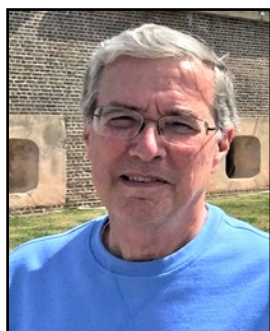




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AUTHORS FRANK SIMIONE AND GENE SCHMIEL, WITH E. L. "DUTCH" SCHNEIDER, SPEAK ON THEIR BOOK, "SEARCHING FOR IRVIN MCDOWELL, FORGOTTEN CIVIL WAR GENERAL" AT THE DECEMBER 9th MEETING

Union Gen. Irvin McDowell was a major actor in the Civil War for a short, but critical time. On July 21, 1861, at the First Battle of Bull Run, he commanded the largest army in American history to that time. He was a dutiful, dependable, and diligent military officer, but at both that battle and others during 1862, he was called upon to perform duties which, in retrospect, may have been beyond his capacity and only served both to enhance his peculiarities and shine light on his shortcomings.



Frank Simione



Gene Schmiel



E.L. "Dutch" Schneider as Gen. Irvin McDowell

For the ensuing 160 years, McDowell lacked a biographer. But earlier this year, Frank Simione and Gene Schmiel published the first full-length biography of McDowell. Their book makes the journey of searching for Irvin McDowell and of trying to understand him and his role in the Civil War era. Their friend "Dutch" Schneider, the inspiration for the book via his reenacting of McDowell, will be appearing as McDowell in his war-time uniform. We are happy to welcome all three for what promises to be a very entertaining night. Signed

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 p.m.

**In-Person at the
Centreville Regional Library -
Streaming via Zoom or Facebook Live**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Authors/Historians Gene
Schmiel, Frank Simione and E.L.
"Dutch" Schneider**

TOPIC:

**"Searching for Irvin McDowell,
Forgotten Civil War General"**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

GUEST SPEAKER:

Historian/Author Ryan Quint

TOPIC:

**"Battle of Dranesville, VA -
December 1861"**

copies of the book will be available for purchase at the meeting or via this Web site: <https://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00HV4SSWK>.

Primary Author and BRCWRT member Frank Simione is a retired bioscience professional who has written one book, numerous articles and several book chapters, during his career. After seeing co-author "Dutch" Schneider portray McDowell at Liberia Plantation, Frank looked for a biography of the general and learned there were none. He convinced "Dutch" to join him in telling McDowell's story, and after an unsuccessful search for a publisher, Gene Schmiel joined the team and contributed significantly to the current biography and its publication. Although a

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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. Currently, we gather prior to each meeting around 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, located just across Lee Highway from the Centreville Regional Library.



UPCOMING 2021/2022 MEETINGS

December 9: Authors/Historians Gene Schmiel, Frank Simone and E.L. "Dutch" Schneider - "Searching for Irvin McDowell, Forgotten Civil War General"

January 13: Historian/Author Ryan Quint - "Battle of Dranesville, VA - December 1861"

February 10: Historian/Author Bill Backus - "All Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight: the Potomac River Blockade of 1861-1862"

March 10: Historian and Civil War Trails Director Drew Gruber "Battle of Eltham's Station, VA - May 1862"

April 14: Historian/Author Greg Mertz - "The Battle of Shiloh - April 1862"

May 12: Historian/Author Scott Patchan - "Federal Col. Joseph Thoburn in the Valley"

June 9: Historian/Author Clark "Bud" Hall - "Battle of Brandy Station, VA - June 1863"

July 9: Historian/Author Kevin Pawlak - "August 27: The Critical Actions of the Second Manassas Campaign"

August 11: Historian/Author Michael Block - "Battle of Cedar Mountain - August 1862"

September 8: Historian/Author Dan Welch - "Battle of Antietam Creek - September 17, 1862"

October 13: Author/Historian Jon-Erik Gilot - "Albert G. Jenkins' Trans-Allegheny Raid"

November 10: Author/Historian John Carter - "Centreville, VA, Civil War Defenses - 1861-1862"

December 8: Author/Historian Dr. Chris Mackowski - "Battle of Fredericksburg - December 13, 1862"

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The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

Fellow BRCWRT members -

I hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving and Hanukkah and are pleasantly engaged in sharply countermarching to prepare for the Christmas holidays.

As we close out this year, our organization has made real progress toward “normalcy” (thank you, President Harding, for that word). Although most of us are vaccinated (and many have the booster), those who aren’t can participate in our meetings with masks or via Zoom. As this year closes, it is time to thank the members of the Executive Committee and others who have done so much to keep our organization active and relevant during this second year of COVID’s challenges.

