



ED BEARSS SPEAKS ON THE BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE

By Mark Trbovich

May is our anniversary month, and we celebrate the founding of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table by historian and first President, Bill Miller, on 9 May 1991. Nineteen years of serving our community with Civil War education and research is quite a legacy.

Second, May means that our guest speaker will be the matchless Civil War historian, lecturer, tour guide and preservationist, Ed Bearss. This meeting also gives us the opportunity to celebrate Ed's birthday slightly ahead of the event. This June Ed will be 87 years young. We are indeed fortunate to have an American legend as a friend of the BRCWRT.

During World War II, Ed Bearss served with distinction in the U.S. Marine Corps, first with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion commanded by Col. Harry (The Horse) Leversedge and then with the 7th Marine Regiment. While serving with the latter unit, he was severely wounded at Cape Gloucester on the island of New Britain. Following a convalescent period of 26 months, he entered Georgetown University. After earning an undergraduate degree at that institution, Ed spent three years working at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, MD.

He then enrolled at Indiana University where he received a master's degree in History. In 1955, Ed joined the National Park Service (NPS) and worked his way up the promotion ladder to become the Chief Historian of the NPS. In that position, he gained the respect of innumerable Congressmen and members of the Executive Branch.

Following his retirement in 1998, Ed became a much sought-after guest speaker and tour guide to battlefields where Americans fought. These tours cover armed conflicts ranging from the French and Indian War through World War II, including both the European and Pacific theaters of operation.

We anticipate a large turnout for Ed Bearss' presentation of the Battle of Chancellorsville to the BRCWRT on May 13. Members are encouraged to come early, meet Ed Bearss, and participate in our pre-meeting celebration. Hope to see you then!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

ED BEARSS

TOPIC:

BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE



6:30 P.M. Celebration of the 19th Anniversary of the BRCWRT. Refreshments!

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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.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS****JUNE 10****SPEAKER: Matt Atkinson****TOPIC:**

**The Vicksburg Campaign:
Blitzkrieg Through Mississippi**

JULY 8**SPEAKER: Col. Harold Knudsen****TOPIC:**

**James Longstreet the Confederacy's
Most Modern General**

AUGUST 12**SPEAKER: Jake Stuelinka****TOPIC:**

Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse

SEPTEMBER 9**SPEAKER: Chuck Mauro****TOPIC:**

**A Southern Spy in Northern Virginia
Laura Ratcliffe**



**JOIN US AT THE
COPPER CANYON GRILL**
(formerly Red Rock Canyon)

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, other members, and our monthly guest speaker
for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5:15 p.m. The
Copper Canyon is just across Lee Highway from the
library.



The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

At another packed house at our April 8th, 2010 General Membership meeting, Mr David Goetz was an outstanding speaker as he conveyed to the audience many little known local stories of the Gray Ghost, Col. John S Mosby. Having heard many of these stories in the past, I still learned a tremendous amount more on one of my favorite Civil War figures and want to thank Dave for this very informative lecture. We also were given the opportunity to see some authentic Mosby letters and pictures from Dave's collection and really enjoyed seeing them. Our Round Table is blessed with many Mosby local historians as members and our membership always enjoys hearing from these distinguished speakers.



Thanks to our April speaker, Dave Goetz. Photo by Janet Greentree.

Col Mosby was indeed a legend!

The BRCWRT is being represented by many of its membership at various subcommittees on the Fairfax County 150th Civil War Anniversary Committee, and April was another big month of planning and preparation for 2010 and beyond. The Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly is the 2012 signature event for Fairfax County, and we will be working very hard to make that event an extremely special one. Then 2013 will bring us the Battle of Bristoe Station commemoration, and we also will be a part of that 150th anniversary. So many members have worked and struggled in the past to help make that battlefield park a reality, and we embrace it for the "Hallowed Ground" it is.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to come out to our May 13th meeting and enjoy some refreshments and reminisce about the last nineteen years of such a solid and needed organization. Past BRCWRT Presidents will hopefully join us. We thank all of them for helping to make the Bull Run Civil War Round Table what it is today, a "pillar of strength" in good works and preservation efforts for the entire Civil War community. Having Ed Bearss here again this May is such a treat, and I can't wait to hear him speak on the Battle of Chancellorsville. Please keep May 13th open and don't miss it!



