



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXII, Issue 2, MARCH 2015

## NPS RANGER ROBERT M. "BERT" DUNKERLY SPEAKS ON "CONFEDERATE SURRENDERS IN THE WEST - 1865" AT THE MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender to Gen. U.S. Grant at Appomattox, VA, in April 1865 is the moment most consider to be the end of the Civil War. However, while the war in the Eastern Theater was over, there were still Confederate armies under arms elsewhere, especially in the Western Theater. As Richmond fell, and government officials fled south, it would be up to each commander in the field to independently decide to surrender his army when the news of Lee's capitulation in the East reached him. At our next meeting, we will now hear the stories of their ordeals, brought to us by a prominent speaker on this subject.

Bert Dunkerly is not a stranger to the BRCWRT, having visited us last summer. He is a historian, award-winning author and speaker who is actively involved in historic preservation and research. Bert holds a degree in History from St. Vincent College and a Masters in Historic Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. He has worked at nine historic sites, including Kings Mountain National

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, March 12, 2015**

**7 p.m. Centreville Library**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**AUTHOR ROBERT M. DUNKERLY**

**TOPIC:**

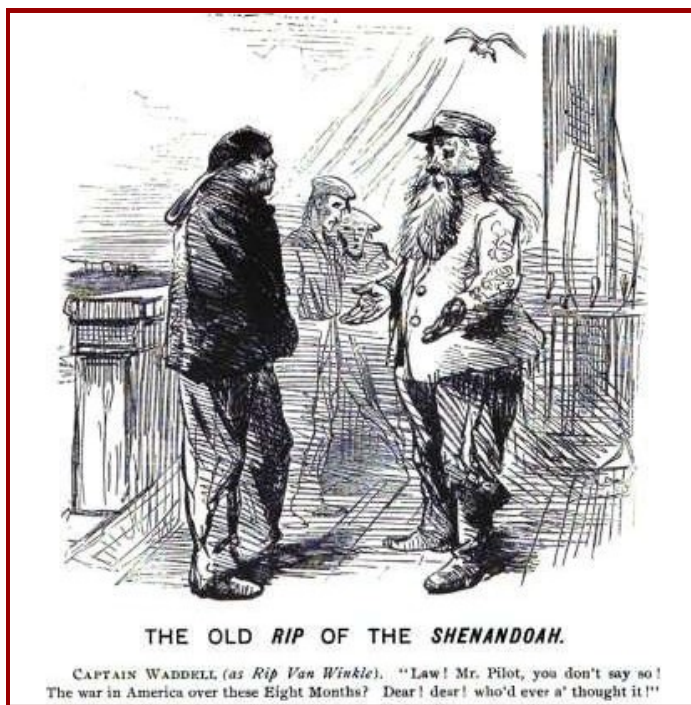
**"CONFEDERATE SURRENDERS  
IN THE WEST - 1865"**

Military Park and Appomattox National Battlefield Park.

Bert has written seven books and over 20 articles. His research includes archaeology, colonial life, military history, and historic commemoration. He has visited more than 400 battlefields and more than 700 historic sites worldwide. Bert is currently a National Park Service Ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park. When not reading or writing, he enjoys hiking, camping and photography.

Come on out to meet Bert on March 12th at Dickey's BBQ Pit for dinner at 5 p.m. to enjoy supper and

the fellowship of your colleagues-in-history. If, unfortunately, you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Regional Library to buy some books and chat with friends. See you there!



Editorial cartoon satirizing James Waddell still engaging in combat after the American Civil War was regarded over.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**March 12, 2015** - NPS Ranger Robert Dunkerly - "Confederate Surrenders in the West: 1865"

**April 9, 2015** - Author and Historian Gregory P. Wilson - "Jonathan Roberts: The Civil War's Quaker Scout & Sheriff of Fairfax County, VA"

**May 14, 2015** - Author and Historian Brian McEnany - "The West Point Class of 1862"

**June 11, 2015** - Author and Historian William Connerly - "Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia"

**July 9, 2015** - Authors and Historians Mosby Panel (Dave Goetz, Chuck Mauro, Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland) - "The Life of Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby"