Most important for our continuity has been the continuation of our monthly meetings and lectures – now, once again, live as well as by Zoom. All of us have greatly benefited from Mark Trbovich’s tireless work to make sure we have interesting speakers each month. Mark has even filled our dance card for all of 2022! However, Mark is moving to Alabama soon, and will not be setting up the speaker schedule for 2023. I have agreed to take on that responsibility, but I am also looking for 2023 speaker suggestions from members.

Also, highly important to maintain our regular business has been the regular issuing of our newsletter, the *Stone Wall*, edited by Nadine Mironchuk. She has continued her reputation as a first-rate editor – flexible, creative and an eye for detail. If you want to be involved in the production of our newsletter, please contact Nadine or me.

Another key factor for our return was the revived Fall Tour of the Cool Springs battlefield. Thank you, Blake Myers, for creating an ad hoc tour committee and planning the Cool Springs tour. We are still looking for a formal chair for the Tour Committee, so if you are interested in chairing or joining that group, please contact Blake or me.

Importantly, we were also able to have the Annual Picnic at the Bull Run Winery, which was arranged once again by Jim Lewis. Thank you, Jim, for managing this great event over the past several years.

Our omnipresent Preservation Committee chair, Blake Myers, has continued to work tirelessly, despite the many COVID challenges this past two years. The issues on which Blake has been the BRCWRT’s point man include the very successful preservation of Farr’s Cross Roads Redoubt (with Jim Lewis, Brian McEnany and George Mason University); leading opposition to Prince William County’s plan to place data centers next to the Second Manassas battlefield; saving the Conner House (with Kim Brace); and keeping us informed regarding Fairfax County’s Confederate Names Task Force (with Jenee Linder and Ed Wenzel). Please peruse his Preservation Corner columns, which are posted regularly on our Web site.

The Round Table’s education efforts this year have been frustrated by Covid restrictions at schools and universities, despite continued efforts by Brian McEnany. Brian has a number of potential events lined up for 2022. However, Brian is stepping down in the middle of 2022. He has prepared a recent history of the BRCWRT’s Academic Outreach Program. Please see page 4, below.

Our Scholarship team, led by Charlie Balch, is busy sending out letters announcing our \$2,000 2022 college scholarship to 50 high schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Sadly, Charlie, too, is leaving his role after the 2022 scholarship is given out.

Marketing Committee Chair, Stephanie Vale, continues her excellent job of staffing events to sell books and encourage new memberships. She has also implemented many initiatives to improve and maintain our Facebook presence. We are all hoping to see more events next year. When events are scheduled, please drop by and help out at future BRCWRT tables.

We are all very pleased that our vice president, Kim Brace, has agreed to serve another year, despite his demanding work schedule. Kim has not only been the genial host of all of our Zoom sessions but has continued to work with his friends and colleagues on Civil War preservation and other issues of interest to the BRCWRT. Being on the boards of both the Prince William County Historical Commission and the Manassas Battlefield Trust has made Kim a very beneficial (and busy) member.

Thank you, Alan Day, our Webmaster, for

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BRCWRT Academic Outreach Programs - What's Been Done, and What's Upcoming

by Brian McEnany with Jim Lewis

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table Web site states: The Bull Run Civil War Round Table was founded to bring together those who wish to expand and share their knowledge of the Civil War. Our bylaws state:

The purpose of the Organization will be to stimulate interest in the American Civil War by educating its members and the public about the military, political, economic, diplomatic, and social history of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, including Antebellum and Reconstruction topics of interest. Educational topics may include preservation and interpretation of sites, buildings, artifacts, and memorials connected with that war.

We accomplish this purpose in a number of ways: through lectures, research, field trips and in active participation at many Civil War celebrations and Civil War sites. Education of the members and the general public is supported by many of the events listed above; through marketing; the *Stone Wall* newsletter; participation at various holiday and battle celebrations with BRCWRT tables, and advertising of the Round Table and Scholarship. In 2015, the Executive Committee believed that an academic outreach program to college and elementary school levels in Fairfax and Prince William County should be initiated. Since then, we have been successful in establishing an annual class at George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College and at the Bull Run Elementary School highlighting various Civil War topics. A small group of volunteers was devoted to that goal. Consequently, when the BRCWRT committee structure was modified in January 2019, an Education Committee was added.

The Education Committee is comprised of volunteers with interests in promoting increased membership and public awareness of Civil War history; issues; and touring of battlefield touring and historic sites. It provides continuing efforts to increase awareness of BRCWRT scholarships and promotes BRCWRT interaction with academic institutions. The Executive Committee will appoint a BRCWRT member to serve as Chair of the Education Committee, who will be a voting member of the Executive Committee. Currently, the chair of the Scholarship Committee is a co-chair of the Education Committee. Recently, John Carter and David Welker joined the Education Committee.

