



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXX, Issue 4, APRIL 2023

HISTORIAN, AUTHOR AND NPS RANGER STEVEN PHAN SPEAKS ON "THE CAMP NELSON KY STORY, FOUNDED APRIL 1863" AT THE APRIL 13th, 2023 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The US Army established Camp Nelson (Kentucky) as a fortified supply depot in April 1863. The site evolved into a massive recruitment and training center for African American soldiers (United States Colored Troops) and a refugee camp for their families. Camp Nelson served as a shelter for civilians fleeing war and for enslaved people hoping to secure their freedom and aid in the destruction of slavery. The Ranger from this historic site will come to give you the rest of the story during the 160th Anniversary month of the site's founding. We are happy to have our good friend back, following his last visit in June 2018.

Steve T. Phan is now serving as the acting Chief of Interpretation at Camp Nelson National Monument and Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument. He formerly served as a Park Ranger and Historian at the Civil War Defenses of Washington. He has previously worked at Richmond National Battlefield Park, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Stones River National Battlefield, and Rock Creek Park. A military history scholar of the Civil War era, Steve's research focuses on military occupation, operational command, and fortifications during the Civil War. He is the author of articles about Asians and Pacific Islanders

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, April 13, 2023

7 P.M. In-person at the Centreville Regional Library & Streaming via Zoom or Facebook Live

GUEST SPEAKER:

Steven Phan

TOPIC:

"The Camp Nelson KY Story, Founded April 1863"

in the Civil War and the Defenses of Washington for numerous publications. He was nominated for the National Park Service Tilden Award for Excellence in Interpretation in 2019. Steve holds a Master's degree in American History, with a concentration in Public History, from Middle Tennessee State University. He attended the Gettysburg Semester at Gettysburg College in 2012, and has a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Northern Colorado.



NEW! Social Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Please come early to the Centreville Library to chat with

Steve and your colleagues, introduce yourself to our newest members, and browse the used books. The Membership Meeting begins at 7:00 PM and the Speaker's presentation starts by 7:30.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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May 11: Frank O'Reilly - "The Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1863"

June 8: Scott Mingus – "The Battle of 2nd Winchester, June 1863"

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August 10: Dan Vermilya - "The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863"

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October 12 Kevin Pawlak & Kate Bitely - "The Battle of Bristoe Station, Oct 1863"

November 9 J. Nathan McDonald - "The Battle of Droop Mountain WV, Nov 1863"

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The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

Photos: Debbie Whitenton

At the March 9th Membership meeting we were fortunate to have Codie Eash, an excellent speaker with a wealth of knowledge about the role of the Lutheran Seminary during the battle of Gettysburg. Codie, a native of Gettysburg, is on the staff of the Seminary. He gave a clear presentation of both armies' movements, especially on the first day of the battle.



The March 18th walking tour of Mosby's raid on Fairfax Court House was a tremendous success. More than 50 members joined our tour guide, BRCWRT member Don Hakenson, to hear his enthusiastic recounting of Mosby's daring raid almost exactly 160 years ago. Thank you Jim Lewis and the Field Trip & Tour Committee! The After-Action Report starts on page 6.

At our Thursday Membership meeting, we will hear from John Scully about the next BRCWRT tour (scheduled for May 6), "Prelude to Gettysburg", which will be guided by BRCWRT member Kevin Pawlak.

Marketing Chair Stephanie Vale arranged for the BRCWRT to have a table at the Prince William Historical Program's March 25 symposium at the Old Manassas

Court House. Several BRCWRT members attended the event, which was managed by Rob Orrison and Kevin Pawlak. Stephanie and Debbie Whitenton sold about \$85 in books for the Scholarship Fund, and importantly, recruited three new memberships, including one student.

Please stop by the Bull Run Winery on April 16 for the "2023 Battlefield Partners" event, hosted by the Manassas Battlefield Trust. The BRCWRT will have a table, along with a number of our fellow organizations. The event is in the Winery's cellar from 4:00 to 6:00. See the advertisement on page 11. If you are able to come, help us recruit new members and urge visitors to buy our books.

This month, BRCWRT will survey the membership to gain insight into how members feel about the current meeting format. Please see page 5 for details.

I hope you enjoyed the "social hour" before last month's meeting. We will be doing it again on April 13! By formally opening the doors to this coming Thursday's meeting at 6:00, there will be more time for members to have a chance to socialize. BRCWRT Secretary Debbie Whitenton and I will again bring cookies and water.

We hope you will join us in person on Thursday to hear our speaker, Steven Phan, tell us about "The Camp Nelson KY Story." Thank you, Past-President Mark Trbovich, for arranging for Steven to be our speaker.



Please join us live and in person next Thursday, April 13 at the library, which opens for you at 6:00 at the side entrance.

Bull Run Civil War Round Table



Upcoming 2023 Program of Events

Date	Event
April 13	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Steven Phan – “The Camp Nelson KY Story, Founded 1863”
May 6	May Field Trip: “Prelude to Gettysburg I” – Guided by Kevin Pawlak
May 11	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Frank O’Reilly – “The Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1863” <i>Plan to attend in person for our anniversary celebration with cake and refreshments!</i>
June 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Scott Mings – “The Battle of 2 nd Winchester, June 1863”
June 17	June Field Trip: “Prelude to Gettysburg II” – A visit to Brandy Station
July 13	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jim Anderson – “The Impact of Intelligence on the Gettysburg Campaign July 1863”
July 22	Civil War Hospital Weekend: Ben Lomond – BRCWRT book sales
August 10	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dan Vermilya – “The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863”
August 26	161st Commemoration of Battle of Kettle Run: Bristoe Station – BRCWRT book sales
September 14	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jeffery Hunt – “The Battle at Rappahannock Station, November 1863”
September 23	Sept. Walking Tour: “Postscript to Gettysburg I” – Led by Bill Backus
September 30	Ben Lomond History Day: Ben Lomond – BRCWRT book sales
October 12	Monthly Meeting Speakers: Kevin Pawlak and Kate Bitely – “The Battle of Bristoe Station, October 14, 1863”
October 14	160th Commemoration of the Battle of Bristoe Station: BRCWRT book sales
October 21	October Field Trip: “Postscript to Gettysburg II” – Guided by Mike Block
November 9	Monthly Meeting Speaker: J. Nathan McDonald - “Battle of Droop Mountain WV, November 6, 1863”
December 14	Monthly Meeting Speaker: John Quarstein - “Into The Ring of Fire, Federal Admiral DuPont’s attack on Charleston SC, 1863”

Monthly Meetings in “Black” **Tours/Field Trips & Special RT Events in “Red”** County or outside sponsored events in “Green”

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Membership Survey

On or about April 15, 2023, each BRCWRT member will receive an emailed request to complete a short BRCWRT survey. The survey’s purpose is twofold: to verify individual member information, and to solicit member experiences with, opinions on, and preference for attending monthly membership meetings in-person and/or virtually via Zoom and FB Live.

Member input through this survey will inform BRCWRT Executive Committee decisions regarding future general membership meetings - every member’s input via this survey is important. The survey will be digital (the link to the survey will be included in the email), is short - only seven questions, and should only require a couple of minutes to complete. For those with family memberships, each family member may submit a survey response.

Thank you, and we look forward to your survey response and input.

Bull Run Civil War Round Table 2023 Scholarship

By John Carter

Once again we will be awarding a \$2,000 scholarship to a high school senior attending school in Fairfax or Prince William counties (or Fairfax City, Manassas, and Manassas Park). The scholarship committee will be reviewing applications and transcripts sent to us through the online application portal during late March and April, and we will select several students to be interviewed by ZOOM conference. The deadline to apply was April 3, 2023 (the application window has now closed) and we hope to select the winner in time to present them with their scholarship at the Round Table meeting in June.

We look forward to working with this year’s applicants and getting to know more about them. Last year’s finalists were exceptional in both their academic achievements and their commitments to service in the community.

