



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXIX, Issue 4 MAY 2022

## HISTORIAN, AUTHOR AND FORMER BRCWRT PRESIDENT SCOTT PATCHAN SPEAKS ON "FEDERAL COLONEL JOSEPH THOBURN IN THE VALLEY" AT THE MAY 12th MEETING

Federal Colonel Joseph Thoburn was born in 1825 in Ireland; he set up a medical practice in Wheeling, VA (now WV) in 1853. He was appointed surgeon of the pro-Union 1st VA Infantry in May 1861 and fought at Philippi, VA, under Gen. Benjamin Kelley. In August 1861, he was named colonel of the reorganized regiment, fighting in the Shenandoah Valley. We will hear of his exploits at our May 12th meeting from a great friend of the BRCWRT, Scott Patchan. It is wonderful that the former BRCWRT president and author is visiting us again to provide another great presentation. Scott is a veteran Civil War battlefield guide, historian, and the author of *"Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign"* (2009); *"The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont, Virginia"* (1996); *"The Last Battle of Winchester"* (2012); and *"Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge"* (2011). Scott also served as a research consultant and contributing writer for Time-Life's *"Voices of the Civil War."*

Scott has twice served as president of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and is a much sought-after tour guide for both Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields and historic sites. He has written four feature essays for Blue and Gray Magazine on the 1864 Valley Campaign, and worked on two more about the

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 p.m.

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

**THURSDAY, May 12, 2022**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Historian/Author Scott Patchan**

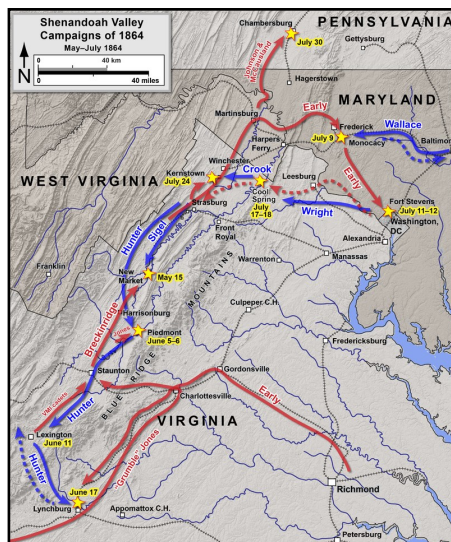
**TOPIC:**

**"Federal Col. Joseph Thoburn in the Valley"**

Second Manassas Campaign, as well as dozens of articles for other historical publications. Last year, he edited and published *"Worthy of a Higher Rank: The 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign Journal of Colonel Joseph Thoburn, Commander, First Infantry Division, Army of West Virginia."*

Scott serves as a director on the board of the Kernstown Battlefield Association in Winchester, Virginia; is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation's Resource Protection Committee; and is widely recognized as the foremost authority on the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Born in Cleveland, OH, and a graduate

of James Madison University, he currently resides with his family in Haymarket, Virginia. Come on out at 5 p.m. and meet and dine with Scott at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA: (703) 266-9755.



**The Centreville Regional Library has dropped its mask mandate - wearing a mask at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table meeting is now optional**

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### JOIN US AT CARRABBA'S

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early to dinner? Join BRCWRT members and their monthly guest speakers for good food and camaraderie.

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

## UPCOMING 2022 MEETINGS

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

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

**July 14:** Historian/Author Kevin Pawlak - "August 27: The Critical Actions of the Second Manassas Campaign"

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

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

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

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

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

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**TO ARMS! TO ARMS!**

Do not wait to be Drafted, but Volunteer!!

WE WILL ATTEND THE

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Attend All Meetings of the Bull



## The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

**Fellow BRCWRT members -**

Please join us at the Centreville Library for our 31st Anniversary meeting on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. There will be cake!! Thank you, Sandra Cox, for once again arranging for the party.

As indicated on page 1, above, our speaker will be Scott Patchan, who will tell us about "Federal Col. Joseph Thoburn in the Valley." Although our distinguished president of 10 years, Mark Trbovich, has moved to Alabama, he continues to arrange for us to hear from the most interesting speakers. Please come to hear Scott and enjoy some cake, celebrating our 31st Anniversary as the Bull Run Civil War Round Table.

It seems only appropriate that this anniversary celebrates the revival of the BRCWRT field trips, as well as continuation of the BRCWRT scholarship program, now in its 10th year.

The Scholarship Committee has recommended, and the Executive Committee has approved, Aaryan Karan Rawal of Westfield High School in Chantilly to receive this year's \$2,000 scholarship. Please read about this incredible young man in John Carter's writeup on page 5, below. John is a member of the Scholarship Committee,

chaired by Charlie Balch, that also includes Brian McEnany, Mark Knowles and Thomas Doran. Well done, gentlemen! Aaryan will attend the June 9th general meeting to receive his scholarship award.

Under the leadership of our new chair of the Field Trip Committee, Sam Laudenslager, the Field Trip team, including Jim Lewis and Blake Myers, have put together the first Field Trip since the advent of COVID. The field trip, scheduled for June 25, will be a car caravan tracing the route of Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's famous 1862 "Flank March" from Warrenton through Salem (now Marshall) and Thoroughfare Gap to Manassas. The full "marching orders" are printed on our Web site, as is an opportunity to sign up.

Finally, kudos to our chair of the Marketing Committee, Stephanie Vale, for arranging for membership drives and book sales at Bristoe and Ben Lomond events this summer. The first event will be at Bristoe Battlefield Park, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. Please come out to help recruit members and sell our many recently acquired used books, obtained this past week, with the cooperation of the Fairfax City Library. Thank you, Debbie Whitenton and Blake Myers, for jumping at the opportunity to select these surplus library books for the BRCWRT.

## April Speaker Greg Mertz Highlights the Battle of Shiloh



In the photo at left, Stephanie Vale (left), Marketing Committee chair for the BRCWRT, joins April speaker historian, author and former National Parks Ranger Greg Mertz (center), and (right) member Anthony Trusso for Mertz's talk on the Battle of Shiloh.

Photos by Janet Greentree

In photo at right, Debbie Whitenton doing her Zoom job in person at the Centreville Regional Library, so that many who cannot attend in person themselves can still enjoy the speaker for each BRCWRT lecture.



