



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXVII, Issue 9 DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021

HISTORIAN AND BRCWRT MEMBER RON BEAVERS SPEAKS ON "ARLINGTON HOUSE: THE LAST BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR" AT THE DECEMBER 10th MEETING

The presentation "Arlington House - the Last Battle of the Civil War" will be given by an old friend of the BRCWRT, Ron Beavers. It is based on his five years as a docent at Arlington House and is based on court decisions and legal rulings addressing ownership of the house after the war. It starts with the history of the land where the house would be built, as well as its famous owners. What happens to the house during the Civil War, how it became a national cemetery and why it is referred to as the last battle of the Civil War are discussed. The legal issues alone are truly amazing, given the politics of that time. It ends in the 1920's when the Lincoln Memorial and Memorial Bridge are constructed, connecting them to Arlington House, symbolizing the reunification of the North and South. We are so happy to have Ron Beavers back, via ZOOM, to present this great story to us.

Ron Beavers was a docent at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum for 16 years, a member of the board of directors for 12 years, and remained on the History Committee until his recent move to the Finger Lakes area of New York. Ron has visited elementary, middle and high schools to talk on Civil War transportation, logistics and civilian themes, and has taken school groups to the Manassas and Gettysburg battlefields. He has conducted tours of Civil War sites in Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties, and worked with the Manassas Museum on a summer Civil War camp and their first Civil War Summer Railroad Camp. He is a long-time member of the BRCWRT.

HISTORIAN AND 'GEN. ROBERT E. LEE' REENACTOR AL STONE SPEAKS ON "CHANCELLORSVILLE TO GETTYSBURG - GEN. LEE'S STRATEGY" AT THE JANUARY 14th MEETING

The Confederate strategy after the Battle of

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7 p.m. LIVE via

~ Zoom and Facebook ~

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

GUEST SPEAKER:

Historian Ron Beavers

TOPIC:

"Arlington House: The Last Battle of the Civil War"

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BRCWRT Meetings Going Forward -- Virtually!

The Round Table's regular meetings will take place... in your house! The meetings will telecast live via **Zoom** and **Facebook**. Viewers will be able to submit questions via a "chat-box."



The meeting will still take place at 7 p.m. - find the instructions for connecting to the meeting posted on the BRCWRT Facebook and Web site pages.

"See" you at the next meeting!

Chancellorsville in May 1863 and of Gettysburg in July 1863 was extremely complicated and robust, as Gen. Lee and his staff pondered making a movement north into Pennsylvania.

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JOIN US AT CARRABBA'S

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 to dinner? Join BRCWRT members and their monthly guest speakers for good food and camaraderie. **POSTPONED** Currently, we gather prior to each meeting around 5 p.m. at Carraba's Italian Grill, located just across Lee Highway from the Centreville Regional Library.

UPCOMING 2020 MEETINGS (Virtual - until further notice)

December 10: Historian Ron Beavers - "Arlington House - The Last Battle of the Civil War"

January 14: 'Gen. Robert E. Lee' Reenactor Al Stone: Chancellorsville to Gettysburg - Gen. Lee's Strategy"



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The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

Fellow BRCWRT members -

Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving, despite the challenges of Covid-19 and the restrictions. We hope you are staying in touch via the monthly Zoom meetings and the *Stone Wall*. Thank you, Nadine Mironchuk, for your tireless work to bring such quality to the *Stone Wall* time after time. Also, thank you, Mark Trbovich, for doing such an excellent job keeping speakers lined up for our monthly meetings. Mark has already scheduled speakers through May 2021 and invites your suggestions for speakers to be scheduled later in the year. Finally, thank you, Kim Brace, for flawlessly hosting our Zoom meetings.

It is with sadness that I accepted the resignation of our long-term Secretary, John Pearson. John resigned due to serious demands on his time from ill parents who have come to live with him. Fortunately, John, a distinguished member of the BRCRT for many years, will continue to stay a member of our organization.

I am very proud to announce that I have appointed, with unanimous approval by the Executive Committee, John Myers to the position of Secretary for John Pearson's unexpired term (i.e., through December 31). Fortunately, John Myers has enthusiastically agreed to run

for Secretary for 2021. For several years, John has been a very active member as well as a major membership recruiter, both while giving programs as Civil War figures Benson and Rice (with Fred Eckstein), and when doing solo living history. John is a valuable addition to the Executive Committee.