JEB STUART

a/k/a BILL FRUEH, from Golden, Colorado came to our meeting as a visitor on April 8th. He was visiting with BRCWRT members and was participating as General JEB Stuart in the 145th commemoration of the Appomattox surrender the weekend following our meeting. "General Stuart" joined us for dinner prior to the meeting. He flew from Denver in his full Confederate uniform including cavalry boots and spurs, because he said, "The boots would have filled my suitcase." His appearance must have had some impact on the airport and passengers. Photo by Janet Greentree.

"MOSBY ATTACKS ANNANDALE" Sign Unveiling Event

May 8, Sign Unveiling at Corner of Championship Rd. and Frontage Rd. Annandale, VA; Program at 6507 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA

9:30 a.m. Sign Unveiling

10:30 a.m. Program

Phone: (703) 534-3005

Admission: FREE

The sign unveiling is a presentation of a Fairfax County historical marker highlighting the exploits of Confederate Guerilla John S. Mosby in the Annandale area of Fairfax County. Supervisor Penny Gross (Mason District) and various guest speakers including historians from the area will be on hand at the 10:30 am program. Confederate and Union reenactors will also participate in a meet and greet. The Mason District Civil War Trail brochure will be presented during the 10:30 a.m. program. Come out and learn about Fairfax County's significant Civil War history.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GRAY GHOST:

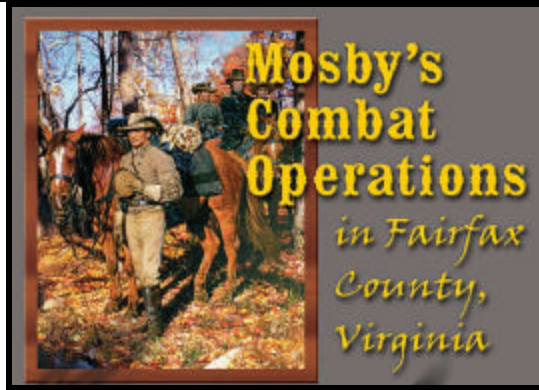
Col. John S. Mosby Van Tour

**Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
\$80, space is limited, reservations required**

Join Mosby expert and tour guide David Goetz for an in-depth tour of the places and events of famous Confederate partisan raider, Col. John S. Mosby. Mosby was known for his lightning raids and secretive missions during the Civil War. The tour will cover several locations throughout "Mosby's Confederacy," an area in western Prince William, Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, used by Mosby as his base of operations. Cost includes admission to rarely visited sites and lunch. Contact Brentsville Court House at 703-365-7895 for reservations.



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ADDRESS CHANGE! See newsletter mailer
Page 10 or call Mark at 703.787.9811.**



MOSBY DOCUMENTARY BEING FILMED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY Part V

By Chuck Mauro

Since our last article, Bert Morgan has completed the opening titles for the documentary, narrated the introduction written by Don Hakenson, and added the appropriate graphics. Don, Bert, and I displayed this intro at the Civil War Relic Show in Fredericksburg on April 8 and 9 to excellent reception.