**August 13, 2015** - Author and NPS Historian Emeritus Mr. Ed Bearss - "Lee's Retreat to Appomattox: 1865"

**September 10, 2015** - Author and Historian Christopher Kolakowski - "CSS *Alabama*"

**October 8, 2015** - NPS Ranger Elizabeth Parnicza - "Looting of Fredericksburg, VA: 1862"

**November 12, 2015** - Author and Historian Christopher Mackowski - "Battle of North Anna, VA: May 1864"

**December 17, 2015** - NPS Ranger Matt Atkinson - "Battle at the Devil's Den - Gettysburg, PA: July 1863"

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## The President's Column

### By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

March is here and spring is right around the corner! Boy, it's been brutally cold this winter. Thank goodness the heat has been "dialed up" at the Centreville Regional Library for our monthly meetings. I want to thank everyone who braved the cold to attend the excellent "Battle of Bentonville, N.C." lecture brought to us in February by Daniel T. Davis.

That is one battle I really didn't know much about, but Daniel ably led us through the timeline of events, where Gen. Joe Johnston suffered his final major defeat of the war. I sure would like to see that battlefield on my way down south in the future and recommend you do the same. Thank you, Daniel, for an excellent lecture. I'm sure we'll be seeing you again.

Please remember that we are continuing our 2015 membership drive, which will conclude in April. Renew your membership as soon as you can, as you don't want to miss receiving any issues of the BRCWRT *Stone Wall* after the April deadline. Remember - you can sign up either online or at the meetings.

Sad to say, but E.B. Vandiver has stepped down as the chair of the BRCWRT 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee after a year of very productive leadership. I want to thank him so much for what he did to get planning for this event off the ground. He has quite a dedicated group assembled and will be handing off his duties in March to co-chairs Brian McEnany and



Daniel T. Davis displays some of his publications—these two highlighting the Shenandoah Campaign and the Battle of Cold Harbor.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Jim Lewis.

Our BRCWRT Facebook (FB) page now has close to 350 folks who "LIKE" it, adding to their list of Facebook correspondents. If you haven't already "SHARED" the page with your friends, please do so. There's lots of Civil War news and information on that site, which is: <https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt>. Visiting the site, you can receive real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War activity updates, local and regional news and information, and BRCWRT highlights that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge. Please continue to spread the word to your family and friends, younger folks and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the hub of Civil War activity and information in Northern Virginia, including preservation efforts, and is a tremendous organization to join. Bring your friends, family and colleagues out to our next meeting!

The 2015 BRCWRT College Scholarship Award is coming up on a milestone date for area high school seniors. For an applicant to be eligible for the award, the BRCWRT scholarship committee (chaired by Nancy Anwyll) must receive all necessary documents no later than March 18. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bullruncwrt.org/scholarship>.

A reminder - the Wolf Run Shoals tour is March 28<sup>th</sup>! Sign up today - online or at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

All are welcome to come on out at 5 p.m. to our new dinner location in the Centreville shopping center - Dickey's BBQ Pit at 14260, #H, Centreville Square, Centreville, VA 20121; (571)281-4846. Unfortunately, the Coyote Grill closed in January, but we certainly enjoyed dinner last month at Dickey's. If you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Library for fellowship, and to buy some books. See you there!

<b>Have you renewed your membership in the</b>		<b>BRCWRT for 2015?</b>
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF	Bull Run Civil War Round Table \$20.00	
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<b>Send in your check now, and never miss an</b>		
<b>issue of <i>The Stone Wall</i>!</b>		
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## “Music in the Life of President Lincoln”

### A Virginia Chamber Orchestra Sesquicentennial Program

“Music in the Life of President Lincoln” will explore Lincoln’s musical preferences, from opera and folk songs to patriotic melodies and spirituals, in a Sesquicentennial program created by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. The orchestra, led by David Grandis, will be joined by the Alexandria Choral Society, soprano Meghan McCall, and three spiritual singers.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, at 4 p.m., and is timed to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War. The venue will be the Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College at 8333 Little River Turnpike. Discounted advance purchase. Tickets are available at: [www.virginiachamberorchestra.org](http://www.virginiachamberorchestra.org). They include a complimentary reception. Noted Lincoln interpreter Daniel Storck will appear in costume and mingle with the guests.