Current Programs:

George Mason University (GMU): After previous efforts over the years to gain traction regarding a possible preservation effort of a Civil War era redoubt on the campus (intersection of Braddock and Ox Rds.), a small group from the BRCWRT (Brian McEnany, Blake Myers and Jim Lewis) was finally successful in opening a dialogue in 2015 with Dr. Brian Platt, then-chair of the History Department. After understanding the fascinating history associated with the redoubt, he agreed to champion the preservation project through university channels. While pursuing the project, an annual onsite class/tour conducted by BRCWRT members was also proposed, and readily accepted, with Dr.



Members of the BRCWRT attended a GMU class in 2019.

Photo courtesy of Brian McEnany

Chris Hammer's history class as the primary targeted group. Beginning and concluding remarks are held at the entrance of the wood-chipped trail in Parking Lot K, while also including a tour of the redoubt itself. The class has been so well received that it has even attracted several high-level

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long-time Civil War enthusiast, this is Frank's first attempt at historical and biographical writing.

Co-author Gene Schmiel, also a BWCWRT member, is a retired U.S. Department of State Foreign Service officer who also was an assistant professor of History at St. Francis University (PA). He holds a Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University. Gene has written 15 books about the Civil War. His first, "Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era," was published in 2014 by Ohio University Press. He is currently working on the 11th book in his series, "Civil War Personalities," entitled "Baptism of Fire at First Bull Run." The new book will underscore that many Civil War figures, from McDowell and William T. Sherman to Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson, Ambrose Burnside, James Longstreet, George Custer, and dozens more first "stepped on the stage" of the war on July 21, 1861, at the Manassas battlefield.

Come on out at 5 p.m. before the meeting to meet and dine with Gene, Frank and "Dutch" at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA: (703) 266-9755.

HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR RYAN QUINT SPEAKS ON "THE BATTLE OF DRANESVILLE VA - DECEMBER 1861" AT THE JANUARY 13th MEETING

The Battle of Dranesville was a winter skirmish between Union and Confederate forces early in the Civil War. With their main forces camped out for the winter, Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and Federal Gen. Edward Ord were in charge of large forage patrols, which clashed near the town of Dranesville, VA, on December 20, 1861. It was a significant local battle that held importance to both sides that winter. So happy to have a noted historian come and speak to our round table during the 160th anniversary of the battle.

Ryan Quint, originally from Maine, graduated with a BA in History from the University of Mary Washington. He has worked for a number of museums, including the George Washington Foundation, Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond National Battlefield Park, and the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park. Ryan's book, "Determined to Stand and Fight: The Battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864," was published as part of the Emerging Civil War series in 2017. His next book, about the battle of Dranesville, is currently under contract for publication. Come on out at 5 p.m. on January 13 and dine with Ryan at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA: (703) 266-9755.

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keeping up the two BRCWRT websites and assisting in the live meetings. Importantly, Alan has been also keeping the Round Table members informed of events/information by e-mail notices.

We have appreciated the advice from our informal general counsel, John De Pue. Also, thank you, John, for chairing the Nomination Committee (with Jim Lewis) and conducting our elections.

Please thank Drew Pallo for all of our caps and t-shirts, as well as his preparation of special

signage and graphics whenever they are needed throughout the year to announce or publicize activities pertaining to the Round Table.

Finally, a very special thanks to our Treasurer, Joe Young, who is perhaps the most important and most unsung member of the Executive Committee. Joe has been working in the background but has kept our finances accurate and understandable. He will be presenting the 2022 BRCWRT budget at our January 13 meeting. Again, thank you, Joe, for your service to the BRCWRT.

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

Here's a grateful "Huzzah!" for these new (or returning) member(s) of the BRCWRT:

◆ John Blair

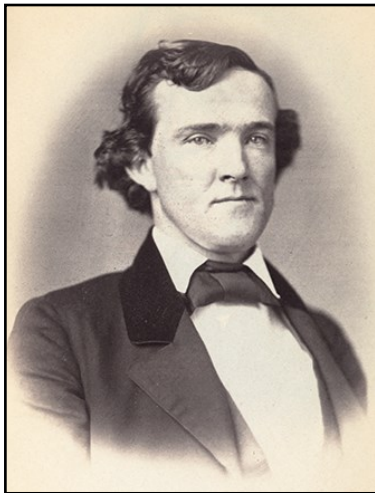


CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Gen. Alfred Moore Scales, CSA

By Janet Greentree

Noted historian Douglas Southall Freeman said of Gen. Alfred M. Scales, when Gen. Robert E. Lee was promoting generals after the battle of Chancellorsville: "One promotion was a matter of course...." And then mentioned Scales as being: "...first of the eight under consideration." Under Gen. William Dorsey Pender at Chancellorsville, Pender said of Scales' regiment: "I have nothing to say to you but to hold you all up as models in duty, courage and daring." In his OR report, Pender referred to him as "a man as gallant as is to be found in the service."



