



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXVIII, Issue 7 OCTOBER 2021

## BRCWRT Members Storm The Winery at Bull Run for Annual Picnic!

**Victualer "The Bone" Wins the Day with Pulled Pork and Beef Brisket - Sunny Skies and Sweeping Vineyard Vistas Complete Skirmishers' Victory!**

Photos by Janet Greentree

Who needs a shad bake when the annual BRCWRT picnic provides such a great meal and scenic venue each year - a bonus treat for members to enjoy?! One of the first large events held recently by the Round Table, the outside seating gave everyone a way to relax and enjoy one another's company again. The photos below capture the joy we all feel as we navigate the ongoing health challenges of this time. Thanks to all who planned and performed the work to hold the event - especially Jim Lewis - and to all who took the opportunity to gather together again in friendship.



Some of the hungry BRCWRT "troops" who enjoyed the provisions supplied at the annual membership picnic.



In what can only be described as 'trouble,' (left to right), Blake Myers, Ed Wenzel and Jim Lewis met up - coincidentally - at the refreshment table.



Brian McEnany, right, brought his (clearly) better half Lillian to enjoy the day.



Left to right, Kathryn Schmiel joins Frank and Ruth Simone to scan the perimeter of the picnic area looking for hostiles to deter at chow time.

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**If you have ever benefited from touring a battlefield or historic site with the BRCWRT, consider giving that joy to others by volunteering to join the ad hoc Tour Committee. Please contact Blake Myers if you can help with future tours.**

## UPCOMING 2021/2022 MEETINGS (Virtual - until further notice)

**November 18:** Author/Historian and BRCWRT member 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"

**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 -

We apologize that we had to go Zoom-only for our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with guest speaker John Quarstein, who spoke so enthusiastically on "Cmdr. Worden and the *USS Montauk* Destroy the *CSS Nashville*." We are working on cleaning up the details for having smooth "hybrid" (live + Zoom + Facebook) meetings from the November 18 meeting onward. Our vice president and Zoom guru, Kim Brace, has generously offered to donate his high-performance laptop (which he is replacing with an even newer one) to the BRCWRT to help to ensure that our future library meetings will be free of technology glitches. Thank you, Kim.

Speakers: Thanks, again, to Mark Trbovich for arranging a terrific lineup of speakers all the way through 2022! Note that Mark will be retiring from his role as the 'speaker-meister' next year and we are looking for one or more replacements to accomplish this task going forward. Please let Mark Trbovich or me know if you are interested in helping to find speakers for 2023.

Annual Picnic: Thanks to all who attended the recent annual picnic. Jim Lewis has done a great job again this year to work with the Winery at Bull Run and The Bone (BBQ); it was a great time for all. Remember, our annual picnic is FREE for active members.

Fall Tour: Also, please sign up for our Fall Tour! Blake Myers and the tour group have arranged for a special tour of the Battle of Cool Spring on October 23. So far, 25 of us have signed up for this convenient day-trip. Please see the announcement on Bullruncwrt.org to see if you would be interested in joining us.

Dogan House Tour. Finally, Stephanie Vale, our chair of the Marketing Committee, working with the Manassas Battlefield Park staff, has set up a special tour of the Dogan House for BRCWRT members. Please join us Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 2 p.m. for this unique tour.

As explained in the last issue, the Dogan House is an 1879 home built on the site of and with many materials from the original Dogan House believe to have been destroyed during the Second Battle of Manassas. Don't miss this special BRCWRT event!

## ~ Notice of Annual Election of Officers ~

As you may know, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table organizational structure allows for four elected officers -- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer -- each serving a one-year term, beginning in January. Our election cycle began at our September membership meeting when we solicited from our active members candidates for these four offices. During our October meeting, we announced the names of those members who have thrown their hats in the ring for an office. The nomination process will close at our November meeting, and the election will be conducted at our December meeting.

If you are interested in being a candidate for office or in nominating another member in good standing with his or her consent, kindly contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Included on the committee are myself, at: jfdepue@comcast.net (phone: 703-994-9023), or Jim Lewis at: antie-tam1862@verizon.net. Alternatively, you can personally make a nomination at our November membership meeting.

We appreciate your interest and support as we continue on with our election cycle.



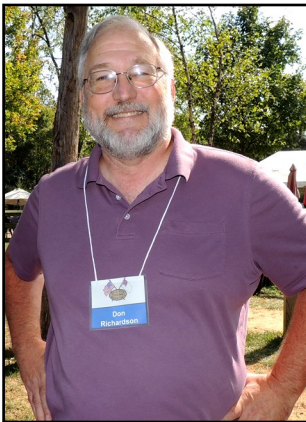
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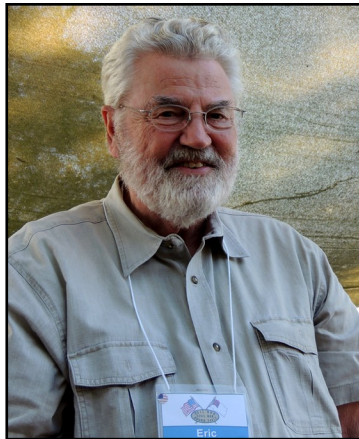
Since the BRCWRT picnics are always out of this world, astronaut Tom Jones (back, right) dropped by, joining terranauts (seated left to right) are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roddy ; standing, left to right are: Bernie and Pam Unger; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Haskins, and Tom Jones.