Highlights will include two arias from *A Masked Ball* by Verdi, performed by soprano Meghan McCall; the Alexandria Chorale Society (ACS) in songs by Stephen Foster; the ACS mens chorus in the “Soldiers Chorus” from Gounod’s *Faust*, and a trio singing familiar spirituals.

In addition to selections which lifted Lincoln’s spirits and strengthened him for what he described as “the great task remaining before us,” the chorus and orchestra will also perform a contemporary work, “Gettysburg,” by composer David Kneupper. This moving work was commissioned by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Kneupper has poignantly combined the two iconic songs of the North and South, “Dixie’s Land” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” to express the tragedy of Gettysburg.

The program is filled with interesting historical background, such as the time he was traveling to his first inauguration and stopped off in New York City to attend a premiere of *A Masked Ball* by Verdi. Lincoln’s presence there caused such excitement that he literally stopped the show.

While in Washington, Lincoln attended thirty opera performances. He also made frequent trips to area encampments where he joined in singing spirituals with escaping slaves and was visibly moved.

Parking is free. Additional information is available at [www.virginiachamberorchestra.org](http://www.virginiachamberorchestra.org).

## Music in the Life of President Lincoln

**Folk Songs**  
**Opera**



**Spirituals**  
**Patriotic Melodies**

**Celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Civil War!**  
**Hear the music that lifted Lincoln’s spirits and strengthened him**  
**for “the great task remaining before us”**

**Virginia Chamber Orchestra, David Grandis, Music Director;**  
**Alexandria Choral Society;**

**Megan McCall, soprano; spiritual singers**

**Sunday, April 12, 2015 – 4 p.m.**

**Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC campus, Annandale**

**Tickets: \$35 advance purchase (\$30 for seniors)**

**[www.virginiachamberorchestra.org](http://www.virginiachamberorchestra.org)**

# Lee's Retreat to Appomattox Special Two Day Bus Tour

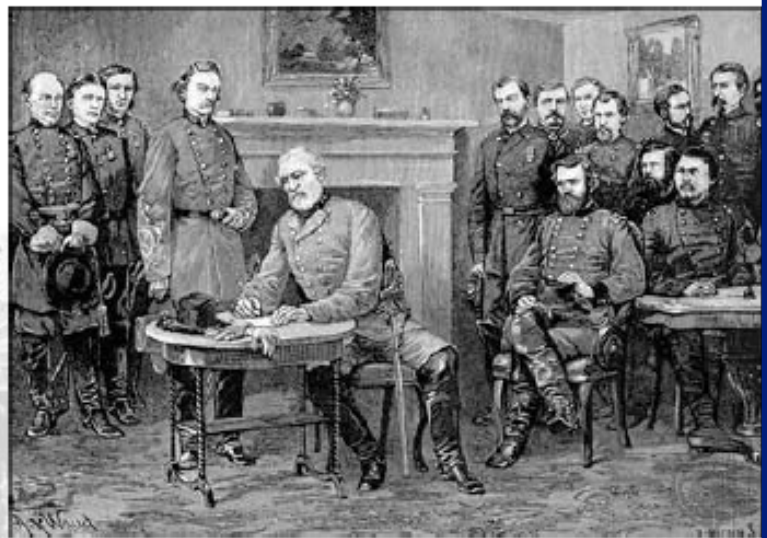
March 21-22, 2015

\$350.00 per person

Tour includes transportation, all meals and overnight lodging

*Inquire on Double Occupancy Room Rate*

Follow in the footsteps of Lee and Grant's armies from Petersburg to Appomattox. Participants will get a behind the scenes view into one of America's biggest dramas and see where our nation was reunited.



Tour will include:

- Petersburg National Battlefield Park
- Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park
- Appomattox National Historic Park
- Museum of the Confederacy-Appomattox
- Various other stops along the retreat route

For more information or to reserve your ticket  
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## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### UNION MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES CARROLL WALCUTT

By Janet Greentree

Ms. Rebelle started her research for this article on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. It also happens to be the birthday of Charles Carroll Walcutt, her topic for this column.

