



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXVIII, Issue 2 MARCH 2021

HISTORIAN/FORMER NPS RANGER MELISSA WEEKS SPEAKS ON "JEB STUART: A RENDEVOUS WITH DESTINY" AT MARCH 11th MEETING

It was Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's job to prevent the Federals from reaching Spotsylvania in May of 1864. For two days, a division of Stuart's cavalry, led by Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, had battled Union horsemen for control of the Brock Road, the most direct route between the Wilderness Battlefield and Spotsylvania Court House. Forced to relinquish his position near Todd's Tavern, Gen. Lee withdrew to Laurel Hill on May 8. Laurel Hill was the last defensible position this side of Spotsylvania. If the Confederates lost Laurel Hill, they would also lose Spotsylvania.

We are so happy to have a former National Park Service Ranger at that historic battlefield park to tell us how that went, at the March 11th Zoom and Face Book Live meeting, starting at 7 p.m.

Melissa Weeks first became intrigued by the Civil War when, as a youth, she discovered her soldier ancestors, who served with the 42nd Mississippi. Civil War historian Robert Krick suggested that she use one summer to work for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, which turned into a few years of full-time employment. After her Park Service tenure, she continued to research, write and speak on the Civil War and to lead battlefield tours, while pursuing her career as a high school teacher in Rappahannock and Botetourt Counties in Virginia. Her current project is a compilation of missives entitled "*In the Time of Heroes: The Letters of James and David Jenkins* (146th NY Infantry)."

Melissa has written several articles, including: *A Memoir of John E. Curran*, for *The Journal of Fredericksburg History*; *The Country Loses a*

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7 p.m. LIVE via

~ Zoom and Facebook ~

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

GUEST SPEAKER:

**HISTORIAN/FORMER NPS RANGER
MELISSA WEEKS**

TOPIC:

**"JEB STUART: A RENDEVOUS
WITH DESTINY"**

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!

Noble Soldier: The Battles of Brigadier General John Marshall Jones in Civil War Regiments: A Journal of the American Civil War; and Lightning Strike in the Valley, about Stonewall Jackson at the Battle of Front Royal, in Military History Magazine. She has also co-published the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse: May 1864 (troop movement maps).



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Please renew your membership before March 30 or you will no longer receive the *Stone Wall* or Zoom meeting invitations!

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UPCOMING 2021 MEETINGS (Virtual - until further notice)

March 11: Historian and former NPS Ranger Melissa Weeks - "Jeb Stuart at Laurel Hill, VA"

April 8: Historian/Author Dr. Jen Murray - "The Victor of Gettysburg: George Gordon Meade & the Civil War"

May 13: Historian/Author Scott Mingus - "The Civil War in York County, PA"

June 10: Historian/Author Jonathan Noyalas - "Are We Traitors & Cowards: Dissent in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley"

July 8: Historian/Author Michael Shaffer - "In Memory of Self and Comrades of the 1st Virginia Cavalry"

August 12: Historian/NPS Ranger Patrick Schroeder - "The Battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Court House: The Final Fury and the Last to Die"

September 9: Historian/Author David Welker - "The Cornfield - Battle of Antietam - September 1862"

October 14: Author/Historian John Quarstein - "Cmdr. Worden and the *USS Montauk* Destroy the *CSS Nashville*"

November 11: Author/Historian Brian McEnany - "Federal Cavalry Early Warning Camps in Northern Virginia in 1864"

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

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The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

Fellow BRCWRT members -

With vaccinations slowly rolling out, it appears that we are perhaps a few months away from being able to join together for tours and eventually, in-person meetings. Thank so many of you for joining in on Zoom or FaceBook. Thank you, Mark Trbovich, for continuing to do such a superb job of finding interesting speakers each month.

With respect to resuming our tours, we may be able to have modest groups getting together outdoors as soon as there is sufficient interest. In that connection, we need to fill our Executive Committee position of Tour Director as soon as possible. We also would like to hear from any of you who would be willing to lead a tour or just volunteer to help out on a tour. Our tours are generally free for members (unless there is a

lunch involved) and involve car pooling. Please consider contacting me if you are interested -- see the poster on page 5, designed by Drew Pallo.

I am sad to announce the resignation of John Myers as Secretary of the BRCWRT. John was obligated to leave the Executive Committee due to serious family obligations. Our thoughts and prayers to John and his family. We hope to see him at Round Table events soon. As a result of John's resignation, I have appointed, with the full concurrence of the Executive Committee, Debbie Whitenton to fulfill John's unexpired term (until December 31). Debbie has been extremely active in Round Table events for many years and has agreed to devote her time and many talents to serving us on the Executive Committee as Secretary.

Hope you will join us Thursday (March 11) for our monthly meeting, featuring a talk by Melissa Weeks on "Jeb Stuart at Laurel Hill."

Meet the BRCWRT Members Who are Civil War Authors

by Mark Whitenton

We are proud that BRCWRT members are so well-read. But did you realize how many members are also Civil War book authors? Please peruse this awesome list. While you are at it, please consider supporting them by purchasing a book or two. If I have left any Round Table members who are authors off this list, please contact me and I will prepare an addendum for the next issue of the *Stone Wall*.

Mike Block: "*The Carnage was Fearful: The Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862*" (late 2021) \$14.94 paperback.

Eric Buckland: "*From Rockbridge to Loudoun: Mosby's Keydet Rangers*" (2018) \$25.00 paperback; "*They Rode With Mosby: Stories of Colonel John S. Mosby's Most Daring Rangers*" (2018) \$25.00 paperback; "*Mosby's Rangers: A Legacy of Success*" (2020) \$25.00 paperback; "*Mosby's Rangers: Colts & Courage*" (2021 – available in March) \$25.00. All books available from the author.