# The Bull Run Civil War Round Table Awards the 10th Annual Scholarship

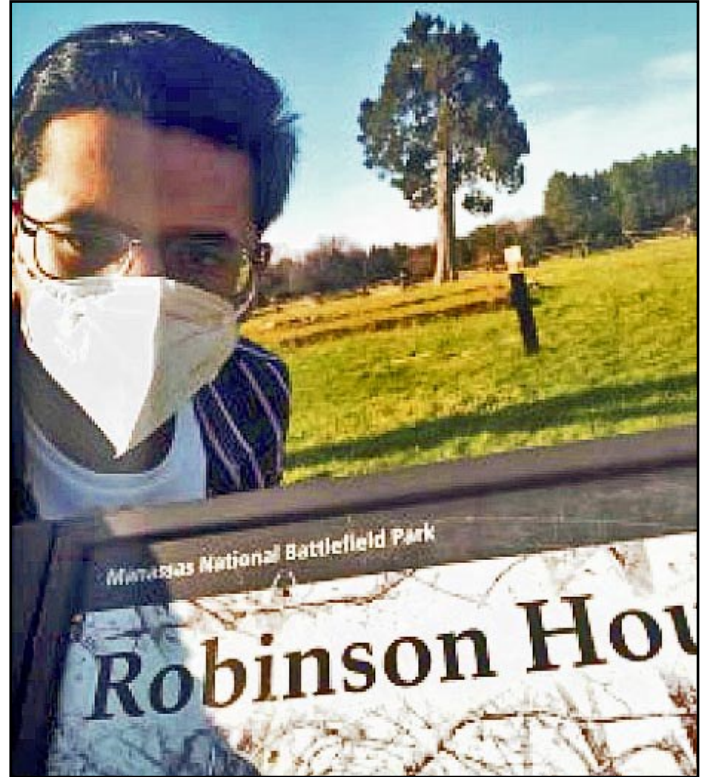
by John Carter

This year's Bull Run Civil War Round Table \$2,000 Scholarship is awarded to Aaryan Karan Rawal, a graduating senior from Westfield High School in Chantilly, VA. He is the son of Anil Rawal. Aaryan has demonstrated throughout his four years of high school that he is a scholar of the highest magnitude. He has maintained a grade point average of at least 4.0 in a very challenging curriculum, including a 4.929 by the end of his junior year. During his last two years of high school, Aaryan enrolled in 10 AP courses. He is a member of both the History and English Honor Societies, and he is a National Merit Scholarship finalist winner. Aaryan has held many leadership positions within his school, including the Model United Nations president, and positions outside school that focused on political volunteerism and activism.

Aaryan's high school AP History teacher best describes a young man who is mature, and forward-thinking, beyond his years. "Aaryan is the most well-read, prepared student I have worked with in my 18 years of teaching. He is knowledgeable on every subject we discussed in both AP History and AP Human Geography. Excelling in both content and discussions, he challenged his peers to think more clearly and creatively. Aaryan is the student I see who can change the future - or is at least sensible enough to recognize the need for future change."

This can be seen in his work with local and state organizations, which focused on issues relating to gun laws, human rights, mental health, and sexual assault laws. These are not just activities for Aaryan but are his medium for facilitating change. He is not motivated by the volume of his activities, nor by accolades he receives for them - he is motivated by creating change.

The awards, however, are plentiful: including the Fairfax County Public Schools Peace Award and the Fairfax County Public Schools Pride Courage Award. He was also awarded the Frederick A. Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award for his commitment to social action.



Aaryan Karan Rawal, the 2022 Bull Run Civil War Round Table scholarship recipient at Manassas National Battlefield - the Robinson House - as part of his submission to the Scholarship Committee.

Aaryan received the Harvard University Alumni Association Book Award for outstanding juniors.

A prospective Political Science major, he plans to apply his love of history to advance social justice, and to gain historical knowledge of court precedents that impact the judicial system. This fusion can be seen in his scholarship essay, The First Battle of Bull Run: Foreshadowing the True Impact of the American Civil War. While covering the main points of the battle, Aaryan began his essay with the initial political responses to southern secession by Presidents James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln. The timidity of the Buchanan administration to respond to secession and the slowness of the Lincoln administration in ramping up a major response led to a demand for a prompt invasion of Richmond, which set the stage for a Union

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defeat and a prolonged war. At the end of his essay, he described the interactions of civilian life with the battlefield, and the lack of immediate impact that the battle had on the institution of slavery. Aaryan saw the battle as sparking some movement in the North's prioritization on the issue of enslavement. His bibliography included twenty works. It is interesting to note that Aaryan's self-picture, submitted with his scholarship application, was taken in front of the remnants of the Manassas battlefield house of Jim Robinson, a free-Black man.

Aaryan is an effective writer and speaker, and when you meet him in person, his maturity quickly makes you forget that you are talking to a high school student and not to a college graduate. At the present time, Aaryan is considering several college acceptances as he finalizes his plans for enrollment this fall. He has been accepted at Harvard University, Yale University and the University of Virginia.

This is the tenth year that the Bull Run Civil War Round Table has given a scholarship. The first winner was in 2012, to Taylor McConnell

from West Springfield High School. Other winners since 2012 include: Caroline Howard (Osborn Park High School); Brook Roberts (James Robinson High School); Aaron Pirant (Herndon High School); Alexander Hughes (Osborn High School); Joseph LaVigne (Elizabeth Seton High School); Jack Tatum (Oakton High School); Jacob Faber (Westfield High School); and last year's winner, Isabelle Anderson (Thomas Edison High School).

Applicants submitted official high school transcripts that showed their courses, the level of those courses, their grades earned on each course, and a cumulative grade point average. They also submitted a description of their extra-curricular activities, a historical essay, a self-photo taken at a local historical sign, and an adult recommendation. The top candidates were interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which recommended the winner to the Executive Board. Members of the Scholarship Committee include the chairman, Charlie Balch and members Brian McEnany, Mark Knowles, Thomas Doran, and John Carter.

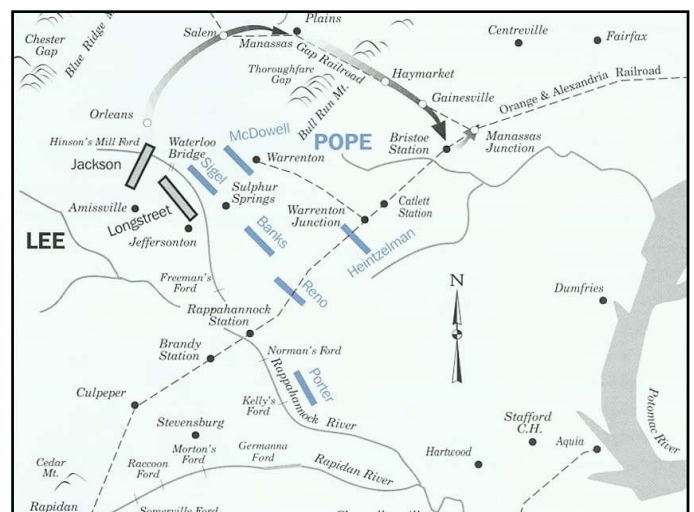
## Follow Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s Flank March at 2nd Manassas - Join the BRCWRT Spring Tour

The BRCWRT's spring's “Stonewall” Jackson's ‘Flank March’ car-caravan tour will take place on Saturday, June 25th - focusing on Gen. Jackson's historic 1862 march that initiated the Battle of 2nd Manassas.

Jim Lewis is the Round Table's liaison with Manassas National Battlefield Park Ranger Hank Elliott, who will lead the tour.

Car-pools will meet 8 a.m. at MNP's Visitor Center on Henry Hill; return is expected to be around 5 p.m.

