



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVI, Issue 6—August/September, 2009

## LARRY GORDON SPEAKS ON THE LAST CONFEDERATE GENERAL

By Nancy Anwyll

Our speaker on August 13 will be one of our own round table members, Larry Gordon, who has written a book on the military career and post-Civil War life of a little-understood Confederate general, John Crawford Vaughn.

Vaughn was from East Tennessee, and at the end of the war, he was one of the very last to surrender. After fighting at First Manassas, Vaughn returned west to fight in eastern Tennessee and at Vicksburg. He later found himself back in many Virginia battles. He was a close friend of Jefferson Davis and served as the Confederate president's escort in the last month of the war. It is interesting to find out that Vaughn's wife and children were the only family of a Confederate general who was jailed as hostages during the Civil War.

Larry has volunteered for the Manassas Battlefield for 14 years. He told one interviewer that while working at the battlefield he met a Vaughn descendent, who wanted to know where Vaughn was on the battlefield at the time of the First Manassas battle. Larry decided to do some research on the general, and it wasn't long before Larry was writing a book.

A native of Texas, Larry graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in meteorology. After serving with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in many posts he retired from active duty as a colonel. He was awarded the Air Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit. In addition to receiving a master of arts in Soviet and Slavic area studies from the University of Kansas, he also graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. For the past twenty years, he has worked in the Washington, D.C. area as a military information technology analyst at the Institute for Defense Analyses, a not-for-profit center that does studies for the Department of Defense.

Praise for Larry's book comes from well-known authors. Terrence Wenschel, Vicksburg National Military Park historian and author of *Triumph & Defeat: The Vicksburg Campaign*, and Eric Wittenberg, author of *Plenty of Blame to go Around*, have recommended Gordon's book. Two former Bull Run CWRT presidents who have written several Civil War books also recommended Gordon's book. Gary Ecelbarger says that "Gordon has done strong research and writes an engag-

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, AUG. 13, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

Larry Gordon

TOPIC:

**Last Confederate General:  
John C. Vaughn and His  
East Tennessee Cavalry**

ing narrative." Scott C. Patchan states that Gordon "fairly presents Vaughn's story and adds new perspectives on the frequently castigated Vaughn, who was clearly an outsider in a theater dominated by men from the Army of Northern Virginia."

Larry has been busy speaking to many groups since his book was released, and we are grateful that he consented to include our round table on his schedule. You won't want to miss the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER MICHAEL KAUFFMAN SPEAKS ON AN AMERICAN BRUTUS

By Nancy Anwyll

Michael W. Kauffman became interested in the Civil War when his father was stationed at Quantico and the family visited the Fredericksburg battlefields. As he studied the Civil War more, and after the Kennedy assassinations occurred in the 1960s, his study evolved into research of Lincoln and other personalities in the Civil War and culminated in the book *American Brutus*.

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**ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES**

Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS****SEPTEMBER 10****SPEAKER:****Michael Kauffman****TOPIC:****American Brutus and the Lincoln  
Conspiracies****OCTOBER 8****SPEAKER:****Steve French****TOPIC:****Imboden's Brigade in the  
Gettysburg Campaign****NOVEMBER 12****SPEAKER:****Mark A. Trbovich****TOPIC:****Stuart's December 1862 Raid****DECEMBER 10****SPEAKER:****Kevin Rawlings****TOPIC:****Christmas During the Civil War**



## The President's Column By Nancy Anwyll

Thanks to everyone who came out to the June and July general membership meetings. The June speaker was Marc Leepson who gave an overview of his book, *Desperate Engagement*, about the battle of Monocacy and the Defense of Washington, D.C. It was a good introduction to the tour that the round table took on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The attendance for the meeting was 75. Seventy members heard our speaker in July, Mr. Doug Wicklund, who is a curator of the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax and an expert on all weapons in our nation's history. Doug brought several examples of Civil War weapons and artifacts, which the audience perused with great interest before and after the meeting.

The July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was our first time to meet in the Centreville Library as an after-hours activity group. As you know, the county budget restraints forced the Centreville Library and all other libraries to close at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday evening, beginning July 1, 2009. However, we will be able to use the library after hours by accessing the meeting room from the side door located left of the main entrance.