General Walcutt is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio, along with several fellow Union generals – James William Forsyth, John Grant Mitchell, and Joseph Hayden Potter. All four of the generals' graves were visited on my recent trip to Columbus.



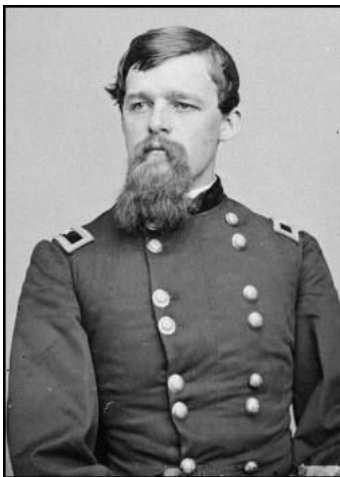
Maj. Gen. Walcutt's grave in Columbus, OH.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Walcutt was born February 12, 1838, in Columbus, Ohio, the 12<sup>th</sup> and last child of John Macy Walcutt and Mariel Broderick. His father was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, and served in the War of 1812. His grandfather, William Walcutt, was born in Talbot County, Maryland, and served in the Revolutionary War. His maternal grandmother was related to Davy Crockett. It's interesting that he has some Southern connections, since he was born in Ohio.

Walcutt attended school in Columbus and then graduated from the Kentucky Military Institute, the oldest private military preparatory school in the U.S., located in Lyndon, Kentucky. Walcutt graduated in 1858 as a civil engineer. (The school closed in 1971.) After going back to Columbus, he was elected a surveyor for Franklin County. He married Phoebe Neill in 1860. The couple had three children: Charles Carroll Walcutt, Jr., John Macy, and Sherman Tecumseh. Wonder who he was named after?

On April 15, 1861, after the firing on Fort Sumter, he raised a company of soldiers in Columbus and was elected their captain. Since Ohio's quota for soldiers had been met, the company was rejected for service. Later in June 1861 he was appointed a major under General Charles W. Hill in Virginia, now West Virginia. He raised the 46<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry on October 1, 1861, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. The 46<sup>th</sup> stayed at Camp



Major General Charles Carroll Walcutt.

Chase in Columbus until February 18, 1862. The 46<sup>th</sup> spent most of their time in the Western Theatre of the war. A total of 975 men were sent to Paducah, KY, under General William Tecumseh Sherman's

command and saw their first action at the Battle of Shiloh.

Walcutt sustained the first of two woundings when a bullet hit his left shoulder. The bullet was never removed and stayed in his shoulder the rest of his life.

During the Vicksburg campaign on October 16, 1862, he was promoted to colonel of the 46<sup>th</sup>. The 46<sup>th</sup> has a monument at Vicksburg, citing Walcutt as their colonel. He fought at Jackson, Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga, taking over for General John Murray Corse when Corse was seriously wounded. General Sherman praised his efforts as follows: "The fight raged furiously about 10 a.m. when General Corse received a severe wound and was brought off the field, and the command of the brigade, and of the assault at that key point devolved upon that fine, young gallant officer, Colonel Walcutt, of the Forty-sixth Ohio, who filled his part manfully. He continued the contest, pressing forward at all points."

His entire brigade re-enlisted when their time was up on January 5, 1864 – a testimony to Walcutt's leadership capability. The 46<sup>th</sup> then fought in the Atlanta



Walcutt & staff - he's second from right, first row.

Campaign, Kennesaw Mountain and the Battle of Atlanta. He also accompanied General Sherman on his March to the Sea in November and December of 1864.

Almost halfway to Savannah, near Macon, GA, the 46<sup>th</sup> fought at

the Battle of Griswoldville against General Pleasant Phillips of the Georgia Militia on November 22, 1864. General Walcutt was wounded (for the second time) by a

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46th Ohio Infantry Monument - Vicksburg.

## Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 6)

shell fragment entering his right leg. The wound would sideline him for months.

After recovering enough to return to command, he led the XIV Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> Division in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C. on June 12, 1865.