There will be a lunch break, but BYOR (Bring Your Own Rations!) If interested, please sign up on the BRCWRT Web site or Facebook page.



**JACKSON'S FLANK MARCH, AUGUST 24-27, 1862**  
In the early morning hours of August 23, Jackson's men began crossing the Rappahannock River at Hinson's Mill Ford; 48 hours later, after covering 56 miles in the August heat, Jackson lighted in the rear of Pope's army at Manassas Junction.



## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### Gen. Basil Wilson Duke, CSA

By Janet Greentree

It seems our Gen. Duke was quite popular in the newspapers of his time. There are many articles written about him, with a lot of name-dropping - some of which are kind of cute. His daughter, Mary Currie, also received a lot of publicity, as she was a talented violinist.



Gen. Basil W. Duke

The *South Bend Tribune* of November 7, 1877, featured an article entitled: "Forrest's Challenge to Kilpatrick" - Summer before last, when Gen. Judson Kilpatrick was canvassing Indiana for the republicans, he spoke of Gen. Forrest in such a way that the latter challenged him to fight a duel. As soon as the challenge was sent Forrest wrote to Gen. Basil Duke, of Kentucky, that in case his invitation was accepted—which he did not doubt for a moment—he would call on Duke to be his second." This letter further said that in the necessary arrangement he would like Gen. Duke to insist that the duel should be fought on horseback with sabres, "as that was the proper way for two cavalrymen to meet."

The article continues: "Gen. Duke at once engaged for his principal a steed for the encounter—a horse recommended by its owner to go over a church steeple if necessary—and awaited Gen. Kilpatrick's reply.

Kilpatrick, however, declined to fight, on the ground that he and Forrest did not move in the same social sphere." Had this duel taken place, it doubtless would have been conducted in a style delightfully

dramatic.

In 1902 the *Keowee Courier* in Walhalla, SC, wrote an article entitled "Gen. Forrest and a Yankee Bully." This one is long, so I will summarize for you. It seems that generals Forrest and Duke had never met. Both generals found themselves on the same train after the 1868 National Democratic Convention. The two sat opposite each other in a sleeper car and reminisced about the Civil War. While passing through Louisville, KY, Forrest telegraphed the ticket agent there for a sleeper car for his own use. The ticket agent told everyone that Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest had contacted him. It seems there was a "Herculean" sized bully who wanted to engage Gen. Forrest. The conductor on the train told Gen. Duke and asked him to relay the information to Gen. Forrest. Duke and the conductor wanted Forrest to get off the train, but he refused. Gen. Duke said he would stand by him. Forrest replied: "The man does not know me, therefore, he cannot have any quarrel with me. It is all talk, and I am going to remain in this car." The bully entered the train looking for Forrest. Forrest, sitting in his seat eating an apple, stood up and grabbed the bully's throat and threw him to the ground. The bully got up and left, with cheers from the rest of the passengers.

Basil Wilson Duke was born on May 28, 1838, in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky. He was the only child of



The James A. Duke house, Basil's birthplace, in Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky.

Nathaniel W. Duke and Mary Pickett Currie. Nathaniel was a Navy Captain.

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His grandparents were Dr. Basil Duke and Charlotte Ashmore Marshall. Charlotte's parents were Thomas Marshall and Mary Randolph Keith. Mary R. Keith has an interesting inscription on her cemetery marker: "She was good but not great, useful but not ornamental." (I am just not sure how to take that.) She was also a second cousin of Thomas Jefferson.



The rather "unornamental" but "useful" Mary Randolph Keith.

Mary's brother was U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall. Her great-grandfather was Col. Thomas Marshall of Fauquier County, VA, who fought in the French and Indian War, and in 1776 organized the Culpeper Minute Men during the Revolutionary War. He succeeded Gen. Hugh Mercer when Mercer was killed

at the Battle of Princeton. After the war, he moved to Kentucky. Duke is also descended from Richard Duke, who sailed on the ship *Ark*, landing in Maryland.

Both of Duke's parents died when he was a child. His father, Nathaniel, died when his son was 11, and his mother, Mary, died when he was only eight years old. His uncle, James R. Duke, took him in and raised him. Duke's house on East Broadway in Lexington, KY, is still standing, but not in good condition. He attended Georgetown College in Washington, D.C., then Centre College in Danville, VA. He studied the law at Transylvania University in Lexington, KY. He graduated in 1858 and went to St. Louis to practice law as one of his cousins with the same name was already practicing there. Duke was described as being 5'10", slightly built, and had a loud, deep voice. One of his relatives described him as: "essentially a man of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, that century in half armor, torn between chivalry and

realism."

On June 18, 1861, he was married to Henrietta Hunt Morgan in Lexington, KY. Henrietta was the sister of John Hunt Morgan, who will play into this story a little later. Some of the distinguished guests to the wedding were: generals John C. Breckinridge, Braxton T. Bragg, Benjamin Franklin Cheatham, John Hunt Morgan, Leonidas Polk, Roger W. Hanson, and William J. Hardee. The Dukes had seven children – Basil Duke, Jr. (a Captain in the U.S.



Henrietta Hunt Morgan



An illustration of the Basil W. Duke-Henrietta Hunt Morgan wedding, showing the many "worthies" who attended.

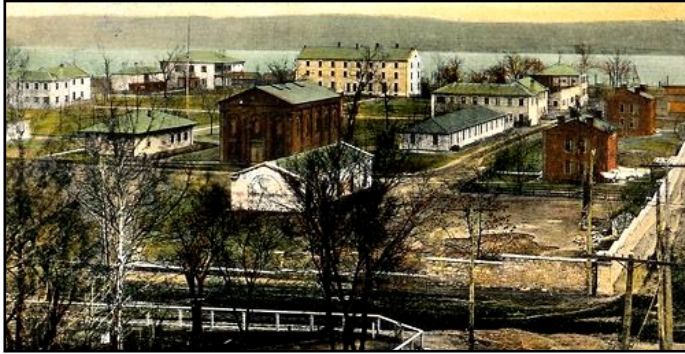
Army and buried in Arlington National Cemetery); Thomie, Mary Currie (violinist); Dr. Calvin Morgan; Henry Hunt (Captain in the Medical Corps); Julia Blackburn (active in the Women's Suffragist Movement); and Frances Key.