Thanks to Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany for their hard work in organizing and leading the August 8th tour of the 2nd Corps' June 1863 March to Edwards Ferry.

Another tour that is coming up will be on September 19 to the North Anna. John McAnaw is working with Michael Miller on this tour. For information, see page 7. You can sign up at the next meeting, and also on the Web site.

BRCWRT members, John McAnaw, John De Pue, and John Pearson attended a meeting July 13 with the Superintendent of the Manassas NBP, Ed Clark, and received updates on the proposed construction of Dominion Power electric lines. More information will be coming later.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!



Thanks Doug Wicklund!



Photos by Ken Jones

## KAUFFMAN [Continued from Page 1]

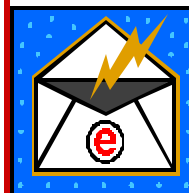
Mr. Kauffman is a graduate of the University of Virginia and is a supervisor and technician with an international broadcast company in Springfield, Virginia. He lives with his family in southern Maryland, the area in which Booth hid for several days in the spring of 1865 before crossing the Potomac River into Virginia. Kauffman has spent most of his adult life studying the assassination and leading tours with the Surratt Society along Booth's escape route. By checking the endnotes in his book, *American Brutus*, one can see that he dedicated extensive time in past years to researching in the National Archives.

When I first heard him speak at the National Archives two years ago, he chose to speak about the way he went about writing the book. He told the audience how he bought an old tobacco barn and burned it down to see how long it took. He rowed across the Potomac River in a boat on a dark night just as Booth did to study the currents and understand how a person could get lost. He also jumped 12 feet, not from a balcony onto a stage but from a ladder to test the idea that Booth may not have broken his leg at Ford's Theater.

Being recognized for his knowledge about Booth, he was called to testify as an expert witness in the 1995 Booth exhumation hearings. He has made several media and conference appearances including C-SPAN, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Dedication in Springfield, Illinois, A&E, the History Channel, the Learning Channel, the Lincoln Forum, and the National Archives Noon Lecture Series.

The American Library Association writes, "Kauffman seems to have examined everything related to the case." Jason Emerson, a NPS ranger at the Lincoln Home in Springfield, IL wrote in the *Civil War News* that "Kauffman has written an exciting and elucidating work . . . it is superior to anything yet written on the assassination in its scope, content and sheer audacity." Phillip C. Stone wrote in the *Journal of the Lincoln Association* that "*American Brutus* will stand as the best book on the assassination for years to come." Newspapers, such as the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* have also given positive reviews.

You won't want to miss speaker Michael W. Kauffman at our September 10 meeting.



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ADDRESS CHANGE!**

See newsletter mailer.

## HUNTER MILL SIGNAGE: A Long Journey

By Charlie Balch

The six year effort to have a Civil War Trail sign in the ground at the crossroads of the W&OD Trail and Hunter Mill Road is complete. Six years ago there was a desire on the part of a local historian to raise public awareness of the significance of Civil War history in the Hunter Mill Corridor. This desire came to reality on June 23, 2009, when the first of five proposed signs intended to do permanently just that was installed at the crossroads.

The effort has evolved from having just pictures on the Internet of Hunter Mill Road sites to a video of local CW artifacts to a full-blown DVD with professional narration, period music and historic pictures. The public debut of that DVD came in June 2007 at a meeting of the BRCWRT.

In time, five members of the Round Table—Steve Hull, Tom Evans, Charlie Balch, Bob Eldridge, and Jim Lewis—came together to contribute research, scriptwriting, historic and current pictures, music, technical DVD production expertise, and signage design. The DVD brought some public awareness, but the new sign will provide permanent visibility.

In addition to public awareness, the team had a secondary goal of raising sufficient funds to pay for multiple historical signs along the Road. Securing funding was accomplished through the sale of an evolving set of four products: 1) over one thousand DVD's entitled "*Danger Between the Lines*," the Civil War story of events and people along Hunter Mill Road; 2) a book with pictures describing a driving tour along the road; 3) an initial booklet on "*The Civil War Story of Hunter Mill*;" and 4) multiple bus tours highlighting Civil War events and history in Vienna and Oakton. As of now, 42 volunteer events have been used to promote these products.