Walcutt remained in the Army until he was mustered out on January 15, 1866. He then went home to Columbus and became the warden of the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus. Two famous Confederates, John Hunt Morgan (who escaped) and Basil Duke, were housed at the Ohio Pen during the Civil War (but not during Walcutt's time). He re-enlisted in the U.S. Army as lieutenant colonel of the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry and was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to serve under General Winfield Scott Hancock. He said he was unwilling to endure army life in time of peace and resigned December 1, 1866. He returned to the Ohio Penitentiary and served as its warden until 1869.

As a side note to the Ohio Penitentiary, other famous inmates were popular writer O. Henry (who authored the iconic short story "*The Gift of the Magi*"), Charles Makley and Harry Pierpoint (who were associated with John Dillinger), and Sam Shepherd, the Cleveland doctor accused in the 1950's of murdering his wife. When my family visited Columbus, I can remember driving by the Ohio Pen and my parents commenting that Sam Shepherd was incarcerated there. The TV show and movie "*The Fugitive*" was somewhat based on Shepherd's story. The prison closed in 1984 and was demolished in 1998.



Ohio State Penitentiary .

Walcutt was active in Ohio politics and was one of the electors of President Ulysses S. Grant in 1868. He also served as a collector for the Internal Revenue Service for the 7<sup>th</sup> District, appointed by President Grant. He held this position until July 1, 1883. He served for seven years as president of the Columbus Board of Education. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in April 1883. He served as mayor of Columbus for two terms and retired in April, 1887. He was a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, member of the G.A.R., and a charter member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Ohio Commandery. His wife Phoebe died in 1888.

After visiting Mexico with his sister Virginia for his health in 1898, he stopped in Omaha, Nebraska before heading home to Columbus. The general's health had deteriorated, and he ended up staying there for six

weeks. Ten days before he died on May 2, 1898, the doctors who were treating him amputated his right leg, which had been wounded 34 years earlier at the Battle of Griswoldville. His body was brought back to Columbus and buried in Green Lawn Cemetery at 1000 Greenlawn Avenue.

The *Columbus Dispatch* published his obituary - in part, as follows, on May 3, 1898: "Gen. Walcutt. Death comes upon him while in Omaha. An old army wound finally claims its victim for eternity. He was one of Ohio's most renowned soldiers and one of Columbus' distinguished citizens. General Charles C. Walcutt is dead. As was anticipated by those who knew of the depleted physical condition of the old warrior he could not rally from the shock attending the amputation of his limb. At Omaha, Nebraska, yesterday afternoon, surrounded by devoted sisters and children, the hero of a score of hard fought battles of the recent war, and the youngest of the major generals of the volunteer army of the rebellion, surrendered to the Ruler of All."

The *Ohio State Journal* reported that "he was the warm personal friend of Generals Grant, Sherman and many other leaders in the civil war. He was one of the founders of the G.A.R. in Ohio and always took a prominent part in ex-soldier organizations. He was generous to a fault and his purse was always open to the needy. His willingness to aid others financially reduced his fortune greatly."

The general's son, Charles C. Walcutt, Jr., was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland as quartermaster for the 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Charles, Jr. achieved the rank of brigadier general and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**NOTE:** Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far she has located and photographed 403....169 Confederate and 234 Union. You may contact her at [jlgrtree@erols.com](mailto:jlgrtree@erols.com).

### The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits!

Here's a grateful "Huzzah!" for these folks who have recently joined the BRCWRT:

- ♦ **Robert Hemingway**
- ♦ **Glenn King**

## The BRCWRT Spring Tour Petersburg Breakthrough ~ Pamplin Park

### **Tour Marching Orders:**

**Date:** May 2, 2015

**Cost:** \$12/person (group rate for Pamplin Park). Checks should be made out to BRCWRT and can be mailed to Mark Knowles, BRCWRT Treasurer, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164. Mark will also accept checks or cash at future meetings.