As you may know, we have a new published author among our membership! Janet Greentree has compiled the best of her monthly articles into her new book, "*Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle*." I hope you will consider purchasing Janet's book for your own library or for a gift to others. It is on sale by the BRCWRT on our Web site at brcwrt.org. Please refer to the flier on page 4 of this *Stone Wall* for more information.

Also, please be sure to join us for our December Zoom meeting on Thursday evening December 10, featuring our long-time friend, Ron Beavers. Ron will be educating us on the "Arlington House: the Last Battle of the Civil War." Please peruse Mark Trbovich's description of Ron's talk on page 1 of this *Stone Wall*.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Please have a warm and safe Christmas with your family and friends. I look forward to meeting with you again in the new year, by Zoom, on January 14.

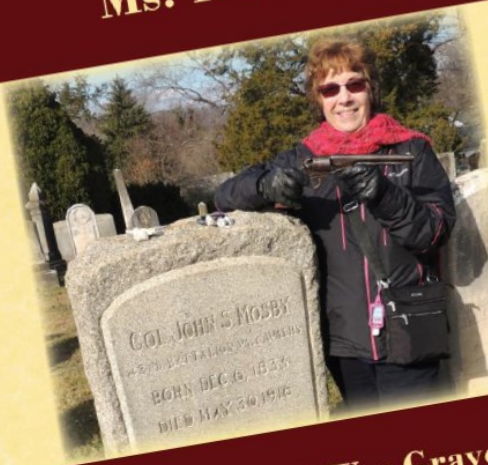
Merry Christmas!



In photo above, left, Janet Greentree, left, holding her book, "*Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle*," with Mark Knowles, who contributed many hours of final edits towards its publication. Although without masks for the photo, masks were worn during the periods for pickup of the books at Kim Brace's garage the weekend of December 5-6. An additional pickup may be held shortly after New Year's Day. Kudos for the extraordinary work of *Stone Wall* editor, Nadine Mironchuk, on preparing Janet's more than 80 stories and hundreds of photos (many in color) included in this 214-page book. See BRCWRT.org for purchasing details. In photo above, right, many BRCWRT members eagerly received the first copies of the book - hot off the presses - including (l to r) Roy Shrout, Nancy Anwyll, Joe Young, Debbie Whitenton, Blake Myers, Mark Whitenton, Mark Knowles and Kim Brace.

Photos courtesy of Debbie Whitenton and Janet Greentree

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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

**The Gallant Pelham -
Lt. Col. John Clay Pelham,
CSA**

By Janet Greentree

The Gallant Pelham was given his sobriquet by none other than Gen. Robert E. Lee. He was blonde, blue-eyed, and a real favorite of the ladies. He had many, many lady friends. Two will figure into this story – Sallie Dandridge of The Bower in Leetown, VA (now WV) and Bessie Shackelford of Culpeper, where The Gallant Pelham died, at her home.

John Clay Pelham was born on September 7, 1838, at his grandparent's home along Cane Creek near Alexandria, AL. His parents were Dr. Atkinson Pelham and Martha McGehee Pelham. He was one of eight children – all boys but one – sister Elizabeth (Betty). His oldest brother, Charles, was a U.S. Representative and a judge of the 10th Circuit Court of Alabama. Each of the brothers served in the Confederate Army. Young Pelham grew up on the 1,000-acre plantation of his grandparents and, like Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, was an exceptionally good equestrian. The neighbors predicted the Pelham boys would all hang for their wild antics while growing up.

In 1856, Congressman Sampson Willis Harris appointed Pelham to West Point. Pelham was in the class of 1861. He excelled at everything at West Point except his academics. He was best at horsemanship. His classmate, Adelbert Ames, said of him: (he was) "the kind of man whom you felt instinctively – here is a friend." Pelham was conflicted about leaving West Point when the Civil War began. He even wrote a letter to Jefferson Davis about whether he should resign or not. He also wrote a letter to his mother stating: "I regret the circumstances which make it



Photo of Pelham taken in 1858 at Matthew Brady's studio – this was sold by his great-great grandnephew at auction in 2010 for \$41,825.00. The picture had been kept in a fireproof safe by Betty Pelham – his sister.

necessary, but I don't see any remedy. Alabama seems determined to leave the Union before the middle of January, and I think it would be dishonorable of me to withhold my services when they will be needed. It seems pretty hard that I should toil for four and a half years for a diploma and then have to leave without it."

Leave he did, though, and resigned before his graduation in 1861. He and classmate Thomas Rosser left together for their journey back to the South, starting out on April 22, 1861. Rosser would later be wounded at Kelly's Ford, along with Pelham.