Alfred M. Scales in 1859.

Alfred Moore Scales was born on November 26, 1827, to Dr. Robert Henry Scales and Jane Watt Bethell at their plantation, called "Ingleside," in Reidsville, Rockingham County, North Carolina. He was one of 10 siblings, including William Nathaniel (Capt., Co. D, 5th MS); James Pinkney (Speaker, House of Representatives in MS); Emma Jane; Henry Wallace (Private, Co. H, 13th NC); Sarah Louise; Mary (Polly); Annie E.; Junius Irving (Colonel in the Civil War); and Erasmus Decatur. His paternal grandfather was Nathaniel Scales of Cabell Co., NC, who served in the Revolutionary War.

At the time of Nathaniel's death, he owned several plantations. He left Deep Springs to Alfred and High Rock to Mary, who was married to Dr. Joseph McCain. Here is one of those "you can't make this



Deep Springs Plantation, Stoneville, North Carolina.



BRCWRT members (l to r): Gwen Wyttenbach, Nancy Anwyll and Janet Greentree recently visiting the grave of the late Sen. John S. McCain, at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Photo courtesy of Janet Greentree

up" statements: Dr. McCain was the 3rd great-grandfather of Sen. John McCain. BRCWRT members Nancy Anwyll, Gwen Wyttenbach and I just visited Sen. McCain's grave in Annapolis, at the U.S. Naval Academy. Scales' paternal great-grandfather was George Joseph Scales, a wealthy planter, and the first Scales to settle in Rockingham Co., NC.

While growing up, he lived on the family's Mulberry Island Plantation. He

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Mulberry Island Plantation main house, Stoneville, NC.

attended Caldwell Institute, a Presbyterian boys' prep school, and later the University of North Carolina, in 1845. Scales taught school for a while and then studied law under Judge William H. Battle and Judge Thomas Settle. He never completed the work for his degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1851. He opened a small law office in Madison, NC, which is still standing. He was awarded an honorary LL.D. in

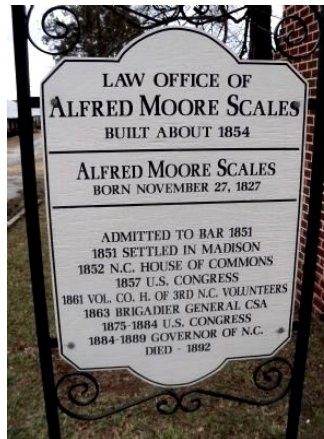


The building housing the law office of Gen. Scales, and an informational sign at the property.

1889 by the University of NC. Scales was a life-long Democrat, being elected four times to the North Carolina State Legislature. He ran for Congress in 1854 but did not win. In 1857, he was elected to Congress. He was defeated in the 1859 election. In 1860 he was appointed as an elector for the Breckinridge campaign. He was also part of the debate over the secession of North Carolina prior to the

Civil War.

Alfred Scales was married first to Margaret Smith of Louisiana. They were married in 1846, but she refused to move to North Carolina. He was divorced from Margaret in 1858. At the age of 35, during the Civil War, he married 18-year-old Catherine B. (Kate) Henderson on March 2, 1863, in Granville Co., NC. She was the daughter of Col. Archibald Henderson and Annie Eliza Bullock. Archibald's father was Leonard Henderson, the Chief Justice of Vance Co., NC. They had one child, Catherine Lewis Scales, who was his brother James Pinkney Scales' daughter and was adopted by Alfred and Kate. Catherine was Scales' niece. He wrote letters to his young wife complaining of anxiety, suspense, dreams, need for socks, his loss of 25 pounds, dysentery, exhaustion, and grief. Another brother, Nathaniel, was also killed in the war. His brother Nathaniel was also killed in the war.



Would you believe that Alfred Scales entered the Army of Northern Virginia as a private in Co. H of the Rockingham Guards and ended up a brigadier general with the 13th North Carolina Infantry Regiment? He stayed with the 13th his entire time during the Civil War. He was elected captain on April 30, 1861, succeeding William Dorsey Pender. In October of that year, he was elected colonel. He fought with them in the Peninsula Campaign; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; the Overland Campaign; and Petersburg. Scales commanded the regiment at Yorktown; Williamsburg; the Seven Days battles; and Fredericksburg. At Fredericksburg, after Gen. Pender was wounded, Scales took over command during a Union assault. Pender told Scales:

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"Drive those scoundrels out." Gen. A.P. Hill said in his report that the assault was "handsomely done." At Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862, he collapsed from exhaustion and was close to death. He did not



Gen. Alfred M. Scales during the Civil War.