Dave Goetz: "*Hell is being Republican in Virginia: The Post-War Relationship between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant*" (2012) \$23.99 paperback; "*Ever the Gray Ghost: Colonel John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracies*" (2017) \$35.00 hardcover.

Janet Greentree: "*Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle*" (2020). Available from the BRCWRT or Amazon.com. Color book \$40.00.

Don Hakenson: "*This Forgotten Land: A Tour of Civil War sites and other Historical Landmarks south of Alexandria, Virginia*" (2002) \$25 paperback; "*Mosby Vignettes, Volume VI*" (2002) \$15 paperback; "*Mosby Vignettes, Volume VII*" (2003) \$15 paperback; "*Reminiscences of Frank H. Rahm of Mosby's Command & An Analysis of Ranger John H. Lunceford: Traitor or Coward? Or Unjustly Accused?*" (2008) \$15 hardback; "*This Forgotten Land, Volume II, Biographical Sketches of Confederate Veterans Buried in Alexandria, Virginia;*" (2010) \$25 hardback at www.hmshistory.com. Dhakenson@verizon.net.

Don Hakenson & Chuck Mauro: "*A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia*" (2013) \$30 paperback or \$9.99 at Amazon/Kindle; "*A Tour Guide and*

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History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia (Updated and Expanded) (2017) \$30 at Amazon; *"A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Fauquier County, Virginia"* (2019) \$30 at Amazon; *"A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Loudoun County, Virginia"* (2016) \$30 at Amazon; *"A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Prince William County, Virginia"* (2021) \$30 at Amazon; *"Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County Virginia" DVD* (2011) \$10 at www.hmshistory.com.

Jim Lewis: *"Hunter Mill Road Civil War Self-Guided Tour;" "Forgotten Roads of the Hunter Mill Road Corridor"* (with **Charlie Balch**).

Chuck Mauro: *"The Civil War in Fairfax County: Civilians and Soldiers"* (2006) \$19.95 paperback or \$11.49 at Amazon/Kindle; *"A Southern Spy in Northern Virginia: The Civil War Album of Laura Ratcliffe"* (2019) \$13.93 hardcover or \$10.99 at Amazon/Kindle; *"We Once Met by Chance: Four Life Stories During the American Civil War"* (2018) \$35.95 hardcover, \$18.99 paperback, or \$3.99 at Amazon/Kindle; *"The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill: A Monumental Storm)"* (1999) \$20; *"Herndon: A Town and Its History"* (2004) \$20; *"Herndon: A History in Images"* (2005) \$20; *"The Battle of Chantilly" (Ox Hill) DVD*, (2005) \$10 at www.hmshistory.com. Cmauro10@aol.com.

Brian McEnany: *"History Happened Here: The Warrenton Turnpike and the First Battle of Bull Run July 21, 1861"* (2020) \$10 from the author; *"For Brotherhood and Duty: The Civil War History of the West Point Class of 1862"* (2015), \$33.99 hard and soft cover available from Amazon and Barnes&Noble; *"Sunstroke and Ankle Deep Mud,"* Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis (2012).

Rob Orrison: *"A Want of Vigilance: The Bristoe Station Campaign"* (2015) \$11.49; *"The Last Road North: A Guide to the Gettysburg Campaign 1863"* (2016) \$6.99; *"Turning Points of the American Civil War"* (2017) \$23.27; co-author of *"To Hazard All: A Guide to the Maryland Campaign 1862"* (2018) \$8.49. Also, *"A Single Blow: The Battles of Lexington and Concord and the Beginning of the American Revolution, April 19, 1775"* (2017) \$9.99.

Kevin Pawlak: *"Shepherdstown in the Civil War: One Vast Confederate Hospital,"* The History Press (2015); *"'The Heaviest Blow Yet Given the Confederacy': The Emancipation Proclamation Changes the Civil War"*; co-author of *"To Hazard All: A Guide to the Maryland Campaign 1862"* Savas Beatie (2018); and *"Antietam National Battlefield"* (2019), Arcadia Publishing.

Gene Schmiel: *"Civil War Women: Underestimated and Indispensable"* (2020), \$8.99; *"Civil War 'Political Generals' of the Blue and the Grey"* (2020), \$6.99; *"Civil War Rogues, Rascals, and Rascalions"* (2020) \$6.99; *"Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era"* (2014) \$26.55; *"Ohio Heroes of the Battle of Franklin"* (2019), \$2.99; *"Civil War Trailblazers and Troublemakers"* (2020), \$6.99; *"Lincoln, Antietam and a Northern Lost Cause"* (2019), \$2.99; *"The Civil War in Statuary Hall"* (2021), \$7.99.

David Welker: *"Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly"* (2001); *"A Keystone Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Joseph Garey, Mississippi Volunteers"* (1997). *"The Cornfield: Antietam's Bloody Turning Point"* (2020) \$3.99 on Kendel.

Ed Wenzel: *"Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County, Part I"* (1861-1862 and partial 1863), paperback, 614 pages, 50 maps, 350 photos (2015). Part I Indexes, paperback, 192 pages (2015). Available from the BRCWRT or Amazon.com. 2 Vols. Chronology \$30.00. Indexes \$8.00.

Greg Wilson: *"Jonathan Roberts: The Civil War's Quaker Scout and Sheriff"* (North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2014); *"Private John S. Mosby, First Virginia Cavalry: Picketing Fairfax County before Becoming the Confederacy's 'Gray Ghost'"* (North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015); *"The Adventures of Jonathan Roberts: The Union's Quaker Scout in Northern Virginia, 1861-1865"* (North Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017); all available at www.amazon.com.