**Assembly Location/Time:** 7:30 a.m. - Route 234 Commuter lot off of Rt. 95 (or meet us at Pamplin Park at 10 a.m.)

**Tour Duration:** Expect to be finished by 5 p.m.

**Lunch:** At one of the fast-food restaurants in the area.

**Exertion:** Will be light, all the trails are flat and there won't be a lot of walking.

**Sign Up:** Please sign up for the tour by visiting the BRCWRT Facebook page; electronic sign-up will also be available the meetings. There will also be a sign-up sheet passed around at the BRCWRT meeting.

**Inclement Weather:** Weather cancellation notice will be sent via e-mail the morning of the tour. If you do not have e-mail, please call Rob Orrison for an update.

**Special Suggestions:** Dress according to the weather and be sure to wear a hat and comfortable walking shoes.

**Background:** On April 2, 1865 the Union Army of the Potomac assaulted the Confederate fortifications around Petersburg. Knowing Lee's army was stretched thin and dwindled from desertions, Grant knew Lee's lines would break somewhere. That breakthrough took place west of Petersburg in what is now Pamplin Park. The tour will include the breakthrough (including newly restored landscape), mortal wounding site of Confederate Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill and the popular and award-winning National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. Part of the tour will be led by Edward Alexander of Pamplin Park, who has authored a new book about the events in early April 1865.

**Chief Tour Guide:** Edward Alexander (Pamplin Park) and Rob Orrison; contact includes Rob's cell: 571-641-0223 and e-mail: Orrison76@hotmail.com

**Itinerary:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Visit the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier  
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Lunch nearby (fast food)  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Tour of the Breakthrough by historian and author Edward Alexander

## Did a British Clairvoyant Warn Abraham Lincoln About His Assassination?

*Ed. Note: The United Kingdom's Daily Mail never disappoints...(excerpt from March 2, 2015)*

A British clairvoyant warned Abraham Lincoln that his life was in danger weeks before he was assassinated, a historian claims. It is thought Charles Colchester, a medium who was close to the first lady, told the president of the threat in the early months of 1865. But while Colchester may have been passing on the information as a mystic warning, it is likely the information came directly from the assassin - who was also his drinking companion. Colchester's relationship with the president has been well-documented, but until now historians have not connected him with Booth, Professor Terry Alford writes in *Fortune's Fool*, a new biography of the assassin.

The medium became known to the Lincoln family after he was summoned by first lady Mary Todd Lincoln when she was looking to communicate with her dead 11-year-old son, Willie. Colchester, the illegitimate son of a duke, impressed Mrs. Lincoln and was invited to hold a number of séances at the White House and the Soldiers' Home, the president's summer retreat.

But while he became important to the first lady, it appears he was unable to convince the president of his powers, writes Professor Terry Alford. On one occasion the president asked Joseph Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute, to investigate how Colchester was able to summon noises in different parts of a room - evidence, he claimed, of his ability to communicate with spirits. Mr. Henry was forced to report that he was unable to find an explanation. (It was later discovered Colchester had an electrical noise-maker strapped to his bicep).


In the weeks before the assassination, Booth was staying at the National Hotel - less than six blocks from Ford's Theatre. Colchester visited him there often, writes Alford.

In early 1865 Booth abandoned his plan to kidnap Lincoln and decided instead to assassinate him. He shared his plot with a number of trusted friends in Washington, but it is not clear whether Colchester was one of them.

What is known is that, in April 1865 - the month of the assassination - another friend urged the president to be mindful of his personal safety, Lincoln replied: 'Colchester has been telling me that.'


Colchester fled Washington after being confronted by a member of the president's inner circle following a blackmail attempt on the first lady. He died in Iowa a few years later.

*Fortune's Fool: The Life of John Wilkes Booth, will be published in Britain by Oxford University Press on May 28.*



# AFTER *the* WAR

A Prince William  
County/Manassas  
Civil War Symposium  
May 16, 2015



## SAVE THE DATE




### May 16, 2015

*After the War: A One-Day Symposium on the Effects of the Civil War,*  
is a regional capstone event for the Virginia Civil War 150th  
Commemoration at the historic Old Manassas Courthouse.