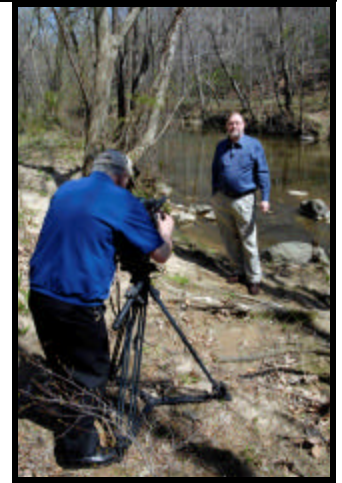
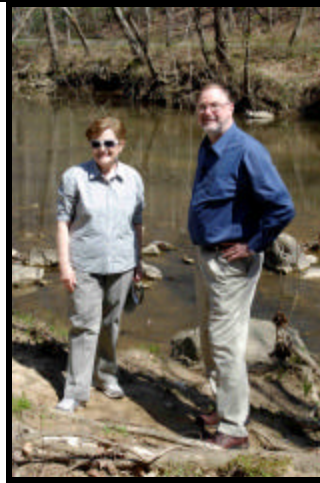
We also completed all of our onsite filming including the stories of the "Execution of Reverend Read," the story of Peyton Anderson, the first southern soldier to shed his blood for the Confederacy, and the "Bone Mill" story about Mosby Ranger Ab Minor.

We turned to past BRCWRT President Nancy Anwyll to help us with the location of the Bone Mill on Accotink Creek. Nancy's description of this location is "on the Cross County Trail where it is accessed at Hunter Village Dr. and Rockledge Ct. Head northeast on the trail. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and walk about 20 yards along Accotink Creek." This required a bit of a walk to get there. We filmed the whole story onsite as Don does a great rendition, and we felt this approach would do it justice!

We are turning our attention to editing the individual operations. Most were filmed and narrated by one historian so the editing is pretty straightforward. Two of the operations were told by different historians so we need to pay attention in editing those together. The most difficult editing job will be "Mosby Captures Stoughton" because we filmed the story at a number of locations throughout the Fairfax Court House area. We also need to decide which operation we will use to open the documentary.

Included here are some pictures of the filming of the Bone Mill story (Can you hear Don telling it?) and the cover of the DVD with the John Paul Strain rendition of the "Rose Hill Raid."

Things are starting the take shape. Talk to you again soon.



L: Nancy Anwyll & Don Hakenson at Bone Mill site.
R: Bert Morgan filming Don Hakenson at Bone Mill site..

REQUEST FROM THE VIRGINIA ROOM OF THE CITY OF FAIRFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY

By John McAnaw

Librarian Suzanne Levy of the Virginia Room asked me if members of the BRCWRT can assist in the replacement of the following missing Civil War Periodicals:

Blue & Gray Magazine:

October 2001 (vol. 19, no. 1)
August 2002 (vol. 19, no. 6)
October 2002 (vol. 20, no. 1)
December 2002 (vol. 20, no. 2)
No Month 2008 (vol. 25, no. 3)

Civil War Times Illustrated:

February 2007 (vol. 46, no. 1)
Mar-Apr 2007 (vol. 46, no. 2)
May 2007 (vol. 46, no. 3)
June 2007 (vol. 46, no. 4)
October 2007 (vol. 46, no. 8)
December 2008 (vol. 47, no. 6)

BRCWRT members willing to donate any of the above cited issues should contact Suzanne Levy. The Virginia Room Staff has been very supportive of the research conducted by many of us at that facility. This is one way we can assist the library.

If you can help, contact: Suzanne Levy, Virginia Room Librarian, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax, VA 22030, Tel: 703-293-6383, or Suzanne.Levy@fairfaxcounty.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

www.nps.gov/mono.

8 May – Bus tour of Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign. Sponsored by the Friends of Ft. Ward. The daylong tour includes Kernstown, McDowell, Front Royal, First Battle of Winchester, and the battlefields of Cross Keys and Port Republic. Fee of \$110 includes transportation, park admissions, and a 1 yr. Membership to the Friends of Ft. Ward. To register, call 703-746-4848.

8-9 May – Living History, "The Battle of Harper's Ferry 1862," at the Harper's Ferry National Park. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 304-535-6029, or link to www.nps.gov/hafe.