On May 15, 1861, Pelham received a commission as a first lieutenant in the Confederate Army, serving with the Wise Artillery under Capt. Ephraim Alburtis. He reported to Virginia to begin teaching recruits drilling, cannon procedures and battle tactics. He trained the men seven hours a day. Alburtis, fortunately or unfortunately, became ill on July 21, 1861, prior to the battle of First Manassas/Bull Run and Pelham took over (at the age of 22), serving on the far right of Stonewall Jackson's line near the Robinson House. The house was owned by a free Black American, Jim Robinson. The only thing left of the house now is the foundation.

During the melee of the battle, Lt. Pelham shot down three Union flags. For his action at the battle, he caught the eye of cavalry commander J.E.B. Stuart. He chose Pelham to command his hoped-for vision of a light artillery battery. Pelham became head of Stuart's Horse Artillery. Stuart thought of Pelham as a younger brother and a good friend. Stuart even invited Pelham to dine with him at cavalry headquarters – something that was not done for young lieutenants.

Lt. Pelham was promoted to captain in May 1862. He was constantly on the lookout for new recruits, getting new cannons and drilling men and horses to be ready for fighting. Pelham became a major on September 22, 1862, after the battle of Antietam. Here is where The Bower comes into play. Gen. Stuart and his men camped on the grounds of The Bower after Antietam. He courted Miss Sarah (Sallie) Dandridge, daughter of Adam Dandridge (the first cousin of Martha Dandridge Custis Washington), and they became engaged.

Gen. Stuart, along with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Maj. Heros Von Borcke and their staffs all

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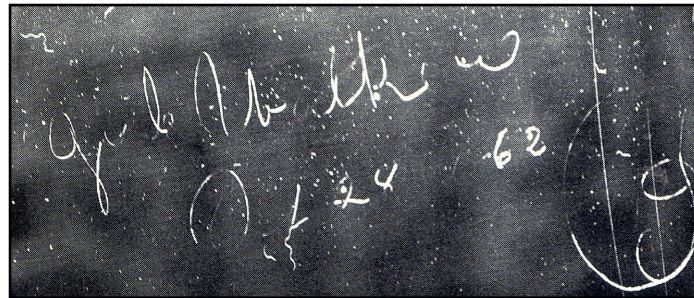


The Bower, near Leetown, now West Virginia, where Gen. J.E.B. Stuart headquartered following the battle of Antietam. It was here that Pelham courted Miss Sarah (Sallie) Dandridge.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Sarah (Sallie) Dandridge



camped on The Bower property from September 28-October 10, 1862. The men and young ladies were in the house in the evenings, thoroughly enjoying dancing, flirting and playing charades. The Bower is still owned by the Dandridge family. Back in 2003, Nancy Anwyll, Sandra Cox and I drove out to West Virginia to find The Bower. We drove up the long lane to the house and nicely asked the owner if we could take a picture of the house. She kindly agreed, and we were able to talk to her for a bit. Later, Don Hakenson, on a "Both Sides Tour," took us to The Bower, and we got to go inside.

After leaving The Bower, Stuart and his men next visited Welbourne in Middleburg, VA. It was here that Pelham etched his friend's name and start his own in the window to the left of the door. It is still visible. He managed to etch "GC Walker Oct 28, 1862 and J" before 13-year-old Mary Dulany, daughter of owner Col. Richard Dulany, came to fetch him or breakfast. Mary must have been smitten by Pelham, too, as many years later she named her own home Pelham. G.C.



Above, Welbourne, in Middleburg, VA. Photo by Janet Greentree. At right, portrait of Col. Richard Dulany, owner of Welbourne at the time of Pelham's visit. Photo by Gwen Wytenbach. Below, the window etching by Pelham. Photo courtesy of Don Hakenson (from his book *"The Dulany's of Welbourne, A Family in Mosby's Confederacy."*)



Walker was an aide to Pelham. Welbourne is still in the Dulany family. As a side note on Col. Dulany, in 1853, he started the Upperville Colt and Horse Show, which still goes on to this day. Don Hakenson has taken us to this house several times on the Stuart-Mosby Tours given through the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society.

On December 13, 1862, Pelham and his horse artillery were fighting at the battle of Fredericksburg. It was here that Gen. Lee gave Pelham the soubriquet "The Gallant Pelham" when he took one cannon and placed it on the left flank of the Union Army. He continued firing for an hour or more, all the while maneuvering the gun back and forth to dodge fire from the Union cannons on Prospect Hill.