If you know of any students (juniors) who would be good candidates next year, please contact them and have them go to the Round Table website and learn about the criteria for the BRCWRT scholarship.

Please greet our new members at the General Membership Meeting and find out what interests them about the Civil War!

[New to BRCWRT? Our members would like to meet you! Please email the editor if you would like to be introduced in the Stone Wall.]



Mosby Captures A General March Tour After-Action Report By Don Richardson

It was a dark and stormy night: bitter cold, snow on the ground, raining. Pitch black darkness. Fortunately for Roundtable Tourists, that was March 8th, 1863, not March 18th, 2023. The 50-plus BRCWRT members who gathered at Truro Anglican Church in Fairfax enjoyed dry ground and sunny skies for our Walking Tour commemorating John S. Mosby's raid on Fairfax Courthouse. Well, OK, it WAS a bit chilly that morning.

After covering administrative and logistics information, tour organizer Jim Lewis introduced our Tour Guide, historian and author Don Hakenson, a BRCWRT member and renowned Mosby expert. Following a brief introduction, Don proceeded to lead our group on an insightful and informative tour explaining the details of the raid in his hallmark entertaining style.



Jim Lewis briefs the troops (Sam Laudenslager)

Standing in front of the Dr. William P. Gunnell house (Tour Stop #1) on the grounds of the Anglican Church, Don introduced us to the key personalities of

the event. First, of course, was Colonel John S. Mosby, the 29-year-old leader of a Confederate partisan unit. Mosby's target that night was Colonel Sir Percy Wyndham, the 30-year-old British soldier of fortune who commanded the 5th NY Cavalry, which at the time was stationed in and around Fairfax Courthouse. Mosby's motivation for the raid so far inside Union lines was a personal one – to capture Percy Wyndham, who had publicly stated that "Mosby was nothing but a horse thief." Though thwarted in this objective, Mosby would achieve much more.



Col. Sir Percy Wyndham
(National Archives)

Mosby and his 29 raiders were guided to Fairfax Courthouse by James "Big Yankee" Ames, a deserter from the 5th New York Cavalry. The plan was to arrive by midnight, but after some delays caused by the extreme darkness of the night and their circuitous route to avoid detection, they finally approached their destination at about 2 AM, coming up Ox Road (then known as Courthouse Road) from the south. Their search for Wyndham took them to the home of Thomas Murray, a lawyer in his 50s who had voted for secession, where Wyndham was reportedly sleeping - just north of the Courthouse. Now known as the Moore House, this was Stop #2 on our walking tour.) Mosby was informed by Thomas

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Mosby Captures A General

Murray that Colonel Wyndham was staying at Judge Henry Thomas' house on the other side of the Courthouses, but that Wyndham was not there, having earlier been summoned to Washington City. Mosby learned, however, that an even bigger prize awaited him at the William P. Gunnell House just a block away, where Brigadier General Edwin Stoughton, the 24-year-old commander of the 2nd Vermont Brigade located at Fairfax Station, was staying.



At the Murray - Moore House (Blake Myers)



Brig. Gen. Edwin
H. Stoughton
(Wikimedia)

Mosby detached Big Yankee Ames to continue the search for Col. Wyndham, while taking 5 men with him to the Gunnell House. The owner, Dr. William P. Gunnell, a physician in his 40s and a slave owner, was not present, having left the area a year earlier. Soldiers and horses of the 5th NY Cavalry were scattered around the area in tents, but the darkness helped Mosby's men stay concealed. Don explained that Mosby knocked on the door, shouting "I have a message from the NY Cavalry for the general", and one of Gen. Stoughton's aides, Lt. Prentice, came downstairs in his nightshirt and made the mistake of opening the door.



Dr. William P. Gunnell House
(Sam Laudenslager)

Tour Guide Don Hakenson took half of the group at a time into the Gunnell House and up to the 2nd floor bedroom where General Stoughton was sleeping. Leaving two men as horse-holders, Mosby took the other three upstairs and found Stoughton sound asleep, with champagne bottles and leftovers from what had apparently been an enjoyable party that evening. Don told how Mosby woke Stoughton up by smacking him across his butt with Mosby's gauntlets. Stoughton awoke thinking that the intruder was one of his staff, whereupon Mosby leaned over and inquired "Have you heard of Mosby?" Stoughton replied, "Yes, have you captured him?", to which Mosby answered, "No, I am Mosby and he has captured YOU!". Stoughton asked if Fitzhugh Lee (whom he had known at West Point) was there – he wasn't.

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Don Hakenson describes events in Stoughton's bedroom
(Sam Laudenslager)

Mosby was eager to move on, but Stoughton, who was a bit of a fop, took his time getting dressed and "priming". Before leaving, Mosby took charcoal from the fireplace and wrote his name on the wall. The story Don told was that he was tired of seeing his name misspelled (Mosbey) in Northern newspaper accounts of his raids.

Outside, the two horse-holders had been busy, capturing seven sleepy 5th NY Cavalry soldiers near the house. Mosby and his captives headed for their rendezvous point (the Joshua Gunnell House) near the Courthouse.

After our stop at the Murray House, Stop #3 was the Edward Ford House. Built in 1835, it served at various times as the headquarters for Union generals Pope, McDowell, and McClellan. Ford was a prosperous merchant and a slave owner. His daughter Antonia was a highly successful Confederate spy, so much so that J.E.B. Stuart personally awarded her a commission in the Confederate Army as an honorary aide-de-camp.



Edward Ford House (Sam Laudenslager)

While Mosby was capturing Stoughton, Big Yankee Ames had been unsuccessful in finding Col. Wyndham, who had gone to Washington City on military business. He did have the satisfaction of capturing his former company commander in the 5th NY Cavalry, Captain Augustus Barker, who was sleeping in Wyndham's bed at the Thomas house. Ames also confiscated two of Wyndham's uniforms that he found during his search of the house.

Just up the street from the Ford House, Tour Stop #4 was the historic Fairfax Courthouse itself. After viewing exhibits inside that explained how the courthouse was used in the past, the tour posed for a group photo. Don pointed out the Joshua Gunnell House, diagonally across from the Courthouse, which was the rendezvous point for Mosby's men after they completed their tasks.

Joshua Gunnell House
(Historical Marker Database)

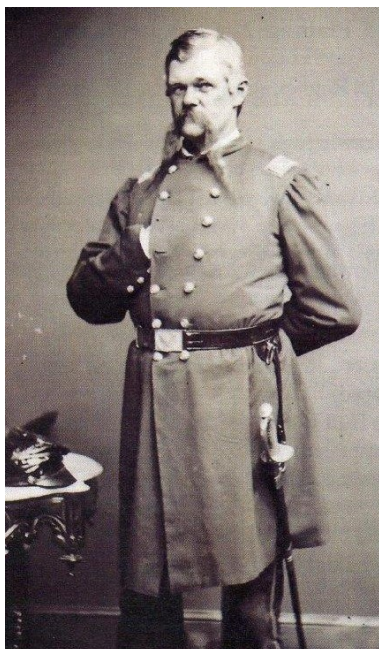


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Mosby Captures A General

At around 3 AM, the noise being made in front of this house woke Union Lt. Col. Robert Johnstone (in command of the 5th NY Cavalry during Col. Wyndham's absence), who leaned out a window and demanded to know what was going on. He then realized these men were not his cavalymen, and they, in turn, heard a voice of authority and suspected he was an officer worth capturing. Johnstone took flight in his night shirt out the back door, while his wife, Emma, delayed his pursuers long enough for her husband to make his escape. Johnstone ran out into the garden and crawled under a privy for shelter. His night shirt, having become snagged on the privy's boards and nails, was ripped completely from his body. He stayed under the shelter, concealed and shivering with cold and fear, until after daylight. Emma did not know where he was. Unable to locate the man who had fled the house, the Rangers had to be content with capturing Johnstone's hat. When Johnstone appeared the next morning, naked and with an awful odor, Emma refused to let him back in the house until he had bathed.

