



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XX, Issue 15, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

**NPS RANGER EMMANUEL DABNEY TO  
SPEAK ON "THE BATTLE OF THE  
CRATER/PETERSBURG, VA - JULY 30, 1864"  
AT AUGUST 14th MEETING**

By Mark Trbovich

The Battle of the Crater was part of the Siege of Petersburg, VA campaign; it took place on July 30, 1864, between Gen. Lee's and Gen. Grant's armies, each struggling to gain the upper hand in this stalemate. After weeks of preparation, on July 30, the Federals exploded a deeply-cut mine full of gunpowder in Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside's IX Corp sector, blowing a gap in the Confederate defenses. The military, political and social consequences of this unparalleled event were enormous.

We are so happy to have NPS Ranger Emmanuel Dabney come and speak to us in August to tell us "the rest" of this legendary story. Emmanuel has been with the NPS since 2001 and is currently working at the Petersburg National Battlefield.

After completing high school in Dinwiddie County, Emmanuel graduated magna cum laude with an Associates Degree in Arts from Richard Bland College. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and completed a Master's degree in Public History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He has delivered programs to the Civil War Trust, the Virginia Association of Museums, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, among other organizations, and is a member of one of the leading civilian organizations on the East Coast, the Atlantic Guard Soldiers' Aid Society.

Emmanuel has published three articles in a popular reenacting magazine, for those who recreate the lives of Civil War era civilians, *The Citizens' Companion*. We are very excited to welcome him to the BRCWRT this month.

As always, members are encouraged to come early and meet Emmanuel at the Coyote Grille (14101 Saint Germain Drive, Centreville) for dinner at 5 p.m. If you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Library for the 7 o'clock lec-

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014  
7 P.M. Centreville Library**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
NPS RANGER EMMANUEL DABNEY**

**TOPIC:  
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GUEST SPEAKER:**

**HISTORIAN SCOTT PATCHAN**

**TOPIC:  
"GEN. SHERIDAN AT OPEQUON  
CREEK, SEPTEMBER 1864"**

ture, so that you can chat with him before the presentation. Hope to see you there.

**HISTORIAN SCOTT PATCHEN TO SPEAK ON  
"GEN. SHERIDAN AT OPEQUAN  
CREEK, SEPTEMBER 1864" AT  
SEPTEMBER MEETING**

The Battle of Opequon Creek, more commonly known as the Third Battle of Winchester, was fought on September 19, 1864, during the Valley Campaigns of 1864. When Confederate Gen. Jubal Early raided the B&O Railroad at Martinsburg, WV, Union Maj. Gen. Phil Sheridan advanced toward Winchester along the Berryville Pike, with the VI and XIX Corps crossing Opequon Creek. The Union advance was delayed long enough for Early to concentrate his forces in front of Sheridan, where a bloody battle ensued for several hours. Casualties were very heavy on both sides.

We are so fortunate in September to have our

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and events of the Civil War**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**August 14, 2014** - NPS Ranger Emmanuel Dabney - "Battle of the Crater/Petersburg: July 1864"

**September 11, 2014** - Scott Patchen - "Sheridan at Opequon Creek: September 1864"

**October 9, 2014** - James Price - "Battle of New Market Heights/Chaffin's Farm: September 1864"

**November 13, 2014** - Gene Schmiel and Ron Mayer - "Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era, Battle of Franklin, TN: November 1864"

**December 18, 2014** - David Goetz - "Hell is Being a Republican in Virginia: The Postwar Relationship Between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant"

**January 8, 2015** - John Coski - "Confederate Navy, James River Campaign: 1862/1865"

Did you get your raffle ticket yet for the Civil War print: "The Winds of Winter: Jackson's Romney Campaign - January 1862" by Mort Künstler?!

\$10 a ticket — Drawing is at the 5 p.m. dinner prior to the Oct. 9th BRCWRT meeting. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, or want another, contact Pres. Mark Trbovich, or get one quick before the drawing at dinner.

Proceeds benefit BRCWRT programs. Thanks to Bob Hickey for the generous donation of a VERY popular work by a great Civil War artist! Support the important preservation work being done by YOUR Bull Run Civil War Round Table!

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## The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

Summer 2014 will prove to be an excellent season for the BRCWRT for touring, lectures and fellowship as we move into August and September. In June, we were so fortunate to hear Dr. B. Franklin Cooling's lecture on the Battle of Ft. Stevens, which was tremendously in-depth, about Jubal Early's campaign, and that historic day President Lincoln looked out at the Confederates from that unhealthy position.

Thank you so much, Dr. Cooling, for an excellent presentation, and we'll see you back at our



Dr. B. Franklin Cooling wears his Lincoln top hat for members attending the June meeting.

Photo by Janet Greentree

round table, for sure.