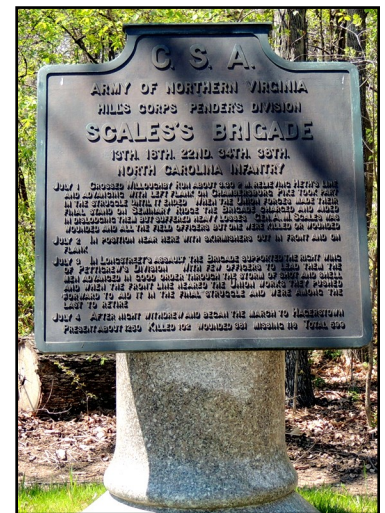
return to duty until November 1862. Gen. Samuel Garland, Jr., his superior, said in his report that Scales was "conspicuous for his fine bearing. Seizing the colors of his regiment at a critical moment at Cold Harbor and advancing to the front, he called on

the 13th to stand to them, thus restoring confidence and keeping his men in position." At Chancellorsville in May 1863, he was wounded in the thigh, losing so much blood that he had to be taken off the field on a stretcher. He was sent home to recuperate and was appointed brigadier general on June 13, 1863, when Gen. Pender was promoted to Gen. A.P. Hill's Light Division. Unfortunately, they lost 550 men out of the 1,350 engaged.

Scales' brigade was assigned to Pender's Division of Gen. A.P. Hill's Third Army Corp at the battle of Gettysburg. The brigade fought all three days of the battle. Scales was wounded again in the leg by a shell fragment on July 1st near Seminary Ridge. Every field officer in the unit was disabled in some manner except for two men. Scales' attack made possible Gen. Abner M. Perrin's brigade to break through the Union line on Seminary Ridge and force them to retreat to Cemetery Hill. On July 2nd, his brigade was only engaged skirmishing. On July 3rd, his brigade participated in Pickett's Charge. Half of Pender's division, James Lane's and Scales' brigades, advanced with Pickett's and Pettigrew's divisions. A part of this brigade was among the furthest to ad-

vance in the iconic Pickett's Charge. There is a shield marker on West Confederate Avenue dedicated to Scales. His marker is on the other side of the entrance to the Youth Camp in McMillan Woods. There is also a beautiful North Carolina monument on West Confederate Avenue. On July 5, 1863, he and Gen. William Dorsey Pender shared an ambulance in the retreat. Gen. John D. Imboden kindly gave both of them some bread and meat to sustain them in the long journey. Scales was left in Winchester to recuperate. Pender was taken further to Staunton, VA, where he died on July 18, 1863. Scales rejoined

the army in October but still had bouts of sickness and missed the surrender at Appomattox. There is no record that he was paroled. He applied for amnesty in Raleigh, NC, on June 22, 1865, and was officially pardoned on June 18, 1866. Returning to Greensboro, NC, after the war, he resumed his law practice. In 1866, he was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives, serving in that position until 1869. In 1874, he was elected to Congress from the Sixth District of NC. Scales was reelected four times, serving until 1884. One of his assignments in Congress was chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs. He also worked on fraud exposure at the Indian Bureau. In 1884, he defeated his opponent, Tyre York, by 20,000 votes and won governor of the state of North Carolina. He resigned from the House of Representatives on December 30, 1884. He served as the 45th governor from January 25,



The Scales marker on West Confederate Avenue, Gettysburg Battlefield, PA.

Photo by Janet Greentree

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1885, to January 17, 1889. He called attention to the poor conditions of the roads, railroads, public highways, and promoted help for farmers. He also proposed a longer school year for children. He further recommended that the federal government use its surplus funds for state



A prosperous-looking Scales, post-Civil War.

education, and better schools. Scales was also instrumental in getting the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to study North Carolina oyster beds to improve the industry in North Carolina.

During the remaining years of his life, he served as president and founder of the Piedmont

Bank in North Carolina. He was also an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro and a layman in the Synod of North Carolina.

The *New York Herald* of April 13, 1889, stated: "Gettysburg's Rival Heroes. [By telegraph to the Herald.] "Raleigh, N.C., April 12, 1889—The Ladies Memorial Association of Raleigh has invited ex-Governor Alfred Moore Scales, of Greensboro, to deliver an address here on Confederate Memorial Day, May 10. He has accepted, and his subject will be "The Life and Services of General James Johnston Pettigrew." Much interest is felt in his address, as it is a disputed question whether Pickett or Pettigrew went furthest in that famous charge at Gettysburg. North Carolinians claim that honor for Pettigrew."