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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Maj. Gen. Harry Thompson Hays, CSA

By Janet Greentree

Would you believe Ms. Rebelle has people, well, mostly family, who are willing to stop on their trips over this country of ours, and find a Civil War general or persona for me? My daughter Lisa and her husband Paul are always off on a trip somewhere, and this month's general was found because of them. He is buried in New Orleans in Lafayette



Maj. Gen. Harry T. Hays' neglected tomb in Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 in New Orleans, LA.

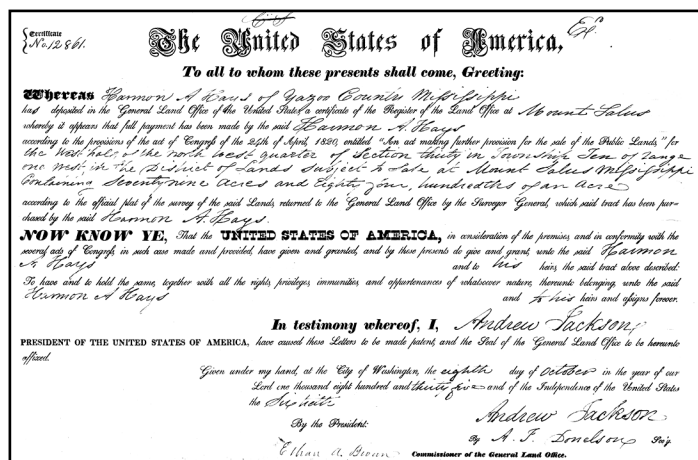
Photo by Lisa Tully

Cemetery No. 1. They just happened to be walking by the cemetery and saw his grave. I must say, there must not be any descendants in the area, as his grave looks untended and is full of weeds. Of course, being in New Orleans, where it is so hot, it may be a prime spot for the weeds to grow.

Hays has some interesting connections – Andrew Jackson, the Hermitage, the Louisiana Tigers, and Gettysburg. He even has a shield marker near the Culp House on Culp's Hill, close to Rock Creek, which must have come in handy to his men at the Battle of Gettysburg. There is a beautiful monument to Louisiana on West Confederate Avenue.

Harry Thompson Hays, son of Harmon Atkins Hays and Elizabeth Cage, was born on April 14, 1820, in Wilson County, Tennessee. Wilson County is just to the east of the Nashville area. His father was a farmer/

planter and was listed as owning slaves in several censuses. His father fought in the War of 1812 with the Gates Co., NC Regiment. It is unknown where Harmon was born, but he ended up in Yazoo, Mississippi. You never know what you will find when researching people, but Ms. Rebelle found a land deed dated October 8, 1835 for 79 acres plus 84/100 of an acre signed by no other than President Andrew Jackson and A.F. or A.J.



Above, the deed of property purchased by the Hays family in Yazoo, MS., signed by Andrew Jackson. Below, Jackson's famous Hermitage, the plantation sold by the Donelson family (Jackson's in-laws) to Andrew Jackson in 1804.



Donelson. If the signature is A.J. Donelson, then it was signed by Andrew Jackson Donelson, nephew of Andrew Jackson. Both Harmon and Elizabeth are buried in the Cage Cemetery in Yazoo County, MS. The Hays relatives lived in the Hermitage in Nashville, TN, which was sold to Andrew Jackson in 1804 by Robert Hays, the husband of Rachel Jackson's sister Jane Donelson. Rachel was the wife of Andrew Jackson and the daughter of John Donelson. A.J. Donelson lived at the Clover Bottom Mansion in the Nashville area.

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Maj. Gen. Harry T. Hays

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Clover Bottom mansion, A. J. Donelson's home outside Nashville, TN.

The land where the mansion was built was part of Fort Donelson.

Harry was one of eight children – John Coffee (a famous Texas Ranger), William Coffee, Mary Ann, Harry, Henry, Sarah, Robert, and Rachel. Both of his parents died in 1833 of yellow fever, within a few days of each other. His maternal uncle, Robert Cage, took in the oldest three children and they lived on his plantation in Yazoo County, MS. Harry Hays, with the rest of his siblings, went to Wilkinson Co., MS, to live on the plantation of his maternal uncle, George Cage. After local education, he entered St. Mary's College in Baltimore, MD, and studied law. After graduating, he joined the law practice of Bailie Peyton, a relative of his mother, in 1844, in New Orleans. Hays saw his first military service in the Mexican American War and served with the 5th Louisiana Cavalry. After returning from the Mexican American War, he formed a law partnership with W. C. Hamner, called Hamner and Hays. He became active in politics as a Whig and was a presidential elector of Winfield Scott in 1852. He was also active in the Freemasons. He was described as a man of medium size, with dark blue eyes, high forehead, moustache and flowing beard.

On July 13, 1854, Hays married Elizabeth (Betty) H. Cage (his first cousin), the daughter of his uncle, Robert Cage, in Yazoo, MS. Betty was 14 years younger than he. They had four children – John, Lucy, Katherine, and Minerva.

He entered the Confederate Army as a colonel with the 7th Louisiana Infantry in 1861. He started at the beginning – 1st Battle of Bull Run; the battles of Port Republic (shot



Illustration of the Louisiana Tiger Zouaves in the cornfield at Antietam.