Pelham was in 60 battles during his time in the Civil War, all the way from First Manassas/Bull Run to Kelly's Ford. Winter was spent in the Culpeper area. Most of Stuart's officers stayed at the Virginia House Hotel in Culpeper.

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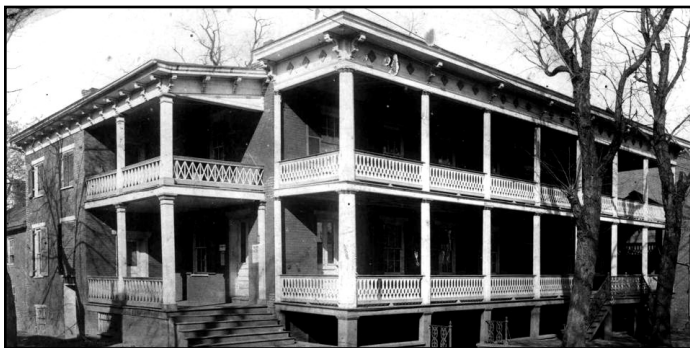
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Above, the Union horse artillery at Fredericksburg, similar to how Pelham's Confederate horse artillery would have been lined up. At right, Bessie Shackelford, the judge's daughter.



er. The roads were so muddy that Maj. Heros von Borcke and Pelham laid planks resting on top of blocks of stone across the road so that they could visit the ladies in Judge Henry Shackelford's house on the corner of Coleman and Cameron Streets. The house is no longer standing, having been torn down in 1940.



Undated photo of the Virginia House Hotel in Culpeper, VA.

On March 16, 1863, Pelham returned from Orange, VA, to Culpeper after visiting Lucinda Brill, his latest crush (not sure what happened to his engagement to Sallie Dandridge). He had disobeyed Stuart's orders to stay in Culpeper, since there was a possibility of a battle. His ruse for going was that he would do an official inspection of the Rapidan Horse Artillery. Much to Pelham's surprise he ran into Stuart in Orange, who was testifying at a court martial for Lt. Col. Henry Clay Pate.

On the way back to Culpeper, he stopped at Redwood plantation outside of Culpeper

going west on Rt. 522, the original home of Nathaniel Pendleton. During the Civil War, the owner was John Strother Pendleton. Pelham would stay at Redwood that night, his last on this earth. This house is still standing, and it is viewable on the Internet at a realtor's listing. One of the photos was of the dining room, which is exceptionally large, with the table at which Pelham ate his last meal. I can imagine Pelham sitting around the table flirting with the Pendleton girls – Mary, Elizabeth, and Susannah.

While he was eating his breakfast at Redwood, he heard that the Union Army was crossing at Kelly's Ford. Gen. William Woods Averell would be the opposing general (see William Woods Averell Dec-Jan 2019 *Stone Wall* article). He took off on his horse to join the fray. When he arrived, his artillery had not yet come up. Pelham sent for them immediately. When they arrived, Pelham was standing up in his stirrups, waving his hat and cheering them on. A Yankee shell exploded behind and above him, and a very small piece of shrapnel pierced the back of his head at the hairline. He was lifted onto a horse and taken off the field. He was taken to the Shackelford house in Culpeper, where he died around midnight on March 17, 1863. Pelham's body was taken by wagon, boat and train, taking two weeks to reach Alabama. Maj. Heros Von Borcke accompanied the body to the Capitol building in Richmond, where it laid in state at



At left and above, Judge Shackelford's House, "then (as shown on historical marker) and now."

Photos by Janet Greentree

the Capitol, and then on a train to Jacksonville, AL, where he would be laid to rest at the Jacksonville City Cemetery in Section A-1. Young girls all along the way from Virginia to Alabama threw flower petals on the train tracks and wept for "The Gal-

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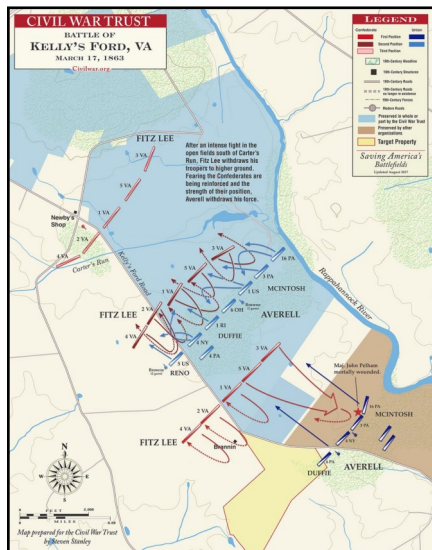


Above, Redwood Plantation house - just outside Culpeper, VA, where Pelham lived his last day. Below, Redwood's dining room.



lant Pelham."