8-9 May – Living history and special tours of the Ellwood historic house on the Wilderness Battlefield near Routes 3 and 20, west of Fredericksburg. Demonstrations Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Special tours and readings Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

15 May – Falls Church Civil War Day. Civilian and military camps and demonstrations, tours and more at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. For information call 703-248-5171.

16 May – Self-guided tours of the First Battle of Kernstown at Rose Hill, near Winchester. Located at 1850 Jones Road. Open 1-4 p.m. \$5. Call 540-662-1473 ext. 235 or link to www.shenandoahmuseum.org.

16 May – Walking tour, "Freedman's Farm and Confederate Winter Camp Site" at Montpelier, home of James Madison, near Orange. 2 p.m. Admission fee. Call 540-672-2728 or link to www.montpelier.org.

16 May – Living history, infantry and artillery drills at Brawner Farm, the Manassas National Battlefield Park. 1-2 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339 or www.nps.gov/mana.

19-23 May – North-South Skirmish Association annual live-fire national competition at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester. Spectators welcome. Free. Details and directions link to www.n-ssa.org.

23 May – Walking tour at Fort DeRussy. A 1-mile hike to one of the Washington defensive positions attacked in July 1864. Begins at Rock Creek Park Nature Center, 5200 Grover Rd. NW. 2 p.m. Free. Call 202-895-6070 or link to www.nps.gov/rocr.

28-29 May – Civil War Show, tables of relics, books and more for sale and show at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, 2400 Airport Ave. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 540-972-2749. \$5.

29 May – "Meet Lee's Lieutenants and Federal Generals Corps" at the Historic Blenheim House in Fairfax City, 3610 Old Lee Highway. 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-591-0560.

31 May – Memorial Day observance with living history at Groveton Confederate Cemetery, Manassas National Battlefield Park. Noon. Call 703-361-1339, or link to www.nps.gov/mana.

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS & LECTURES

The Brandy Station Foundation is again presenting a series of four two-hour tours, one devoted to each of the four engagements that comprise the June 9, 1863 Battle of Brandy Station.

Tours by personal vehicle caravan will depart from the Graffiti House at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 (children under 12 are free). Tour duration is about two hours. No reservations are needed, but please arrive at the Graffiti House before 10:00 a.m..

Special tours for individuals or groups can be arranged. Please contact the Brandy Station Foundation (540-727-7718).

BEVERLY FORD & ST. JAMES CHURCH
(May 29, July 24)

KELLY'S FORD & STEVENSBURG
(June 12, Aug 7)

FLEETWOOD HILL
(June 26, Aug 21)

BUFORD KNOLL & YEW RIDGE
(May 15, July 10, Sept 4)

The free Sunday lectures on the Civil War begin at 2:00 p.m. and usually last one hour. They are held in the Graffiti House at 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714.

May 30

And Now The Rest of The Story
Joseph McKinney

June 27

**It Started in Prince William County: JEB Stuart's
Controversial Ride to Gettysburg"**
Mark Trbovich

July 25

The Battle of Rappahannock Station
Michael Block

August 29

The Life and Times of John Mosby
Dave Goetz



SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING UPDATE

By Ed Wenzel

Since the last update in February, the following activities and meetings of the Fairfax County Sesquicentennial Steering Committee and Subcommittees have been held:

March 25th: The Marketing Subcommittee met at the Tyson's Corner offices of Visit Fairfax to review Civil War sites suggested for inclusion on Fairfax County's 150th Civil War brochure/map. The brochure will be a two-sided, 18 x 24 inch affair with 6 double panels on each side. It will be modeled on the splendid Prince William Civil War Heritage Trail brochure published last year. Using the BRCWRT's compilation of Fairfax County sites, the subcommittee arranged a driving tour that follows an "S" pattern across the county to visit 44 sites, a number that was later expanded to 48 sites. These include various "must see" places suggested by the History Subcommittee. However, the Prince William brochure is able to comfortably show only 25 sites. So unless Fairfax produces a larger format brochure or uses smaller-sized type, then a number of sites may have to be excluded. Also, the texts for final site descriptions have not yet been written. Cutting down on descriptive text and eliminating sites that currently lack interpretive markers may be things to consider. The subcommittee will have some important decisions to make at its next meeting. Visit Fairfax will fund the brochure's design and printing.