(antietamscornfield.com)

in shoulder and knocked unconscious); Antietam; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Gettysburg; the Wilderness; and Spotsylvania (severely wounded by shell fragment). Hays adopted the song "Yankee Doodle" as his marching song, stating: "More rascals have marched to that tune in one day than to any other." The Tigers had been raised in New Orleans by Major Chatham Roberdeau Wheat. This brigade became known as the Louisiana Tigers. The Tigers were known for their rabble-rousing and drinking. One observer stated the recruits were: "the lowest scum of the lower Mississippi...adventurous wharf rats, thieves, and outcasts...and bad characters generally." There was a melee after 1st Bull Run, at which Col. Hays was knocked over by the rowdy men. Two of the Tigers were Court Martialed for insubordination, and for being involved in too many drunken brawls while stationed at Camp Florida in Centreville, VA. Both were in Co. B of the 1st Louisiana Tigers - Zouave Pvs. Dennis Corcoran and Michael O'Brien. Both were executed on December 9, 1861, by the order of Gen. Richard Taylor. Both stated "they were ready to die for the preservation of



Depiction of the Louisiana Tigers Zouave uniform.

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the glorious cause for which they had been fighting although they would rather have died on the battlefield." On the morning of the execution, Corcoran said as follows: "Good morning my little lads; don't grieve for us; we are going to a better world. Don't mangle us; shoot at our hearts if you love us. Boys, God bless you, good-bye!" Corcoran and O'Brien were to be on their knees, blindfolded, but both wanted to stand and look their executioners in their eyes.

One of many memorable tours taken with the late John McAnaw in 2006 was comprised of six ladies who showed up for one his tours on a very cold day. John showed us



The late John McAnaw (at right), whose tour covering the movements of the Louisiana Tigers Zouaves, by chance turned out to be the famous "Ladies' Tour," contrary to most Civil War field tours that are largely attended by men. Retired Marine Lt. Col. John McAnaw was not intimidated. Shown left to right are: Mary Ahrens, Harriet Condon, Sandra Cox, Bev Regimbal, Nancy Anwyll, and John McAnaw. Also included as one of the 'lady' attendees was Janet Greentree, who was taking the photo.



Above, left, the marker for Corcoran and O'Brien in Centreville, across from St. John's Episcopal Church (above, right).

Photos by Janet Greentree

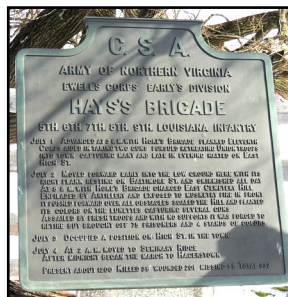
where Dennis Corcoran and Michael O'Brien of the Louisiana Tigers were buried under a tree at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Centre-

ville at 5649 Mt. Gilead Road.

At the battle of 2nd Bull Run, the Tigers ran out of ammunition and used rocks to throw at the Yankees. Quite a few Yankees were killed or badly bruised from the rocks. Col. Hays was unable to participate in 2nd Bull Run, since he was still recovering from his wound. Hays was promoted to a brigadier general on July 25, 1862, taking over command of the First Louisiana Brigade from Gen. Richard Taylor. The Brigade consisted of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th LA Regiments Infantry, Early's Division, and Jackson's Corps. Hays is also credited with capturing the town of Winchester from Gen. Robert H. Milroy during one of the 46 times it changed hands during the Civil War.

On July 1, 1863, during the Gettysburg Campaign, Hays advanced at 3 p.m. with Hoke's Brigade through the town, capturing Union troops and guns and spent the evening on East High Street near the Culp House. Hays was quoted as saying: "...that they advanced through the city of Gettysburg, clearing it of the enemy and taking prisoners at every turn." On July 2nd, Hays and Hoke advanced on Seminary Ridge at around 2 a.m. but were not supported and were forced to retreat around 8 p.m. after skirmishing all day. On July 3rd, they were back at their position on East High Street. On July 4th, they marched to the Cashtown Road and retreated to Hagerstown. Hays' marker on Culp's Hill states he had 1,200 men, 36 killed, 201 wounded, and 95 missing. He also captured 75 Union prisoners.

In Hays' OR report to Maj. John W. Daniel, Assistant Adjutant-General, Early's Division, he states (in part): "In all the opera-



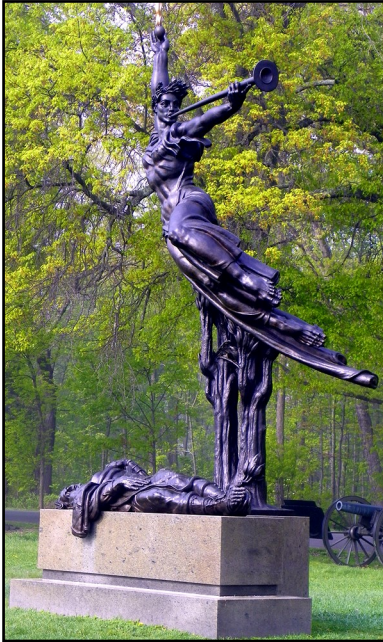
Above, left, the marker for Hays' Brigade on Culp's Hill at Gettysburg. Above right, Rock Creek, where the the action for his brigade took place.

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tions in the neighborhood of Gettysburg, I am happy to state that both officers and men, while animated with a spirit of daring that disdained to concede any obstacle to their progress unsurmountable, were yet amenable to all the orders of their leaders, and accepted readily any position assigned to them. While rendering this tribute to the merit of all my command, I would call attention particularly to the efficiency of Cols. L.A. Stafford, 9th LA Regiment, and D.B. Penn, 7th LA Regiment. In the engagements of July 1 and 2, each of these officers distinguished himself by an exhibition of gallant bearing in leading his respective regiment into action, and of soldierly skill in its management and control. My thanks are due to the several members of my staff, each of whom in his respective department was attentive to the discharge of his duties; Captain New, assistant adjutant-general and acting inspector;



The Louisiana Monument on West Confederate Avenue in the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Captain Seymour, assistant adjutant-general, and Lieutenant Freeland, aide-de-camp."