The result of these sales provided sufficient funds to pay for five signs from the southern end of the road to the area around the W&OD and Hunter Mill crossroads. Four different organizations were required to sign off on a mix of the signs: the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Fairfax County History Commission, Civil War Trails, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

On June 23, the first of the signs was installed, a Civil War Trails sign entitled, "Hunter's Mill - Pennsylvania Reserve Corps Camp." The detailed content and exact location of the sign can be found at <http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?MarkerID=20263>.

During the installation of the sign a very fortuitous coincidence occurred. A direct descendent of George Washington Hunter, Sr., happened to stop dur-

ing her run on the W&OD to see what was happening. Martha Johnson's ancestor acquired the gristmill and sawmill in 1831 and his name is associated with both the mill and road.

Subsequently, we verified her lineage back to the mill owner by means of an ancestry document. Meeting a direct descendent of George Washington Hunter, Sr. was a very happy capper for three of the team who were at the installation, Charlie Balch, Jim Lewis, and Bob Eldridge, pictured below.



God bless the parents who instill a love of history in their children. One of our BRCWRT members started her Civil War 'travels' at an early age with her parents and sister. You won't be surprised to learn who this young nine year old is enjoying Lookout Mountain.

Answer: See page 8



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted, please e-mail Dale Maschino at [smasch1@verizon.net](mailto:smasch1@verizon.net)

**7 Aug** – Walking tour in Fredericksburg, "The Civilian Experience of the Civil War". Begins at the Rappahannock Regional Library at 7 p.m. Free. Call 540-373-6122 or [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp).

**8 - 9 Aug** – Infantry demonstrations at Henry Hill, Manassas National Battlefield Park. Free, with park admission. Call 703-361-1339 or link to [www.nps.gov/mana](http://www.nps.gov/mana).

**9, 16, 23 Aug – 6, 13, 27 Sept** - Walking tour, "In the Foot-steps of John Brown," two-hour, 2-mile hike covering John Brown's Raid at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 a.m. Free with park admission. Call 304-535-6029 or [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**9, 23 Aug** – Walking tours, "Fort DeRussy Hike," explore one of Washington's Forts. Begins at the Nature Center in Rock Creek Park. 2 p.m. Free. Call 202-895-6070 or link to [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr).

**15 - 16 Aug** – "Civil War Weekend Encampment" at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, in Chantilly (near Rt. 28 and 50.) Camps and demonstrations. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-3p.m. Sunday. \$7/Adult. Call 703-437-1794.

**29 Aug** – Walking tours at Bristoe Station, "Battle of Kettle Run," near Manassas. Tours leave on the hour, noon to 4 p.m. Free. Call 703-257-5243.

**29-30 Aug** – Anniversary observance of the Battle of Second Manassas with special tours and talks at the Manassas National Battlefield. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339 or, [www.nps.gov/mana](http://www.nps.gov/mana).

**12, 19 Sept** – Tour, "John Wilkes Booth Escape Route," popular 12-hour tour sponsored by the Surratt Society. \$70. Call 301-868-1121, or [www.surratt.org](http://www.surratt.org).

**12, 13 Sept** – Ranger programs, "The Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Factor." At the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 304-535-6029 or [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**17 Sept** – Anniversary hike at the Antietam National Battlefield. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-5124 or [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti).

**18-20 Sept** – 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in the town of Culpeper. Includes Civil War activities. Details; [www.culpeper250th.org](http://www.culpeper250th.org).

**18-20 Sept** – Civil War Weekend at the Old Courthouse Civil War Museum in downtown Winchester. Call 540-542-1145 or details [www.civilwarmuseum.org](http://www.civilwarmuseum.org).

**19-20 Sept** – "Fighting and Frolicking: The Civil War Comes to Morven Park," in Leesburg. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, 1–4 p.m. Sunday. \$7/adult. Includes house tours. Call 703-777-6034 or [www.morvenpark.org](http://www.morvenpark.org).

**21 Sept** – Book talk, "Chancellorsville and the Germans: Nativism, Ethnicity and Civil War Memory" at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, Fairfax. 7 p.m. Free. Call 703-591-0560.

**26 Sept** - Civil War Shelter at Fort Ward in Alexandria. Various types of tents, huts, heating systems examined. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Call 703-838-4848 or [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**26 Sept** – Living History, "Anniversary of Freestone Battery," at Leesylvania State Park near Woodbridge. Military camp and demonstrations. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Parking fee. Call 703-583-6904.