March 27th: The History Subcommittee met at the Fairfax City Regional Library to discuss the status of the "signature" Civil War events scheduled for 2011 and 2012 and also to discuss the planned but "not nailed down" events for the same time frame. Thus far, the only sure events are "Lincoln at the Crossroads," November 12, 2011, and the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly), September 1, 2012, with a simultaneous event at Fairfax Station commemorating Clara Barton and her care of the wounded. Subcommittee members from local history groups said there was also interest in doing smaller events or special commemorations for the following: The annual May Civil War Days at Blenheim; historic tours of Civil War sites in Fairfax City with special lectures on Civil War women such as Antonia Ford, Laura Ratcliffe, Clara Barton and Julia Ward Howe; the June 1st 1861 skirmish at Fairfax Court House where John Quincy Marr was killed; the June 17, 1861 railroad engagement at Vienna; the September 11, 1861 skirmish at Lewinsville; the annual Clifton Days event in October, and the December 28, 1862 Burke's Station Raid by Jeb Stuart's cavalry.

Following that, the writer discussed possibilities for the **Battle of Ox Hill "Signature Event"** in 2012. The commemoration falls on a three-day weekend and at this point we're just brainstorming, but the one certainty among the proposed activities is the Official Ceremony. Possible events include:

Official Ceremony at the Kearny and Stevens monuments: This will be the principal public event for Ox Hill, commemorating our only major Civil War battle. We need to pull out all the stops for this one. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 1, 2012. We will invite various state and county officials, particularly from NJ and VA, as well as prominent historians and other speakers who will address the Second Manassas Campaign and the Ox Hill/Chantilly battle. We would certainly want reenactors and color guards to participate and perhaps active duty military such as the 3rd Infantry from Ft. Myer. The 3rd Infantry provided the color guard for the Centennial observance in 1962. Multiple ceremonial wreaths will be laid by various groups, flags presented, and perhaps reenactment troops will march in review.

Prelude to the Official Ceremony: Union and Confederate reenactment infantry will move through the neighborhoods surrounding the Ox Hill Battlefield Park. Reenactors will park their vehicles and assemble on the periphery of the original 500-acre battlefield. At prearranged times, the troops will begin marching toward the park from all directions---along neighborhood streets, between townhouses and condos, and past or through the Fairfax Towne Center (these are areas where much of the battle was originally fought). The colors, drummers and troops of each unit will attract the attention of local residents, shoppers and passing traffic. Concentrating at the park, each regiment will enter the fields and move into two large formations. This will be the lead-in to the official ceremony at the monuments and the presenting of colors. After the ceremony, the troops will pass in review before the dignitaries and spectators.

Grand Ball for reenactors, dignitaries and the public. On the evening of the official ceremony, a grand ball could be held as a capstone to the commemoration and in tribute and gratitude to our visitors and guests, especially the reenactors and their families. The Marriott Hotel at Fair Oaks Mall could be the location. It's on the eastern edge of the battlefield and a stone's throw from the park. Period military and civilian dress or coat and tie would be encouraged. A Civil War band would be hired to provide period music, and a dance instructor might be engaged to help modern civilians learn the 19th Century steps.

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Ceremony at General Kearny's statue and grave site in Arlington National Cemetery. Sunday afternoon, September 2nd would be the time for this event. A similar ceremony was sponsored by the New Jersey and Fairfax County commissions in 1962. Perhaps they would want to do this again. The ceremony would be publicized beforehand and announced at the official ceremony. If desired, buses could be chartered to take the out-of-town dignitaries and guests as well as perhaps even the general public if they sign up in advance.