Duke was still in Missouri when the Civil War began in 1861. He and four other men created the St. Louis Minute Men on January 7, 1861. Duke assumed leadership of the group at age 23. Duke

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had five companies with a total of 400 men. Their goal was to capture the St. Louis Arsenal. Missouri Gov. Claiborne

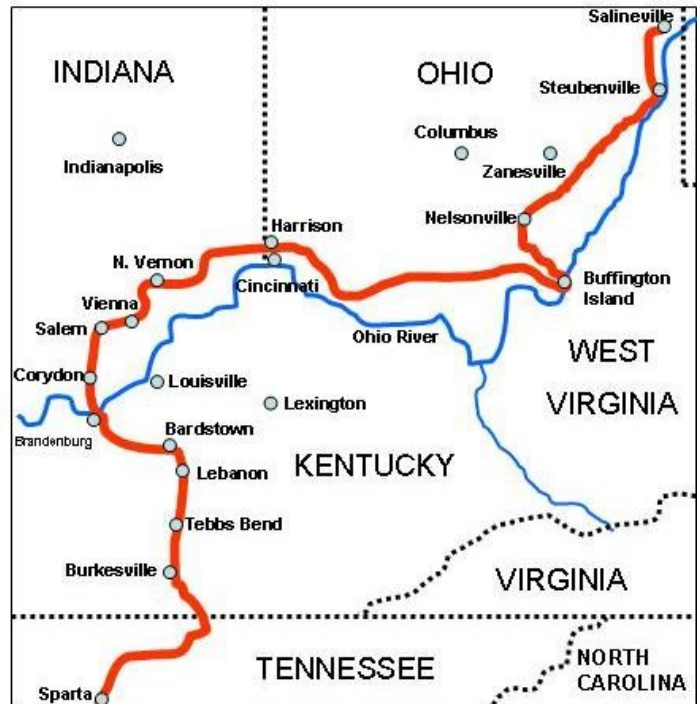


A depiction of the St. Louis, MO, arsenal in the early 1800's.

Jackson sent captains Colton Greene and Basil Duke to meet with Confederate Pres. Jefferson Davis in Montgomery, AL, to discuss the seizure of the Arsenal. Davis sent the following letter to Gov. Jackson: "Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, born by Captains Greene and Duke, and have most cordially welcomed the fraternal assurances it brings. After learning as well as I could from the gentlemen accredited to me what was most needful for the attack on the arsenal, I have directed that Captains Greene and Duke should be furnished with two 12-pounder howitzers and two 32-pounder guns, with the proper ammunition for each. These, from the commanding hills, will be effective, both against the garrison and to breach the inclosing walls of the place... We look anxiously and hopefully for the day when the star of Missouri shall be added to the constellation of the Confederate States of America." The guns were secured, and the men chartered a steamboat, the Swan, to carry the arms from New Orleans, LA, to St. Louis. In the interim, Duke was convicted of treason and went back to Kentucky. The Arsenal was never captured.

In October 1861, he enlisted with his brother-in-law, John Hunt Morgan, as second-in-command of Morgan's Raiders. The two were described as: Duke having an analytical brain, with Morgan being impulsive. The raids were from June 11-July

26, 1863, through Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Indiana. The men covered over 1,000 miles. Duke's job was the



Morgan's actions at Old Washington, OH.

training of the men. Other than his participation in most of Morgan's raids, he fought at the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862, and was wounded by a Union soldier, who shot Duke in the left shoulder while he was swinging his saber at another man. The bullet exited his right shoulder, barely missing his spine. Duke was wounded a second time at the battle of Elizabethtown, KY, when he was hit in the

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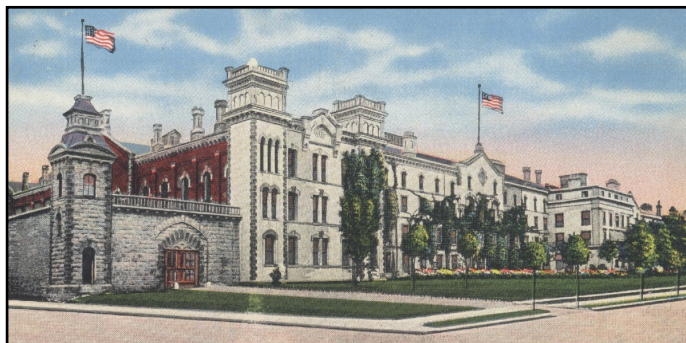
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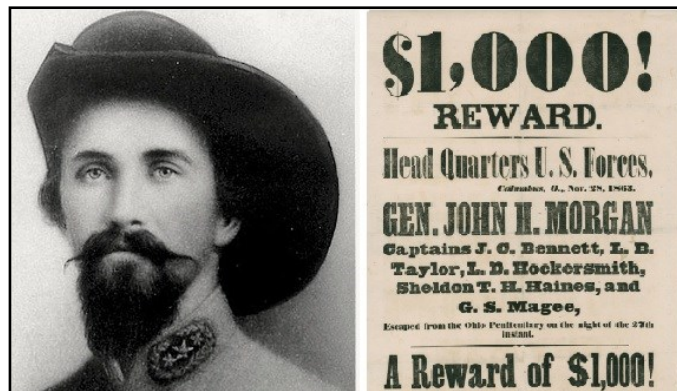
Morgan's Raiders at Tompkinsville, KY.

head by a shell fragment. His aide-de-camp, Capt. Thomas Quirk, carried his body across the swollen stream of Rolling Fork on his horse. Duke's men thought he was dead. Duke was taken back to the South, where he recuperated. He did not rejoin Morgan's Raiders until March 1863.

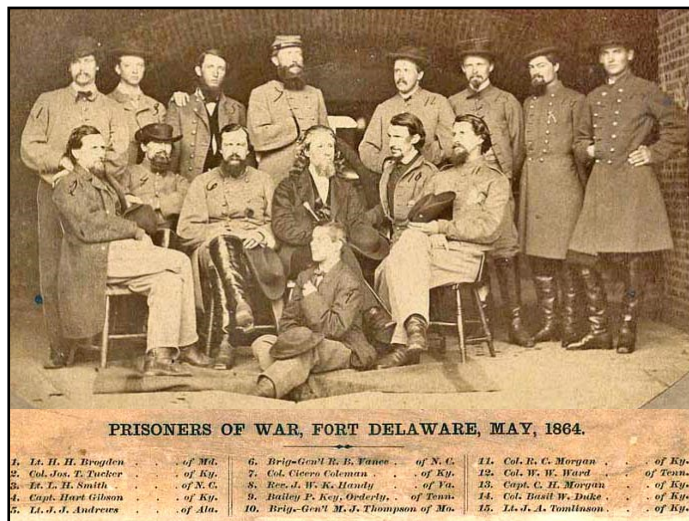
At the battle of Buffington Island, OH, on July 19, 1863, Duke, Morgan's brother Richard and 750 men were captured and sent to the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, OH. John Hunt Morgan was captured July 26, 1863, in West Point, OH.



Above, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, OH, about the late 1800's. Below, a "wanted" poster of John Hunt Morgan following his escape from the above prison.



Morgan and six officers escaped on November 27, 1863, through a dirt tunnel dug below an air shaft. Duke, being 5'10", was too tall to fit through the tunnel. Duke was later sent to Camp Chase in Columbus, and then to Fort Delaware, DE. He was later exchanged on August 3, 1864. His health suffered from the poor



This image shows Col. Basil W. Duke standing second from right.

conditions in the penitentiary. After his friend and brother-in-law John Hunt Morgan was killed on September 4, 1864, Duke assumed command of the Raiders. The losses to just the state of Ohio alone were 2,500 horses stolen, 4,375 homes and businesses raided, \$600,000 in damages, and \$200,000 in wages.