Lt. Col. Robert
"Outhouse" Johnstone
(Page Johnson)



Mosby succeeded in his plan to capture a senior officer (just not the officer he originally sought) while also creating panic among the Union troops, but the end results were even more impressive. Mosby's raiders had captured a Brigadier General, two captains, 30 privates, 58 horses, 2 of Wyndham's uniforms, and Johnstone's hat. It was a major embarrassment for the Union Army and resulted in the defenses of Washington being upgraded and moved outward, and additional infantry units being assigned to the early-warning picket lines. The press was amazed at Mosby's deep penetration of the Union defenses, and thus his moniker "the Gray Fox" was born.



Col. John S. Mosby
(Public Domain)

Stoughton was exchanged for other prisoners shortly thereafter, but was never given a command again. He died on Christmas Day 1868. Lt. Col. Johnstone was later known to both Confederates and his own troops as "Outhouse" Johnstone, and was eventually cashiered from the army. Abraham Lincoln, perhaps summing up the losses best, said "I can make a general with the stroke of a pen, but those horses cost \$125 each".

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Mosby Captures A General

After a tour that set a post-Covid attendance record, most of the group adjourned to the Ornerly Beer Company pub for lunch and fellowship. Participants agreed that it was an enjoyable and highly successful tour.



Jim Lewis “checks ID” at the Ornerly Beer Company (Sam Laudenslager)



Our intrepid tour group in front of the Fairfax Courthouse (Jim Lewis)

Telling the stories YOU want to hear: if you have a Civil War-related topic you would like to write about in the Stone Wall, or just an idea for a topic you would like to see us cover, please email the editor at the address on the masthead.



You're Invited

The Manassas Battlefield Trust is excited to host an open house event with our partners who preserve the significant history of our region. Come mingle and learn about the work of various area organizations, including The American Battlefield Trust, Prince William County Historic Programs Division, The National Parks Conservation Association, Historic Prince William, and the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable.

This event will be held at the Winery at Bull Run, with their new Civil War museum open to our guests! Light refreshments will be served and wine will be available for purchase. All guests will be entered to win raffle prizes donated by our featured organizations!

Stop by anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2023. This event is open to all, so bring a friend, and share widely! An RSVP is not required to attend, but will help us plan for refreshments and space. We hope to see you there!

[CLICK HERE to RSVP](#)

Contact Christy Forman at
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with any questions.

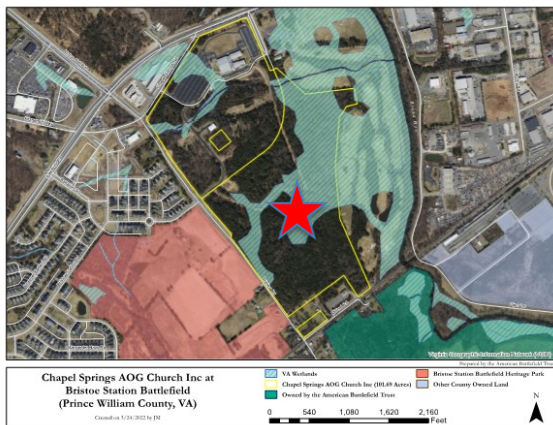


Preservation Corner by Blake Myers

Greetings BRCWRT Members and Friends! This edition of *Preservation Corner* includes updates on the proposed logistics and distribution center development in Bristow, the *Route 28 Bypass* Project, and the Farr’s Cross Roads Historic Site on GMU’s Fairfax Campus.

Proposed Logistics and Distribution Center Development at Bristow (Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields)

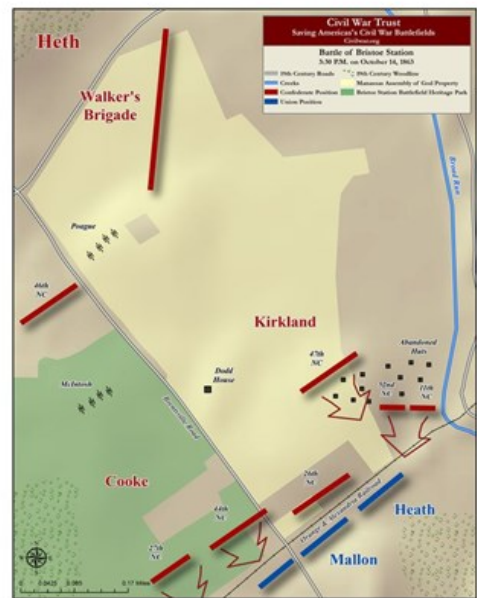
As previously reported, the proposed project by commercial real estate developer Trammell Crow Company (TCC) and its affiliate Manassas Logistics Land Venture, LLC is located along Bristow Road and adjacent to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and preserved battlefield land owned by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) (see map, below). As proposed, the project would be constructed on land that is within the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) designated Core Area of both the Kettle Run Battlefield (August 27, 1862) and Bristoe Station Battlefield (October 14, 1863) – land that has been deemed potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.



Proposed Project Land, Formerly Chapel Springs Church Property, Adjacent to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

The documented Civil War historical significance of this land includes the following:

- Battle of Bristoe Station (October 14, 1863) (see map, below)
 - ◊ The Rockbridge Artillery’s (Poague’s Battery) key position from which the battery shelled Federal forces positioned along the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.
 - ◊ The land over which Brigadier General William Kirkland’s NC Brigade (formerly Pettigrew’s Brigade) attacked Federal forces positioned along the Orange and Alexandria Railroad.
- Remnants of hut sites of a Civil War era encampment with earthworks, and an associated cemetery containing military graves/burials (DHR-registered Archaeological Site 44PW0971 that has been deemed potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places)
- Ferrero’s Division of the U.S. 9th Corps, including two brigades composed of the 19th, 23rd, 27th, 30th, 31st, 39th, and 43rd USCTs, and the 30th Connecticut

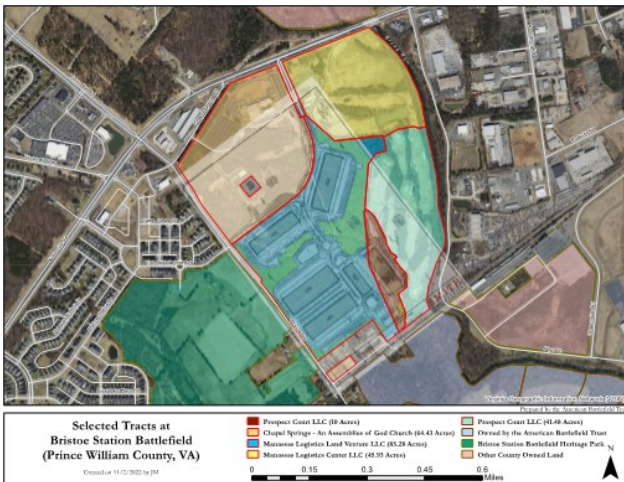


Civil War Trust (now American Battlefield Trust) Map – Battle of Bristoe Station (cont on page 13)

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- Colored Infantry, camped on this land while guarding the Orange and Alexandria Railroad and the bridge across Broad Run from late April to early May 1864. The division and its USCT brigades departed in early May 1864 to join the Army of the Potomac near Spotsylvania Courthouse, from where they would participate and fight in the Overland Campaign and subsequently in the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg on July 30, 1864.

The proposed project includes six large warehouse and distribution buildings (772,400 square feet) and associated parking areas (see depiction, below).



Project Concept Overlaid on Property Map

Since much of the land in the proposed project area is within designated wetlands, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer permits for the project to proceed are required. The involvement of a Federal Agency, in this case the Corps of Engineers, triggers the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its Section 106 review process which seeks to accommodate historic preservation concerns with respect to a project’s potential effects on historic properties and sites. The Corps initiated Section 106 coordination in December 2022, and as of March 1, 2023, determined that the project will have an adverse effect on the

Manassas Station Operation (Kettle Run) Battlefield and the Bristoe Station Battlefield.