**26 Sept** - Centreville Day near the St. Johns Episcopal Church - The Bull Run Civil War Round Table tent and volunteers provide Civil War history background for a day of celebration of Centreville. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION TOURS

**AUG 8** Kelly's Ford and Stevensburg-Tour begins with a discussion of the Union river-crossing at Kelly's Ford and then follows the route of march of the Union cavalry division commanded by Colonel Alfred Napoleon Duffie, a deserter from the French army, to Stevensburg. The fighting at Stevensburg, a neglected aspect of the Battle of Brandy Station, is presented in detail. This tour concludes with a description of the mortal wounding of Captain William Farley, JEB Stuart's volunteer aide de camp.

**AUG 22** Fleetwood Hill-Tour focuses on the fighting for Fleetwood Hill, the most intense and prolonged combat on June 9, 1863. At one point 12 regiments -- 6 Union and 6 Confederate -- struggled for control of the hilltop. Unlike most Civil War battles, the troopers fought from the saddle, mostly with sabers. One frustrated Rebel was heard to shout at his Yankee opponent, "Why don't you Yankees put away your sabers, draw your pistols, and fight like gentlemen!"

**SEPT 5** Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge-Tour presents the fighting that took place later in the afternoon of June 9 between General Buford and General W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee's brigade. During the fighting, Rooney Lee, Robert E. Lee's second son, was shot in the thigh and carried from the field. Colonel Solomon Williams of 1st North Carolina Cavalry, commanding his regiment in battle for the first time, was shot in the head and killed. He had been married just two weeks earlier.

For additional information, call 540.547.4160 or [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)

## MERRYBROOK: IS IT HISTORY OR HISTORY?

By Mark Knowles



The disturbing trend of allowing our American history to be sanitized and lost continues unabated. That we the living, seem powerless to stop the reckless way in which we are dooming our county's legacy, both physically and factually, should be unacceptable to all, but especially to a group such as the Bull Run Civil War Round Table.

One month ago, an article on Mount Vernon appeared in the *Washington Post*. Apparently, there is a group advising the U.S. government on getting American sites onto a "prestigious" United Nations' list of World Heritage sites. In order for the Mount Vernon application to qualify for consideration, George Washington had to be "de-emphasized." Mount Vernon would have to be "representative of all periods, all times and all cultures of all humanity" so that the application would meet the guidelines. Is George Washington History, or History?

Then an article appeared in the *Loudoun Independent* mentioning that an historic brick house known as the "Lunette House" was in serious jeopardy of demolition as a result of neglect.

The Lunette house, located in Loudoun County, west of South Riding on the old Colchester (now Braddock) Road, dates back to the early 1800's. It was once owned by the Carter family in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the mid-1990's, Greenvest acquired the property to develop Kirkpatrick Farms.

In the 1997 proffer, Greenvest made a commitment to preserve the façade of the historic house and to cause the house to be used either as a community facility or a private residence. The house was vacated in 2001 and used by Greenvest as a project field office until 2005. The house was moved a short distance to allow for New Braddock Road to be built. There were plans to move the house again, with the roof removed in preparation to go under some power lines. The move never occurred. The Lunette house has been on blocks & timbers ever since. Kirkpatrick Farms Home Owner Association residents have expressed strong support for demolishing the house because it has become dangerous and is an eyesore to the community.

Greenvest has offered to throw \$100,000 into a preservation organization in lieu of honoring its proffer to the citizens of Loudoun County to preserve the Lunette house. The issue of Greenvest's proffered responsibility versus a generic donation was still being debated at the time of this article. Is the Lunette House History, or History?

In both instances, the political and business leaders "appeared" to have good intentions, but with what actual effect . . . the neutering of historical facts

and desecration by neglect?

As I mentioned during our June meeting, the Friends of the Laura Ratcliffe House, Merrybrook [FOLR] is facing a similar threat. Here we have an authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century house that is on the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia List of Historic Places and Fairfax County's own roster of places of historic interest, yet it is in imminent danger of being destroyed. We can't blame progress for its destruction. But we can blame apathy. Apathy from most, not all, of our Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Development Committee of the Fairfax County Park Authority [FCPA] Board.