After recovering from his wounds at Spotsylvania, he was sent to the Trans-Mississippi, and put in charge of the state of Louisiana. On May 10, 1865, he was promoted to major general by Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith. His commission was never officially confirmed by President Jefferson Davis or the Confederate Congress due, to the Civil War ending on May 9th.

Hays went back to New Orleans after the war ended, where he was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson. He joined Gen. Daniel Weisiger Adams and Judge E. Waller Moise's law practice. He left their law practice and became the Sheriff of Orleans Parish in 1866. The only spot on his career happened when a race riot broke out on July 28, 1866, in New Orleans. Gen. Phil Sheridan fired Sheriff Hays as a result of the murders and destruction. Hays then returned to his law practice. He died of Bright's Disease in New Orleans on August 21, 1876, at the age of 56.

The *New Orleans Daily Democrat* of August 21, 1876, states the following in part for his obituary: "A Hero to his Rest Has Gone – General Harry T. Hays departed this life this morning at three o'clock, at his residence on Esplanade Street [sic Avenue]. This melancholy event has been apprehended for some weeks. For a long period the General has been afflicted with that fatal and lingering disease of the kidney. Two years ago the decisive symptoms of the disease were

revealed and made the cure of his audacious physician, the distinguished Dr. Bruns, of this city. The General adopted a rigorous course of habits and regimen, and employed every remedy which science could suggest to arrest the development and progress of the disease. One of the



Battlefield of Gettysburg - scene of the charge of the Louisiana Tigers - the foreground of the picture is the crest of Cemetery Hill at the point when the assault struck. Hoke's brigade formed behind the rising ground in center of picture. Hays' brigade formed in the streets of the town and moved out by the left flank until it reached Hoke's line. Both brigades then swept forward in the charge, led by the Louisiana Tigers.

(Library of Congress)

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bravest of men, his devotion to his family and friends imposed on him the sacred obligation to make every effort and sacrifice to prolong his valuable life. They have, alas, proved vain, and now the good, the heroic, the loving, unselfish and chivalric Harry T. Hays has been gathered until his fathers. A most estimable widow, his faithful companion through his whole manhood, and an interesting family, mourn their great loss of a husband and father, who was never surpassed in all the domestic virtues."

The *Times-Picayune* of New Orleans, on March 24, 1872, commented on Gen. Hays as follows: "From the battle of Bull Run to the last engagements of the war, he fought bravely under Gens. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and rendered the most valuable services to his native country. He was once dangerously wounded. His brigade captured the town of Winchester in Virginia, which was defended by Gen. Milroy. This was considered one of the most brilliant feats of the war. As a lawyer Gen. Hays is endowed with correct understanding and good sense, and has

acquired a familiar acquaintance with jurisprudence. He has an extensive and lucrative practice in this city, and is at present in partnership with Major New, also a talented and successful lawyer."

The *St. Landry Democrat*, Opelousas, LA, on August 25, 1876, gives a little more insight into his law career (in part): "When he left for college he went to Baltimore and studied law in the office of S. Teackle Wallace, the famous lawyer. He came to New Orleans in 1844, and began the practice of law with Bailie Peyton, who was an old friend of his father, and a relation of his mother's family, the Cages....On his return to New Orleans he resumed the practice of law with Mr. Hamner, under the name of Hamner & Hays, and continued in successful practice of the law until the breaking out of the late war."

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.

Let It Be Known - the Search for the BRCWRT's 2021 Scholarship Contestants is ON!

Do you know a high school senior who is fascinated with American history or the American Civil War? If so, help the BRCWRT find that student, so that it can give away a \$2000 scholarship. In general, the requirements include:

- Graduate in 2021 from a local public or private high school
- Reside in Prince William or Fairfax County
- Prove a strong interest in American history or Civil War history
- Visit a local Civil War historic site and write a short essay about it
- Apply by April 5, 2021



All of the information about how to apply is found on the BRCWRT Web site at <http://bullruncwrt.org>. In addition, students can find information on high school scholarship sites, which are accessed in the schools' career centers, guidance departments, or by home computers.

Let your family, friends, and neighbors know about our Scholarship opportunity! Let it be known!

- Charlie Balch, Chair, Scholarship Committee



THE BOOK CORNER



By Dave Button

Seek Gravesites, Will Travel

If you are looking for a book that deals with order of march, order of battle, battlefield tactics, battlefield outcomes, and such, then this is NOT a book for you. If, however, you are looking for a conversational style - coupled with travel log - coupled with historic information, then ***“Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle, A Guide to Civil War Gravesites North and South”*** by our own Janet L. Greentree is the book for you. For those of you who have been members of the Bull Round Civil War Round Table since its inception, these are columns you have had the opportunity to read every month in the newsletter. For those who are relatively new to the Round Table, there are many articles in the book that were written before they joined, and will be ‘new reading’ for you.

Ms. Rebelle’s adventures with friends and family to find the sites of various and sundry Civil War Veterans from Georgia to Washington State makes a great read. Along the way, anecdotal information is provided, illustrating the peculiar habits of some of the lesser-known generals, as well as some of the major contributions of others. For example, did you know that Cadwallader C. Washburn (US) was the founder of General Mills? Even more interesting is that John C. Pemberton (CSA) was born, and is buried, in Philadelphia. He married a southern girl and “went South.” Even better is that the inventor of Coca Cola (Dr. John S. Pemberton) was a relative.

For many of the subjects in the book, not only is the town/city where they are interred

given but also the street address and even more, in some cases, the section and lot number of the burial site. For example, if you are in Arlington National Cemetery, the grave sites are fairly easy to find, but in some of the others, particularly the smaller ones, making contact with the groundskeeper would be a good idea.