To date the following consulting parties have been involved in the Corps’ consultation: American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service/Manassas National Battlefield Park, Prince William County, American Battlefield Trust, Historic Prince William Inc., and Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Based on the latest Corps’ communication, we anticipate the Section 106 review process will begin on or about May 3, 2023. The process is governed by Section 106 of the National Preservation Act and includes development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishing the purpose of the review and the consulting party participants. The purpose of the Section 106 Review is to accommodate historic preservation concerns through consultation among the Corps (as lead federal agency), Virginia’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the consulting parties to identify the historic properties potentially affected by the project, assess the potential effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties.

Route 28 Bypass Project (Bull Run Occoquan Regional Park and Blackburn’s Ford Battlefield)

Background and catch-up information on this project that began in 2016, but has not been recently reported on due to minimal direct project actions, while awaiting study and engineering analysis that will inform the project. www.Route28Bypass.com

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The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)'s Route 28 Transportation Study and Project (2015-2016) focused on infrastructure projects to improve travel times and road network reliability on Route 28 through Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park. Fairfax County approved plans to widen Route 28 from north of the Fairfax County/Prince William County border to US Route 29 to three lanes in each direction and make improvements to existing intersections. This project is underway and scheduled for completion this summer (2023).

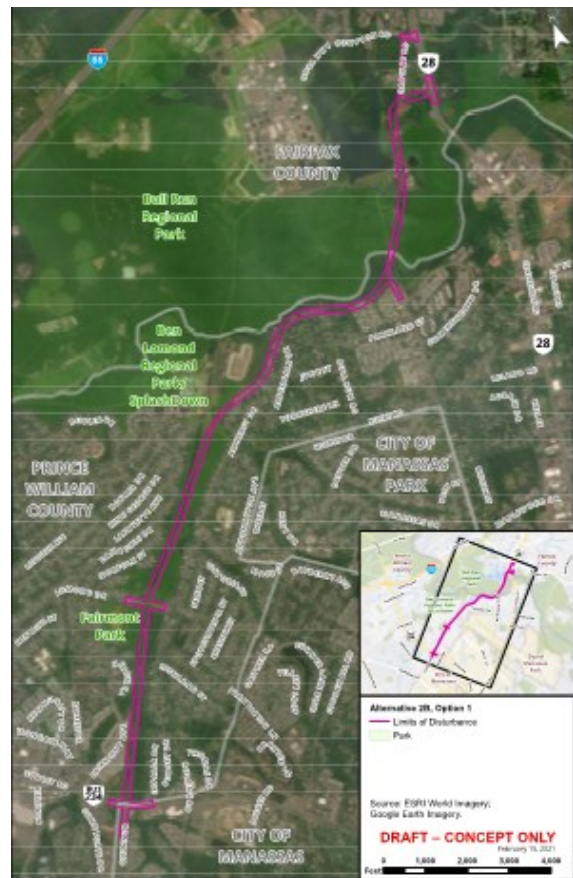
In 2017 PWC completed a Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study that considered four alternative solutions:

- Alternative 2A: Godwin Drive extended to existing Route 28 south of Bull Run
- Alternative 2B: Godwin Drive extended to existing Route 28 north of Bull Run
- Alternative 4: Widening Route 28 on existing alignment between Liberia Avenue and the Fairfax County Line
- Alternative 9: Euclid Avenue extension north to Route 28 near Bull Run and south to the Sudley Road/Route 234 intersection



Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study Alternatives (2017)

In September 2020 the PWC Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) approved the adoption of Alternative 2B as the route for the Route 28 ByPass. The Route 28 ByPass concept, depicted below, envisions extending Godwin Road along and parallel to Flat Branch, following the existing Ordway Road (Old Centreville Road) alignment across Bull Run and connecting to Rt 28 south of the Compton Road - Route 28 intersection (see depiction, below).



Route 28 Bypass Concept (2021)

Route 28 ByPass Project Timeline:

- Planning and Study 2016-2021
- Design and Engineering 2022-2024
- Right of Way and Utilities 2025-2026
- Construction 2026-2028

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In March 2021, the PWC Department of Transportation (DoT) initiated a Transportation Tuesday (virtual) forum series, to be conducted 12:00 pm–12:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month, to provide public informational updates on specific topics associated with the Route 28 ByPass Project. Transportation Tuesday sessions have continued since then, with the exception of a period during the Coronavirus Pandemic when the sessions were temporarily halted due to the non-availability of requisite PWC staff representatives who were then working remotely.

On May 4, 2021, BRCWRT's Blake Myers met with PWC DoT representatives to walk the ground and visit specific historic properties and sites threatened by this project due to their locations adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Old Centreville Road/Ordway Road bridge crossing of Bull Run. Threatened sites visited included:

- Mitchell's Ford and the Old Centreville Road crossing of Bull Run
- Remnants of CW earthworks constructed to defend Mitchell's Ford
- Site of the Centreville Military Railroad trestle crossing of Bull Run

Collectively we gained a better understanding of the ByPass conceptual route and the potential risk to the threatened historical features. PWC DoT representatives got an on-site look at the respective historical sites, took lots of photographs and discussed potential adjustments to the ByPass conceptual route:

- Mitchell's Ford earthwork remnants east of Ordway Road were determined not to be threatened
- CMRR trestle site and Mitchell's Ford earthwork remnants west of Ordway Road are threatened - the threatened earthworks are located on private property along the conceptual ByPass route



Mitchell's Ford Earthwork Remnants (above and below)



Site of the Centreville Military Railroad Trestle Crossing of Bull Run (above: 1862 below: 2020)



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We discussed the potential of preserving the trestle site and the earthwork remnants by incorporating a pedestrian trail and historical markers for the trestle site and the earthwork remnants into the initial Route 28 ByPass design. The DoT representatives also noted the need to reassess the route concept and projected work on, or adjacent to, the Ordway Road bridge crossing Bull Run to avoid historical features, including the Mitchell's ford site, the Old Centreville Road crossing of Bull Run and the streambed carrying water discharge from the Occoquan Sewage Authority facility located off Compton Road.

During the December 13, 2022, Transportation Tuesday session BRCWRT's Blake Myers asked the question, "Does the bypass design concept still include preserving the Civil War earthworks located on the Route 28 ByPass route and the site of the Civil War Centreville Military Railroad trestle crossing of Bull Run, to include a pedestrian trail with interpretive signs/markers explaining the historical significance of these sites?"

Based on that question, on January 23, 2023, Blake Myers, accompanied by Justin Patton (PWC Archaeologist) and BRCWRT members John DePue and Kim Brace (representing the PWC Historical Commission) met with key Route 28 ByPass design team members to discuss the Route 28 ByPass preliminary design plan and if it included preserving the historic sites noted and in question. We reiterated that since this project is in the early design phase, we wished to confirm if the design team was aware of and had all the documentation, maps, photographs, etc. for these two historic sites that were previously provided to PWC DoT. The location of, and information on, these historic sites are well-known now, and there is no need to

await "discovery" during the future U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permitting process and associated Section 106 Review. We provided photographs of the sites and identified their specific locations on local aerial and road maps and provided historical maps indicating the earthworks and their use during the July 18, 1861 Battle of Blackburn's Ford and the route of the Confederate Military Railroad from Manassas Junction to Centreville, and 1862 photographs of the remnants of the Centreville Military Railroad trestle crossing of Bull Run. Discussions were inconclusive, but the design team now has all the information they need to consider how these historic sites could be treated/incorporated into the roadway design. The design team representatives thanked us for the information and discussion and said they would let Blake know if they needed anything else.