In October 2008, the FCPA's Planning and Development Committee seemed to have unanimously decided to accept the Merrybrook house when it was proffered to the FCPA by the Launderers Charitable Trust. FOLR thought this was a great sign and a positive step in the right direction to saving Merrybrook from destruction.

Then in February 2009, the Park Authority reversed its support, or rather clarified its support of Merrybrook. The Authority was no longer interested in the house per se, but would accept the land under Merrybrook. This was a tremendous surprise and setback to the FOLR Board and all the organizations and individuals who have supported saving Merrybrook over the years.

It is no secret that the current owners, The Launderers Charitable Trust, have expressed no interest in saving it. We should not allow a few misguided individuals to continue entertaining the prospect of destroying one of our nations recognized historical and cultural resources.

As a gateway into the new Arrowbrook Development complex and the Town of Herndon, Merrybrook stands poised to become vibrant once again. It can tell the story of life on an agricultural farm in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century; it can tell the story of former resident Confederate spy Laura Ratcliffe and her relationships with J.E.B. Stuart and John S. Mosby; it can be used as an educational opportunity center for local schools and civic associations; it can be used as a residence for a county employee(s) etc.

All this potential will be lost unless we do something to help make our Fairfax County political leaders and Park Authority officials understand the positive value and marketing potential that Merrybrook has to offer to current and future generations.

The BRCWRT board encourages you to write a letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board expressing your concern that they are willing to allow a registered National historic landmark to be destroyed when there are so many possible solutions to saving and preserving Merrybrook as a self-sustaining entity.

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## MERRYBROOK [Continued from Page 6]

For more information on:

Merrybrook history visit: <http://lauraratcliffe.org>

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors visit:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

Fairfax County Park Authority:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fcpaboard>

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### FAIRFAX STATION RAILROAD MUSEUM FORUM

**AUG 12 7:30 P.M.**

#### "Devereux and Haupt, The Magician Engineers of the US Military Railroad Presented by BILL ETUE

John H. Devereux started his career as a surveyor in Ohio and then became a railroad superintendent prior to the Civil War. Once the Civil War started, he volunteered his services to the US Government and was assigned to the United States Military Railroad (USMRR) where he served as Superintendent of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad from March 1862 until he left the service in March 1864. He went on to have an outstanding career as a railroad man in the mid-west. Herman Haupt was a 19th century railroad genius who had already established his credentials prior to the war. The Secretary of War personally requested him to work for the USMRR. He served without pay from April 1862 to September 1863. After his promotion to brigadier general, the military required him to join the regular army which he refused to do. He resigned instead. Both Devereux and Haupt established procedures, re-wrote policies and developed the USMRR into a branch of the service critical to the war effort. The presentation will discuss many of their successful exploits.

The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

The forum is free.



## HEADS UP! BRCWRT MEMBERS MARCHING ORDERS FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 2009

### TOUR OF NORTH ANNA CAMPAIGN 21 – 26 MAY 1864

**DATE:** Saturday, 19 September 2009

**ASSEMBLY TIME:** 7:30 A.M.

**TOUR DEPARTURE TIME:** 7:40 A.M.

**TOUR DURATION:** 7:40 AM to 3:20 P.M.

**ASSEMBLY LOCATION:** University Mall, located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection on Ox Road (Route 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620). We will meet in the parking lot to the right front of the McDonald's Restaurant near the M&T Bank Building. (Look for orange tape on vehicle antennas).

**TOUR MAPS/DIRECTIONS:** Strip maps of entire tour route will be handed out at the Assembly area. Simply put, the tour route will be south on Route 123 to I-95, then south on I-95 to our first tour-stop, just west of I-95 in Spotsylvania County on Route 608 (Massaponax Church Road).

**TOUR STOPS WILL INCLUDE:** Massaponax Church, Guinea Station, Bethel Church [now New Bethel Church], Bowling Green, Mount Carmel Church, Hanover Junction, Ox Ford (North Anna Battlefield).

**CHIEF TOUR GUIDE:** J. Michael Miller is the Head Archivist, Archives and Special Collections, U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico MCB. He is the author of an excellent history on the Battle of North Anna River. Also, he is a member of the BRCWRT.