The Saint Mary's Beacon newspaper out of Leonardtown, MD, reported as follows on Jan. 25, 1894: "...His commission as Lieutenant Colonel was issued soon after and only waited confirmation when he was killed. This was at Kelly's Ford, on the Rappahannock, May 17, 1863. He had gone to visit some ladies in Culpeper County, when he heard the cannonading and hurried to the scene. His artillery had not come up, but he galloped to a regiment that was wavering and shouted: "Forward, boys! Forward to victory and glory!" and at that moment was struck by the



fragment of a shell that penetrated the brain, and he died shortly after midnight. HE DIED AS HE HAD WISHED amid the roar of battle."

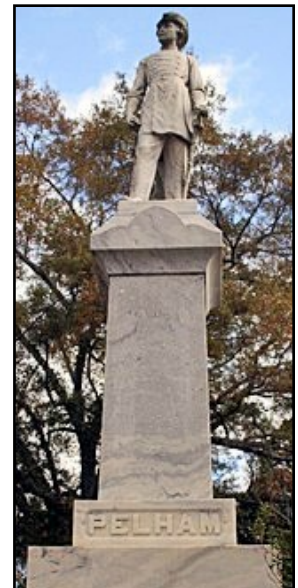
From Headquarters Cavalry Division, Army Northern Virginia, March 20, 1863: General Orders, No. 9:



Artist Don Troiani's depiction, featured on the historical marker at Kelly's Ford, shows Pelham during the battle there.

"The Major-General Commanding approaches with reluctance the painful duty of announcing to the Division its irreparable loss in the death of Major John Pelham, commanding the Horse Artillery. He fell mortally wounded in the battle of Kellysville, (March 17th) with the battle cry on his lips, and the light of victory beaming from his eye. To you, his comrades, it is needless to dwell upon which you have so often witnessed—his prowess in action—already proverbial. You well

know how, though young in years—a mere stripling in appearance—remarkable for his genuine modesty of deportment—he yet disclosed on the battle-field the conduct of a veteran, and displayed, in his handsome person, the most imperturbable coolness in danger. He eye has glanced over every battle-field of this army, from the first Manassas to the moment of his death, and he was with a single exception, a brilliant actor in all. The memory of 'THE GAL-LANT PELHAM,' his many virtues, his noble nature and purity of character,



A monument to Pelham in Jacksonville Cemetery, Alabama.

is enshrined as a sacred legacy in the hearts of all who knew him. His record has been bright and spotless; his career brilliant and successful. He fell—the noblest of sacrifices—on the altar of his country, to whose glorious

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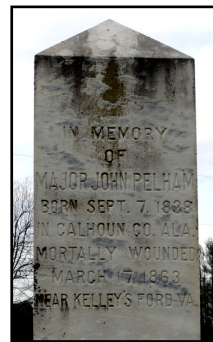


Marker at Pelham's gravesite, Jacksonville Cemetery, Alabama.

service he had dedicated his life from the beginning of the war. In token of respect for his cherished memory, the Horse Artillery and Division Staff will wear the military badge of mourning for thirty days—and the senior office



Above, left: marker notes where Pelham fell at Kelly's Ford in VA; center: Pelham marker in front of Graffiti House at Kelly's Ford; The base stone is from the Kelly's Ford Battlefield.



Center and right photos by Janet Greentree

of staff, Major Von Borcke, will place his remains in the possession of his bereaved family—to whom is tendered, in behalf of the Division, the assurance of heartfelt sympathy in

this deep tribulation. In mourning his departure from his accustomed post of honor on the field, let us strive to imitate his virtues, and trust that what is loss to us, may be more than gain to him. By command of Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart."