July found NPS Ranger Robert "Bert" Dunkerly speaking on the Battle of Cold Harbor, bloody, drawn-out affair that lasted for days in which many "facts" were "altered" by legend and historians.

Thank you, Robert, for straightening us out, and we'll see you back at the BRCWRT soon. You



NPS Ranger Bert Dunkerly was guest speaker at the July meeting.

Photo by Janet Greentree

can hear these excellent lectures and others archived on our Web site at [http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio\\_menu.html](http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html).

It was also my privilege and honor to present our 2014 BRCWRT College Scholarship Award

to Miss Caroline Howard at the June 2014 meeting. Pictures of that event are on page 12 in this edition. You can also see these photos, and those of all our events, on our Web site. Again, I want to thank our Scholarship committee, headed by Nancy Anwyll, for all the work it did to make this event possible. We look forward to next year, as we will continue to reach out to young folks going to college and who are interested in Civil War history.

So happy to see the PowerPoint presentation of the Virginia Civil War Trails marker dedication June 21st at Wolf Run Shoals, which was hosted by Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany. At that very successful and highly-attended event, our own former president John McAnaw was honored for his years of dedication to the site, as well as his promoting historic tours and preservation efforts. John is so worthy of praise, as his lifelong preservation efforts and hard work at the BRCWRT have inspired so many, including myself, to follow in his footsteps of continuing the fight for preservation and Civil War education.

On that note, again, we addressed the membership in June and July on our preservation effort for the section of the Bristoe Station Battlefield, Gen. Kirkland's Charge, which is in danger at this time. In May, the BRCWRT was honored to have this battlefield nominated in the 2014 Virginia Most Endangered Historic Sites list. Preservation Virginia presented its 10th consecutive list of Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Sites to raise awareness of places that face imminent or sustained threats to their integrity or survival. We are working with the Civil War Trust at this time to look for avenues of compromise with the owners of the property. Please continue to read in this newsletter for further information that will be furnished in future articles.

September 6th is the date for the BRCWRT Fall tour. We will be taking a boat ride to view the various Potomac River forts. Please sign up online at our Web site. Seating is limited, and you don't want to miss this trip! Thank you, Rob Orrison and John De Pue, for getting this arranged, and Alan Day for his work on the Web site.

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# Confederates Blockade Washington D.C.!

## Unique Fall Tour — September 6

As soon as Virginia seceded from the Union, military leaders in Virginia sought ways to build batteries along the Potomac River to hamper shipping to Washington, D.C. After the Battle of First Manassas, Confederate forces were able to do just that by building several batteries along the Prince William and Stafford County shoreline. This much overlooked period in history was a serious issue to Federal officials in Washington as well as to the Lincoln administration. Without the Potomac River, and with the B&O Railroad cut, the U.S. capital began to see high prices and shortages of great proportions. Furthermore, it was a thorn in the side of Lincoln and General McClellan.

Prince William County staff will conduct an all-day tour that will begin with a tour by water of the batteries and the Federal response. Visits to Free-stone Point and Williams Ordinary (Gen. Louis T. Wigfall's HQ) and Cockpit Pt./Possum Nose batteries will take place by land. The batteries at Possum

Nose have never been open to the public before, so this is a very rare treat! Being that the land is not publicly accessible, the walking for the Possum Nose portion of the tour is VERY strenuous and involves a steep incline for a portion of the walk.

The cost of the tour (\$40 per person) covers the boat rental and lunch. Make checks payable to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table; the round table will submit one payment for the tour. Two weeks before the tour, participants will be contacted about preferred lunch options. All attendees will meet at 9 a.m. at the Leesylvania State Park Visitor Center, near the end of the Park Road (2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22191).

We hope you can make this rare tour and be some of the first people to stand on the batteries at Possum Nose and learn how the start-up Confederate army and navy were able to cut off Washington, D.C. by water for nearly five months.

## Upcoming Speakers — (con't from page 1)

former BRCWRT president and author Scott Patchan visiting us again on this Sesquicentennial anniversary month of the battle. Scott is a veteran Civil War battlefield guide historian, and the author of *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign*, (2009), *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont, Virginia*, (1996), *The Last Battle of Winchester*, (2012), and *Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge*, (2011).

Scott also served as a research consultant and contributing writer for Time-Life's *Voices of the Civil War*. Scott has twice served as president of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and is a much sought-after tour guide for both Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields and historic sites. He has written four feature essays for *Blue and Gray Magazine* on the 1864 Valley Campaign and also worked on two more about the Second Manassas Campaign, as well as dozens of articles for other historical publications.

Scott serves as a director on the board of the Kernstown Battlefield Association in Winchester, Virginia, and is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation's Resource Protection Com-

The BRCWRT wishes to thank Bryan Holtzer for signing up as our newest member! Bryan attends many of our meetings at the Centreville Library, and we are anticipating the future day he makes a presentation to our group!  
Photo by Janet Greentree



mittee. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, and a graduate of James Madison University, he currently resides with his family in Haymarket, Virginia.