Mike Buckley (left) and Patrick McGinty, veteran picnic-goers, try never to miss a reunion of the Barbeque Brigade.



Don Richardson - newest member of the Newsletter Committee, will be helping us cross our 'T's and dot our 'I's from now on.



Contrary to rumor, *Stone Wall* proofreader Eric Fowler (above, left) was not the editor who polished Samuel L. Clemens exquisite writing - Mark Twain (performed by Mike Hall - above, right) noted this about his actual editor: "At thirty, hardened in crime, you became an editor. "



Doug Cox, like Jackie O, shown in high dudgeon that the paparazzi won't let him alone when out and about in public.



Not quite the 'Secret Six,' these four great friends are, nevertheless, always up to something! Here, with the help of nearby stabled horses, they plan to ride around Stuart as he rides around McClellan. Left to right: Gwen Wyttenbach, Janet Green-tree, Nancy Anwyll, and Nadine Mironchuk.



Joe Young (left) and Kim Brace each deserve a hearty "Huzzah!" from the troops in the field for all the work they do to make the BRCWRT a success.

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Charlie Balch (left) and Jayne Young check the muster rolls for bounty jumpers who might re-up at the chow line under another name.



Left to right, Mom Julie Holtzer and sons Ben and Bryan, along with Gwen Wytenbach, help to fill the ranks with eager eaters.



At left: left to right, buddies John "Boxcar" Myers and Fred Eckstein ponder their chances of cornering the hardtack market before it becomes a crypto currency.

At right: left to right, Nancy Anwyll and Sandra Cox wonder what Braxton Bragg was thinking at Chickamauga.



Among the most talented reenactors in the BRCWRT are these folks who portray the local civilian onlookers who picnicked at the First Bull Run battle, bringing their comfortable chairs, refreshments and optimism that the battle would settle the issues of the day. Shown above, left to right, are: Nancy and Mike Buckley; Margaret and Dr. Jim Giragosian, and Randy Moller and Rose Nelson.



Jon Hickox, far left, Winery at Bull Run owner, enjoys relic-hunting/collecting, maintaining a small museum there holding his own acquisitions, along with items from D.P. Newton's now-closed White Oak Civil War Museum and Research Center. Held by Jim Lewis, near left, is a beautiful gold Colonial-era coin dug by Jon. At right, various Civil War-era munitions; below, an early dug musket.

Photo at right by Jim Lewis





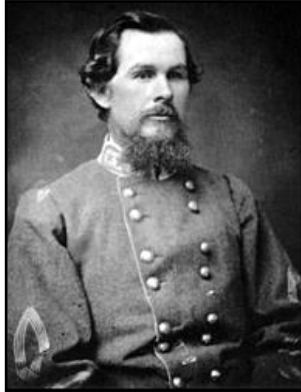


## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### Gen. Eppa Hunton, Jr., CSA

By Janet Greentree

If you read my article last month about Quartermaster Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, the general had four descendants named after him. Gen. Hunton bet-



Gen. Eppa Hunton, Jr.,

tered Meigs by two, as there is an Eppa Hunton, VI. All were or are (now) attorneys except Eppa's father, who owned three plantations in the New Baltimore-Thoroughfare Gap area of Virginia – Eastview, Mount Hope (at 6015 Georgetown Road in New Baltimore) and Springfield. He also owned a plantation in

Prince William County, which was later sold to pay debts after Eppa I's death at age 50.

*Before I even start describing this man, it took a village of help from some good friends/family to verify facts and take photos for me. Thanks first to my Richmond daughter, Melanie Greentree, for taking a picture of Hunton's last residence in Richmond and a picture of his grave at Hollywood Cemetery. Second, to my Gettysburg daughter, Lisa Tully, for a picture of Black Horse Tavern. To Sandra Cox, for her stolen Bibles story from the diary of Anne Froebel. To the Mosby men who know everything about Col. John S. Mosby and "now Hunton:" Dave Goetz, for information on Hunton's houses in Warrenton; a note written by Hunton about a veterans' reunion; the 1906 ribbon from the reunion, and pictures. Tom Evans – for asking Chuck Mauro to send me a picture of Gen. Edwin H. Stoughton's soldier, who drew a picture on the wall of Hunton's mother's house, Eastview, and information about Eastview. Chuck Mauro – for a picture of Eastview in New Baltimore, and a Stoughton picture. Don Hakenson – for verifying which plantation that Hunton was born on. I do not know what I would do without the Mosby men. Lastly, Paige Gibbons, BRCWRT member, who was working at the Brentsville Courthouse when I visited.*



At left, the Brentsville Courthouse.

Photo by Janet Greentree



The depressions marking the "remains" of Hunton's house in Brentsville.

Photo by Janet Greentree

*She gave me a tour of the courthouse and told me where to find the "remains" of Hunton's house in Brentsville. I am deeply indebted to all of you.*

Eppa Hunton, Jr. was born on September 22, 1822, on his father's Springfield Plantation in New Baltimore, VA. The Huntons lived at the Mt. Hope Plantation from 1829-1902. It was Eppa, Jr's boyhood home. All plantations are still private property. Eppa was born to Eppa Hunton, Sr. and Elizabeth Marye Brent. They were married June 22, 1811, in Fauquier Co., VA.



Mt. Hope Plantation, New Baltimore, VA.