Ms. Rebelle must say that this article took a village to get together. I must thank my friends who are part of the Civil War community for their help and photos for this article. Gwen Wyttenbach – pictures from Welbourne; Don Hakenson – picture of Pelham's etching at Welbourne (from the book *"The Dulany's of Welbourne, A Family in Mosby's Confederacy,"* and info on Welbourne; Carl Sell – for Pelham and Welbourne information from his book, *"James Ewell Brown Stuart;"*

Mike Block – information on Redwood, home of Nathaniel Pendleton, the home of the Shackelfords in Culpeper and on Pelham in Culpeper from *"Culpeper: A Virginia County's History through 1920."* I appreciate you all so much. Ms. Rebelle took two road trips to take pictures including Welbourne and Pelham's Marker at Kelly's Ford. Redwood was on private property, so did not venture down the long gravel path to the house.

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 426 - 169 Confederate and 257 Union. You may contact her at: jlgtree@erols.com.

Upcoming Speakers – (con't from page 1)

Each troop movement and cavalry reconnaissance had to be perfectly planned to shield them from Federal cavalry's eyes as they headed across the Mason Dixon Line. We are so happy to have an old friend join us, via ZOOM, at our January 14th meeting. Al has not been with us since his last visit in January 2017.

Al Stone is a lifelong student of the Civil War. As the color of his hair and beard changed from brown to white, Al began to assume the role of a Confederate officer, which later developed into portraying one of history's greatest generals. He has portrayed the general in classroom settings; at award ceremonies; church gatherings; reenactments; Chautauqua sessions; on theater

stages, and other special occasions and venues. Selected to portray Gen. Lee in the documentary titled "April 1865" for the History Channel, as well as numerous other films, he has been described by Civil War re-enactors and historians alike as presenting the "most accurate impression of Gen. Lee in the country today." Al was also given this designation by Robert E. Lee, IV, and other family members while visiting with them during the celebration of the General's 200th birthday in 2007. Al portrayed Gen. Lee at the annual reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg for eight years, with his last appearance there in July 2013 – the 150th anniversary of that engagement.



PRESERVATION CORNER

BY BLAKE MYERS

Greetings BRCWRT Members - I trust that you and your family and friends enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and are doing well and staying safe and healthy.

This edition of BRCWRT's Preservation Corner includes information and updates on several BRCWRT preservation projects and activities, including the Civil War historical markers on Fairfax County Judicial Complex grounds, Fairfax County's Confederate Names Inventory, the Route 28 Bypass project and the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan Amendment incorporating recommendations from the Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields Preservation Study.

Civil War Historical Markers at Fairfax County Judicial Complex

As previously reported on September 15, 2020, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to remove the Marr obelisk commemorating the death of John Quincy Marr, the first soldier killed in action (land combat) in the Civil War, the two Dahlgren howitzers adjacent to the Marr obelisk and Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) Historical Marker B-262, "First Confederate Officer Killed" from the grounds of the Judicial Complex.



Marr Obelisk and Dahlgren Howitzers at Historic Fairfax Courthouse, June 1, 1904 - November 6, 2020 (Civil War Times, September 2019).

On October 7th, the BRCWRT filed a petition with the Circuit Court of Fairfax County (CL2020-15495) seeking to prevent the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from removing the Marr obelisk and VDHR Marker B-262. At the October 15th hearing, Richmond Circuit Court Judge Margaret Spencer, presiding over the virtual hearing

because all Fairfax County Circuit Court judges had recused themselves, ruled that plaintiffs lacked the legal right, or "standing," to sue, in that no legislative authority existed that supported claimant's specific injury or relief. The ruling side-stepped the broader issue raised as to whether the provisions of Virginia Statute 15.2-1812, Memorials for War Veterans apply to historical markers.

Judge Spencer's ruling, filed on October 22nd, denied our petition for a preliminary injunction and dismissed our petition for injunctive relief and related damages, with prejudice. The basis for the ruling, filed on October 31st, was due to a lack of "standing" in that plaintiffs had no private right of action to challenge the removal of the obelisk and marker. Under Virginia law, unless the applicable Virginia statute specifically recognizes a private right of action, individual citizens have no legal right to challenge governing body actions. Based on the basis for Judge Spencer's ruling, the BRCWRT decided not to appeal the court's decision. The Marr obelisk, the Dahlgren howitzers and the VDHR historical marker were removed during the evening of November 6th.



Former Site of Marr Obelisk and Dahlgren Howitzers at Historic Fairfax Courthouse, November 2020.

Photo courtesy of Blake Myers

During its October 20th meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the county staff's recommendation to transfer ownership of the Marr obelisk to the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society for relocation to Historic Centreville and the two Dahlgren howitzers to Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) for relocation to MNBP, and to return VDHR Marker B-262 to its owner, the State of Virginia.