He was then promoted to brigadier general on September 15, 1864, and sent to Virginia. He joined Gen. Joseph Johnston and they were Jefferson Davis' escorts for a time when Davis was ordered to leave Richmond. Duke was also in charge of the large amounts of gold and silver (about \$700,000) from the Confederate treasury, most of which has never been found. Davis and Duke, plus other Confederate officials, left Richmond on a train on April 2, 1865, at midnight. The men were in the first car and the gold, etc. was in the second car. They traveled to Danville, VA, and then rode horses as the gold, etc., was placed in wagons. All

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types of containers were used to hold the gold, including coffee cans, ammunition cans, etc. Duke was eventually in charge of all six wagons. Before capture by the Union in Washington, GA, Duke gave his slightly less than 1,000 men \$26.25 each. The Union soldiers then started for Washington, D.C., with the wagons. The wagons were bushwhacked in Wilkes Co., GA, and were never seen again. Witnesses to the event said that the men were knee-deep in all the gold. Duke surrendered to Union officials in Washington, GA, on May 10, 1865. The History Channel had an interesting show on the Confederate gold recently.

After the war, Gen. Duke returned to Lexington, KY, and restarted his law practice. He represented the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. While being a Morgan's Raider, he and the men were fond of raiding the railroads. He served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1869-1870. He was also the Fifth Judicial District's Commonwealth Attorney from 1875-1880.



Duke, later in life.

He later took up writing about the Civil War. He had three books published – "*Reminiscences of General Basil W. Duke*," "*History of Morgan's Cavalry*," and "*History of the Bank of Kentucky*." He also helped found the Filson Club in Louisville, KY, now known as the Filson Historical Society. As a Southern writer, he did not advocate for slavery (although did not apologize for it), but thought it was a good thing that it was abolished.

By 1900, he started withdrawing from his law practice. In 1904, however, Pres. Theodore Roosevelt appointed him commissioner of Shiloh National Military Park. Imagine having fought there, and then being commissioner of the park. The

*Evening Bulletin* of February 16, 1904, stated: "Gen. Basil Duke Accepts. Louisville, KY, Feb. 16.—Gen. Basil Duke announces Monday night that he will accept the appointment of the commissionership on the Shiloh park commission to succeed former Congressman Josiah Patterson, of Tennessee. The position pays \$5,000 per year."

His wife of 50 years, Henrietta, died on October 20, 1909, of sudden heart failure. He went to live with his daughter, Julia, in Louisville, KY. In 1916, he went to visit his daughter, Mary Currie, in Massachusetts. He had surgery on September 11, 1916, in the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City at Madison Avenue and 70<sup>th</sup> Street, to have his right foot amputated. The injury to his foot was from the Civil War. Then, on September 16<sup>th</sup>, he had his right leg amputated to the knee. He never recovered, and died on September 16, 1916, in New York City, at age 78. His death certificate states cause of death as arteriosclerosis, chronic nephritis and endarteritis obliterans, contributory, operation, amputation thigh. He is buried in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY, with his wife, in the Hunt-



Henrietta and Basil W. Duke's headstone in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Morgan Lot, Section C. John Hunt Morgan is buried behind them, and John C. Breckinridge is nearby.

A newspaper obituary from a Hopkinsville, KY, paper (unknown date - Ancestry.com) states – "Gen. Basil W.

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Duke Dead – Died in New York Saturday Following a Surgical Operation. Gen. Basil W. Duke, of Louisville, died in a New York hospital Saturday, following an amputation of a foot several weeks ago. The amputation was made necessary by an infection of an old wound, that had recently troubled him...He was educated at Danville and located in St. Louis to practice law about 1860 but when the war came on he returned to Kentucky and married Miss Henrietta Morgan, a sister of Gen. John H. Morgan, on June 18, 1861, and enlisted as a private soldier under his brother-in-law. He rose to the rank of Brigadier General and was paroled May 10, 1865.. Gen. Duke is survived by three sons and three daughters. He was the author of several books of a historical character and was a lecturer or recognized ability."

The *Public Ledger* of Maysville, KY, of May 17, 1916, states: "Gen. Basil W. Duke Dead – General Basil Wilson Duke,

soldier, lawyer, author and statesman, one of Kentucky's most gifted sons, brother-in-law and chief aide of General John Hunt Morgan during the first part of the Civil War and later in command of the famous cavalry division known as Morgan's Men, president for life of Morgan's Men Association, and one of the last surviving Brigadier Generals of the Confederacy, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian Hospital, in New York City, following two operations which it was hoped would relieve an infection of his foot. The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock today at the Christ Church Cathedral at Lexington.....The body will be buried beside that of his wife, in the family lot in the Lexington Cemetery...."

*NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is traveling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far, she has located and photographed 426 - 169 Confederate and 257 Union. You may contact her at [jlgrtree@erols.com](mailto:jlgrtree@erols.com).*

### **An American Battlefield Trust Event - Lee's Headquarters Open House May 21, 2022 ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

During the Battle of Gettysburg, this small stone house — home of 69-year-old widow Mary Thompson — served as the headquarters of Gen. Robert E. Lee. The property surrounding the house played a pivotal role in the severe fighting on July 1, 1863 and was a key position in the Confederate line for the rest of the engagement.

Today, the landscape and building have been preserved and restored to its wartime appearance by the American Battlefield Trust.

During this open house, take the opportunity to step back in time inside the Mary Thompson house. The self-guided interpretive trail, with five signs explaining the dramatic events at the headquarters from July 1-3, 1863, is open daily from dawn to dusk.

To learn more about the preservation story and see the full schedule of open houses, visit [www.battlefields.org/LeesHQ](http://www.battlefields.org/LeesHQ).

Lee's Headquarters at Gettysburg  
401 Buford Avenue  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

# Remembering Winifred “Win” Meiselman

Article and photos by Mark Knowles

I recently learned of Win's passing while reading one of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table scholarship submissions' essays on Laura Ratcliffe, the Southern Civil War spy. The applicant was standing by a “No Trespassing” sign near Laura's house, known as “Merrybrook,” in Herndon, VA.



Winifred “Win” Meiselman



Merrybrook, the home of Southern spy Laura Ratcliff, which Win and her late husband David lived in, and preserved for many decades.

The text mentioned the house is being prepared for dedication by the Fairfax County Park Authority this summer for administration as an historic antiquity under its Resident Curator Program.

Win and David, her loving (late) husband, had a life easement established with The Launderers Charitable Trust that allowed them to remain at Merrybrook until the house became vacant. I searched the Internet and found the obituary for Win that confirmed my suspicion. Win passed away on December 18, 2021, at the age of 87.

It seems like yesterday when our past president John McAnaw asked me to join him in a private tour of Merrybrook with Win in 2006. After the tour, John asked me to be the liaison between our round table and The Friends of Laura Ratcliffe organization, led by Win. Little did I realize how involved I would become with our new “sister” organization.