Three possible reenactments could be planned:

a) Battle reenactment. If desired, a battle reenactment could probably be held at Sully Historic Site or at Greenbriar Park. An off-site field is necessary because of limited space at Ox Hill. However, a battle reenactment may not be needed if we can bring hundreds of reenactment troops to the official ceremony.

b) Reenactment of Lee's sending of Kearny's body to the Union lines under a flag of truce. This event would be held on Sunday morning (Sept. 2nd). It would require a horse-drawn ambulance with a mounted Confederate escort to bring the body of Gen. Kearny down Lee Jackson Memorial Highway from Jackson's HQ (at Chantilly) to Difficult Run (within the I-66 interchange). Then, transfer the ambulance to Union cavalry pickets (9th NY) who, with five companies of the 57th PA Infantry, would escort the ambulance up to Jermantown and down Main Street to the old Fairfax Courthouse. Originally, the ambulance continued on to Alexandria. If desired, the reenactment ambulance could proceed as in 1862. This would require a police escort in one east-bound lane of Rt. 50/Rt. 236.

c) Reenactment of the Confederate troop movement from Chantilly and Ox Hill to Dranesville. This march would reenact the opening of the Maryland (Antietam/Sharpsburg) Campaign. Jackson's and Longstreet's commands of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia (45,000 troops) moved through western Fairfax County to Dranesville and Leesburg. The reenactment would take place on Monday, Sept. 3rd (Labor Day), and would require a large number of reenactors—infantry and artillery. Historically, Lee's army moved on several parallel roads. For the reenactment, Jackson's main route would be chosen so as to maximize the visual impact of troops and artillery on the march. The route would follow West Ox Road, Lawyers Road, Reston Parkway and Reston Avenue to Dranesville. A police escort would be needed from Rt. 50 to Rt. 7. [The large number of Confederate reenactors needed to make this march look halfway decent will probably make this one impractical, but who knows?]

d) Weekend encampment at Ox Hill. An encampment and "open house" at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park would include musket and bayonet drills, artillery demonstrations and a medical and surgical tent. Even a brief reenactment is possible wherein Union troops could charge across the park. A charge by several hundred soldiers would reenact the Union attack with General Stevens being killed at John Ballard's quartz stone. It might take all of 15 seconds (maybe 30 seconds if anyone halts to fire) but it would present some great photo opportunities as the troops stormed across the field. The Confederates would be firing from behind the rail fence that crosses in front of the monuments. This would probably have to be done at the end of the day after the encampment is taken down, because troops could not realistically charge through their camp sites. We're not sure how this would work, but it's something that re-enactors might do as a grand finale; and it would make a great photo-op for spectators and the press.

The biggest concern in all of the above possibilities is attracting enough reenactors to make a worthy event. Without reenactors, flags, muskets and cannons, anything we do will lack Civil War eye-appeal. The reenactors bring historical realism, color and attraction to any commemoration. Committee members noted that we need help getting reenactment units invited and support lined up; and that consultation with experienced reenactors is vital in planning the events so that we know what's doable and what's not.

Steering Committee co-chair Patrick Lennon emphasized that it's up to local community and historical groups to organize and plan the events that they want to do. The sponsoring and promotion of the events will be done by the Fairfax County Committee and by the Marketing Subcommittee. All Civil War commemorative events must originate at the local level and be forwarded to Patrick or co-chair Liz Crowell for preparation of the master calendar. Patrick and Liz will also clear the dates with neighboring counties to avoid conflicts and place the events on the Visit Fairfax and Virginia State Web sites.

Finally, for our information, Kim Holien spoke about establishing a "Lincoln Trail" in Virginia that would link the places that Lincoln visited during the war, such as Chatham, Fortress Monroe, City Point, Richmond, Liberia (near Manassas), and the life-sized bronze statue of Lincoln to be dedicated at Bailey's Crossroads (where the Grand Review took place); also the Lincoln Cemetery in the Shenandoah Valley. Kim feels certain that Lincoln tourists would make such a "trail" a tourism bonanza for the commonwealth.