Fairfax County Confederate Names Inventory

On June 23rd, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Fairfax County History

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Preservation Corner – (con't from page 10)

Commission to prepare and submit (by the end of the year 2020) “a report listing a full inventory of Confederate street names, monuments and public places in Fairfax County and on Fairfax County-owned property.” (See Preservation Corner Article dated October 24, 2020, for additional information on the inventory.)

The draft Inventory report (450+ pages), previously available on the Fairfax County History Commission (FCHC) Confederate Names Committee Web page:

(<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/confederate-names-committee>) from September 2020 – November 15, 2020, included the following:

- An Executive Summary;
- The Civil War in Fairfax County, Virginia - a superficial summary that (in the draft document) omits significant portions of Fairfax County's Civil War history and contains multiple inaccuracies;
- The Lost Cause Ideology – a general (and again, superficial) discussion of the “Lost Cause” that attempts to establish that ideology as the basis for the naming of streets and places in Fairfax County;
- Fairfax County Civil War Sesquicentennial Brochure and Civil War Historical Markers (91 total markers);
- Confederate Names List:
 - ◊ Street Names (provided by Supervisory District);
 - ◊ Memorials and Plaques (provided by Supervisory District);
 - ◊ Fairfax County Park Names.
- Process for Changing Names – no information included;
- Recommendations:
 - ◊ History Commission Recommendations;
 - ◊ Architectural Review Board Recommendations;
 - ◊ Fairfax City Model;
 - ◊ City of Alexandria Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names Final Report;
 - ◊ ACHP policy statement on controversial commemorative works;
 - ◊ Monuments, History, and History Organizations; John Dichtl, President and CEO, American Association of State and Local History, July 9, 2020;
 - ◊ National Trust for Historic Preservation

Statement on Confederate Monuments;

- ◊ Preservation Virginia Checklist for the Removal of Monuments from Their Original Location;
- ◊ Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Guidance Regarding Confederate Monuments.

The final Confederate Names Inventory report was expected to be available on the FCHC Confederate Names Committee Web page by Monday, November 30th, prior to the FCHC's December 2nd meeting.

The Confederate Names Inventory was scheduled to be submitted and discussed at the December 8th meeting of the Board of Supervisors Land Use Policy Committee. We will bring you further information on the results of the meeting in the next Stone Wall.

Route 28 Bypass Project

On December 7th, Prince William County, in conjunction with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, conducted a virtual informational session regarding the Route 28 Bypass project, with a focus on the Fairfax County Connection and tie-in. The meeting's purpose was to inform residents of both counties about the project background, efforts to date, and the current status, focusing on proposed concepts for the Route 28 Bypass connection and tie-in point to the existing Route 28 in Fairfax County (the current Compton Road – Route 28 intersection). We will have information about this meeting in the next Preservation Corner. The Prince William County Department of Transportation (PWCDOT) will host information sessions on the broader Route 28 Bypass project and address topics specific to Prince William County in the near future.

The public will be invited to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation and to provide feedback. Register to attend the Route 28 Virtual Meeting. Dial In: +1-415-655-0001 | Access code: 180 932 8746.

Prince William County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA2018-00002) incorporating Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields Preservation Study

After more than a year's delay, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors will consider CPA2018-00002 at their regular meeting sched-

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uled for December 15, 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 5 County Complex Court in Woodbridge.

CPA2018-00002 incorporates recommendations from the Bristow Station and Kettle Run Battlefields Preservations Study, published in 2016. The CPA focuses on themes including preservation of significant historic resources, maintaining rural area character, and protection priorities for consideration in reviewing land development applications. The intent is to promote preservation of the battlefields by increasing measures landowners can voluntarily take to preserve battlefield landscapes and viewsheds, and to provide clear goals on what lands should be preserved. The county's goal is to establish policies that will guide conservation efforts, county investments, and future development by identifying, researching, documenting, preserving, and interpreting the Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields, their landscapes and viewsheds, and other significant archaeological, architectural sites and

districts, and cemeteries from other time periods for the benefit of all the county's citizens and visitors.

Two landowners (Chapel Springs Church; Equinox Investments, LLC) previously expressed concerns with the CPA and its potential impacts on their future land development rights. The Prince William County Planning Commission addressed these concerns during its April 17, 2019, meeting, indicating that the Comprehensive Plan does not affect landowner by-right development rights. Subsequent discussions between Equinox LLC and the PWC Planning Department highlighted additional concerns that, coupled with the coronavirus pandemic, resulted in the significant delay in the Board of County Supervisors consideration of the CPA.