I was elected vice president by the Friends of Laura Ratcliffe and had many wonderful years watching Win lead the Friends organization, building support from many preservation organizations and volunteers who were trying to raise funds to maintain Merrybrook, so that it wouldn't be bulldozed by developers, or any entity that may hold sway over its disposition, such as the Launderers Charitable Trust or Arrowbrook Centre, LLC.

Win was a calm, quiet soul who could move mountains. She never let the word “no” get in her way. Through Win's leadership, The Friends of Laura Ratcliffe accomplished getting Merrybrook included on Fairfax County's List of Historic Sites; Virginia's Landmarks Register; and the National Register of Historic Places. The Friends of Laura Ratcliffe also brought the Resident Curatorship program to Virginia via House Bill No. 1963. David and Win Meiselman, along with others, stood beside Gov. Robert McDonnell when the bill was signed in March 2011.

Thank you, Win, for your leadership and friendship over the years. We accomplished a lot with your determination. Every time I drive past Merrybrook, I can't help but think how fortunate I was to be part of your life, sharing the same passion for historic preservation. I smile and reflect upon the successes we created during our times together.

For more information on Win's life, please visit: [Winifred Meiselman Obituary \(1934 - 2021\) - Rockville, MD - Legacy Remembers](#)

A celebration of Win's life will be held on her birthday, June 4, 2022, at Merrybrook, in Herndon, VA. The time of the event has yet to be determined. Per the funeral home, the family hasn't provided a time as of this writing. Merrybrook's address is: 2346 Centreville Road Herndon, VA. The Fairfax County Park Authority dedication also has yet to be decided; there has been no response received to my inquiry as of this writing.



## Bull Run Civil War Round Table 2022 Program of Events

Date	Event
May 9	<b>Happy 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary to our Bull Run Civil War Round Table!</b> Join us for cake at the Centreville Library before the regular meeting on May 12 <sup>th</sup> .
May 12	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Scott Patchan – “Federal Col. Joseph Thoburn in the Valley” <i>Cake provided for our Anniversary celebration before our meeting begins.</i>
June 9	Annual Scholarship Presentation and Monthly Meeting Speaker: Clark “Bud” Hall - “Battle of Brandy Station, VA – June 1862”
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BIG BOOK SALE!</b> We will have hundreds of books for sale at Bristoe Station from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Join us at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park for the book sale and their program “The Life of the Soldier.”
June 25	<b>Spring Tour:</b> “Stonewall Jackson’s 1862 Flank March,” Tour Guide – Hank Elliott
July 9	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Kevin Pawlak – “August 27: The Critical Actions of Second Manassas”
July 22-23	Civil War Weekend at Ben Lomond Historic Site (Sudley Manor Drive). Membership Drive & Book Sales
August 11	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Michael Block – “Battle of Cedar Mountain – August 1862”
August 26-27	160 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Run – Bristoe Station Battlefield, Bristow, VA. Membership Drive & Book Sales
September 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dan Welch – “Battle of Antietam Creek – Sept. 17, 1862”
October 1	<b>Fall Tour:</b> “December 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg,” Tour Guide – Gregg Mertz
October 15-16	159 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bristoe Station, Bristoe Station Battlefield. Membership Drive & Book Sales
November 10	Monthly Meeting Speaker: John Carter – “Centreville, VA Civil War Defenses, 1861-62”
December 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Chris Mackowski – “Battle of Fredericksburg – Dec. 1862”

Note: All events are either sponsored by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and are posted on our website: <http://Bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Meetings.html> or they are events in which the Round Table is participating. More logistics, sign-up and contact information will be posted on the website as individual events get closer.



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Speaker: Jon-Erik Gilot

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7 to 8:30 pm



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## THE BOOK CORNER



By Dave Button

*“September Mourn: The Dunker Church of Antietam Battlefield”* by Alann Schmidt and Terry Barkley (fore worded by Ted Alexander, Chief Historian, Antietam National Battlefield (Ret.)) is an interesting look at one of the landmarks among major Civil War Battlefields. Spoiler alert: If you are looking for a book with details about battlefield maneuvers and generalship, you may be disappointed. This book focuses on the church, itself, and its significance to the battle.

The book sets the stage by giving an overview of the religious group known colloquially as “dunkers” because they believe in the baptism of adults using the mode of total immersion. Originally known as the “German Brethren,” because of their move beyond the Anabaptist and Pietistic movements based in Germany, they initially referred to themselves as “Brethren.” In this country, the group morphed in what is now known as The Church of the Brethren.

As part of the immigration movement, the group that established this church along Antietam Creek first came to this area in the 1740’s. They began their settlements along both Antietam Creek and Conococheague Creek. In 1842, Elder Abraham Stouffer established the first congregation. As a result of this establishment, the presence of the church in Western Maryland began to grow larger and larger.

The sale for \$10 by the Mumma (pronounced “Moo-maw”) family in 1851 to the church of a parcel of land (to ensure freedom of religious expression), is the beginning of the “Dunker Church” there, near Sharpsburg. This church became the center of a community composed primarily of German immigrants/descendants, as is evidenced by some of the family names asso-

ciated with the area, and eventually became the center of the Battle of Sharpsburg 11 years later.

The main thrust of the book is the fortunes of this landmark from its inception in 1851, through the days in September of 1862 when it was a “guide-on” for military action, continuing on through its many trials and tribulations, until it has now finally been restored to its present appearance, highlighting its significance to the history of the United States. Its current state of preservation was established by the 1961 acceptance of a grant of \$35,000 from the state of Maryland for its preservation. Interestingly, many of the materials of the original building had been preserved by a local resident, and the terms of the grant allowed \$6,000 be allocated for the purchase of these remains – thus while the current construction is not totally “original,” many of the materials are.

If one has an interest in the “ephemera” of a battle, this is a great book and a compelling story of how something so important to a battle fell into disrepair, but was later resurrected by the cooperation of historians in general, the National Park Service and the State of Maryland. This author found the book a “good read” for several reasons: (1) it is about a significant battle in the American Civil War; (2) the author has interest in church history; (3) in his teaching career, he met and became very familiar with many members of the Church of the Brethren and some of their beliefs; and (4) his son attended Bridgewater College (a Church of the Brethren School) in Bridgewater, Virginia.

The book is published by Savas Beatie. In this author’s opinion, that is reason enough to purchase/read this book. The book is available from Amazon for \$11.99 on Kindle and for \$14.95 for soft cover. It is available from Barnes & Noble for \$10.00 on Nook, and for \$14.95 for soft cover. NOTE: These soft covers are reprints. If you go to the Savas Beatie Web site, the cost is \$19.95 (plus shipping and handling) for a hardcover.