At the March 13, 2023, Transportation Tuesday session PWC DoT provided the following key informational and project timeline updates:

Project Overview Schedule:

- Planning & Study 2016-2021 (Complete)
- Design & Engineering 2022-2024 (Ongoing)
- ROW & Utilities 2025-2026
- Construction 2026-2028

Design Decisions to date:

- At Grade Intersections
 - ◊ Sudley Road / Godwin Drive
 - ◊ Albemarle Drive
 - ◊ Old Centreville Road
 - ◊ Rt 28 / Centreville Road
- No intersection at Lomond Drive – Overhead Passage

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Preservation Corner

Public Information Meetings (Live/In-Person)

- Fairfax County: April 19, 6:30–9:00 pm
 - ◊ Centreville Elementary School – 14330 Green Trails Blvd
- PW County: April 20, 6:30–9:00 pm
 - ◊ Manassas Park Community Center – 98 Adams Street
- Staff Presentation, 6:30–7:30 pm
- Q&A, 7:30–9:00 pm

Preliminary Design (30%) to VDOT and Local Jurisdictions – Summer 2023

Intermediate Design Plans (60%) & Joint Permit Applications – Spring 2024

Public Hearing – Summer 2024

Interested individuals are highly encouraged to attend the April 2023 Public Information Meetings noted above.

Farr's Cross Roads Historic Site at GMU Fairfax Campus

At the conclusion of the very successful Farr's Cross Roads Historic Site Dedication Ceremony conducted on October 22, 2022, a conversation with GMU Vice President for Facilities Frank Strike led to a discussion regarding other historical site features awaiting interpretation – actions that in our planning and discussions had always been considered subsequent project phases following a successful preservation and interpretation of the site and the Civil War redoubt. Through a series of virtual and on-site meetings with Frank Strike, GMU's Director of Facilities Management Tad Drenenberger, and Grounds Program Manager Erich Miller, BRCWRT's GMU Team of Blake Myers, Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany laid the groundwork for implementing several actions that will bring to life several of the subsequent phases envisioned, including establishing a Corduroy Road overlook site, conducting archaeological assessment of specific features and submitting an application for the

site to be listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

The Corduroy Road Overlook Site is located just south of the redoubt and interpretive trail, providing direct line of sight to the 2014 and 2015 corduroy road discovery locations along Ox Road. The necessary tree removal has been completed and site clearance is in progress. A Corduroy Road interpretive marker for the site has been designed and is currently in production through GMU's Environmental Graphic Artist, John Forgy, as is a redesigned Redoubt interpretive marker that will replace the current marker. We envision the overlook site will be completed and the new interpretive markers installed by early summer 2023.

BRCWRT continues in its inquiries and search for archaeologist support for potential archaeological assessments and actions on the site, and is working with Frank Strike in developing a plan for GMU to complete and submit an application for the site to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We will keep you updated as these actions progress, so stay tuned!

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, BRCWRT's preservation projects, actions and activities.

Blake Myers, BRCWRT Preservation Chair



Help Preserve a Treasure
PARK DAY 2023
Bristoe Station Battlefield Park
April 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. – Noon



Join the staff at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and the American Battlefield Trust for Park Day 2023. Park Day is a nationwide event that encourages Civil War enthusiasts to help maintain, restore and preserve Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War sites through volunteerism. Wear sturdy work shoes and bring gloves and sunscreen.

Tools, water, and snacks will be provided.

This peaceful 140-acre site features more than 2.7 miles of walking and equestrian trails. Wildlife abounds in the fields, woods and ponds. This land endured significant military activity during the Civil War. Soldiers camped here in 1861 and 1862. Federal and Confederate armies clashed here at the Battle of Kettle Run on Aug. 27, 1862. In October and November 1863, Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate army and Maj. Gen. George Meade's Federal forces fought a series of battles known as the Bristoe Campaign.

Meet at the parking lot at
 Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park
 Corner of Iron Brigade Unit Ave and
 Tenth Alabama Way
 703-366-3049
www.pwcgov.org/bristoe



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New Museum Opens In Gettysburg

The Adams County Historical Society has scheduled the Grand Opening for its new "Gettysburg: Beyond The Battle" museum. A full week-end of self-guided museum tours, living history, music, children's activities and more is planned.

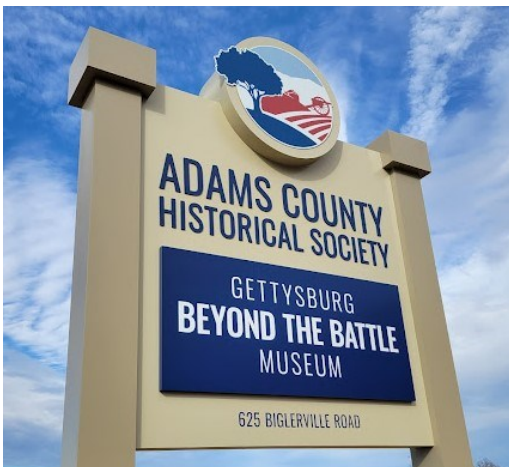
Guests include William A. Frassanito, Jeff Shaara, Garry Adelman, Sue Boardman and ACHS's own Timothy Smith.

Timed-entry tickets will be required to visit the museum, and it is recommended you reserve them in advance. The Saturday evening panel discussion will require a separate ticket. Tickets are available at:

www.achs-pa.org/visit/reserve-tickets.html

For further information:

info@achs-pa.org



GETTYSBURG

BEYOND THE BATTLE MUSEUM

Grand
OPENING
Schedule

Saturday, April 15th

- 10:00 a.m.** Doors open and timed ticketing entry to the museum begins
- 10:15 a.m.** *The Making of Caught in the Crossfire* with Jeff Shaara
- 11:00 a.m.** Book Signing: Jeff Shaara
- 1:00 p.m.** *Ike at Gettysburg: A Conversation* with Susan Eisenhower
- 2:00 p.m.** Book Signing: Susan Eisenhower
- 3:00 p.m.** Book Signing: Tim Smith and Garry Adelman
- 4:00 p.m.** Ribbon Cutting: Special Exhibit Gallery - *The Frassanito Collection*
- 4:30 p.m.** *The Aftermath at Gettysburg* with Garry Adelman
- 5:00 p.m.** Book Signing: William A. Frassanito
- 7:00 p.m.** Panel Discussion: *Gettysburg - A Journey in Time* with William A. Frassanito, Garry Adelman, Sue Boardman, and Tim Smith
**Ticketed event*

Sunday, April 16th
Family Day

- 10:00 a.m.** Doors open and timed ticketing entry to the museum begins
- 10:30 a.m.** *Dinosaurs and Meteorites* with Phil Eberspacher
- 11:30 a.m.** **Hands-On History: Native American Artifacts** with Tim Smith
This program is made possible by Adams County Nursery
- 12:30 p.m.** *Adams County, USA* Film Screening with Jake Boritt
- 2:00 p.m.** *Gettysburg in 1776* with Jackie White
- 3:00 p.m.** *Children of the Battlefield* with Sue Boardman
- 4:00 p.m.** **Hands-On Activity: Gardening** with Hollabaugh Bros, Inc.



HISTORIC BLENHEIM UPCOMING EVENTS

Fairfax HisTree Day (new event, new street name)

**Saturday, April 22, 10 am-4 pm
(Rain or Shine), Free Admission. 703-591-0560.**

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/histreeday>

Discover the past and invest in our future at Fairfax *HisTree Day*, 10 am-4 pm, Sat. April 22, at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Blenheim Boulevard. This new city event will combine living history presenters, music, and a petting zoo with learning and exploratory activities celebrating both Fairfax history and Earth Day.

Free Talk and Book Signing: *Major General Philip Kearny: A Soldier and His Time in the American Civil War*

**Saturday, May 20, 2 pm
Location: Historic Blenheim, 3610 Blenheim Blvd. 703-591-0560.**

Join author Robert R. Laven as he provides knowledge and insight to the talented field commander, Union General Philip Kearny. Kearny was on the verge of higher command when his life was cut short at the 1862 Battle of Chantilly.



Mark Your Calendars: **A Civil War Experience You Won't Want to Miss!**

The National Museum of the United States Army will host "Civil War Days," April 13 – 15. During this special three-day event, visitors will have access to expert-led programs and hands-on experiences that will explore one of the most consequential military conflicts in America's history.