**PHYSICAL EXERTION:** Low to moderate. Participants with cardiac or respiratory problems should not participate. Walking tour of the North Anna Battlefield will be two miles in length.

**LUNCH:** Brown Bag lunch is strongly recommended. There are no fast food locations near mid-day tour stops.

**SIGN UP:** Sign up either by using the link on the BRCWRT Web site [www.bullruncwrt.org](http://www.bullruncwrt.org) or sign up at the monthly meetings on 13 August or 10 September.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the event of adverse weather conditions, contact Round Table web site or call John McAnaw at 703-978-3371. Go/No Go decision will be made at 6:15 A.M. on 19 September. If the tour is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled this calendar year.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Contact John McAnaw at 703-978-3371.

## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

### Go West Young Woman, Go West!

Ms. Rebelle and her sister, Kathe, from California, decided to take a “Thelma and Louise” road trip together in July. We didn’t get in as much trouble as Thelma and Louise but we had a great time driving though our beautiful West in a sporty little red Chevy Cobalt. We saw several hitchhiking young men, but none looked like Brad Pitt so we passed them by.

Now I know some are asking what does the West have to do with the Civil War? As I’ve written before, I don’t go anywhere without checking out the Civil War aspect of the area. We both landed in Phoenix, AZ to visit our cousin who lives there. He lives pretty close to Pichaco Peak, the only CW battle in AZ, but due to time constraints and time differences, we didn’t get there. But I was close!!! I did talk my sister into stopping at Citizens Cemetery in Prescott, AZ on the way to Sedona. She’s not into the CW or cemeteries as her older sister is, but she agreed to stop with me long enough to put some flags on graves of the CW Veterans. My list of graves in Prescott had three on it—one Confederate, and two Union Veterans. When we drove into the cemetery, we met a gentleman who likes to tend to the cemetery. He showed us where lots of CW Veterans are buried. Who would have thought in Arizona!

My first objective was to find the grave of Brevet Union General William Henry Harrison McCall. He’s listed as a Lt. Colonel on his stone with the 200<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. Now comes the interesting part. McCall’s unit was out of Harrisburg, PA, and he was on the staff of General Hartranft, commander of the Washington Arsenal Penitentiary. Hartranft and his staff were responsible for the Booth Conspiracy trial prisoners—a Booth connection way out in AZ. McCall was there when the conspirators Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Herold, and George Atzerodt were all hanged on July 7,

1865. He’s standing behind General Hartranft who is reading the death sentence at the hanging.

McCall was born in 1841 in Philadelphia. At 20 years of age, he was mustered into the Union Army as a Sergeant of Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> PA Reserve Infantry. On September 3, 1864, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the 200<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry. In August, 1865 he was brevetted to brigadier general for his bravery, coolness, and skill at Fort Steadman. McCall led sort of a colorful life after the CW. He stayed in the Army for a time and settled in Kansas. He rode with General Sheridan with Forsyth’s Scouts against the hostile Indians. He fought in the battle of Beecher Island near Wray, Colorado and received a bullet wound to the neck. After Forsyth’s Scouts were disbanded, McCall settled in Hays City, Kansas and opened the Star Saloon and a brothel. McCall also had connections to Virgil Earp at Fort



Whipple. He died at the young age of 43 on June 13, 1883.

One of several Confederates in the cemetery was 1st LT, Brevet Colonel Hiram Alfred Owen of the 7<sup>th</sup> GA Infantry, Co. A. He was born in 1842 and died July 7, 1909. After the war, he was known as Chloride Jack and was a miner in AZ Territory.



Major Crawley P. Dake, 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, fought under General Custer and was at the battle of Gettysburg. He was mustered in as a captain and later promoted to major. Dake fought in more than 20 battles, was wounded in 1864, and returned to Michigan. After the war, Dake became a tax collector with the Internal Revenue Service for Southeastern Michigan. In 1877 he was appointed a Deputy U.S. Marshal for Eastern Michigan. In 1878 he was appointed the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Arizona Territory with his head-



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## AFTER ACTION REPORT: POST-MONOCACY TOUR FORT RENO TO ROCKVILLE, JUNE 20, 2009

By Nancy Anwyll

Thirteen people from the round table survived a rainy morning when they toured sites in Washington, D.C. associated with the defense of the city July 11–13, 1864, a time when Confederate Gen. Jubal Early made an attempt to take the city after the Battle of Monocacy on July 9, 1864. In the afternoon the round table's perseverance was rewarded when the sun broke through the clouds and the group headed to Rockville to see where the Union cavalry made an attempt to stop Early's retreat on July 13, 1864.