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

Here’s a grateful “Huzzah!” for these

◆ John C. Carter

◆ Bryan Harrison

◆ Lyle Loveall

◆ Virginia Hill

◆ Tom McGinlay

◆ Jim Whitehead

# WEDNESDAY WALKS AT BRISTOE

**June 1** Farm Fields to Native Meadows

**July 6** The Gray Ghost Raids the Railroad

**August 3** The 82nd New York Infantry at the  
Battle of Bristoe Station

**September 7** The 15th North Carolina Infantry at the  
Battle of Bristoe Station

**October 5** Decisions at Bristoe: Leadership in  
the 1863 Bristoe Station Campaign

All tours are free and begin in the parking lot of  
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Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park  
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Bristow, VA 20136  
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*on*

### June 18, 2022

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### 11:00 AM to 4:00PM



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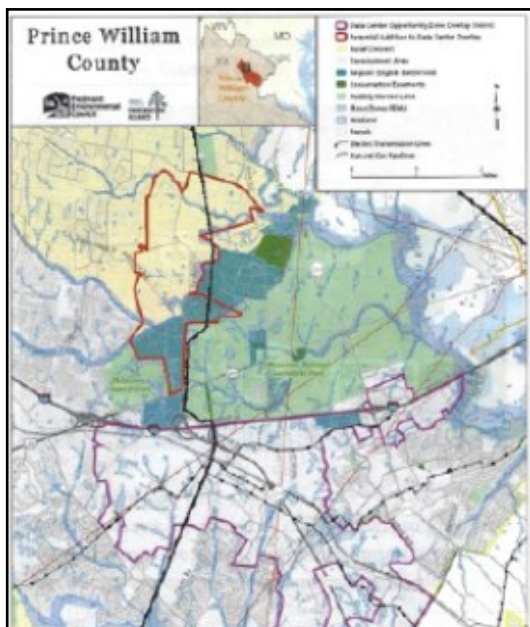
## PRESERVATION CORNER

BY BLAKE MYERS

Greetings BRCWRT Members and Friends - This edition of Preservation Corner provides updates on the Prince William Digital Gateway Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) in Prince William County (PWC) and related actions that pose a threat to Manassas National Battlefield Park, the development threat to Mt. Zion Battlefield and Mt. Zion Historic Park, and the Civil War Redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads on George Mason University's Fairfax Campus.

### Prince William (PW) Digital Gateway

On July 20, 2021, the PW Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) approved initiation of Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2021-0004, PW Digital Gateway. The proposed amendment includes changing the long-range land use designation within the Study Area from AE (Agricultural or Estate) and ER (Environmental Resource) to T/F (Technology/Flex) with a T-3 Transect. The application included the proposed PW Digital Gateway, a Pageland Lane Technology Corridor for data center development. While this specific application focused on data centers, a T/F land use designation would allow for other industrial land uses as well, including warehouses, distribution centers, etc.



Prince William Digital Gateway (CPA #2021-0004) Study Area.

Two separate but related PW County actions, the Data Center Overlay District Zoning Text Amendment and the development of a new Comprehensive Plan (Pathway to 2040) potentially impact CPA2021-0004; however, the interconnectivity and information exchange between and among the three actions and processes is not clear or well understood.

In its latest action regarding the PW Digital Gateway, on April 7 and 8, 2022, the BRCWRT submitted letters to each of the PWC Supervisors, to each member of the PWC Planning Commission and to the PWC staff lead planners stating our significant concerns and our strong recommendation to not support the proposed PW Digital Gateway:

- The Study Area and the proposed PW Digital Gateway is located on historic land directly adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) and poses a direct threat to the Park's historic sites and to visitor viewsheds from these historic sites;
- Much of the land in the Study Area, particularly in the southern portion, is within the Congressionally designated MNBP boundaries, or is designated by the American Battlefield Protection Program as Battlefield Core Area – historic land that should not be designated for industrial or high-density residential use;
  - ◊ 10 acres are within the Congressionally designated MNBP boundary, but currently not within MNBP's legislated boundaries;
  - ◊ 107 acres are within the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) designated Manassas Battlefield Core Area, land which is eligible for incorporation into MNBP and where American soldiers camped, fought and died during the August 1862 Battle of 2nd Manassas;
- The CPA applicant has stipulated a willingness to mitigate adverse impacts (visual, noise, lighting, etc.) that result from the proposed data centers; however, typical mitigation measures (setbacks,

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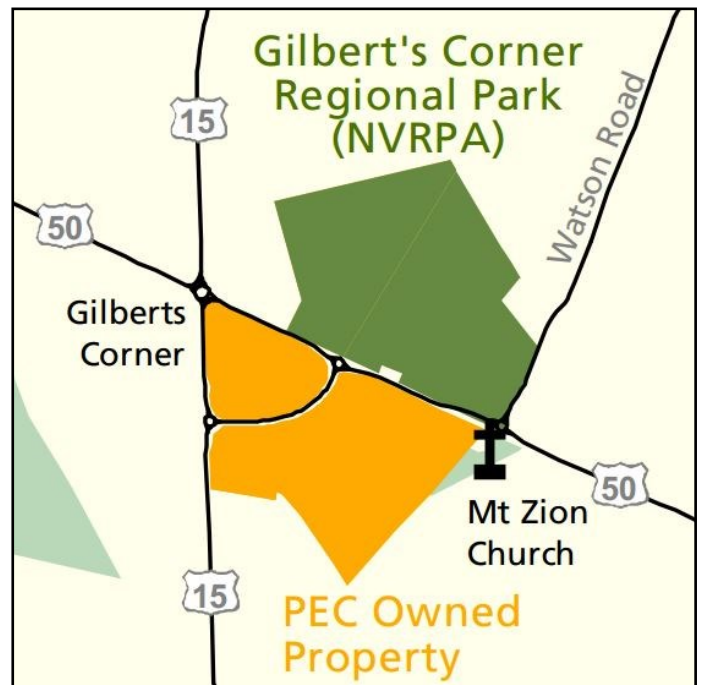
buffer areas, berms, tree screens, building and lighting restrictions, etc.) in practice have proven inadequate in effectively mitigating the adverse impacts of such industrial facilities on adjacent historical resources. Avoiding adverse impacts by not allowing data centers, or any other industrial development, on or adjacent to historic land is the preferred policy. Changing the land use designation of land that is on, or adjacent to, historic land and sites from AE and ER to T/F will lead to the very adverse impacts that are of such great concern;

- Though proximate to the existing Dominion Energy transmission line along and paralleling Pageland Lane, that transmission line is “near or at capacity.” Any data centers, or other industrial use facilities, built in the Pageland Lane corridor north of U.S. Route 29, will require new power sub-stations and/or transmission lines to provide the requisite electric power – a situation that would significantly increase the adverse impacts on MNBP and its historic sites and viewsheds;
- Any widening of Pageland Lane, including associated Virginia Department Of Transportation Rights of Way, would serve to intensify and magnify the adverse impacts of the proposed data centers.

Data Centers may be viable economic assets for Prince William County and there are certainly appropriate locations within the County for them; however, many of the land parcels in the Pageland Lane Corridor are not appropriate locations for data centers, due to the land's historic nature and the direct adverse impacts data centers would have on MNBP and its historic sites and viewsheds.

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

Located immediately south of, and directly across Route 50 from, Gilbert's Corner Regional Park in Aldie, Virginia, sits the Mt. Zion Old School Baptist Church, constructed in 1851, and Mt. Zion Historic Park.