All events are **FREE and open to the public**, though some require advance registration. Many programs will be available virtually.

Schedule of Events



Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm

That the Nation Might Live: Lincoln and the Civil War, a panel discussion with speakers from historic sites and museums. Learn more and begin [free registration here](#).

Friday, April 14, 2023 | 9:00am - 4:00pm

Civil War Symposium: President Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War
[In-Person Registration](#) | [Virtual Registration](#)



Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Civil War Living History and Hands-On Education Activities
Historical interpreters share stories about the Civil War Soldier experience and invite visitors to take a closer look at their uniforms, equipment and weapons. [Reserve free Museum tickets here](#).



BRCWRT BOOK SALES

The Round Table holds regular sales of donated books to raise money for the \$2000 Annual Scholarship Fund; these books increase our members' understanding of the Civil War. Members are also encouraged to make tax-deductible monetary donations to the Fund. Thank you!



**CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH
MS. REBELLE**

**Brevet Major General
John Aaron Rawlins,
USA**

By Janet Greentree

Did you know that, per the St. Paul Globe of May 27, 1894, "General Grant paid the expenses of the funeral of Rawlins out of his own pocket, it having been reported that his Chief of Staff had left his family almost destitute?"

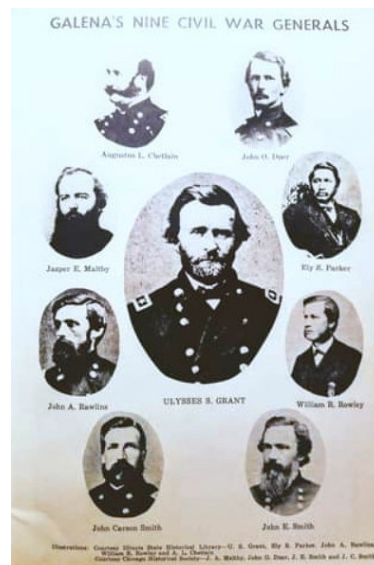
Rawlins was indeed Grant's Chief of Staff. He went through the ranks quickly as Major, Lt. Col., Brigadier General of Volunteers, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Chief of Staff, and Brigadier General of the Regular Army. His last advancement was as Brevet Major General in both the Volunteer and Regular Services. He accompanied Grant at all the battles/campaigns he was involved in, except for a two month period in 1864. He also took it upon himself to be the regulator of Grant's drinking. Rawlins was a teetotaler himself after watching his father drink to excess. He commented that he was afraid that if he took even one drink, he would not be able to stop.

John Aaron Rawlins was born on January 13, 1831 in Galena IL. His ancestors were from Culpeper VA, but John's father settled first in Kentucky and then in Illinois. Galena was where he and Grant first met, as Grant worked at his father's store, Grant & Perkins. Rawlins' father was James D. Rawlins and his mother was Lovisa Jane Collier. His siblings were Jarrad Owen, Mortimer Charles, Lemmon Parke, Robert Jerome, Laura Mary, Benjamin Thomas, James, and William DeVelcourt. John was the second oldest. His father got gold fever and took off for California in 1849, driving an ox cart with his oldest son Jarrad. John was in charge of the family while his father was gone. His father did not find gold and returned to Galena in 1852. Jarrad died in California in 1869.

For a small town in Illinois, Galena was home to an impressive nine generals, according to the Galena History Museum. Several were brevet brigadier generals, and Ely Samuel Parker was Grant's military secretary. Grant's fellow Galenians were Augustus Louis Chetlain, John Oliver Duer, Jasper Adalmorn Maltley, Ely Samuel Parker, William Reuben Rowley, John Corson Smith, and John Eugene Smith.



Bvt Major
General John
A. Rawlins, USA



Galena's 9 Generals

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In the picture of Grant and Lee signing the instruments of surrender at the McLean House at Appomattox, John Rawlins is right behind Grant, and Ely Parker is next to Meade. As Don Hakenson is fond of saying: "You just can't make this stuff up."



Surrender at Appomattox

Both Rawlins and Grant had homes in Galena. Rawlins lived at 517 Hill St.; the house is now privately owned. The house to the right was the home of William Reuben Rowley, also private. Grant's home at 500 South Bouthillier St. was gifted to him by the town of Galena when he returned home from the war. It is open to the public. The Grant and Perkins store was a cream colored four story building at 121 South High Street.



Homes of Rawlins (L) and Rowley (R)



U.S. Grant Home, Galena IL

Present-day view of Grant & Perkins store



Rawlins was educated at local schools and spent a year and a half at the Rock River Seminary in Mount Morris, IL. He later read law with Isaac P. Stevens (not our Isaac Stevens who died at Ox Hill) and was admitted to the Illinois State Bar in 1854. He served as city attorney for the town of Galena in 1857 and was a Douglas Democrat. He married his first wife Emily Smith on June 4, 1856 in Jo Daviess County, IL. They had three children: James Bradner, Jane Lovisa, and Emily Smith. Daughter Emily would eventually become a ward of Grant and his wife. Rawlins' wife died of tuberculosis in 1861. Rawlins was also suffering from the same disease, but it seemed to be under control. He was formally diagnosed with the disease in 1865.

When Fort Sumter fell, Rawlins stated at a Galena town meeting "I have been a Democrat all my life; but this is no longer a question of politics. It is simply country or no country; I have favored every honorable compromise; but the day for compromise is passed; only one course is left us.

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We will stand by the flag of our country, and appeal to the god of battles.” Shortly thereafter, Rawlins organized the 45th Illinois Infantry. Grant was appointed commander of the 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry and requested that Rawlins become his aide-de-camp. He reported to Grant’s headquarters in Cairo (“Cayro” to Illinois folks). From September 14, 1861, Rawlins was with Grant for the entire war. When Grant was promoted to general in chief of the Union Army, Rawlins became his Chief of Staff of the General Headquarters of the U.S. Army.

Grant fought in the battles of Belmont, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Chattanooga, Shiloh, and Champion Hill, and commanded during the campaigns of Vicksburg, Overland, Petersburg, and Appomattox. His Adjutant General Rawlins was with him for all of those events, except for being sick during August and September, 1864.

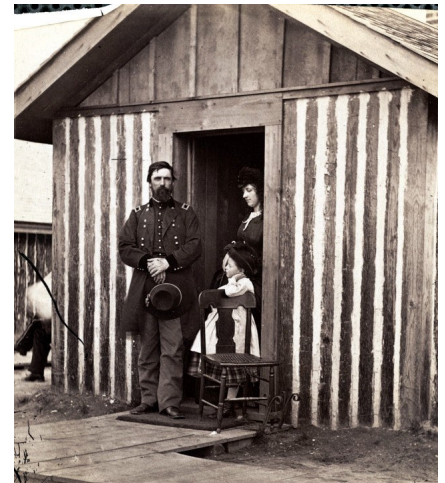


Lookout Mountain (L to R: Grant, Rawlins, Webster, Lagow, Hillyer)

Rawlins was with Grant at City Point during the Overland Campaign and is pictured at his log cabin with his second wife Emma and his daughter Emily from his first marriage. Look to the left of the house; it surely looks like Grant is sitting there.

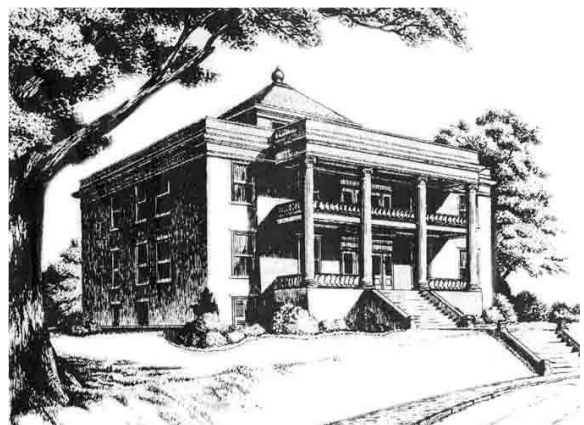


City Point:
Rawlins,
Grant, and
Col. Theo-
dore Bowers



City Point:
Rawlins with
wife Emma and
daughter Emily

During the Vicksburg Campaign, Grant’s headquarters were on the bottom floor of the William S. Lum house, where Rawlins met Mary Emeline (Emma) Hurlbut, who was a governess to the Lum children. The beautiful 25 room house was reduced to rubble by Gen. Sherman in 1863.