The first stop for the round table was at the site of Fort Reno on Chesapeake St. in Washington, D.C., near Tenleytown—spelled “Tennallytown” at the time of the Civil War. (It was here that four participants first opened their umbrellas for a few minutes.) Although nothing remains of Fort Reno and a reservoir now occupies the site, the group could easily see why Fort Reno was the highest of the 68 defensive forts that circled D.C. The fort guarded three major roads from the north and west, making it the key target for Jubal Early's cavalry on July 11th and 12th, 1864. BG John McCausland's cavalry brigade skirmished in its front for two days and then withdrew with the rest of the Army of the Valley in the early hours of July 13, 1864. BG McCausland told interviewers after the war that he had penetrated the defense lines one night and could see the capitol. The round table examined the maps and discussed the possibility of where he might have skirted Fort Reno and its nearby defense fortifications.

At the next stop at the Rock Creek Nature Center, the group met Ranger Ron Harvey and followed him on foot to the location of Fort DeRussy (where the overhanging trees offered protection from the intermittent rain). Although DeRussy was not the largest fort in the D.C.'s circle of fortifications, its artillery effectively fired into the front and flanks of Confederate troops that attacked Fort Stevens. Many from our group were surprised to see that much of DeRussy remains today.

The next stop was at Fort Stevens where members learned the true character of Ranger Harvey. As he explained the construction of the fort and all that occurred during the battle on July 11 and July 12, 1864, the sounds of thunder sent members to their cars. When the thunder stopped and the rain slowed, they followed Ranger Harvey back to the fort's front and learned even more about the battle. However, the rain persisted. Since Ranger Harvey had no rain gear, members offered him their umbrellas, but he refused and continued with his narration. At one point, the ranger climbed to the spot where Lincoln once stood, showing us how much of a target Lincoln was. Both Lincoln and the ranger had similar experiences—President Lincoln dodged musket fire

and Ranger Harvey dodged rain drops.

Later, the group followed the undaunted ranger to the nearby Battlefield Cemetery. Even though the rain started and stopped one more time as the tour participants approached the graves, they soon were caught up in Ranger Harvey's stories about who was buried there and how he uncovered his information.

After thanking Ranger Harvey for his super dedication, the group stopped for lunch in Silver Spring along Ellsworth Street. The first stop after lunch was the site of Francis Preston Blair's house and the original spring, which was located at Kennett and Newell Streets. Before and during the Civil War in Washington's political circles, the Blair mansion was an influential power center, and on July 11 – 13, it followed precedent serving as Gen. Jubal Early's headquarters. Today condos and parking lots occupy the site where the mansion once stood, with token signs and wall murals nearby depicting the history of the area. Only an acorn-shaped gazebo and the original spring remain in a tiny park.

On the way to the next stop, the group drove by the site of Falklands, the home of Montgomery Blair, Postmaster General in Lincoln's cabinet. Falklands was burned on July 13, 1864 as Early's army departed the area. A second Falklands was built shortly afterwards, but it was burned in 1958 by the Silver Spring Fire Department to make way for a shopping center.

The next stop was on Georgia Avenue at Grace Episcopal Church. Here the round table saw the monument for 17 unknown Confederate soldiers who were buried there after the Battle of Fort Stevens. There is a story in the church history that says Gen. Early donated \$100 to the church, but it's not clear for what purpose. One story says it was to pay for a new church roof while another story says it was to pay for the cost of burying the Confederate soldiers.

From the church, the group continued up Georgia Avenue to Veirs Mill Road and drove west to Rockville, the same route that General Jubal Early's Army of the Valley took on its retreat back to Rockville. BG McCausland's cavalry had marched up Rockville Pike from the Tenleytown area of D.C. and joined Early in Rockville on July 13, 1863.