Thank you for your interest in and support of historic preservation. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy!

BRCWRT Member Carl Sell Loses Daughter to Diabetes

by Don Hackenson

Carol and I are heartbroken to notify everyone that Deborah Lynn Sell Pugh unexpectedly and suddenly passed away on November 28, 2020, at age 54 at her home in Fleeton, Virginia, after a life-long battle with diabetes. Debbi leaves her husband Blaise Pugh; parents Marti and Carl Sell; her brother David; and her daughters Sophie Pugh and Danielle Clarke. My wife and I had the honor to be with Carl and Debbi when they attended the World Series in 2019, featuring the Washington Nationals.

Carol and I also want to offer at this time our most sincere and deepest sympathies to the entire Pugh and Sell families. Carl and Marti often enjoyed visits with Deb, her husband, Blaise Pugh and her daughter Sophie, sitting on the back deck of their home, enjoying the view of the Chesapeake Bay. Just this summer, Carl, Marti and Deb took the cruise to Tangier Island, located in the middle of the Bay. Danielle Clarke, a daughter from a previous marriage, also often visited Deb at Fleeton.

A computer engineer, Debbi was working from home with a government contractor. She earned her computer engineer certificates from George Mason University and the University of Virginia. Both Danielle and Sophie are seeking college degrees, following in their mother's footsteps. She attended Rose Hill Elementary, Mark Twain and Edison High Schools, where she was a member of the basketball team. Along the way, she also played in the Pioneer Baseball League (yes, baseball!) and was a cheerleader for the Lee-Franconia Football League. Attending the World Series together with her parents was a priceless experience. She worked her way through college while being employed by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Debbi's passion was dog rescue, and, in recent years, she and Blaise cared for many animals on their 11-acre property in Fleeton.

Please consider making a contribution to Juvenile Diabetes in Deb's honor. We must cure this dreaded disease for present sufferers and future generations. Great advances have been made since Marti prepared and delivered Deb's special diet to her at school. But more must be done, and we hope you will help.



L to r: Don Hackenson, Carl Sell and Debbi Pugh at the 2019 World Series.

Photo courtesy of Don Hackenson



PRINCE WILLIAM

Historic Preservation

DECEMBER EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

THANK YOU for a great season at Prince William County's Historic Sites

We are currently transitioning to winter hours until May 2021. Throughout the winter, Ben Lomond Historic Site, Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Rippon Lodge Historic Site and Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park are open for special programs and tours by request. Grounds are open from dawn until dusk, with appropriate six feet social distancing.

On Mondays, [Ben Lomond Historic Site](#), [Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre](#), and [Rippon Lodge Historic Site](#) will be OPEN for tours at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. Tours are \$5 per person, but **FREE for students** and up to two accompanying adults. Tours can accommodate groups of up to seven people. The sites will be closed for the holidays December 21–January 4. Monday hours will resume January 11.

Holidays Through The Ages

Fri–Sun | Dec 4–20 | 11am, 1pm, and 3pm | \$5 | All Ages

Stroll through seasonal celebrations of the past at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. With interiors and exteriors richly decorated for the holidays, guests view seasonal festivities over the centuries.

Reservations required and no groups larger than ten at a time.

Masks are required.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)



Upcoming Event at [Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre](#)

12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA
(703) 365-7895

Historic Holiday Tours

Sat | Dec 12 | 11am and 1pm | \$5 | Ages 6+

Experience the holidays of years past with a historical tour at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre. Each of Brentsville's historic buildings were built in a different year for a different purpose. Learn about holidays past at Brentsville and how local residents celebrated and how they enjoyed the winter weather in the 18th and 19th centuries!

Tours are limited to seven people and masks are required.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)



Patsy Ann Keyes at home in Brentsville by her Christmas tree

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Historic Preservation Spotlight

Every December, the staff at Rippon Lodge spend many hours readying the site for their beloved '[Holidays Through the Ages](#)' program. For these festive specialty tours that highlight how people would have celebrated throughout Rippon Lodge's long existence – over 273 years! – each room is adorned with period decorations. Many of these treasured decorations have been made by volunteers or employees over the years. For the elaborate Victorian holiday feasts on display, the artificial food like the marzipan hedgehog, was fabricated by Heather, a former employee. One of the prized angel decorations was made by Junior Preservationist Alyssa and her team of volunteers from the Virginia International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Assembly number 13.



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