Eppa, Jr. was one of 12 children – John C., Virginia, Charles A., Judith Ann, John Heath, Silas Brown, James Innis, George William, Hannah Neale, Mary Brent, and Elizabeth Marye. Both of his parents came to America from England around 1700. His father taught

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school, in addition to running three plantations. He also fought in the war of 1812 at the battles of Bladensburg and Craney Island, serving in the Virginia Militia. He was elected twice to the Virginia House of Delegates. His mother was the daughter of Capt. William Brent, who was in the Revolutionary War. The small town of Brentsville, VA, was named for the Brent family.

Our Eppa was educated at the New Baltimore Academy in New Baltimore. After graduating, he taught school for three years in The Plains. He then opened his own school in Buckland and lived with his older brother, Silas. He taught school to the sons of John Webb Tyler, a Circuit Judge, who urged him to study law. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in June 1843, and first practiced law in Brentsville. When John W. Tyler was elected as a judge in Fairfax County, Eppa was elected his successor in Prince William County as Commonwealth Attorney, winning by a landslide and carrying every precinct. The BRCWRT first visited the Brentsville Courthouse with the late John McAnaw before it was rehabbed into the beautiful place it is today. The setup of the courthouse is interesting, as there are small enclosures on either side for the sheriff or magistrates to sit. As Commonwealth Attorney, Eppa would have sat on the right side of the bench in the enclosed rectangle in the Courtroom. In front of the courthouse were law offices, which are



The enclosure Hunton would occupy when appearing in court,  
Photo by Janet Greentree

no longer there. Eppa's office was in one of those buildings.

Eppa married Lucy Caroline Weir on June 14, 1848. She was the daughter of Robert and Clara Boothe Weir. Eppa and Caroline only had two children – Elizabeth Boothe and Eppa, III. Elizabeth died when she was just a little over a year old. Eppa, III

eventually became his father's law partner and later founded the well-known Richmond law firm of Hunton and Williams in 1901. Eppa and Lucy purchased a home in Brentsville in January 1849. Lucy's widowed mother, Clara, and her two daughters, Bettie and Martha, came to live with the Huntons in Brentsville. During the Civil War, while Eppa was away, the Yankees burned the house down. The remains, or indentation in the soil, are the remnants of the foundation. The house was located at the corner of Bristow Road and Old Church Road.

A month into the Civil War, Hunton was commissioned as colonel in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, in May 1861. That regiment was joined with seven companies from Loudoun County, two from Fauquier County and one each from Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Their first assignment was to guard the Potomac River in Loudoun County. On May 18, 1861, he and his troops went to Manassas and reported to Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard, fighting in the First Battle



The Battle Flag of the "Bloody" 8th VA.

of Manassas. Gen. Beauregard commented: "Colonels Harper, Hunton, and Hampton, commanding regiments of the reserve, attracted my notice by their soldierly ability, as with their gallant commands. They restored the fortunes of the day, at a time when the enemy by a last desperate onset, with heavy odds, had driven our forces from the fiercely contested ground around the Henry and Robinson houses. Veterans could not have behaved better than these well led regiments." (From Eppa Hunton's biography). The 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia fought in many battles, but Hunton was not always present, as he was ill with a variety of ailments. Around May 1861, he stated in his biography: "I was a little tired. My general health was very poor. I laid down on the lounge in my office and had a very severe hemorrhage of the throat. This was followed by many others, sometimes copious." The 8<sup>th</sup>

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Illustration of the fighting at Ball's Bluff, VA, October 21, 1861.

fought at Ball's Bluff, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, Ox Hill, Boonsboro, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Five Forks, and Sailor's Creek. After 1<sup>st</sup> Bull Run, he was sick with an anal fissure. He had surgery in Richmond, but it did not heal well. At the battle of Williamsburg, he was so sick he almost fell off his horse. At Gettysburg, he was also sick and was ordered to ride a horse, rather than walk Pickett's Charge. The 8<sup>th</sup> VA suffered 90% casualties there. He was wounded by a bullet to his right leg, just below the knee. His horse was killed as well. He was taken to a field hospital and treated. Like most of Pickett's men, he most likely was taken to Breems Tavern (Black Horse Tavern) Hospital. He had lost too much blood to



Above, the former Black Horse Tavern at Gettysburg, used as a field hospital during the battle.

Photo by Lisa Tully

return to the field. During the trip back to Virginia, he rode in a conveyance taken from the Gettysburg Carriage Works. He was promoted to brigadier general in August 1863.

A marker to the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia is located three markers down, across the street from the Virginia Monument in Gettysburg, on West

Confederate Avenue. The command was under Gen. Richard B. Garnett. Hunton's name is not listed. At Sailor's Creek, Hunton surrendered to a staff officer under Gen. George Armstrong Custer. Hunton

was so weak from loss of blood and diarrhea that he

was taken to Custer's headquarters to be treated. He was given a hair mattress to sleep on, and a bottle of brandy. Hunton was later transported as a prisoner to Fort Warren on George's Island in Boston. He prospered from the climate and good food and recovered in Boston. He was paroled on July 24, 1865.