As was often the case, the general mentioned was a graduate of West Point. Not only is his rank in class usually given, but frequently some of his classmates who became generals in either army are named, listed by US and CSA. According to Ms. Rebelle, in Mr. F. J. Hooker’s (Gen. Robert E. Lee’s reference to him) class of 1837, there were nine Union and six Confederate generals.

Lest one think that the book is an homage to generals of “The War,” there are also visits to such gravesites as Harriet Tubman, The H. L. Hunley, Clara Barton, John Wilkes Booth, Richard Kirkland (The Angle of Marye’s Heights) and Lt. Col. Myles Keogh. This insight to some of the lesser-known characters (in the case of Kirkland and Keogh) is a nice balance to the more colorful with whom they served – Kirkland at Fredericksburg and Keogh at Little Big Horn.

The book is profusely filled with photographs of the subject and/or his marker and/or his home and/or a statue in his honor -- many taken by Ms. Rebelle herself. Most of the articles run two or three pages, which makes it a delightful read, since it is easily picked up and read when a few minutes are needed to “live the life of the mind,” as my old college president would say.

Information concerning the purchasing of the book is easily obtainable through the Round Table, since it is published by the BRCWRT, using the Kindle Publishing Platform. It is also available on amazon.com. The ISBN is 9781985391963.

Confederate Hijacking of Steamers on Lake Erie: George Mason OLLI Sessions

John Grady, author of *“Matthew Fontaine Maury: Father of Oceanography,”* will be discussing ongoing Confederate schemes to liberate thousands of prisoners on an island off Sandusky Island in a desperate attempt to “take the war North.” Critical to pulling this off was the destruction of the only Union warship on the Great Lakes. If successful in the raid launched from Canada and coordinated with a land attack, the Confederates would turn these prisoners loose on the Midwest and then attack from the water major American cities. Among the questions to be addressed in the two sessions are: How close did the Confederates come to success? Would the Confederates again use neutral Canada to wage war?

The two sessions are scheduled for 9:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m., May 12 and May 19. Spring term registration has begun. Sign up at: [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute \(gmu.edu\)](https://osherslifelonglearninginstitute.gmu.edu).

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PRESERVATION CORNER

BY BLAKE MYERS

Greetings BRCWRT Members - I trust you and your family and friends are doing well and remain safe and healthy. This edition of Preservation Corner provides updates on two specific preservation activities in which BRCWRT has been involved.

Route 28 Bypass Project

www.route28bypass.com

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA) Route 28 Transportation Study and Project is focused on infrastructure projects that will improve travel times and network reliability on Route 28 through Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.

On February 18, 2021, the Prince William County Department of Transportation (PWC DOT) hosted a meeting to inform residents of the Route 28 Bypass project, including background and current project status. The majority of time was reserved for questions from residents. Along with PWC DOT, panelists from the PWC Planning Office, Department of Public Works and Parks, Recreation, and the Office of Tourism were available to answer residents' questions. The DOT's presentation provided a general overview of the project, including the current timeline: Design and Engineering 2021 – 2023, Right of Way and Utilities 2023 – 2025, Construction 2025 – 2027. The majority of the meetings was devoted to resident questions and Panel member responses. A complete recording of the meeting, including the DOT presentation and the follow-on Q&A Panel, is available at: www.route28bypass.com.

The BRCWRT continues to monitor the Route 28 Bypass project and, in collaboration with NOVA Parks and Manassas National Battlefield Park, will continue our engagement with PWC DOT to ensure that potentially threatened cultural and historic sites are protected. Known historic sites within the project area include the original Mitchell's Ford site, remnants of Civil War earthworks constructed to guard Mitchell's Ford and remnants of earthworks constructed to guard the Bull Run crossing of the Confederate Military Railroad. Additional sites



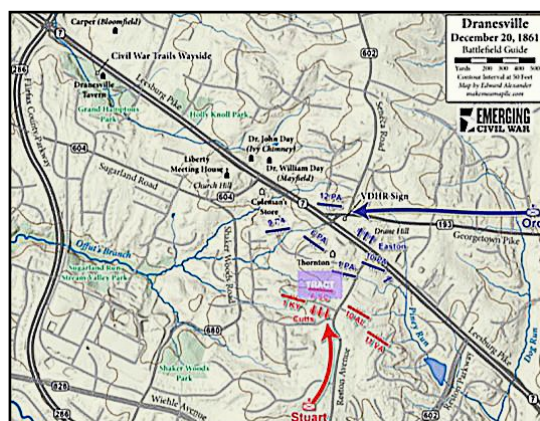
Route 28 By-Pass – Godwin Road Extension (PWC DOT Presentation)

north of Bull Run may be discovered as the definitive route to, and location of, the Bypass intersection with Route 28 is determined. PWC DOT plans to continue hosting information meetings (to be scheduled) and conducting resident communications and outreach on specific topics of concern to PWC residents.

Dranesville Battlefield

The preservation initiative to save four acres of core Dranesville Battlefield, begun in September 2020, has ended unsuccessfully. Unfortunately, negotiations between the former land owner's estate and the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) have been terminated on the mutual consent of both parties.

Though a relatively small affair between the units of the Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps under the command of Brig. Gen. E.O.C. Ord and Confederate Infantry under the command of Brig. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, the fighting in the Battle of Dranesville on December 20, 1861, was fierce and left a strong impression on those who fought there. The objective land tract lies directly across today's U.S. Rt 7/Leesburg Pike from the Dranesville Church of the



Battle of Dranesville map, annotated with land tract. (Emerging Civil War)

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Readers are reminded of the Battle of Dranesville historical marker installed on October 10, 2020, at the Dranesville Church of the Brethren (11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon). The marker is located on what, in 1861, was known as Drane Hill - - which overlooked the route of approaching Confederate forces under the temporary command of Brig. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and was the location of three guns from Easton's Battery of the Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps, which was under the command of Brigadier General E.O.C. Ord.