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April 10th: A countywide Community Planning Meeting was held at the Kings Park Library in Burke and attended by fourteen individuals. Subcommittees represented were History, Marketing, Education & Public Outreach, and Finance. Among the various topics discussed were the following:

Public Outreach: Coordination with the school board to make sure that Civil War topics are included in the academic lesson plans, that Sesquicentennial DVDs are distributed to the schools, and that tours to Civil War sites, such as Ox Hill for 6th grade students, are planned. In addition, the subcommittee plans to schedule a visit from the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission's Mobile Museum that will be up and running throughout the Commonwealth next summer. The Museum will visit the schools and be available for the general public.

Marketing: The need for 100,000 brochures/maps in the first year; an e-mail list and Web site, compiled and operated by Visit Fairfax that will promote Fairfax County as the center of Civil War events and destinations across the region, thereby encouraging visitors to centrally locate in Fairfax. The Web site will post a master calendar of events with a listing of events, tours, demonstrations, lectures, ceremonies, and so forth.

Other items discussed were whether we could get "brown signs" on Rt. 50 and I-66 directing visitors to the Ox Hill Battlefield Park and other Civil War sites. These are reported to cost \$50K apiece but would certainly bring Ox Hill and the Kearny and Stevens monuments to the notice of travelers and would make finding the park much easier for out-of-town visitors and county citizens alike. Nothing markets Civil War sites better than VDOT's brown highway signs.

History: These sites will be added to brochure/map: NRA Fire Arms Museum (Civil War weapons display); Woodlawn and the Quakers (connection to the Underground Railroad); Civil War programs at Gunston Hall; Mount Vernon (slave memorial, blacks and civilians), and the Confederate forts on Balmoral Greens Avenue.

Also discussed were a number of sites lacking interpretive markers; the Centreville fortifications; Flint Hill Cemetery; Ox Hill's tie to Clara Barton, Fairfax Station, the Barton House in Glen Echo and White's Ford in Loudoun; an American Red Cross blood drive at Fairfax Station as a tie-in to the suffering wounded from 2nd Manassas and Ox Hill (the Board of Supervisors would issue a proclamation on giving blood and INOVA Hospitals could participate); NVRPA's reenactment of Ball's Bluff with 1,000 reenactors; the NVRPA's Blackburn's Ford reenactment at Bull Run Regional Park. Further discussions noted that work on the chronology of Civil War incidents and events in Fairfax is now into 1863 and

stands at 85 pages and 187 sources; outreach to the Virginia Room, the NPS and black history groups regarding documented information on the black experience in the county during the war and the identification of black-related Civil War sites.

Also addressed was the critical need for an "Event Coordinator" to take on the task of planning and coordinating the Ox Hill event. And were we *overjoyed* when Paula Elsey declared that she would be pleased to work with several others in trying to pull this together! Thank you, Paula. This will be a huge undertaking! Also, Patrick has made contact with the New Jersey Sesquicentennial Commission, and they are very excited about working with Fairfax County on the Ox Hill/Chantilly commemoration.

Finance: A number of possibilities were discussed involving county and grant funding, all dependent upon after-budget review, discretionary funding and year-end funding. A wish list of items and expenses will be prepared by Patrick and Liz Crowell in the coming weeks.

Lastly, our friend Dave Goetz, who spoke to the BRCWRT in April, attended the countywide meeting. Dave lives in Fauquier County and came to get some ideas about how the Fairfax Committee is proceeding. He is trying to gin up some action out in Fauquier. Good Luck, Dave!