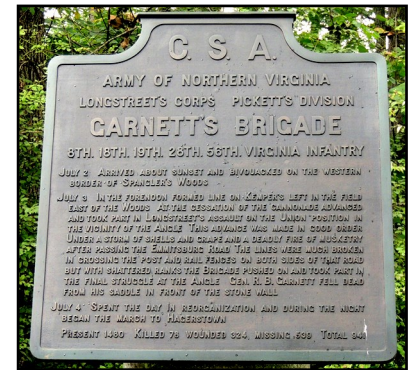
There are two interesting stories about Hunton during the War. The first comes from Tom Evans, Dave Goetz and Chuck Mauro. The Widow Hunton was living at her plantation Eastview in New Baltimore during the War. Gen. Edwin Stoughton stopped by her house



Eastview Plantation, New Baltimore, VA.

and had his men take whatever they could find. Mrs. Hunton pleaded with Stoughton to leave her the only horse she owned. Stoughton said she could keep her horse if she signed an Oath of Allegiance. She replied: "Sir-r-r-r, the horse is yours!" One of Stoughton's aides was so impressed with what he had just witnessed that he took a piece of charcoal and drew the event on the wall of Mrs. Hunton's house. The photo was shared by Dave Goetz and Chuck Mauro in Tom Evans

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The 8th VA marker at Gettysburg.

Photo by Janet Greentree



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and Jim Moyer's book "*Mosby's Confederacy*."



Drawing from the parlor wall of Eastview showing the exchange between the Widow Hunton and General Stoughton.  
Drawn by one of Stoughton's aides.

Depiction of drawing courtesy of David Goetz, Chuck Mauro and Tom Evans.

The second story, furnished by Sandra Cox, concerns the theft of several of Eppa Hunton's Bibles while a Col. Gregg passed through Brentsville on June 7, 1865. The story comes from *The Civil War Diary of Anne S. Frobel of Wilton Hill in Virginia*. "This morning Col. Gregg said, "When we passed through Prince William County, VA with the army, there was at the village of Brentsville and a large house belonging to one of *your* Generals, his was a singular name and I never have been able to recall." I do not know how it was but the very first name I struck upon was Hunton, Gen. Eppa Hunton. "Well," he exclaimed, "that's the very name, I cannot understand how it is that you Virginians seem to know every name, in the whole state, we, the soldiers went into that house and completely gutted it, and when I got here, nothing was left in it but the old bibles, and I took them and sent them home." I replied – well – the idea of you going all the way to Brentsville to steal Gen. Hunton's old family bibles. The *Bible of all things*, what did you want with the bibles? You Yankees have no *earthly* use for the bible, and what did you take it for. "O," he said he did not want them, they were curious looking old books, unlike any bibles he had ever seen before and had some writing in them that appeared to be an old family record, which he thought might be

valuable to the owner, and he might make capital on them some day by returning them, and if I could take charge of them and see they were returned to Gen. Hunton, he would send them to me. I told him I certainly would take charge of them with pleasure, and see that they were returned. On July 5, 1865, received a letter from Col. now Gen. Gregg (David McMurtrie Gregg?) saying he had a very satisfactory trip and reception at home, and had shipped Gen. Hunton's bibles to us and a large box of maple sugar, to be divided between us and our neighbors at Burgundy."

Hunton returned to Virginia to retrieve his wife and son from Lynchburg, where they had been staying during the War. Hunton was penniless, as he had invested in Virginia State Bonds, which were worthless after the war. He was offered \$500 for his old war horse 'Old Morgan,' but refused to part with the animal. He secured a \$50 loan from a family friend, John H. Reid. His older brother Silas came to Lynchburg and brought the family to Culpeper.

Hunton resumed his law practice in Brentsville and expanded it to both Loudoun and Fauquier counties. Hunton and Col. John Singleton Mosby were law partners and had a law office in Warrenton, on Wall Street, which is across from the Warrenton Courthouse. The Hunton family first lived at 67 Waterloo Street in Warrenton. In more modern times, the house was turned into Napoleon's Restaurant. The restaurant burned in 2014, was



Home that Hunton bought from Mosby, in Warrenton, VA; later the Napoleon Restaurant.

declared a loss and was torn down. In 1867, Hunton bought Brentmoor, Mosby's home in Warrenton, for \$8,000. In later years, Hunton decided his son would have better law oppor-

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Brentmoor, in Warrenton, VA.

Photo by Janet Greentree

tunities in Richmond. Hunton sold Brentmoor in 1902 for \$8,000 and gave the money to his son to purchase a home in Richmond. Hunton lived with his son at 8 Franklin Street in Richmond for the rest of his life.

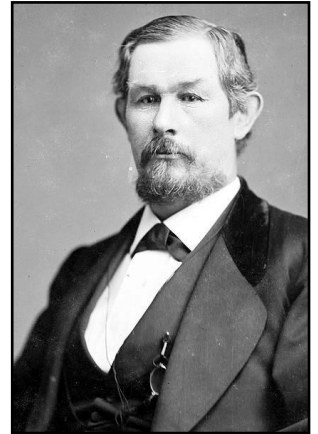


Hunton's home in Richmond, VA.  
Photo by Melanie Greentree

Hunton had a an extensive political career as well. He was a Democrat his entire life and was a delegate to the 1856 Democratic National Convention in Cincinnati. In 1861, Prince William County voters elected him as their delegate to the Virginia Secession Convention. He attended the Virginia Constitutional Convention

in 1868, opposing restrictions on former Confederates. He was elected to the Virginia Senate in November 1872. He opposed the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibited the election or appointment to any federal or state office of any person who had held certain offices, and then engaged in insurrection, rebellion, or treason. However, the section provided that a two-thirds vote by each House of Congress could override this limitation. The Amnesty Act of 1872 was signed to correct this. He was the deciding

vote among the 15 U.S. House of Representatives committee members who decided the Tilden-Hayes election of 1876. The group was split 7-7. Hunton told the Hayes camp that if Hayes would end Reconstruction, he would have his vote. The Hayes camp agreed, and Rutherford B. Hayes became president in March 1877. One of Hayes first acts as president was to officially end Reconstruction. Hunton served in the 43<sup>rd</sup>-46<sup>th</sup> Congresses – March 4, 1873-March 4, 1881. He also served on the Committee of Military Affairs and voted to exonerate Gen. Custer of military charges, who had been kind to him when he was wounded at Sailor's Creek. He was appointed to take over John Barbour's seat in the Senate in 1892, after Barbour died. He served until March 4, 1895.