Again, come on out to meet Scott on September 11th at the Coyote Grille for dinner at 5 p.m. and enjoy supper. If not able to make it for supper, be sure to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting at the library, where we share some fellowship before the lecture begins. Don't miss this event!



# The Past Still Lives

## in Manassas

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Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds & lore of the time. Free living history, music, tours, encampments, period baseball, parade and much more at two sites in Historic Downtown Manassas.



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## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### Lunch with Fitzhugh Lee

By Janet Greentree

As has been her custom on the way home from the North Carolina beaches, Ms. Rebelle stops and has lunch at her favorite cemetery – Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond – dining with General Fitzhugh Lee and President Jefferson Davis. There is a nice bench facing the graves of Davis and Lee, with a view of the James River on the left and a very beautiful and sad angel on the right. It is a very peaceful place to have lunch.

Talk about famous ancestors and family, Confederate General Fitzhugh Lee certainly has some. His uncle was general of the Confederate Army, General Robert E. Lee. He is the grandson of General "Light Horse Harry" Lee, nephew of General Samuel Cooper, cousin of George Washington Custis Lee, Rooney Lee, and Robert E. Lee, Jr. Lee's father, Sydney Smith Lee, is Robert E. Lee's brother, and Sydney served under Commodore Matthew Perry in Japan. Lee's mother, Anna Maria Mason Lee is the granddaughter of George Mason and sister of Senator James Murray Mason. To say he is "connected" is quite an understatement!



Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's grave in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Gen. Fitzhugh Lee during the Civil War.

Fitzhugh Lee was born locally in Fairfax County, at Clermont. The actual site of the house is now under the Beltway in the Alexandria area. He graduated near the bottom of his class from West Point in 1856 as a second lieutenant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment. Unlike his Uncle Bobby, Fitzhugh had *many* demerits. The regiment was commanded by Colonel Albert Sidney Johnson, and his Uncle Bobby was the lieutenant colonel. In May, 1860, he took a position at West Point as an instructor of cavalry tactics but quickly resigned his position when the Civil War began in 1861.

Lee was a staff officer to General Richard Ewell at First Manassas and was then promoted to lieutenant colonel of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Cavalry under Colonel J.E.B. Stuart. He was promoted to brigadier general on July 24, 1862.

He got into some trouble by arriving late to a raid on Stuart's headquarters, where Union Cavalry captured General Stuart's plumed hat and cape. He later made up for that when he captured the headquarters tent of Union General John Pope and his dress uniform. The uniform was presented to Stuart by Fitzhugh.

Fitzhugh Lee fought in the Maryland Campaign of 1862 at South Mountain, delaying the Union Army's advance to Sharpsburg, and also at Kelly's Ford, where he captured 400 men and 150 horses, losing only 14 men, himself. His skill at Chancellorsville allowed

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Gen. Fitzhugh Lee visiting the site of the wounding of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson (at Chancellorsville), after the Civil War.

General "Stonewall" Jackson's successful flanking attack. Due to an attack of rheumatism, he missed Brandy Station, but rode with General Stuart on his ride around the Union Army prior to Gettysburg. He was with Stuart at Gettysburg on the East Cavalry Battlefield, facing General Custer. Fitzhugh Lee guarded the rear and flanks of the Confederate army on their way back to Virginia.

His major general promotion came on August 3, 1863. Stuart's comment about his performance was: *"He was one of the finest cavalry leaders on the continent, and richly [entitled] to promotion."*

Lee fought in the Overland Campaign and at Petersburg, the defense of Fort Pocahontas, the Shenandoah Valley, and Third Winchester, where three horses were shot out from under him; he was severely wounded in the thigh by a rifle ball. Lee assisted General Joseph E. Johnston in North Carolina; he was with JEB Stuart when Stuart was mortally wounded at Yellow Tavern on May 12, 1864; and fought at Trevillian Station, Virginia, with Wade Hampton. Lee was named commander of the cavalry on February 11, 1865. He led



Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's HQ at Appomattox (still standing).

the last Confederate charge on April 9, 1865, at Farmville.

Fitzhugh Lee was at Appomattox where he heard his Uncle Bobby was going to surrender. He left for Lynchburg with his men, rather than surrender then and there. He did not return until three days later, finally surrendering.

Fitzhugh, along with his Uncle Bobby, his cousins Custis and Rooney Lee, and 33 Confederate and civilian personnel were indicted for treason after the war. The charge was withdrawn in February, 1869. Fitzhugh was granted a government pardon.

After the war, he was a farmer in Stafford County, Virginia. He and five of his brothers were in business together with a gristmill, stud farm, and a fishing pier. At age 35, he married 18 year-old Ellen Bernard Fowle of Alexandria. The couple had seven children, including two sons who later joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. All of his daughters married officers in their brothers' regiments.

