. Interestingly enough, many of the buildings depicted in the drawing remain standing today.

Following David's presentation and a brown bag lunch, the group assembled, formed car pools, and proceeded to nearby Cerro Gordo Farm, an historic property about one mile away from the main house at Buckland. Southern hospitality manifested itself once again as Linda Wright---who along with her husband Edward B. Wright Jr.---has owned Cerro Gordo since 1983, met the group and graciously provided them with the historic particulars of the property, especially those that pertained to the "Buckland Races". Linda explained that the current house was built in 1930; however, the foundation can be traced back to the 1740's. The property has gone through several owners, and unfortunately, the original house burned down. Linda related that during the period of the Civil War Cerro Gordo was owned by the Huntoon family. The Huntoon family had three attractive daughters, and as a result, was the scene of many social activities at that time.

Linda told the story of JEB Stuart's sitting down to eat breakfast one beautiful morning in the Huntoon house about the time of the Buckland Races when he heard gunfire and beat a hasty retreat. As luck would have it, before the food had a chance to get cold, General Custer knocked on the door and requested breakfast. He was given Stuart's. He thanked the Huntoons and requested that they pass along his sincerest gratitude to General Stuart for the fine food. This was not the first time that Stuart was very nearly captured at Cerro Gordo. Apparently JEB stayed at Cerro Gordo immediately prior to the Battle of Gettysburg the previous July, and again was very nearly captured by Federal troops on patrol in the general vicinity. The evidence of his presence was his horse, which was standing in the open in front of the house. This being the nineteenth century when the spirit of chivalry still prevailed, the Yankees graciously knocked on the door and patiently awaited the residents to respond. The ladies did, but only after hiding any trace of JEB Stuart's presence in the house. Meanwhile, JEB hid in the chimney of the large fireplace. The Yankees were suspicious and again exercised a degree of patience quite unfamiliar to those of us living in the twenty-first century; however, after two days of close observation of the Huntoon residence and with no trace of Stuart, they withdrew and Stuart lived to fight another day (presumably after a hot bath, a hot meal, and clothes freshly laundered).

Following this brief orientation Linda guided the group down to Broad Run. Along the hillside between the

house and Broad Run were the earthen mounds that provided the cover for Pennington' artillery during the battle in mid-October, 1863. The ford at Broad Run --- the control of which was considered vital to both Custer and Stuart---is still visible today. Its value was well known to the Indians of prehistoric times and was the primary reason they settled there. Today an abandoned mill lies on the opposite banks of the run. Other buildings in the vicinity are occupied and in use. Many can be traced back to pre civil war times and appear in the drawing of Alfred Wood referred to above. . The final stop on the visit to Cerro Gordo was a visit to the Indian burial mound alongside Linda's house. It is difficult for archeologists to separate facts from urban legends regarding the mound without disturbing its contents, and disturbing the contents of a Native American burial grounds without going through the proper channels is "difficult" to say the least. Score one for the preservationist!

The next stop on the tour was the parking lot at Battlefield Baptist Church. The church property is located on a promontory about one half a mile from Buckland Hall. Situated on the south side of US 29, it affords a panoramic view of the local terrain including both Buckland and Cerro Gordo. With a little bit of imagination one could develop a keen understanding of how the "Buckland Races" developed. Leaving the parking lot the group then returned to Buckland Hall, stopping briefly along the Vint Hill Road to examine artillery positions and again, gain a different perspective of Buckland Farms.

Before adjourning president John McAnaw called on Ed Wenzel to say few words in memory of Deborah Fitts. Ed related that Deborah ---a writer, historian and preservationist whose skillful writing, scrupulous objectivity, and obvious love for Civil War history---recently passed away. He added that her amiable personality and "can do" spirit made working with her a genuine pleasure and indeed she will be sorely missed, especially by those of us with an interest in Civil War history. President McAnaw then called upon Sandra Cox, *Stone Wall* editor and ordained clergyman, to lead the group in a prayer of remembrance. Following the prayer, President McAnaw publicly thanked David Blake for being such a gracious host, thanked the members of the group for their participation in the day's events, and concluded the tour.

Participants included: David Blake (Owner, Buckland Farms), Bobby Cerio, Joe Clarke, Harriet Condon, Sandra Cox, John De Pue, Bob Eldridge, Ken Jones, Toni Jones, Mark, Yvonne, Emily and Valerie Knowles, Jim Lewis, John and Gayle Machee, John McAnaw, Pat McGinty, Blake Myers, John Pearson, Fred Schmidtman, Chuck Siegel, Harvey Simon, Ed Thoma, Gwen Wyttenbach, Ed Wenzel, Linda Wright (Owner Cerro Gordo), Bob Williams.

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