When he was running as a candidate for state offices, the *Charlotte Home and Democrat* of July 4, 1884, stated as follows: "Gen. Alfred Moore Scales was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, on the 26th of November 1827. (He now resides in Greensboro.) He received

a classical education at the Caldwell Institute in Greensboro and at the University of North Carolina. He read law, and in 1851 was admitted to the bar. Gen. Scales belongs to one of the most influential families in his section. He has successfully prosecuted his professions and is held in high esteem by all of his brethren with whom he has practiced at the bar. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is an amiable, agreeable gentleman, of urbane manners and is easily accessible to all. He is a fluent, smooth speaker, and has a large familiarity with parties and platforms. He is a well furnished politician and will make an active, successful campaign. Gen. Scales is of medium height, weighs about 180 pounds, has an open, frank face that makes a pleasant impression on strangers, and he has that high principle, that conscientiousness, that integrity, that devotion to party, that solidity of character which enables him to retain all friendships whilst constantly making new friends.... He has been tried in war and in peace, and he has proved equal to all demands. As a citizen and a soldier he is without reproach. He will do to trust because he has character that has been thoroughly tried and tested. He is the nominee of the Democratic party of North Carolina for Governor, and we cannot doubt that he will be elected by a handsome majority in November."

Gen. Scales was not in good health after his term expired as governor in 1889. He visited doctors in the North and tried visiting various springs in the hopes of an improvement in his health. He was confined to his bed in Tate Springs, TN, but only began to get worse. He went back to his home in Greensboro from Tate Springs. He had Bright's disease, which caused his brain to become so affected that he was only conscious for brief periods of times. He died in Greensboro on February 8, 1892, and is buried in the Green Hill Cemetery in Greensboro. All

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businesses in Greensboro were closed, and the entire city turned out for his funeral. He was survived by his wife, Kate, and their daughter, Catherine.

The *Weekly Sentinel* of Winston-Salem, NC, on February 18, 1892, reported on his funeral as follows: "The Funeral." "Greensboro, Feb. 11.—The people of Greensboro and neighboring towns turned out en-masse to-day to pay the last tribute to the late ex-Governor Alfred Moore Scales, who died at his home, in this city Tuesday night. The Piedmont Bank, of which ex-Governor Scales was the founder and president, until his death, is tastefully draped in mourning. The funeral took place from West Market Street M.E. Church at 11 o'clock this morning. The



Scales' grave marker, Green Hill Cemetery, in Greensboro, NC.

procession from the residence to the church was perhaps the largest ever seen in Greensboro, and every available space in the large auditorium was occupied, and many could not find even standing room in the church. Among those who were present were many prominent citizens from different sections

of the State. Governor Thomas M. Holt and his staff with nearly all the state officers of Raleigh attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. Henry Smith D.D., of the Presbyterian church, and no more impressive obsequies were ever witnessed in this city. Several thousand people followed the remains to their last resting place in Oak Hill Cemetery [sic].... Dr. John Manning being then requested to speak, responded by giving similar testi-



The North Carolina monument at Gettysburg Battlefield, PA,
Photo by Janet Greentree

mony as to his perfect integrity, his industry, energy and fearlessness, the unbounded confidence responded in him by the people and held him up, in his public and private character, as a model for the imitation of young men. President Winston (Chapel Hill) closed with a tribute to Gov. Scales, Colonel Steele and Judge J.J. Davis, who in Congress were intimate friends, living in adjoining rooms, each with different propensities in some respects; one a lawyer, inclined to political life, the other a lawyer, but liking better manufacturing; the third a lawyer, but peculiarly fond of agriculture, of different church affiliations, but all alike in uprightness of life, in purity and incorruptibility, in good intentions and wisdom."

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 jlgrtree@erols.com.

Academic Outreach – (con't from page 4)

university personnel and Round Table members. Staff from their high-gloss quality “*Mason Spirit*” magazine attended, resulting in a feature article about the event, appearing in the ‘Summer 2017’ edition.

Much research was required to organize and conduct the class, which includes the Colonial and Civil War history of the area, the Farr family and its contribution to original GMU campus, Civil War history of the redoubt, and the preservation effort that is underway. The class is conducted primarily by Jim Lewis and me with Blake Myers providing support. Support materials include scripts covering each of the aforementioned areas, and several maps and poster boards.

Source materials include: Farr family research (the era’s owners of the area land), compiled with assistance from the Blenheim Civil War Center (providing Wilcoxon family information). Civil War history from the *Official Records* volumes and multiple local histories has been utilized. Colonial history included history of the two road networks; as was the archeological study conducted in 2014 and 2016 of the Civil War-era corduroy road that bordered the redoubt area. The preservation portion of the class focuses on what efforts are underway to continue thereafter.

Class preparation includes: regular trips to the site prior to the class to ensure that access is still possible, and clearing of any trails to the redoubt if the university’s grounds crew has not already done so. Contact with Campus Security is done prior to class to ensure that police understand the movement of students; additional cars coming on site, and extra people being on campus. Handouts are provided for each attendee, using budgeted Round Table funds to have them printed. Scripts and handouts for the class are currently part of the Round Table’s database on Google Docs. Originally scheduled for more than an hour and a half, actual teaching time is limited to 45-50 minutes because GMU students have to walk from the main campus to Parking Lot K and return for their next class. Continuation of the tour for Round Table members can continue then.

Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC): In 2018, a similar dialog with NVCC, attempting to complement its current history curriculum, began focusing on Civil War history at their campuses. We quickly learned that a comprehensive history department similar to GMU did not exist at NVCC. Instead, a Public History and Historic Preservation certificate program was created for students at the main NVCC campus. Following a discussion with Dr. Marc Dluger, it was agreed that both parties would be best served by having the BRCWRT conduct an annual Historic Signage class.



Jim Lewis (left, front) comments on historic signage to Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, while Brian McEnany (right) looks on.

Photo courtesy of Brian McEnany

Jim Lewis and I presented the class based on our and other BRCWRT members’ experience researching, preparing and commemorating various historical events in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties. The Round Table has contributed to almost 100 such signs in these counties over the years. The class has been delivered on site twice at the Annandale campus. A PowerPoint presentation (including a script in ‘Notes’) and handouts are created for each class, using budgeted Round Table funds. The class runs for 45 minutes, with questions, and focuses on a process developed that Jim Lewis and I developed that melds together the historical signage requirements for various marker organizations,

including examples of different types of signs and examples of how groups interact to create, construct, install and dedicate a historic sign. The classes were held in the evenings at Annandale Campus. It was preceded by a dinner with Dr. Dluger at a local restaurant, followed by the class. The program is currently on hold, pending return to in-person classes at the NVCC campus.

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Bull Run Elementary School (BRES): In 2019, we opened a dialog with the Bull Run Elementary School's social studies teachers that resulted in a presentation, given in Confederate and Union uniforms, to the entire 6th grade, about the First Battle of Manassas. The talk focused on the movement of both armies to Bull Run at the beginning of the battle. The BRES school lies directly on the pathway of both sides as the battle unfolded – hence "History Happened Here" was the title selected for the presentation. We wanted to have the students feel that they were on the porch of a farmhouse just off the Warrenton Turnpike (US 29), observing the events as they unfolded.

The presentation was given in the cafeteria of BRES in mid-April, at the beginning of the 6th grade study of the Civil War. David Welker portrayed his great-great-uncle, who fought in one of the Union regiments. Mark Whitenton portrayed Col. Nathan "Shanks" Evans and Gen. Joe Johnston. I provided the dialog that moved between the sites and battle scenes that took place during the First Battle of Bull Run.

During that year, we also helped judge a student essay contest that resulted in a BRCWRT presentation of a \$50 check to the winner at the June graduation of the 6th-graders. The essays were focused on how the soldiers on both sides reached the battlefield at Manassas in 1861. Stories were told from each side.

After the lecture, the teachers provided us with feedback. They believed the first class contained too much detail about the First Battle of Manassas, and they wanted more added about life as a soldier in the presentation. Such changes would make it much more to the students' liking. I spent considerable time revising our previous presentation, adding a section on soldier life (extracted from *"Billy Yank/ Johnny Reb"*). The outline and slides were approved by our BRES contact, and an attempt to provide the new presentation through Zoom in May 2021 was made, but the Fairfax County school software system proved too difficult access. The class is prepared and ready to begin again whenever in-person classes resume. If Zoom is suggested, I would recommend that a county software expert be on hand prior to the class to make sure that connections are working properly before the class begins. Currently, our contact there has moved to a different school, so we must start over to find a contact amongst the 6th grade teachers.

Future Efforts and Needs:

Academic outreach programs are fragile. They require continued effort by the Round Table to ensure that we provide the classes annually, etc. As of this writing, these efforts are limited to just a few members – Jim Lewis, Blake Myers, Mark Whitenton, David Welker, and me. John Carter and David Welker have volunteered to join the Education committee efforts in the upcoming year. Both have good credentials in supporting such efforts. David has given lectures at BRES prior to our effort – his wife was a teacher at BRES until last year, when she retired. John has excellent education credentials from his work at GMU (Scholarship and Interviews) and work with the now-closed Mosby Museum.

I would like to see the Round Table offer a similar academic outreach program in Prince William County. The closest elementary school to the Bristow Station or Manassas battlefields would be the focus of any effort. Currently, any effort on our part requires additional people – volunteers are needed to run that program. The Education Committee as currently manned, does not have enough people to initiate, pull together assets, and run such an expanded program on an annual basis.



Left to right: David Welker, Brian McEnany and Mark Whitenton reenact Civil War soldiers for a presentation given in 2019 at the Bull Run Elementary School.

Photo courtesy of Brian McEnany



Stratford Hall Holiday Hours

From Sunday, December 26 – Thursday, December 30, the Grounds will only be open with access to the hiking trails, public beach area, gardens, and public grounds. The Great House and other historic buildings, the Visitor Center, and Gift Shop will be closed during these dates.