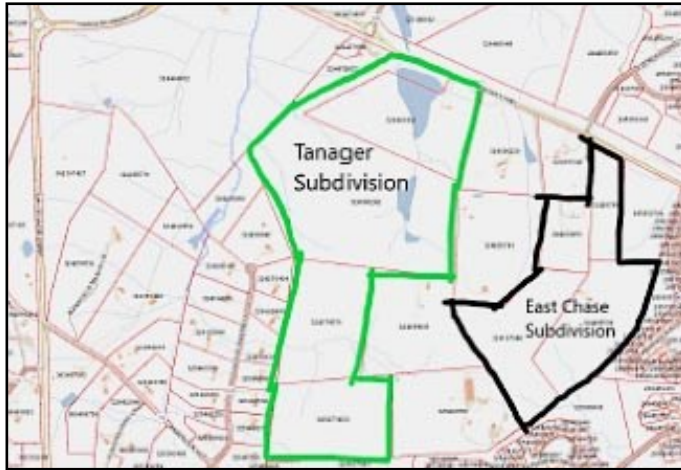
Mt. Zion Church was a place of worship for Old School Baptists until 1980, and experienced various uses during the Civil War, including a rendezvous point for Mosby's Rangers, a hospital, a prison, and a battleground. The adjacent cemetery contains more than 240 marked graves, including those of Civil War soldiers and a War of 1812 veteran. On July 6, 1864, a skirmish and running fight pitted Union cavalry under Union Major William Forbes, against Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby and his Rangers. Mosby's Rangers, moving westward parallel to the Little River Turnpike (today's Rt. 50) attacked Forbes' men on grounds just east of the Skinner House (today a Buddhist Temple), routing and chasing them to Mt. Zion Church and south along the Old Carolina Road to Little River Church.

As initially reported in March 2020, a planned residential development potentially threatened the Mt. Zion Historic Park and the Battlefield. The Tanager Subdivision envisions 31 single-family homes and a 96-acre Open Space parcel bordering the Piedmont Environment Council (PEC) owned property and Mt. Historic Park. The BRCWRT continues to support the campaign to protect Mt. Zion as a member of the Protect Mt Zion preservation group, led by the

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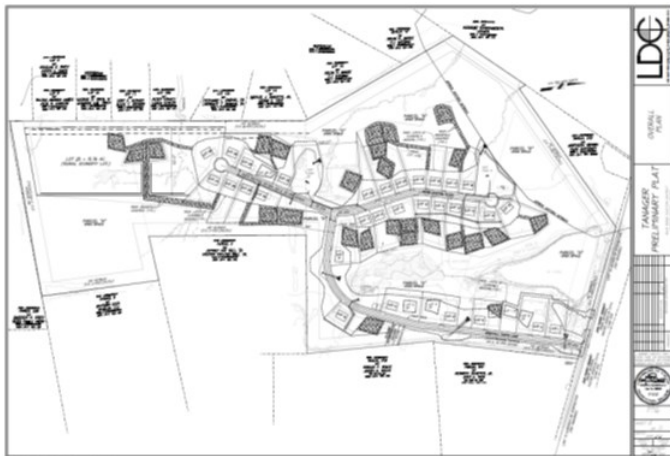
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Ohana Preservation Foundation and including the Piedmont Environment Council (PEC).



Tanager Subdivision Schematic.

The Phase 1 Cultural Resources Report Summary, completed in May 2021, indicates that no above-ground features were identified, and no artifacts were recovered during the course of the archaeological investigation conducted between April 30 and May 6, 2020; June 9 and 11, 2020; and May 11 and 13, 2021. The Tanager Subdivision Plan submitted in January 2022 proposes an historic setback, corresponding with a previously noted Parcel "A" Open Space along the property's western boundary with the PEC and Mt. Zion Historic Park properties, that roughly aligns with the June 17, 1863, Battle of Aldie Study Area, identified by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (see diagram, below).



While the direct threat to the Mt. Zion Battlefield appears to have been resolved, the threat

to the remnants of the Old Carolina Road remains. PEC notes in its April 2022 letter to the Loudoun County Department of Building and Development regarding the Tanager Plan that PEC and NOVA Parks (owner of Mt. Zion Historical Park) have collaborated to provide a publicly accessible walking path along their shared boundary that follows the remnants of the historical Old Carolina Road. PEC further notes that the remnants of the Old Carolina Road continue beyond the existing NOVA Parks/PEC walking path for some 670 feet along the property boundary of the PEC property and the Tanager property. PEC recommends consideration of an extension of the existing Old Carolina Road pathway along the PEC - Tanager property boundary, consistent with the County's priority of creating interconnected linear parks and trails and to enhance the visitor experience.

The Parcel "A" Open Space, noted above and which includes portions of the Aldie Battlefield Study Area and the Old Carolina Road trail corridor, will likely be conveyed to an HOA for future maintenance, sustainment and management; appropriate management of these resources and access to the Old Carolina Road trail corridor would offer a significant amenity to future Tanager residents.

### Civil War Redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads (GMU Fairfax Campus)

A dedication ceremony for the preserved and interpreted Civil War Redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads historic site, previously anticipated as a component of GMU's 50th Anniversary commemoration activities during the first week of April 2022, did not occur. GMU 50th Anniversary commemorative events that were discussed during the Fall and Winter of 2021 and envisioned to be conducted in the Spring of 2022 never materialized – therefore no site dedication ceremony was conducted.

That said, the BRCWRT has now been given the lead role in planning, coordinating and conducting (in conjunction with GMU) a dedication ceremony to recognize the preservation and interpretation of this historic site, and celebrate the GMU-BRCWRT partnership that made it happen.

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Civil War Redoubt at Farr's Cross Road.

The dedication ceremony is planned for the Fall of 2022 and our planning and coordination has already begun – the ceremony and celebra-

tion will happen! Stay tuned for future announcements pertaining to the date and time of the ceremony, and for information on the ceremony itself, which will include a formal program, music by the 8th Green Machine Regiment Band and a site tour.

Thank you for your continued interest in,

and support of, BRCWRT's preservation actions and activities.



## Join us for the 158th Anniversary June 4th and 5th, 2022

The historic events which took place on May 24, 1864 are remembered each year with a reenactment of the Action at Wilson's Wharf. Joe Funk, the great-nephew and first-person presenter of Brigadier General Godfrey Weitzel, commands the event as he has since its inception.

This Union fortification comes to life as military and civilian reenactors portray the lives of soldier and citizen inhabitants of the fort. Sutlers offering reproductions of Civil War-era merchandise and clothing contribute to an authentic atmosphere.

Fort Pocahontas is open to the public for this event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Spectators are invited to tour the fort where the art of field fortification is revealed and to visit the bustling camps inside it for family-friendly living history activities throughout the day. Battle reenactments are at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Food vendors are on site.

All proceeds support the preservation efforts at Fort Pocahontas.

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***The Stone Wall***

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

**Annual dues are:**

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