Senator Eppa Hunton, Jr..

Hunton attended the first reunion of the 8<sup>th</sup> VA, held in 1895 at Ball's Bluff, and was the speaker. He was invited by Mosby Ranger Joe Bryan to the 1906 reunion, but declined to attend, as his vision was not good at night.

His biography was published in 1904, which he intended only for family use. Only 100 copies were published. Part of it can be found on the Internet and is extremely interesting.

When Hunton moved to Richmond, he began having attacks of vertigo - two to three times a week. He could neither sit nor lie down without falling. He also became deaf and blind. He died at his son's house on October 11, 1908. The death certificate listed natural causes. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery very near to Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and across from Jefferson Davis along the James River. The *Richmond Times-*

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Reunion ribbon  
image courtesy of  
David Goetz.



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*Dispatch* published his obituary on October 12, 1908, which says, in part: "Gen. Eppa Hunton of the Confederate Army, died yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock at the home of his son, Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., 8 East Franklin Street, in his eighty-sixth year. Gen. Hunton's career in public life in Virginia had been long and distinguished. As a lawyer, statesman and soldier, his character was above reproach; his integrity was never called into question. While suffer-



Gen. Hunton's grave marker in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.  
Photo by Melanie Greentree

ing from the infirmities of advancing years, General Hunton retained his strength to an unusual degree, recuperating from a serious illness during the past summer with remarkable vitality. Returning to Richmond a month ago, he continued to improve until about a week ago, when his strength began to fail. Up to last Thursday, he was able to dress and come down stairs for a part of the day with assistance. For the last two days he failed rapidly, and the end came peacefully with members of the immediate family at his bedside.... The services will take place from St. Paul's Church at 4 o'clock, and will be conducted by the rector, Rev. R.W. Forsyth.... R.E. Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, of which General Hunton was a regular member will meet at Lee Camp Hall on Tuesday at 3 p.m. to attend the funeral in a body. Members are requested to wear Confederate gray uniforms. The following have been appointed a special detail from the camp to act as honorary pall-bearers: Lieutenant-Commander Clay Drewry, Judge George L. Christian, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Joseph W. Thomas, Hon. J. Taylor Lamb, Lewis H. Blair, D.O. Davis, and Dr. R.G. Crouch."

*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](mailto:jlgrtree@erols.com).*

## BRCWRT Invited for Unique Tour of Dogan House

Please join us Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 2 p.m. for a special Bull Run Civil War Round Table tour of the historic Mary Jane Dogan house, located on the grounds of the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Park Superintendent Brandon Bies will be our tour guide.

The Round Table is supporting the Manassas Battlefield Trust and Manassas National Battlefield Park in the restoration of this historic house. Our participation in the tour and your donation will help fund this restoration. Every dollar of your donation is being matched!! Come out to see the great work that is being done by a consortium of preservation contractors.



Photos of Dogan House by porter-hehr.myportfolio.com



# BRCWRT Committees Seek Volunteers to Step Up -

## Every Member Has a Talent That Will Help to Keep Our RT Tops!

### The Education Committee

by Brian McEnany

The Education Committee needs some fresh volunteers to continue the BRCWRT's well-received and publicized Academic Outreach programs. The committee promotes increased member and public awareness of Civil War history, issues, battlefields and sites, and increases awareness of the BRCWRT's Scholarship program. The chair of this committee is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Current responsibilities of the committee are focused on two major programs:

- **Academic Outreach:** Providing BRCWRT outreach to local colleges, universities, and public schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties to help encourage the study of Civil War history, sites and battlefields. Brian McEnany is the current chair of this program.
- **Scholarship:** The BRCWRT Scholarship Program is organized to plan and promote BRCWRT scholarships for public high school seniors in Fairfax and Prince William Counties. The chair of this program is also the co-chair of the Education Committee and is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. Charlie Balch is the current chair of this program and is co-chair of the Education Committee. He will address the needs of the Scholarship Committee in a separate article.

The need for replacements is based on my decision to resign from the Executive Committee and as the Chair of the Education Committee next year. I have been working in that capacity since 2013, and it is time for others to move these programs forward.

**Background:** Six years ago, then BRCWRT president Mark Trbovich challenged the EXCOM to initiate contact with local college/universities to determine if Round Table experience could play a role in supporting Civil War history

classes. I became the focal point for the academic outreach programs as many Round Table education activities are covered in other committees. Academic Outreach has evolved into presenting classes on topics of interest to local academic institutions. In 2018, the Round Table revised its committee structure, and I became the chair of its new Education Committee.