The first Rockville stop was at historic St. Mary's Catholic Church on the eastern edge of Rockville, where the convergence of Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road could be seen. When the Confederate Army passed through Rockville, Colonel Charles Russell Lowell of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Cavalry, whose regiment had been tailing the Confederates, posted part of his men in the early afternoon of July 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's while he rode into Rockville to the Montgomery House Hotel to send a message back to Washington.

Col. Lowell was forced to interrupt his dispatch in the hotel and join his dismounted men as they held off two Confederate charges before they were forced to

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withdraw back east to St. Mary's Church and then further to what is now Woodmont Country Club. The tour participants stopped at the site of the old Rockville Courthouse and the Montgomery House Hotel where they learned of the Confederate cavalry attack in the streets of Rockville.

The last stop was in a parking lot along Route 28 west of Rockville that looked down upon the site where BG Bradley Johnson, defending the rear of Early's army, set a trap for part of Lowell's men, causing a contingent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. to race back to Rockville. Here the tour members could see the bend in the road where Johnson hid part of his men while another part lined up along both sides of Watt's Branch, luring the Union cavalry into the trap. After a discussion of General Early's crossing the Potomac on July 14, 1864, the tour ended at 4:15 p.m.

In addition to the tour leader, Nancy Anwyll, those that attended were Kevin Anastas, Lakhwaant Aulakh, Dominic Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, John De Pue, Dennis Feldt, Dale Maschino, Theresa Meade, Regina Meade, Paul Meade, Mike Rumsey, and Mike Shannon.



The above photo shows the acorn-shaped gazebo Francis Blair built on his estate. It is all that remains of Blair's home and sits in a tiny park adjacent to the spring that inspired Blair to name his estate, Silver Spring. In the background are murals on an office building that depict the history of the area. Photo by Nancy Anwyll.

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quarters in Prescott. Dake has connections to the Earps as well. He appointed Virgil Earp as deputy marshal for the town of Tombstone when lawlessness broke out there. After Virgil was ambushed and wounded, Dake then appointed Wyatt Earp as marshal. He also had mining interests in AZ. On April 9, 1890 he died of complications from his old Civil War wound.

With the help of our guide, Kathe and I found CW veterans' graves from California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. He showed us the grave of Farrell Tiernan, Pvt., Co. E, 6th California Infantry. In front of his grave is a bundle of three pieces of wood tied together. He told us the story that Tiernan was sent out to find wood, didn't find any and was court-martialed. He came back after more than a year with some wood but was refused entrance back in the Army. Our cemetery guide put the bundle of wood there in tribute to Tiernan.



The West is a photographer's dream come true. We drove through Sedona, Grand Canyon, Page (for the slot canyon, Antelope Canyon), Monument Valley, The Arches, Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, Zion Canyon, and ended up in San Diego. Ms. Rebelle took 845 pictures! It was quite a trip and always a thrill to find something Civil War-related.

Stay Tuned for Part Two in the *Stone Wall's* October issue.

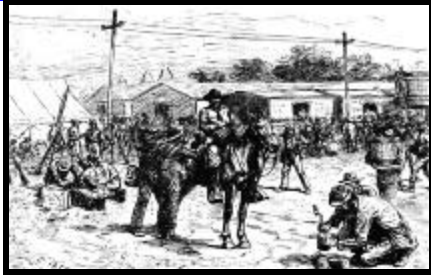


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## Campaign of Second Manassas Anniversary Tours

Saturday, August 29

Join local historians on the 147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of two local Civil War battles that played major roles in the events leading up to the Battle of Second Manassas. Walk the ground where thousands of Americans fought and died. Also learn about the preservation of these two local battlefields.

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Broad Run, VA 20137

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Turn the Mill Around Campaign

## OWNERSHIP CHANGE FOR MOUNT ZION CHURCH

By Bill Etue

On July 21, 2009, ownership of Mount Zion Church has passed from Loudoun County to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

The 88 acre tract on the other side of route 50 has also transferred from the Mount Zion Church Preservation Association to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

The NVRPA will pay off the remaining mortgage on the 88 acre tract. The Mount Zion Church Preservation Association will continue to play a roll in program planning in cooperation with the NVRPA.

The annual National Jousting event will continue to be held each October.

All parties involved with this arrangement are delighted with this outcome.

Mosby owns the night!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Eric Buckland**

**Liz Crowell**

**Virginia Hopkins**

**Robert Merdell**



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