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The Lum family lived upstairs during the siege and sent Mary downstairs to ask favors of Grant's officers. Rawlins and Emma began a flirtation. Mary always asked Rawlins for favors instead of the other officers assigned to Grant. Rawlins called her Emma instead of Mary. He granted her a pass to go back home to her family in Danbury, CT. Letters passed back and forth, and Rawlins asked her to marry him. They were married in the Hurlbut family home in Danbury on December 24, 1864. They had three children – Willie, Violet, and Mary. Violet only lived 17 days. None of their children lived to adulthood.

After the war ended, Rawlins was advised that the weather in the West might be more beneficial to him for his tuberculosis. In 1867 he accompanied Gen. Grenville M. Dodge's expedition to explore a route for the Union Pacific Railroad. Rawlins went as far as Salt Lake City. Gen. Dodge named one of his campsites in Wyoming for Rawlins, and it was later incorporated into a town. Ms. Rebelle and her sister visited the town of Rawlins in 2013 and recalled that there was quite an odor emanating from the Sinclair Oil Refinery on the east side of town. After traveling four months with Dodge, Rawlins went back to Washington, D.C.

When General Grant became President Grant in March 1869, he appointed Rawlins as his Secretary of War. Rawlins only stayed in office for five months, as his health deteriorated quickly. Rawlins' successor in the job was Gen. William W. Belknap (see June-July 2022 Stone Wall). An interesting thing that Rawlins did while Secretary of War was to work on the approval of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge over the East River in New York. There was a dispute whether the bridge should be 130 feet high, or 140 feet.

Rawlins split the difference and had the bridge constructed at 135 feet. In 1874 Rawlins Red pigment from paint mines from the new town of Rawlins, WY was sent to New York to be used on the bridge. On the bridge's 100th anniversary, the Rawlins Daily Times boasted "The old bridge is still sound due in part to several coats of anti-rust paint which came from Rawlins."



In August 1869, Rawlins' disease worsened while he was staying in Danbury with his family. He was called to a Cabinet Meeting in Washington and went by train, where he had a hemorrhage, and then another one at the Capitol. He made it to his meeting with the Cabinet, then spent the next day in a long meeting with President Grant. Grant left to go to Saratoga NY to be with his family. Rawlins went to his home on the southwest corner of 12th and M Streets NW in DC to rest. His friend Ely Parker came to care for him. Upon hearing that Rawlins was near death, Grant decided to come back and be with his longtime friend, but he was delayed leaving Saratoga. Rawlins died at 4:12 p.m. on September 6th. Both Generals Sherman and Jacob Cox stayed at his side waiting for Grant to arrive. Grant finally arrived at 5:15 p.m., too late to say goodbye to his dear friend. His wife was also unable to see him before he died.

Ms. Rebelle would like to thank Dayle Dooley and A.J. Orlikoff, who work at Congressional Cemetery, for their help in finding where Rawlins was placed in a vault at the cemetery. All references found in my research noted that his body was placed in a "friend's" vault.

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Dayle looked up the 1869 records, identified the vault as belonging to Thomas Blagden, and kindly sent me a picture of the vault. It's directly behind the cemetery office, on the left side as you walk into the cemetery. A record furnished to me stated that on Sep. 9, 1869, Harvey D. Marr was paid \$1.50 for opening Thomas D. Blagden's vault for the remains of Gen. John A. Rawlins. Rawlins was reburied at this time in Range 80, Site 165. A.J. found the location of his grave and furnished me a photo. The monument that was on his second grave was taken down, cleaned up, and moved to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery, where he was buried in Section 2, Lot 1007 in 1896.

I would also like to thank Vicki Guthrie, Kris Chapman, and H. Scott Wolfe from the Galena History Museum for their help with Galena facts, a plat of the Guilford house, and a photo of the Lemmon Rawlins Homestead in Guilford. Lemmon built the house on property willed to him by his brother John.



Lemmon Rawlins House (H. Scott Wolfe)

So many interesting newspaper articles have been found in reference to Gen. Rawlins. From the Urbana Citizen and Gazette, Urbana, Ohio, Sep. 16, 1869: "Death of Secretary Rawlins. Gen. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War, died at Washington City on the 6th inst., in the 39th year of his age. He was a Patriot and Statesman. His career, though brief, was a brilliant one."

Blagden Vault (above L) (Dayle Dooley); Rawlins Marker at Arlington (above R) (Janet Greentree)



Rawlins 2nd burial at Congressional (A.J. Orlikoff)

The following sketch of his eventful life, from the Cincinnati Gazette, will be read with interest: "His life strikingly exemplified that encouragement which our free institutions give to genius in the humblest condition of life. He was born in Joe Daviess county, Illinois, February 12 [13], 1831. Until the age twenty-three he worked as an ordinary farm hand and as a charcoal burner, except during the winter, when he attended common schools and country academies. In November, 1854, he began the study of law at Galena, a year later was admitted to practice, and for the next

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five years was an industrious lawyer and active Democratic politician. He soon became acquainted with the present occupant of the White House, then a leather dealer at Galena, and their acquaintance ripened into friendship. He was commissioned Major and Assistant Adjutant General, to rank from the date of the surrender of Fort Donelson; Chief of Staff, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel, November 1, 1862, Brig. General of Volunteers, August 11, 1863; Major General of Volunteers, February 24, 1865; March 3, 1865 Chief of Staff to the Lieut. General commanding, with the rank of Brigadier General of the United States Army. On General Grant's accession to the Presidency, Gen. Rawlins was appointed Secretary of War, a position which he held at the time of his decease. His combination of thorough legal knowledge with military skill rendered his advice extremely valuable, and his loss cannot easily be supplied."

From the Utica Morning Herald, Wednesday, June 10, 1896: "To Remove General Rawlins Remains to Arlington. Newburg, June 9. John A. Rawlins Post No. 1, Department of the Potomac, G.A.R. proposes to remove the remains of General John A. Rawlins, a famous commander in the union army during the war, and an intimate friend of General Grant, from the congressional cemetery at Washington to the national cemetery at Arlington, Va. It is intended to inter it near the graves of Generals Sheridan, Crook and Gresham and Admiral Porter on the brow of the hill overlooking Washington in front of General Lee's old residence, where the body of General Hancock is also soon to be reinterred. Commander Thomas R. Shephard of Rawlins Post has written to the children of General Rawlins for their permission to remove the remains. The children are the wife of Dr. Wesley Walt, Newburg, N.Y.;

Mrs. George Holman and James B. Rawlins of Barnegat Park, N.J. Their consent will undoubtedly be given. The monument over the remains of the general in the congressional cemetery was erected by them."

Rawlins and his brother James are both named on the walls of the Illinois Monument at Vicksburg. There is a Rawlins Park in Washington, D.C. with a large statue of him at 18th St. and E Streets, N.W.



President Grant accompanied Mrs. Rawlins to the Orphans Court in D.C. to qualify as executors under the late general's will in October, 1869. Col. Ely Parker, Gen. John E. Smith, and the Honorable Jacob D. Cox, who had witnessed Rawlins' will, testified that it was his signature. Emma was willed the house in D.C. along with their three children, as well as land he owned in Cheyenne and Golden City, WY. He left his library to his son James Brandon and to his parents, his property known as Rawlins Homestead in Guilford, IL. His will states that the property will be divided into eight portions, five of them to his brother Lemmon, one each to his sisters Mary and Laura, and one to his brother Robert. He desired that the homestead be kept as a whole.