The Academic Outreach program is currently focused on three institutions:

- **George Mason University:** Since 2016, our local history experiences allowed Jim Lewis, Blake Myers and me to present a class about Farr's Fort to students in GMU's Civil War and Reconstruction class.
- **Northern Virginia Community College:** Jim Lewis and I took advantage of member experience in the creation, approval, installation and dedication of almost one hundred historic markers to present a Historic Signage class for NVCC's Public History and Historic Preservation program.
- **Bull Run Elementary School:** Its location presented a perfect case of *History Happened Here*. We folded in some genealogical connections, some Round Table reenactment knowledge and local history that allowed David Welker, Mark Whinton, and me to present a class about the First Battle of Manassas at the Bull Run Elementary School; helped decide a winner of its essay program, and presented a \$50 check to the winner at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony in 2019.

The COVID pandemic limited on-site classes at GMU and NVCC in 2020 and 2021. Those institutions continue virtual classes into the Spring Semester 2022. We are working with each to determine when BRCWRT support can continue. I intend to ensure that the 2022

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classes at these three institutions get back on schedule.

Currently, Jim Lewis, Blake Myers and I focus on the GMU and NVCC classes. Mark Whinton, David Welker and I present the class at BRES. All have significant other tasks. John Carter and David Welker have recently volunteered to assist with the academic outreach programs. Additional volunteers are most welcome to help expand and continue the current programs.

Most committee planning takes place May-July each year, when school planning for the Fall and Spring semesters is underway. GMU: plan for October classes; NVCC: plan for March classes; BRES: plan for April/May classes.

We have established a modest budget to offset the production of handouts for these classes and any monetary gifts to BRES. Updates of the various classes are required – mostly to ensure that any recent historical changes or governmental requirements are accommodated. Complete class scripts, charts, and outlines are available for any updates or requests from the academic institutions.

The Academic Outreach programs have created a solid reputation for the BRCWRT. It has been publicized in the *Stone Wall* and in GMU publications. Although currently limited to Fairfax County it can be easily expanded into Prince William County if and when additional volunteers become available.

If there is any interest in volunteering to assist with our Academic Outreach programs, either in presenting classes, expanding outreach, or helping interact with the academic community, please get in touch with me – [bmccenany@cox.net](mailto:bmccenany@cox.net); Cell: 703-973-7892.

### The Scholarship Committee

by Charlie Balch

Two of the three current members of the Scholarship Committee are retiring next year, so, this is an appeal for new Scholarship Committee members.

As you may recall, each year the Bull Run Civil War Round Table awards a scholarship to a high school senior from a school in Prince William or Fairfax County. We have done this annually since 2013, to increase interest in American history, especially of Civil War events in our area. This year, the scholarship will amount to \$2,000.

Several students apply each spring for the scholarship. The committee reviews each student's application, along with their grade transcript, teacher recommendation and their essay about a local Civil War site. We then interview the finalists and select a scholarship winner.

The high school scholarship program is a respected and well-known part of the Round Table's calendar. There is genuine pleasure on the committee's part when connecting with intelligent, young students and hearing about their knowledge of, interest in, and perspective on the War. We then have an opportunity to help them with our scholarship dollars.

If you join us as a member of the Scholarship Team, you will have an opportunity to be a part of one of the most important Round Table activities.

Again, two of the three existing Scholarship Committee members are retiring in 2022. If you would like to join the team, please contact – Charlie Balch at [CABalch@aol.com](mailto:CABalch@aol.com) or 703-242-7277.

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

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

◆ Clive Blackwell

◆ Chris Straub

◆ Gloria Click

◆ Mary Straub



## THE BOOK CORNER



By Dave Button

*“Searching for Irvin McDowell: Forgotten Civil War General”* by Frank Simone and Gene Schmiel, with “Dutch” Schneider, is the first biography of Gen. Irvin McDowell. Since McDowell did not have as long, as illustrious, or as flamboyant a career as many of the Civil War generals, he has been overlooked by those in search of Lee, Grant, Stuart, Custer, etc. (Note: the authors, who are also members of the BRCWRT, will be speaking at the December meeting.)

The majority of the book is devoted to McDowell’s relative short (June 1861 – January 1863) involvement in combat, in one form or another. Of the 10 chapters in the book, only two are devoted to something other than the time from essentially before First Manassas through the Court of Inquiry of McDowell and the Court Martial of Fitz-John Porter. The remaining 8 chapters deal with both battles of Manassas and McDowell’s performance at both interspersed with what was going on generally in the Virginia theatres of the Civil War. The political machinations are explored deeply, leading one to wonder how as much progress the Union army was able to make was able to come about. The infighting among the generals, as well as the infighting among the civilians in Washington

(particularly among the members of the cabinet and among the various factions in the Senate), is looked at through the lens of how it impacted McDowell’s career. The story also leads, at least for this reader, to a more sympathetic view of McDowell. Additionally, the story illustrates how much the “armchair generals” in Washington who urged an unprepared army to fight were responsible for many of the decisions made.

It is said that Mr. Lincoln made a comment about both sides being ‘green together.’ While it may be true that both sides were green, it is also true that at the beginning of the war, the animosity between/among the generals was such that it is surprising that anything got done. The prime example of this is the “bad blood” between George McClellan and John Pope. That subordinate generals were seen to owe their allegiance to one or the other caused a high level of mistrust.

The book is well documented, with 414 footnotes in 244 pages. The sources range from original documentation such as *“War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies”* to works of relatively recent publication, such as John Hennessey’s *“Return to Bull Run,”* among others. The book may be purchased at: [www.amazon.com/-/e/B00HV455SWK](http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00HV455SWK), since it is self-published. The price is \$19.99 and is in paperback.

## Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Presents

**Saturday, November 6, 2021. 1:30 p.m.:** *“Lies and Truths of the African American Soldiers in the United States Colored Troops of the Civil War.”* The Virginia Center for Civil War Studies is helping sponsor a panel discussion at Historic Smithfield in Blacksburg, featuring panelists Dr. Kerri Moseley-Hobbs, Kevin Levin, and Dr. Caroline Newhall. The panel is part of “A Day of Honor: Sergeant Thomas Fraction,” commemorating this Civil War soldier who escaped from slavery in Blacksburg. More information is available at [Smithfield's website](http://Smithfield's website).

**Tues Nov 16, 2021. 7 p.m. ET.** *“Choctaw Confederates: The American Civil War in Indian Country.”* A free online lecture and discussion with Dr. Fay Yarbrough (Rice University) about Dr. Yarbrough’s [new book](#). The Choctaw Nation officially sided with the Confederacy during the American Civil War. Choctaw legal authorities even deemed any criticism of the Confederacy or of the Confederate army to be a form of treason against the Choctaw Nation and punishable by death. What accounts for this level of commitment to the Confederate cause among the Choctaws? [Click here for free zoom registration.](#)

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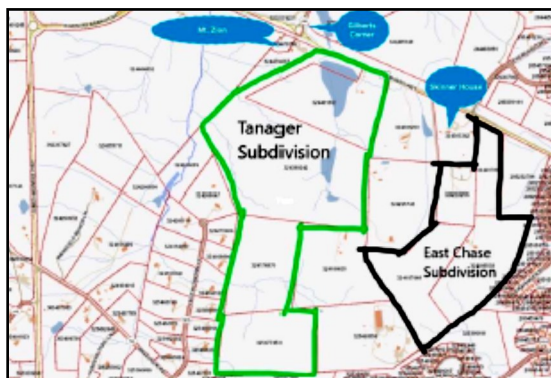
## PRESERVATION CORNER

Greetings BRCWRT Members and Friends - This edition of Preservation Corner provides an update on Mt. Zion Battlefield and Mt. Zion Historic Park, and the announcement of 2021 Virginia Battlefield Protection Grants.

### Mt. Zion Battlefield & Historic Mt. Zion Park

As a member of the Protect Mt. Zion preservation group, led by the Ohana Preservation Foundation, the BRCWRT continues to work in support of the campaign to protect Mt. Zion and raise awareness of the ongoing development threat to this historic land. At its September meeting, Protect Mt. Zion members provided an update to the ongoing residential development plans.

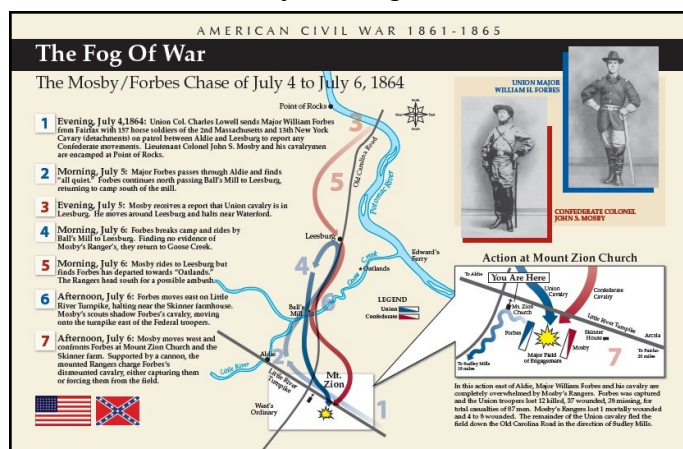
Two developments are currently being proposed: East Chase Subdivision and Tanager Subdivision (see diagram below), both just south and southeast of Mt. Zion Historic Park and along John Mosby Highway (Rt. 50). The East Chase Subdivision, a planned HOA with 19 single-family homes and three open space lots, currently does not directly threaten Mt. Zion Historic Park or the Mt. Zion battlefield. Tanager Subdivision, a planned HOA with 31 single-family homes, directly threatens both Mt. Zion Park and the Battlefield. The initial application for the East Chase subdivision submitted was accepted for initial review by Loudoun County in July. The initial application for the Tanager subdivision submitted for review was rejected by Loudoun County because the application lacked several elements of required information (hydrology study, HOA information, etc.).



Development Threat to Mt. Zion

### Action at Mt. Zion Church (July 6, 1864)

On the afternoon of July 6, 1864 Colonel John Mosby's Rangers struck Major William Forbes and his cavalry detachments from the 2nd Massachusetts and 13th New York Cavalry at Mt. Zion Church and the Samuel Skinner farm. In this action lasting little more than an hour, the federal cavalry was completely overwhelmed. Major Forbes was captured, and federal losses were 12 killed, 37 wounded and 38 missing. Mosby's Rangers lost 1 mortally wounded and 6 wounded. The remaining federal cavalry fled down the Old Carolina Road in the direction of Sudley Mills, leaving the field under the control of Mosby's Rangers.



The Battle of Mt. Zion – Mosby vs. Forbes, July 1864.

Surgeons William Dunn and J. Richard Sowers of Mosby's 43rd Battalion converted Samuel Skinner's house into a hospital, tending to both their wounded and the federal wounded. Alexander "Yankee" Davis and his daughter, who lived one-half mile west of the church, also came and took several of the federal wounded to their home. The Skinners and the Davises cared for some of these men for weeks.