Science Saturday: Understanding Deep Time Online Program

December 11 - 11 a.m. ET

To understand the geological concept of Deep Time, humans must think of time scales in unimaginable larger units than those that define our lives. What is Deep Time? Who is James Hutton and why is he so important in understanding Deep Time? How do we begin to visualize this geological chronology? Join Education & Outreach Manager, Jon Bachman, as he answers these questions and more in a search for the deepest of Earth timelines.

This free program will be offered virtually and pre-registration is required.

REGISTER TODAY!



Christmastide Open House

**December 11
5 - 8 p.m.**

Experience the magic of the holiday season at Stratford Hall! The sights, smells, and sounds of the holidays will surround you as you arrive for this annual celebration!

Come see the Great House and historic area decorated in holiday spirit, listen to colonial music, and step into the kitchen to see colonial food cooking on the original 1738 hearth.

Adults & Children ages 14 and older: \$20

Children, ages 6-13: \$10

Children, ages 5 & under: Free

Friends of Stratford Members: Free

REGISTER TODAY!

Stratford Hall | 483 Great House Road, Stratford, VA 22558

Gettysburg Remembrance Day Features Familiar Faces

Photos by Janet Greentree

Several Members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table participated in the November 20th review of the troops that took place for Remembrance Day at the Gettysburg Battlefield, including:



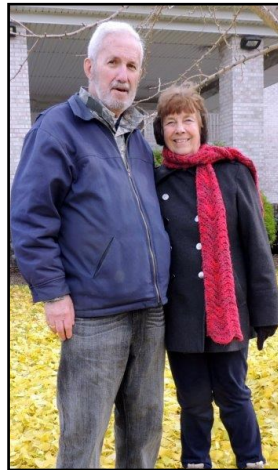
Dan Paterson lifts his cap to the onlookers lining the streets during the Remembrance Day parade.



Drew Pallo (left) and John Myers met up at the parade.



Drew Pallo gives a hearty "Huzzah" while marching with the Confederate contingent at the parade.



At left, Al Smith of the Greater Boston Civil War Round Table meets with BFF Janet Greentree,



This fab photo shows Dan Paterson (right) standing with his grandson (left) at the monument to Lt. Gen. James Longstreet - Dan's own grandfather! The monument to 'Ol' Pete' is on the battlefield.



At left, Gwen Wyttenback gets a look at the 33rd Alabama flag, which represents Gen. Patrick Cleburne's action at Ringgold Gap,



John Myers salutes photographer 'Ms. Rebelle.'

Enjoy These Holiday Events at Historic VA Sites

Holidays Through the Ages

Dates: Recurring weekly on Sunday, Monday, Friday, Saturday

December 3-6, 10-13, 17-20

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Fridays thru Mondays); \$5.00 per person, children under 6 are free. Reservation strongly suggested.

Rippon Lodge Historic Site

15500 Blackburn Rd.

Woodbridge, VA 22191

(703) 499-9812

Stroll through seasonal celebrations of the past at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. With interiors and exteriors richly decorated for the holidays, guests enjoy an in-depth exploration of seasonal festivities over the centuries.

Reservations suggested. No groups larger than 15 at a time. Masks strongly suggested. Pre-register online today at www.pwcparks.org/HistoricPrograms.

Liberia Holiday Open House

Presented By: City of Manassas

Date: December 12, 2021

Manassas Museum

8601 Portner Ave.

Manassas, VA 20110

(703) 368-1873

Price: Free

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

See the historic house Liberia decked out for the season and see displays by area merchants. Hosted by the Manassas Museum Associates.

Historic Christmas & Holiday Concert at Brentsville Courthouse

Presented By: Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Date: December 11, 2021

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Price: Admission is FREE. For more information, please call 703-365-7895.

Location: Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre



PRINCE WILLIAM
Historic Preservation

Prince William County Government
Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Office of Historic Preservation
17674 Main St, Dumfries, VA 22026

Come on out on January 1st for the First Day Hike at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; free (donations accepted)

Bring in the New Year with a guided hike by local historians! You will start at the parking lot for a brief overview; then walk down the 1863 Trail. Continue on to the 1862 Trail, before walking back to the parking lot. This 90 minute, 3-mile hike will start the new year on the right foot! Pets are welcome to join, but the trail is not accessible for strollers.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Avenue, Bristow, VA 703-366-3049.

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Stone Wall

P.O. Box 2147

Centreville, VA 20122

2021 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are delighted that you are interested in joining our organization and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and at our upcoming events!

Annual dues are:

Individual—\$20. Family—\$25. Student (age 21 and under)—FREE.

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:

Bull Run Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 2147, Centreville, VA 20122

You also may join using your credit card by going to our Web site at BRCWRT.org and clicking on "Membership Application."

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