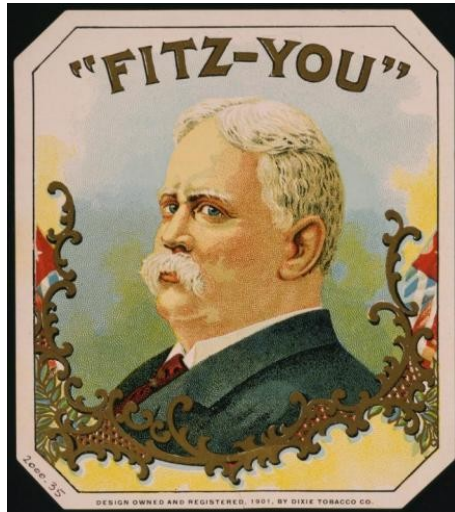
Fitzhugh also wrote a book about his famous uncle, entitled simply *"General Lee"* in 1894. He was also the author of *Cuba's Struggle Against Spain*, published in 1899.

In 1885, he was elected the 40<sup>th</sup> governor of Virginia. Leaving office in January, 1890, the *Richmond Dispatch* stated that

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Fitzhugh Lee post-war campaign poster

"Virginia never had a governor who was more beloved or tried more consciously to do his duty."

Fitzhugh had a variety of jobs after the war. President Grover Cleveland appointed him collector of revenue in the western district of Virginia in 1895. In 1896, he was appointed the United States consul general in Havana, Cuba. Due to the turmoil on that island, Lee recommended against sending the *U.S.S. Maine* there. The battleship exploded



William Jennings Bryant (left) with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee at Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, FL .

and sank in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898, killing 26 American sailors. On April 9, 1898, Lee was the last American to evacuate Cuba before the U.S. declared war on Spain.

Lee put on the blue uniform once more when the U.S. declared war on Spain and was in command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. In No-

vember 1900, he was sent to the Department of the Missouri in Omaha, Nebraska, where he retired as a brigadier general on March 2, 1901.

For our Boston editor, Nadine Mironchuk, Fitzhugh Lee attended the Battle of Bunker Hill centennial in Boston in 1875. In 1885, he was a member of the board of visitors at West Point. At President Cleveland's inaugural parades of 1885 and 1893, Lee commanded the third division. In 1899, he was appointed military governor of Havana and Pinar del Rio. He spent his final years in Charlottesville and died on a business trip to Washington, D.C. on April 28, 1906.

Doing research on my subjects turns up many interesting pictures. I came across a picture of Fitzhugh sitting with Colonel William Jennings Bryant at Camp Cuba Libre; his cam-



"The Last Council of War" postcard, with Fitzhugh Lee, John Brown Gordon, James Longstreet and, at right, Gen. Robert E. Lee.

campaign posters; an advertising poster for cigars; a picture of him in a carriage at the Jackson Monument at Chancellorsville while he was governor; he and his staff in the Spanish-American War; the house, still standing, that was his headquarters at Appomattox; and an engraving of the Last Council of War, with Generals Robert E. Lee, John Brown Gordon, and James Longstreet.

*NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is traveling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far, she has located and photographed 385....169 Confederate and 216 Union. You may contact her at [jlgrtree@erols.com](mailto:jlgrtree@erols.com).*



# John Mosby: An Historic Guest

by Debbie Waugh

Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria is a beautiful 31-acre public garden, horticulture center and historic site. Over two centuries ago, the land was part of a family farm with a brick house built in 1784. Visitors to the park today can visit the house and hear fascinating stories of the people who lived and farmed here.

The house wasn't designed on a grand scale, nor are the people who lived on Green Spring Farm household names today. However, many of them were important enough in their day to have been



closely associated with people whose names we all recognize. Take Fountain Beattie (1841-1923), who owned Green Spring Farm from 1878 to 1917. Visitors are surprised to learn that Fountain and his wife Anne Hathaway raised 12 children in such a modest space! They're also intrigued by Fountain's activities as a revenue officer raiding moonshiners in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

But murmurs of surprise and recognition ripple through the group when visitors discover that, during the Civil War, long before he came to Green Spring, Fountain Beattie rode with John Singleton Mosby as one of the famed Mosby Rangers. What's more, he was one of Mosby's most trusted right-hand men and his closest confidante.

It's an important and exciting Civil War connec-

tion for Green Spring to be able to make. When Mosby was given his independent command in 1863, Fountain Beattie was one of the original 15 members of the Mosby's Rangers. He served with Mosby until the end of the war, achieving the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company E.