That's it for now, folks, stay tuned.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

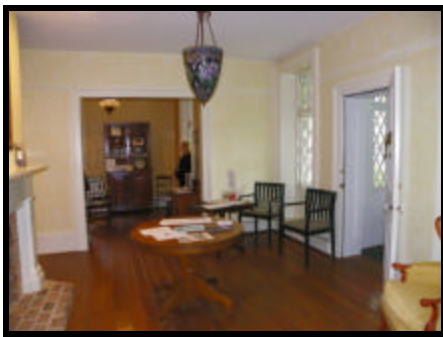
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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE INSIDE JOHN WILKES BOOTH'S BOYHOOD HOME – TUDOR HALL

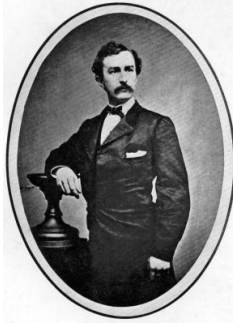
By Janet Greentree

On a gray, very foggy Sunday, April 25th, Ms. Rebelle and Yankee Nan (Nancy Anwyll) drove yet again to John Wilkes Booth's boyhood home in Bel Air, Maryland for a tour of the inside of the home. Four groups, including the Junius B. Booth Society, sponsored the tour. As you enter the foyer, there is a fireplace with a huge portrait of Junius Brutus Booth hanging above it.



There is a small parlor on the right with portraits of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth. To the left is a bigger parlor with a bay window put in by one of the many people who have lived in the house since the Booths. On the other side of the foyer are a fireplace and a large room. This fireplace backs up to the one in the next room. The portraits of all the Booth children are on the mantle. A portrait of Mary Ann Holmes Booth, Junius Brutus Booth's second wife and mother of most of his children, hangs above the fireplace. When his mother learned of the terrible deed John Wilkes did, she collected all his clothes, letters, and photographs and burned them in one of the fireplaces of the house. John's sister, Asia, rescued some of the items from the fire. Sadly, we did not get to go above the first floor to see the bedrooms.

Mary Ann Holmes was a beautiful flower girl at the Covent Garden Theatre in London when Junius Brutus Booth met her. Booth was married at the time to Marie Christine Adelaide Delannoy Booth and had a son, Richard Junius Booth, age two. In 1821, Mary Ann followed him to America where they landed in Norfolk and later lived in Charleston, South Carolina. They then lived on Exeter Street in Balti-



more and bought the Hereford County, Maryland, property to build their dream house and retirement haven. Marie Booth was not aware that her husband was living with another woman and had ten children with her. When she did find out, she came to America in 1846 and harassed him even to the point of throwing apples at him and showing up at his performances to taunt him. Finally they were divorced and Junius and Mary Ann were married on John Wilkes' 13th birthday, on May 10, 1851.

Junius first built a log cabin on the 137-acre property. In 1822 he moved the log cabin to the present day location of the house and kept adding onto the house. They raised their ten children there. Junius, age 56, died in 1852 on a riverboat on the Ohio River while touring and never lived in the house as it looks today. Mary Ann and her youngest children lived there for seven years. In 1857 since neither John Wilkes nor his youngest brother, Joseph, were interested in farming, Mary Ann rented out the farm. None of the Booth family lived in the house after 1857. Four of the Booth children died in the 1830s and were buried on the property. Later their graves were moved to the family plot in Baltimore at Green Mount Cemetery where most of the Booth family rests today, including John Wilkes in an unmarked grave. John Wilkes' sister Asia was married to John Sleeper Clarke and left the country after the assassination never to return. Her body was brought back from England and interred in the Green Mount plot. The youngest child, Joseph Adrian Booth, became a doctor.

The house is solid brick with diamond-shaped pane windows and columns that are original to the house. The house was red brick when the Booths lived there, but it was whitewashed some time later. John Wilkes, who tattooed his initials, JWB, on his wrist, also etched his name in the windowpane to the right of the door. We were able to see the etching still today. The gardens are beautiful on the left side of the house. The balcony on the right side of the house was John Wilkes' bedroom.



Junius Brutus Booth's first wife, Marie, lived in Baltimore as well after the divorce and is buried in New Cathedral Cemetery.

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