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far she has located and photographed 427 - 169 Confederate and 258 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.

Virginia Cavalry Battles: Prelude to Gettysburg (Upperville, Middleburg and Aldie)

BRCWRT Car Caravan tour

Saturday May 6



Subject Matter: As the Army of Northern Virginia moved north through the Shenandoah Valley (on its way to the Battle of Gettysburg), General J.E.B. Stuart was tasked with screening the march, while the Union cavalry tried to pierce the screen to determine Lee's plans.

Tour Guide: Kevin Pawlak, Historian and Expert on these battles and the war in the Virginia Piedmont.

Lunch: Hunter's Head in Middleburg. Individual tabs.

Transportation: We will carpool from Mt. Zion Church Historic Park. Some walking will be involved.

Time/Location: **8:30 AM** Meet at Mount Zion Church Historic Park (40309 John Mosby Highway, Aldie, VA 20105) to arrange car pools; **9:00** Tour the church; **9:30** Caravan departs from the church. Tour ends at approximately **3:15 PM** at Mt. Zion Church.

Uniform of the Day: Dress for local weather conditions, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a walking stick, as necessary.

BRCWRT Contact: John Scully scullycivilwar@gmail.com 703-869-4036

The tour is FREE! If interested in attending, please sign up via the BRCWRT website or at the April General Membership meeting.

Prince William Historic Preservation Lecture Series:

Ages 10+ • Thursdays • 7-8:30 pm • FREE
Old Manassas Courthouse 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA

**Prince William County's
"Boy Major," Joseph Latimer**
Jan 26

Brentsville native Joseph Latimer was a 19-year-old artillery major when he received a mortal wound at the Battle of Gettysburg. Find out how this young man rose to prominence and rank during the Civil War from Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide William Griffith.

**The Preserve: Reconstructing
An African American
Neighborhood In The
Bull Run Mountains**
Feb 23

Historian and archaeologist Patrick O'Neill will share his research on local African American communities in the Bull Run Mountains.

**Mosby's War On The Orange &
Alexandria Railroad**
Mar 23

Mosby's Rangers constantly targeted the Orange & Alexandria Railroad during the Civil War and attempted to damage the Federal war effort. Historian Eric Buckland will share Mosby's attempts to disrupt the railroad and the measures taken to stop him.

**Rise Of A Region:
A Developmental History
Of Northern Virginia**
Apr 27

Learn how the built environment of Northern Virginia developed into the places we live, work, and entertain in today. Andrew Painter has researched and written articles examining the region's land development history.

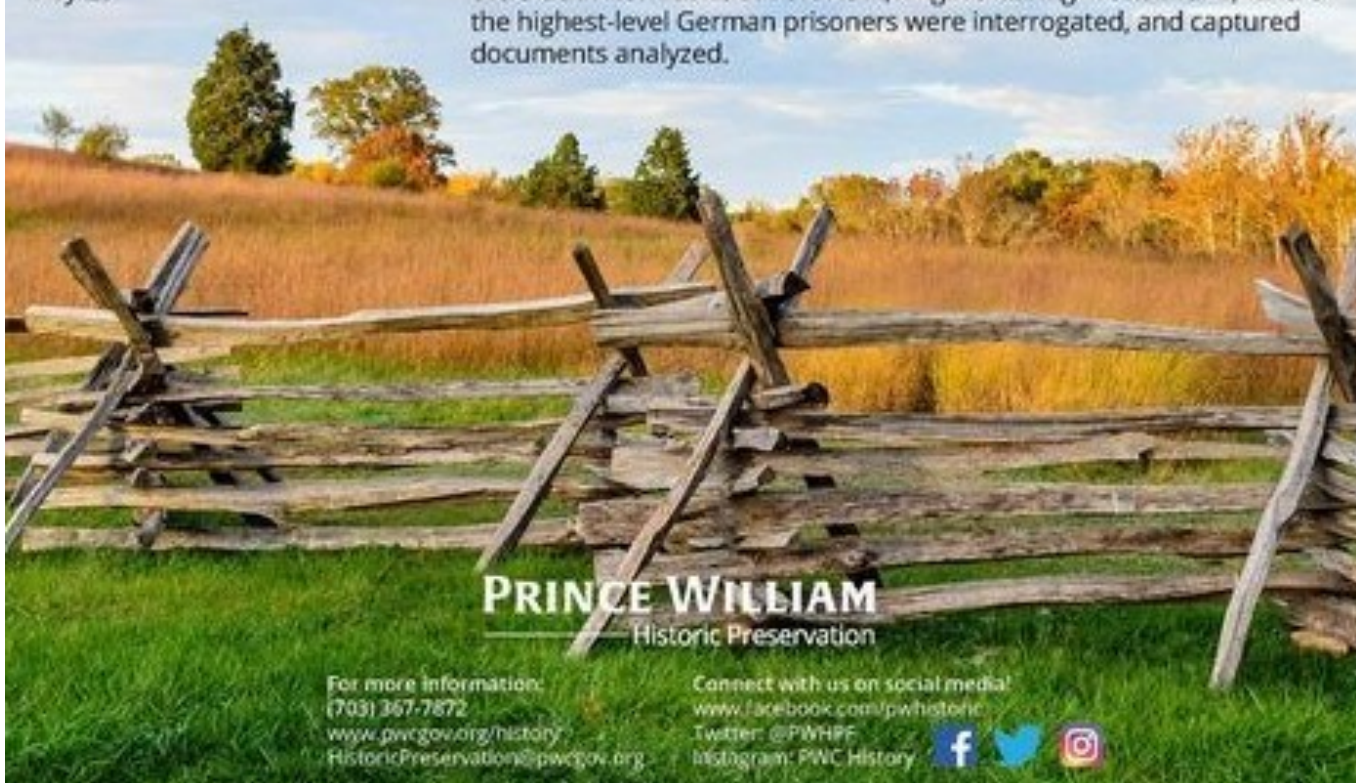
Nazis On The Potomac
May 25

Historian and author Robert Sutton presents the first full account of the crucial work done at Fort Hunt, Virginia during World War II, where the highest-level German prisoners were interrogated, and captured documents analyzed.

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42nd Annual Spring Civil War Mosby Bus Tour

Mosby and the Gettysburg Campaign

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Sponsored by the Stuart - Mosby Historical Society

Tour Leaders will be
Kevin Pawlak and Rob Orrison - our INAUGURAL TOUR!

**We are honored to take the reins from Don and Eric,
and plan on honoring this great tradition.**

Mosby played an integral role in the Gettysburg campaign. Tour will include stops such as Ewell's Chapel, Middleburg, Aldie, Rowser's Ford and many others. The bus will leave Truro Parish (10520 Main Street, Fairfax City) promptly at 8:30am.

**\$80 members of the Stuart-Mosby
Historical Society**

\$90 for non-members

(Same as 2022 prices!)

Tour does not include lunch.
Lunch will be on your own.

To sign up contact Rob Orrison
at 703-431-2869 or email
orrison76@hotmail.com
or send your check to Rob Orrison
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**This tour is the longest
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Student (21 & under): FREE!

Three-Year Option:

\$55.00

\$65.00

You may use PayPal by going to http://brcwrt.org/?page_id=962 and then emailing this form to BRCWRTtreasurer@gmail.com. Note that \$1 is added to cover the PayPal fee.

-OR-

You may pay by check, made payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table) and give the form and check to the President or Treasurer at a General Membership meeting.

-OR-

You may mail this form and the check to:

**BRCWRT Treasurer
P.O. Box 2147
Centreville, VA 20122**

NAME(S)_____

If there are any changes:

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

PHONE_____ EMAIL_____

Are there any BRCWRT activities you would like to help with (tours, selling used books, member recruitment, newsletter articles, annual picnic)?

Do you have any suggestions for additional BRCWRT activities? _____