Fellow Ranger John W. Munson wrote:

*"Fount Beattie....was one of the best known men and one of the best men in the Command. He was Mosby's most intimate companion and friend, for they were enlisted together when the war broke out and were never separated." (Reminiscences of a Mosby Guerilla. Moffat, Yard & Company, 1906, p.)*

Both men had participated in the Battle of First Manassas in July 1861 as members of the First Virginia Cavalry. In a post-war letter to his wife Pauline, Mosby wrote:

*"I shall never forget my sensations when Fount and I spread our blankets on the ground and I laid down to sleep under the Sentinel Stars. I said to Fount, ' This may be the last night we shall sleep together.' Early the next morning we rose at the bugle call. We knew the tremendous issue to be decided that day." (The Letters of John S. Mosby. Stuart - Mosby Historical Society. 2nd edition, 1986, p. 113.)*

J.E.B. "Jeb" Stuart once cautioned Mosby to "not have any established headquarters anywhere but in the saddle." (Wert, Jeffry D. *Mosby's Rangers*. Simon & Schuster, 1990, p. 69.) Accordingly, Mosby and his men lived in "safe houses" throughout the region. One of Mosby's closest wartime escapes took place at Fountain Beattie's future in-laws' home, when he scooted out of an upstairs bedroom window and hid from Union soldiers on the branch of a large black walnut tree. Beattie and Mosby often hid out at "Western View," the home of James and Elizabeth Hathaway near the Plains in Fauquier County. Most notably, they were there on the night of June 8, 1863 when the house was surrounded by troopers of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Lincoln Cavalry. The troopers searched



Mosby Ranger Fountain Beattie



Fountain and Anne Beattie at Green Spring Farm.

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# THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

## Civil War Trails Marker Dedication at Wolf Run Shoals

by Brian McEnany; photos by Janet Greentree

The air was overcast and a light rain was falling as Jim Lewis and I arrived about 8 a.m. on the grounds of the old farmhouse at the end of Wolf Run Shoals Road on June 21st. A few minutes later, Matt White from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) roared up with chairs and podium. Cars with members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia and other volunteers for the Civil War Trails Marker Ceremony began arriving. Musician Jon Vrana set up his instruments on the porch of the old farmhouse, so they would not get wet. Chairs were set up under the trees by the road, where most of the attendees would be spared the light rainfall. It started out to be a gloomy, rainy day, but fortuitously, the rain began to taper off. One of the volunteers called out that weather reports showed a clear area over Wolf Run Shoals for the next few hours. Cell phones rang – “Is the ceremony still on?” “Is it raining there?” We looked at each other and nodded “yes -- it was still on!”



John Vrana sets the musical mood for this impressive Civil War preservation success.

By 9 a.m., most of the volunteers were present. Men and woman in period costumes wandered about the grounds. The color guard from the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia unfurled their flags and organized themselves. Cars began to arrive and the volunteer parking attendants in fluorescent vests waved them down, checking the guest list, shuffling some to the



Jenee Lindner as Mary Willcoxson & Debbie Maples bring a period presence to the event. Lindner spoke of how she (Willcoxson) nursed a Union officer in 1863.

At right, three members of the BRCWRT who always take the lead in preservation efforts include (l to r): Ed Wenzel, Dan Paterson & John McAnaw. John was honored for his unique record of driving the Civil War preservation of Fairfax County.



farmhouse grounds or reserved parking areas and turned others around to park along the far right-hand side of the narrow road.

By 9:30 a.m., a sizeable crowd was gathering. Jim and I pulled on the last of our Civil War clothes – he in civilian dress, myself as a Union officer. The rain had stopped completely, and we wiped down the chairs for the guests. A steady line of cars, headlights blazing, arrived and were flagged down and sent to the designated areas. The stack of programs rapidly dwindled and soon ran out. At show time, there were close to 110 people gathered under the trees – the volunteers, residents from along Wolf Run Shoals, a contingent from the BRCWRT and others who came to share in the dedication ceremony.

Just before 10 a.m., Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Chris Pauley, Director of Operations for the NVRPA, and Patrick Lennon from *Visit Fairfax* took their seats. Jim moved the podium, tested the mike, and called for order. He acted as Master of Ceremonies and opened the ceremony with members of the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia presenting the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and a Civil War soldier's prayer. He then congratulated the attendees on their ability to use



Emcee Jim Lewis conducted the marker unveiling ceremonies.

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## Wolf Run Shoals — (con't from page 10)

technology to find Wolf Run Shoals and lifted his eyes to the sky for continuation



Sharon Bulova with new historical marker, with 17th Virginia Rifles Color Guard in back.

good weather.

He acknowledged the presence of the several honored guests and specifically called out John McAnaw (BRCWRT) and Bill Olsen (Prince William County Historic Commission) as the two who had done the most to preserve this part of Fairfax and PW counties. Sharon Bulova came to the podium and her remarks were extremely supportive of preservation work, the efforts of the Round Table, and the efforts the county has made over the years to support ceremonies like this to keep history alive for the public.