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, BRCWRT's historic preservation



Battle of Dranesville Historical Marker (Greg Wilson, Blake Myers)

actions and activities. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021!

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Assoc. Holding 2021 Events

Many historical organizations are putting Civil War events back up on the calendar, with Covid-19 safeguards having been refined since last spring/summer's events were cancelled. One of them is the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, sponsors of many reenactments - not just for the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, but for other battles and occasions. The following list of events are now scheduled for your enjoyment:

160th Battle of Manassas

4/24/2021 - 9 a.m. to 4/25/2021 - 3 p.m. Join us to experience battle reenactments on the hallowed ground of the GBPA's 146 - acre Daniel Lady Farm, which borders the Gettysburg National Military Park at Benner Hill. The farm was the site of artillery placements and infantry preparations for the Confederate attack on Culp's Hill. The house and barn became a field hospital. Shell fragments and soldier's carved initials are preserved in the barn and blood-stained floors in the house. Celebrate the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Manassas with Battle Reenactments, Artillery and Cavalry Demonstrations, Living History Programs, Tours of the Restored House and Barn, and more!

2021 Battle of Gettysburg

7/3/2021 - 10 a.m. to 7/4/2021 - 2 p.m. Celebrate the 158th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with Battle Reenactments, Artillery and Cavalry Demonstrations, Living History Programs. Join us to experience battle reenactments on the hallowed ground of the GBPA's 146 - acre Daniel Lady Farm which borders the Gettysburg National Military Park at Benner Hill. Tours of the Restored House and Barn, and more!

Cavalry Battle at Gettysburg and Scout Immersion Weekend

8/7/2021 - 10 a.m. to 8/8/2021 - 2 p.m. NEW EVENT FOR 2021 - This Cavalry Event will be designed as training and include tactical battle scenarios. There will be two battles each day, one in the morning and one in the late afternoon. Artillery will be included in the battles. Join us to experience battle reenactments on the hallowed ground of the GBPA's 146 - acre Daniel Lady Farm which borders the Gettysburg National Military Park at Benner Hill.

Annual Civil War Relic Show

9/26/2021 - 11 a.m. to 9/27/2021 - 3 p.m. - Eisenhower All Star Complex The Annual Civil War Artifact Show, the nation's premier Civil War relic and collectors show, normally held at the end of June, has been rescheduled for September 26 - 27 at the Eisenhower All Star Complex. Brendan Synnamon, GBPA Vice President of Administration and the event's coordinator, is working closely with the Eisenhower Complex to ensure the event follows PA Guidelines for COVID 19 control. America's Premier Civil War relic and collector's show. Held at the Eisenhower All Star Complex at 2634 Emmitsburg Rd, Gettysburg, our 300+ tables are a great way to view and even purchase authentic Civil War artifacts. Browse the tables and speak with the vendors who are all well versed in history and artifact identification. Better than a museum! Every item has someone willing to give you its history lesson and answer all your questions. VIP admission includes Friday and early admission for the serious collector.

For more information on these events, please contact the GBPA at: phone: 717-778-7760; address: P. O. Box 4087, Gettysburg, PA 17325; e-mail: info@gbpa.org.

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Historic Preservation

March & April Events & Programs

Women's History at Brentsville Courthouse

Ages 6+ | \$5

Mar 6 | 11a-12p | 180001 TQ

Mar 6 | 1p-2p | 180001 TR

Explore the role women played in the 19th Century from the perspective of Brentsville Courthouse. As you visit the site, learn about the woman's role in the family, in society, how they heard about the different types of ships they faced, such as during the Civil War, a lack of rights, and more. Limited to seven people per tour. Masks are required.

Event Over

Feisty, Friendly, and Fearless: Women of the Lodge

Rippon Lodge Historic Site | Ages 6+
Mar 6 | 11a-12:30p | \$10 | 180001 NA

Who were the women of the Rippon Lodge? This special tour will focus on three or four of the ladies of the lodge, their lives, and their accomplishments, along with a look at the men they raised or who worked for them. Masks required indoors and suggested outdoors. Space is limited. Walking tour, interior and exterior spaces.

Event Over

Virtual Heraldry Workshop from Brentsville Courthouse

Ages 2+ | \$5

Mar 13 | 1p-2p | 180001 TP

Everywhere we go, we see heraldry displayed in symbols all throughout Virginia and Prince William County depicting historical importance, location, family, and more. Join us virtually from your home to visit the 4th Prince William County Courthouse to learn about the types of heraldry used throughout Virginia's history. Learn what they mean and even spend time around your family table designing your own family crest based on your history and traditions! Link for this virtual program will be sent out after registration.



Gourds To Tools: Crafting Crops Into Dishes

Ben Lomond Historic Site | All Ages | \$5
Mar 20 | 10a-12p | 180001 MA

It has been said that early Americans not only grew their own food but also their own dishes! Gourds were used often as bowls, dippers, cups as well as shelters to attract birds that were essential for insect control in agrarian habitats. Join us as we turn the gourds that were grown in the garden last summer into functional tools that will be used to enhance the interpretation at Ben Lomond. Masks are required when indoors, and are recommended when outdoors.