Speakers include:

Bert Dunkerly on *The Surrender*  
George Wunderlich on *Soldiers' Post-War Effects*  
Emmanuel Dabney on *The Freedman's Bureau*  
Dr. Jane Censer on *Reconstruction*  
John Coski on *Confederate Monuments*  
and John Hennessy on *Civil War Memory*

\$10 registration fee  
Call 703-792-4754 or email [historicpreservation@pwcgov.org](mailto:historicpreservation@pwcgov.org)

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# Support of PWC Historic Funding in FY15 Budget

BRCWRT President Mark Trbovich recently urged members to take the time to e-mail the Prince William County Board of Supervisors in support of the Historic Preservation Division funding for Fiscal Year 2015. The funding supports all of the historic sites in PWC, including the Bristoe Station battlefield, and many more.

Some suggested talking points he offered for this effort included:

- Note that BRCWRT members frequently volunteer at both the Bristoe Station battlefield and Brentsville Historic site, as well as many other sites dear to the heart of preservationists.
- That members urge the Board to fully fund the Historic Preservation Division at previous levels.
- The HPD has organized and managed a very successful Civil War 150th commemoration during the past five years - bringing in millions of dollars in tourism revenue spent by crowds of history-loving attendees - underscoring the value of PWC financial support of historic initiatives.
- Tourism generated \$770 million in spending in Prince William County in 2013 - supporting related jobs and local businesses.
- HPD programs saw nearly 70,000 visitors in 2014, with county-owned historic sites serving as educational tools for local schools and building a sense of community among Prince William County residents.
- HPD partners with the National Park Service, Virginia State Parks, National Museum of the Marine Corps, and other local historical groups to create a network for heritage tourism that furthers the understanding of PWC's past and its role in our national story.

While Pres. Trbovich had requested that members send e-mails to the PWC BOS no later than the end of February (now two weeks past), it never hurts to remember the important points listed above and to keep in consistent contact with the County over matters of historic preservation funding.

To show your interest in maintaining recent levels of funding for historical events and sites, keep the addresses listed below in a file on your computer desktop, and voice your pleasure/displeasure with the actions of the Board of Supervisors in relation to support of historic funding. Please use the salutation of "Honorable" prior to the name of the Board member to whom you are reaching out:

Chairman Corey Stewart: [cstewart@pwcgov.org](mailto:cstewart@pwcgov.org)

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## New Gettysburg Material Available from BACM Research – PaperlessArchives.com

The United States Army's Center of Military History has published a new concise monograph on the Gettysburg Campaign entitled: "The Gettysburg Campaign: June – July 1863" (2013).

Authors Carol Reardon and Tom Vossler examine the operations that culminated in the pivotal and devastating three-day Battle of Gettysburg, pitting the Union Army of the Potomac under Major General George G. Meade against the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E. Lee.

Carol Reardon holds a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky and is the George Winfree Professor of American History at Pennsylvania State University. Her publications include "Pickett's Charge in History and Memory" (1997) and "With a Sword in One Hand and Jomini in the Other: The Problem of Military Thought in the Civil War North" (2012).

Tom Vossler is a retired U.S. Army colonel and former director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute. Since 1998, he has worked as a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg National Military Park where he conducts military staff rides, civilian corporate leadership seminars, and general interest tours of the battlefield.

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# Remembering JEB Stuart

By Carl L. Sell, Jr.

*Editor's Note: The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society has embarked on a campaign to raise funds for the refurbishing of the Jeb Stuart statue on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. The following are the recollections of a trooper who was at Yellow Tavern when Stuart was mortally wounded on May 11, 1864, and lived to attend the dedication of the statue on May 30, 1907.*

Sergeant Fletcher B. Watson of the Sixth Virginia Cavalry was wounded in the arm and shoulder on May 11, 1864, shortly before Major General James Ewell Brown Stuart was mortally wounded by a lone Union soldier on the same battlefield at Yellow Tavern.

"I recall, when first recovering consciousness for a loss of blood and before removal from the grim field of carnage, by a comrade now dead, being recognized by the first captain of our Pittsylvania cavalry, Cabell Flournoy, being with General Stuart at the time and who kindly inquired as to the nature of my wound." Fletcher wrote those words between 1910 and 1915 in *"War Recollections of Confederate Veterans of Pittsylvania County, Virginia,"* which was published as part of the Virginia Civil War Centennial.