Chris Pauley came next, citing how the NVRPA valued and assisted in the preservation of sites like this one and cited how technology applications were now available to assist the public in various regional parks. Patrick Lennon followed, with congratulations to Jim and Brian for the



Chris Pauley



Patrick Lennon

research and effort put into the creation of the marker dedicated today. He also spent some time discussing the investment that Fairfax County had made with the Sesquicentennial program, specifically tourism via the numerous Civil War sites, markers, etc. The benefit was an influx of interested tourists and resultant significant dollars for the local businesses and the county.

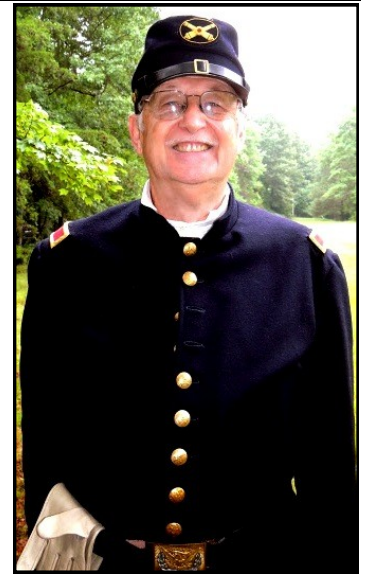
Jim then introduced Colonel Tully McCrea (Brian McEnany).

officer from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Union

Corps, to cover the history of the area. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tully McCrea (aka Brian) took the podium. His unit had camped at Wolf Run Shoals on its way to Gettysburg in mid-June 1863. After identifying the Union presence, he mentioned the incidences of sickness and asked for Mary Willcoxon (aka Jenée Lindner) to come forward and tell the crowd how she nursed one of the Union officers back to health in early 1863.

Tully then continued his stories about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont Volunteer Infantry Brigade and Army of the Potomac movements into Northern Virginia, the assignment of that unit to the Union 1<sup>st</sup> Corps, leaving the Shoals unguarded on June 25. Two days later, Brig Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and three brigades of cavalry crossed the Shoals, to continue his controversial ride to Gettysburg.

Finally, Tully wrapped up the history with the final usage of the ford during the war. Jim took the stand and informed the crowd about what happened after the war – the damming of the river in 1928 that submerged the ford, and how the sunken road became Virginia State Route 610 until



Colonel Tully McCrea (Brian McEnany).



Bill Olson & Larry Soufal listen as Brian McEnany (Col. Tully McCrea) recounts the varied history of Wolf Run Shoals.

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## The President's Column — (con't from page 3)

We will also be attending with our Manassas Museum table for the August 22-23 Manassas Civil War weekend - the Stonewall Jackson raid, with a burning of a "mock" railroad car Saturday night. We have volunteers for the table, so we are ready to have lots of fun at this event. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the Romney Winter Campaign print. That will end in October.

The Executive Committee has reached out to all who did not renew their 2014 membership. I'm sorry to say that those whose membership has lapsed will not continue to receive this newsletter.

We now have 235 folks who have chosen to "Like" our new FaceBook site at <https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt>. You can receive future real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War event updates, Civil War local and regional news and announcements, and

BRCWRT information that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge.

You can also "Share" your BRCWRT Facebook page with your friend, so many of them can sign up too. Please continue to spread the word to your family and friends, younger folks and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the Northern Virginia hub for Civil War information and preservation, is and a tremendous organization.

Again - NPS Ranger Emmanuel Dabney is speaking in August, and historian/author Scott Patchen visits in September ... don't miss them! As always, if you can't make the 5 p.m. dinner at the Coyote Grille, we'll see you at the library before 7 p.m., as we enjoy fellowship, buy some books and get ready for another excellent lecture.

Let us never forget these Civil War soldiers and what they did for us. God Bless all of you.



### BRCWRT Presents 2014 College Scholarship



The annual BRCWRT College Scholarship was presented at the June meeting to Miss Caroline Howard (above, right photo), shown here giving her acceptance speech. Miss Howard's entry for the competition was an essay discussing Gen. Stonewall Jackson. At left, BRCWRT President Mark Trbovich presents the award to Ms. Howard. Above, photo at left, includes (l to r): BRCWRT member Charlie Balch; the honoree's parents, Lawrence and Edith Howard; Miss Caroline Howard; her history teacher, Robert Watters; Scholarship Committee Chair Nancy Anwyll; and Brian McAnany.