Scrambled Egg Hunts at Brentsville Courthouse

Ages 3+ | \$30

Mar 20 | 11a-11:30a | 180001 TG

Mar 20 | 12p-12:30p | 180001 TH

Mar 20 | 1p-1:30p | 180001 TI

Mar 20 | 2p-2:30p | 180001 TJ

Mar 21 | 11a-11:30a | 180001 TK

Mar 21 | 12p-12:30p | 180001 TL

Mar 21 | 1p-1:30p | 180001 TM

Mar 21 | 2p-2:30p | 180001 TN

Enjoy a unique spin on egg hunts this year at Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre! Peter Rabbit created trouble again at Brentsville by taking all the candy and toys in our eggs and replacing them with puzzle pieces. He won't give back the goods until we solve the puzzle! Can you find all the eggs he hid to get the pieces and solve the puzzle? Egg hunt areas are divided by family groups of six or less, with a time limit of 30 minutes for each egg hunt. Once the puzzle is completed, turn it in to receive a gift basket for the family to take home filled with treats, prizes, and more. Masks are required outside of reserved egg hunt area.

Prince William Historic Preservation Lecture Series

These FREE lectures will be conducted online. A link will be emailed to those who register in advance.

An End to Innocence, The First Manassas Campaign

All Ages | Mar 25 | 7p-8:30p | 180001 UJ

Award winning historian and author John Hennessy will present on the first major battle of the Civil War that took place right here in Prince William County. Mr. Hennessy will address the battle itself and the effect this battle had on the people of the county.

James Longstreet After the Civil War: The Controversy Explained

All Ages | Apr 22 | 7p-8:30p | 180001 UK

Join Dan Paterson, a descendant of James Longstreet, as he explores the postwar legacy of James Longstreet, the South's most controversial soldier. Mr. Paterson will present a detailed timeline showing how events during the postwar period predated the Gettysburg controversy that was based upon the General's support for black suffrage, as well as membership and support for the Republican Party.



Rippon Lodge Easter Egg Trail

Rippon Lodge Historic Site |

Mar 27 | Under 3 Yrs | 10:30a-11a | \$5
180001 NC

Mar 27 | Ages 4-6 | 11a-12p | \$10
180001 ND

Mar 27 | Ages 4-6 | 12:30-1:30p | \$10
180001 NE

Sat Mar 27 | Ages 7-11 | 2:30p-3:30p | \$10
180001 NF

The Easter Bunny has created a fun activity trail at Rippon Lodge. Look for hidden objects, do physical tasks, tell a joke, and more as you walk to receive your eggs. Reservation required. Bring your own basket. Masks required indoors and strongly suggested outdoors for all in attendance. Timed walks for age groups, social distance required, family units no larger than 5 allowed at one time due to limited space. Walking along uneven ground, grass, and gravel surfaces. Parental supervision required along trail.



History Themed Summer Camps

Registration
Opens in early March

Spring Break History Camp

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Ages 8-13

Mar 30-Apr 1 | 9a-12p | \$50 | 180001 TO

Join us for a fun and historical Spring Break that explores the history of Prince William County through the eyes of Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre! Enjoy crafts and activities every day of camp focusing on a different era of history from the tools and trades of Native Americans and the farming activities of the 19th century, to detective work in the Brentsville Courthouse and Jail.

Science & History of Gardening at the Haislip-Hall House

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Ages 6+ | Apr 10 | 10a-12p | \$5
180001 TF

Bring the family to the Haislip-Hall House for a day of science and history while helping us plant the vegetable garden at the Historic Haislip-Hall House this spring! Learn about the agricultural history of Prince William while you help us plant the heirloom garden plots, learning about what different types of plants were grown and how they were used. Conduct your own soil and water experiment to learn about pollution and irrigation. Program will run rain or shine, please dress appropriately and bring gardening gloves. Reservations are required for space is limited.

Civil War Tours of Brentsville Courthouse

Ages 6+

Apr 17 | 11a-12p | \$5 | 180001 TD

Apr 17 | 1p-2p | \$5 | 180001 TE

As the seat of Prince William County, Brentsville saw a lot of activity throughout the Civil War. Debates took place within the courthouse, troops mustered in for service, and the town suffered heavily at

the hands of both armies over the years. Join us for a special tour of Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre to learn more about what happened at Brentsville during the Civil War. Tours are limited to seven people per tour and masks are required.

The Ellis' Magnificent Garden

Rippon Lodge Historic Site | Ages 8+

Apr 17 | 10a-11:30a | \$7 | 180001 NG

Wade and Dessie Ellis' 'country home' Rippon Lodge was featured in Virginia's Historic Garden Week from the late 20's to the late 40's. Visit Rippon Lodge for this socially-distanced outdoor program with staff and the modern day gardeners that make the lovely landscaped surroundings possible to learn more about how the outdoor landscape has evolved from a tobacco plantation into a public park! Approximately 90 minutes and will involve outdoor walking over uneven terrain. Tour will begin on the front porch of the 1747 lodge down the paved walkway from the parking lot. Masks required indoors and strongly suggested outdoors.

Calligraphy Class in the Brentsville Schoolhouse

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre

Ages 13+

Apr 24 | 10a-12p | \$15 | 180001 TC

When the Brentsville Schoolhouse was in use between 1929 and 1944, one of the skills taught to students was penmanship. Have you ever wanted to improve your handwriting skills or be able to make your own invitations? Join historic preservation staff at the historic schoolhouse for a beginner's introduction to the art of calligraphy! During this 2-hour workshop you will learn about the historic importance of writing forms, a few basic traditional calligraphy styles, have the chance to try out your own new calligraphy skills, and learn some history along the way. Advanced registration is required.

Register online today:
www.pwcparcs.org/HistoricPrograms

Hours of Operation: Following Prince William County Government and the Commonwealth of Virginia's Phase 3 plan for reopening, select DPRT Historic Buildings are now open to the public for limited tours. Precautionary measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 will be strictly observed. Please look for updates on www.pwcgov.org/history for notices regarding hours of operation, programs, and upcoming summer camps.

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