General Stuart was shot in the stomach and died the following night at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Brewer, in Richmond. Flournoy would be killed leading a charge two days before Cold Harbor on May 31, 1864. Watson would recover, survive the rest of the war and attend the dedication of the Stuart Memorial on Monument Avenue in Richmond on May 30, 1907.

Watson recalled that although the fight at Yellow Tavern saved Richmond at the time from capture by Union Major General Philip Sheridan, "It cost the life of the great cavalry leader, General J.E.B. Stuart, whose life was as pure and above reproach as his fame is lasting and his memory dear."

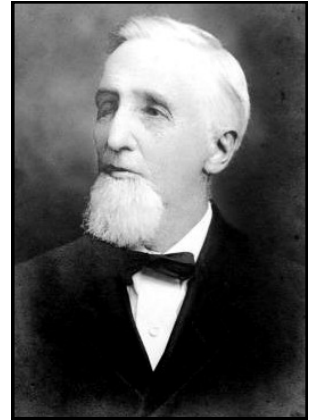
The former trooper was among the thousands who turned out for the statue's dedication, a throng that included Major General Fitzhugh Lee, who later succeeded his close friend Stuart as the Confederate cavalry leader.

"No monument to the war heroes of the South is more deserving than that which stands in Richmond to perpetuate the name and fame of Stuart. The writer was present at the unveiling of this splendid equestrian statue that speaks as well for the virtues of the distinguished dead as for the general heart of an admiring people," Watson wrote.

Watson returned to duty after being wounded at Yellow Tavern and was captured on April 1, 1865, at Five Forks by Union forces led by Sheridan. He was taken as a prisoner of war at City Point on April 5, and then sent to Point Lookout, Maryland, where he was released after signing an Oath of Allegiance to the United States (June 22, 1865).

He went home and married Pattie Tredway, whose brother had been wounded, captured and died at Gettysburg. Although her family received his Bible and ring, they never did learn where he was buried. Fletcher and Patti had five children: Thomas, Marshall, Fletcher Jr., Lizzie and Wilbur. Thomas Watson IV now lives in the house built by his great-grandfather in 1894. The elder Watson worked for a while as the editor of the local newspaper before being appointed Superintendent of Schools in Pittsylvania County, serving until he died in 1917.

Union Private John A. Huff of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, who apparently was the one who shot Stuart in the right side of his stomach on May 11, was mortally wounded at Haw's Shop on May 28, 1864. He spent several weeks in a military hospital before being sent home to Michigan by train where he died on June 23, 1864. He is buried in Armada, Michigan, north of Detroit.



Fletcher B. Watson

## ***Stuart-Mosby Historical Society Leads Campaign to Refurbish (J.E.B.) Stuart Monument***

The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society announces a campaign to provide funds to refurbish and repair the statue honoring Major General James Ewell Brown (J.E.B.) Stuart, located on Historic Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. The Stuart statue, owned by the City of Richmond, is one of a series of monuments on the avenue that annually attract thousands of visitors to Virginia's capital city.

First installed in May 1907 and resurfaced 30-plus years ago, the Stuart statue has become discolored in a number of places by green corrosion that requires repair. A complete removal of coatings and corrosive layers, and repainting of the entire statue is recommended, along with the welding of detached pieces on the sword and stabilization of both the hilt and blade of the sword.

It is estimated that the restoration and repair of the Stuart statue will cost approximately \$35,000. The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society has received to date a sizeable anonymous contribution toward this goal and is asking other Civil War enthusiasts and historic-minded citizens to contribute.

In addition, the Society intends to establish a fund to underwrite yearly maintenance of this important symbol of its heritage. The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

For more information about this project, contact SMHS President Susan Hillier (e-mail at [susan\\_hillier@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_hillier@yahoo.com); cell phone at 540-319-3733) or Secretary Ben Trittipoe (e-mail at [britt1@gmail.com](mailto:britt1@gmail.com); cell phone at 571-274-2467).

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