## Mosby at Beattie House — (con't from page 9)

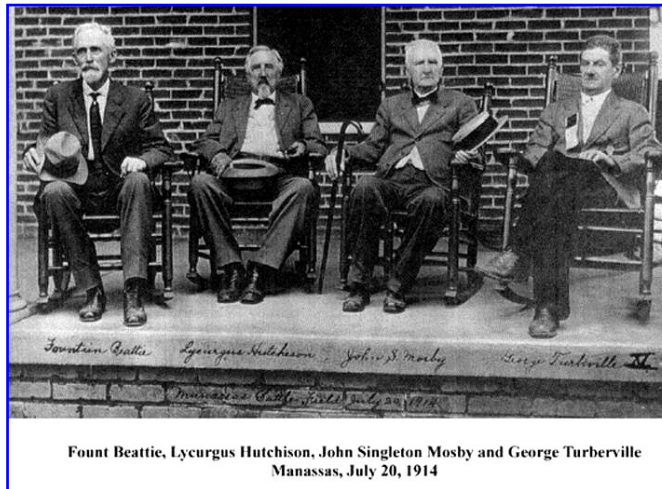
for Mosby for hours....in vain. Fountain later married Anne Hathaway, the daughter of the house. After Anne's parents died, proceeds from the sale of Western View enabled the couple to purchase Green Spring Farm in 1878.

Perhaps it was in the course of the Rangers' wartime activities around Annandale that Fountain first became acquainted with Green Spring Farm.....we can only conjecture. What we do know is that once the Beattie family was settled at Green Spring, John Mosby and his family were regular visitors. The two men's wartime connection endured into the post-war years and deepened into a lifelong friendship that extended into the next generation; the children of both men also remained close. Mosby, through his later government connections, helped Fountain secure his revenue officer position. He also helped two of Fountain's sons in their government careers. One of these sons was named John Mosby Beattie in honor of his father's friend.

At least one of Mosby's visits to Green Spring was noted by the press. Under "Alexandria Affairs" the Washington D.C. *Evening Star* of November 17, 1897, mentions in its "Brevities" section: "Col. John S. Mosby is the guest of Capt. Fountain Beatty (sic)." Oral and written histories by Beattie descendants tell us much more.

Both men enjoyed talking politics, and unusually for former Confederates, both were Republicans. John Mosby was a loquacious man and reveled in his notoriety and war stories. Fountain Beattie was by all accounts an unassuming man of few words, who preferred not to talk about the war. Mosby liked to come over to Green Spring, sit with Fountain and recall his many exploits. Apparently, he was aware of Fount's reluctance to be drawn in. In the words of Fountain's grandson, Butler Beattie:

*"He used to talk to my grandfather about them, and my grandfather would just nod and listen, not being really interested. In fact one time John Mosby told a story and asked my grandfather 'Fount, do you remember that?' and Fountain, trying to be agreeable said he did. 'Well,' John Mosby said, 'It never hap-*



*pened!"* (Beattie family Web site)

In his old age, Mosby lived with a daughter in Washington, D.C., and continued to make visits to Green Spring. A great-nephew of Fountain Beattie, Minter Jackson Prickett, who had first-hand recollections of the elderly Mosby's visits to Green Spring, wrote

*"Capt. Beattie was a great-uncle to this writer,*

*who .....visited him at intervals in his home then in Alexandria. It was a great privilege and delight to hear both of these old warriors tell of thrilling and dangerous experiences, when Col. Mosby and myself visited in the Beattie home at the same time..... I always felt in those days the only square meals he got was when Uncle Fount visited him over from Washington for an occasional Sunday meal."* (Beattie family Web site.)

On June 1, 1916, after more than 50 years of friendship and camaraderie, it was fitting that Fountain Beattie should accompany his old commander and friend John Mosby on his very last ride when, along with other surviving Rangers, Fount served as a pallbearer at Mosby's funeral.

Fountain Beattie sold Green Spring Farm the following year. He died at his home in Old Town Alexandria on March 25, 1923. The Alexandria Gazette contained this obituary:

*"Capt. Fountain Beattie, eighty-two years old, one of Alexandria's best known residents, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at his home 422 North Peyton Street. Death was due to apoplexy with which he was stricken exactly three weeks ago. The deceased was regarded as one of the bravest of Mosby's men."*

The Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, where the two old soldiers reminisced, is open to visitors Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. Staff members are always delighted to share stories about Fountain Beattie's wartime adventures as one of the Mosby's Rangers and Green Spring's historic guest, John Mosby himself.

Debbie Waugh is Historic House Coordinator for Green Spring Gardens (Fairfax County Park Authority); she can be reached at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

## Wolf Run Shoals — (con't from page 11)

its fall into disuse.

Just as Jim reached his final remarks, a few drops of rain began to fall. We immediately adjourned to the marker for a photo opportunity with the guests and Round Table members. Jim gave many thanks to the volunteers: Jon Vrana for the music, the 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia for the color guard, Jenee Lindner, Karen and Denis Lyddane and Deb Page-Maples for their living history portrayals. Matt White from the



Karen & Denis Lyddane are just 1860's town-folk out to view the events of the day.

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority was specifically singled out for the excellent support he and his organization had provided to make the site presentable for the ceremony. Andrea Loe-

wenwarter from the Civil War Interpretive Center at Blenheim was recognized for her excellent research support. Lynne Garvey Hodge and the Fairfax County Historic Commission were lauded for their support, including the vetting of the marker's accuracy.