Written accounts of this action indicate that the fighting took place in the area between the Skinner house and Mt. Zion Church – an area likely encompassing the two northern-most lots in the proposed Tanager subdivision (lots 324491802 & 324380242 – see diagram above). Archaeological surveys on these properties would likely discover artifacts from this July 6, 1864 fight.

Though the Skinner house remains privately owned (currently a Buddhist Temple) and is not

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directly threatened by the proposed subdivisions, the Mt. Zion Battlefield is directly threatened, as noted above. The BRCWRT has advised Protect Mt. Zion of this threat, has provided the relevant historical and background information on this July 6, 1864, fight and on the Samuel Skinner house and farm, and will continue to work with Protect Mt. Zion to preserve the Mt. Zion Battlefield and the Skinner house.

### 2021 Virginia Battlefield Protection Grants

Virginia Department of Historic Resources has announced the 2021 Virginia Battlefield Protection Grants to help save 441 acres of hallowed ground.

Based on the Department of Historic Resources' recommendations, the Commonwealth will award Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund (VBPF) grants to two organizations: the American Battlefield Trust and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. These two nonprofits will use the VBPF grants to leverage

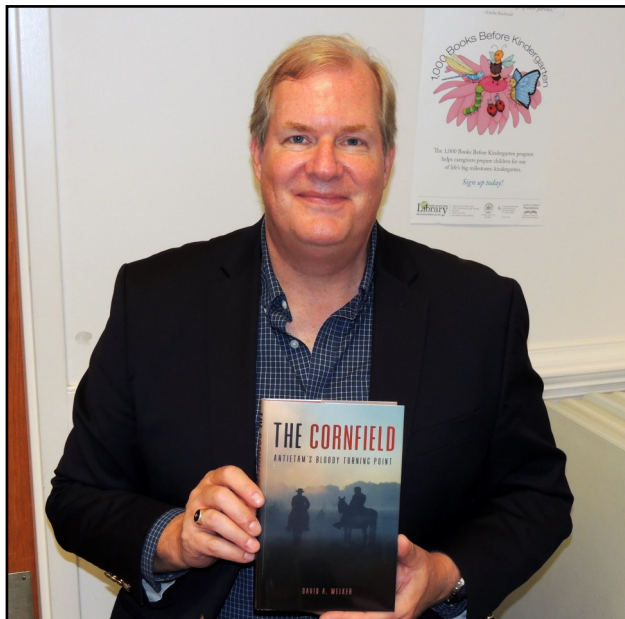
private matching donations to preserve land tracts associated with four Civil War battlefields:

- Fisher's Hill Battlefield, Shenandoah Co. (106 acres)
- Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield, Spotsylvania Co. (136.6 acres)
- Battle of Piedmont, Augusta Co. (146.6 acres)
- Deep Bottom Battlefields, Henrico Co. (two tracts, 49.7 acres and 2.3 acres)

To learn more about the grants and the respective battlefield tracts, please refer to the original press release: [https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/press\\_releases/dhr-announces-2021-virginia-battlefield-preservation-grants-to-protect-441-acres/](https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/press_releases/dhr-announces-2021-virginia-battlefield-preservation-grants-to-protect-441-acres/).

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of battlefield preservation and of BRCWRT's preservation actions and activities. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021!

## September BRCWRT Meet Was Brief Respite From Distancing



David Welker, above, left, historian and author, spoke at the September BRCWRT about: "The Cornfield - Battle of Antietam - September 1862." While the members in attendance enjoyed gathering again in the Centreville Regional Library, such in-person meetings will be paused, and instead be live-streamed, until Covid resurgences are diminished.

Photos by Janet Greentree

**Join a BRCWRT Committee - Grow Our Round Table's Future!**



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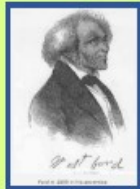
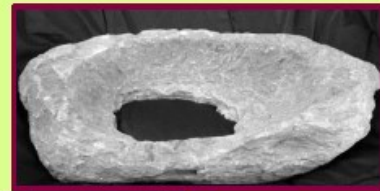
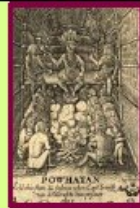
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Due to the continued increase, severity and transmission level of the COVID Delta Variant cases, and out of respect/concern for the ongoing safety and good health of our conference constituency and the residents of Fairfax County, the Fairfax County History Commission's 2021 History Conference will, again, be completely Live Streamed.



\* County History Award Winners will be announced

\* Kick-offs with Congressman Gerry Connolly & Chairperson Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Jeff McKay

\* Guest speakers to include:

Rose Powhatan, (Pamunkey/Tauxenent), Native American Historian & Lecturer; Noah Cincinnati, PhD, Associate Professor of History, NVCC;  
Ron Chase, Director, Gum Springs Historical Society; Brad Hatch, PhD, Alisa Pettit, PhD, Evelyn Russel, PhD, Barbara Naef, Fairfax County History Commissioner,  
Linneall Naylor, local historian and descendant of numerous African American blood lines hailing from Clifton, Manassas & other parts of Virginia



For further information – please email [fchistoryconference@gmail.com](mailto:fchistoryconference@gmail.com)

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## **BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

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### **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:**

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**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:**

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**You also may join using your credit card by going to our Web site at [BRCWRT.org](http://BRCWRT.org) and clicking on "Membership Application."**

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