Finally, Steve Hull, Hunter Mill Defense League, was praised for his audio support, particularly when he provided a backup battery for the PA system. Other volunteers, including Anne McEnany, Brad Clark, Dave Younkman, Bob Eldridge, and Tom Evans were equally thanked.



Lynne Garvey-Hodge

Last, but not least were the photographers — Nancy Olds from Civil War Times, and Janet Greentree from the BRCWRT. As we looked about the crowd gathered in front of the marker, Sharon Bulova nudged me and pointed out David Albo, Virginia House of Delegate member for this district in the crowd with his son. Jim quickly acknowledged his



History in their hands - Chris Kern, Alan Day, & Brian McEnany display piece of the old Fairfax corduroy road built during the Civil War and rescued by BRCWRT members from disposal.

presence. And with a great deal of pride, we are pleased to report that a whopping 21 members of the BRCWRT supported this event: Nancy Anwyll, John Briar, Alan Day, Timothy Duskin, Bob Eldridge, Janet Greentree, Bob Hickey, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Chris Kern, Sam Laudenslager, Jim Lewis, Denis Lyddane, Karen Lyddane, John McAnaw, Brian McEnany, Teresa Meade, Nancy Olds, Bill Olson, Dan Paterson, Larry Soufal, Ed Wenzel, Mark Whintont, and in particular, John McAnaw, who received due recognition



Tom Evans was good enough to volunteer to man the BRCWRT info table. Many thanks!

at this ceremony.

After the ceremony, Jim and I guided approximately 20 people down the forest trail alongside the

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## Wolf Run Shoals — (con't from page 11)



A truly wonderful turnout of people attended the unveiling of the Wolf Run Shoals historical marker, many of them members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. The marker, one of many painstakingly researched and promulgated by members of the BRCWRT, have added to Virginia's interpretation of its past, and aided historians and tourists in orienting themselves to the environment in which so many bloody battles raged 150 years ago.

Washington Rochambeau Wagon Route to the banks of the river to see the location of the old ford. When we reached the water bank, Bill Canis, who had brought a history book referencing his ancestor with the Army of the Potomac on the way to Gettysburg, read a very descriptive segment regarding the crossing of the Shoals. Everyone was totally mesmerized, appearing to time-warp back 150 years ago, and thanked the gentleman for bringing the book.

After returning to the top of the hill, Jim and I congratulated each other, lifted our eyes to the sky and thanked the Good Lord for watching over our efforts that day. The ceremony was a success, the weather had cooperated right up to the very end and everyone learned more about Fairfax County and this historic and strategic site during the Civil War. The crowd thinned out, the chairs were stacked in Matt's truck, the displays taken down and the site emptied. As we looked around, we noticed that someone had

laid a bunch of flowers at the base of the newly uncovered marker.

Jim and I loaded our SUVs with the displays and started for home. Halfway up the road, Jenee Lindner stood in the road. Thinking she was in trouble, we stopped, only to find that Jenee had engaged a local resident in conversation. He stood on his porch and explained that his house once belonged to Wellington Fairfax, a member of Mosby's Rangers. Mr. Steve Jones recited a lengthy list of inhabitants of the area — he was a retired military historian — and opened his door to show us the inside of the house. After carefully taking off our muddy boots, we trooped in and were shown the original foundation, flooring and a Confederate musket that he had found and was prominently displayed over his fireplace. We agreed to keep in touch as more of the history of Wolf Run Shoals was yet to be learned.

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## Civil War Events Sponsored by Our Friends at Prince William County Historic Preservation

### August 18-22 Advanced Civil War Camp

9 am – 12 pm, \$150 per child, ages 8 -13, reservations required  
Children will participate in activities designed to develop a better understanding of soldier life in other branches of the American Civil War to include Artillery and Cavalry, and to have an opportunity to meet Generals R. E. Lee and James Longstreet. All will enlist for the week and will go on a field trip to Manassas National Battlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas sites. Camp takes place at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre 12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, Va. 703-365-7895.

### August 26-27 Kettle Run Weekend

11am – 4 pm; \$5 per person  
Join Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park staff on the 152<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's capture of Bristoe Station and the Battle of Kettle Run. Activities for the weekend will consist of specialized tours about the 73<sup>rd</sup> New York, which had its bloodiest day here, and the Confederate 6<sup>th</sup> Louisiana "Tigers." No pets please. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, The parking lot is located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave. Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.

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***The Stone Wall***

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**Annual dues are:**

**Individual—\$20. Family—\$25. Student (age 22 and under)—\$10.**

**Make checks payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table). This form may be given to the Treasurer at the General Membership meeting, or mail it to:**

**Mark Knowles, BRCWRT Treasurer, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164**

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