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HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR ERIC BUCKLAND SPEAKS ON “MOSBY: WHEN THE STORY ENDED, THE LEGEND BEGAN” AT THE DECEMBER 12th, 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

Confederate Col. John Singleton Mosby is one of our most popular Civil War figures in this region and throughout the country. He also had legendary figures ride throughout the war with him with the 43rd Battalion VA Cavalry, Mosby's Rangers. As 1865 approached, Mosby's troopers continued to perform military raids and various operations in our region. We are happy to have a BRCWRT member and author again with us at our December meeting. This 160th Civil War Anniversary presentation, to discuss these men and their colorful leader, is our pleasure to present at our last meeting of the year.

Eric Buckland's interest in Mosby's Rangers began when he was a young boy and increased during his time in the military. His first book, *Mosby's Keydet Rangers*, began as a tribute to both the Rangers and his youngest son, who was then a Rat at VMI. Eric graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.A. in English and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. Eric served for 22 years. He spent his highly decorated career in the Special Forces, as well as in several airborne divisions in Panama, Honduras and El Salvador. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1999.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, December 12, 2024

6 P.M. Social Hour

7 P.M. In-person at the Centreville Regional Library & Streamed on Facebook Live

GUEST SPEAKER:

Eric Buckland

TOPIC:

“Mosby: When The Story Ended, The Legend Began ”

In June 2011 and October 2013, Eric received the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medals for his *Mosby's Keydet Rangers* book and his *Mosby's Men* series of books. He was on the BRCWRT C-SPAN July 2015 Mosby panel for that memorable date for our Round Table. Eric is now retired, but has conducted Mosby tours throughout the year for the past 15 years.

Come join us early at our December 12th, 2024, Membership Meeting to have an opportunity to chat with Eric and your colleagues before the meeting begins. Doors open at 6:00 PM; hope to see you there.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Kim Brace

Photos by Janet Greentree

As President of this organization for the past year, it's been a trying time both nationally (politically speaking) as well as within the BRCWRT. I, for one, discovered that trying to manage our monthly meetings both technically and presenting from the podium was too complicated, and both suffered. My apologies to the group, both on-line and in person. As one of my last acts I've attempted to rectify the issue.

This weekend (Saturday, Dec 7th) we will be conducting a training effort for all persons interested in helping out with the technical aspects of our meetings. At the Centerville Library from 1pm to 3pm, we'll have computer specialists from Network Management (the firm my company uses to maintain our network) conduct training on setting up the computers at the library, along with Facebook and Zoom. We'll deal with the speaker system, microphones, projectors and cameras. We'll give everyone hands-on experience in working with the tools at the library as well as what the Round Table owns or utilizes. If you have some time this coming Saturday afternoon, come join us. The Library is also adding a new piece of equipment in the form of a large television screen that should replace their older projector. That added equipment should be set up and connected by the end of the year and we'll do a second training class after the first of the year. Stay tuned.

While I'm stepping down from the Presidency I would encourage others in this group to step up and run for the office, even if it's only for a year. Make your views known to Jeff Joyce, who's leading

the Nominating Committee. We are scheduled to vote for our Officers at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 12th.

If you're not interested in running for an office, this time of the year is when you can contribute to our organization with your money. As a 501c3 organization we can take in funds that help our scholarship campaigns and other activities. See Joe Young, our Treasurer, for more details.



Our November speaker, Gene Schmiel, presented on the Battle of Nashville (with Mark Whinton).



Peace Monument
(Battle of Nashville Trust)

Finally, we also are selling prints for your walls as a way of helping the Round Table. This month there will be a sale of a beautifully framed Stivers print of Confederate artillery on Marye's

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Heights during the Battle of Fredericksburg. The print is called "Post of Honor" and it will be on sale for just \$125. Remember, all proceeds from print sales go to fund the BRCWRT's Preservation activities.



"Post of Honor"

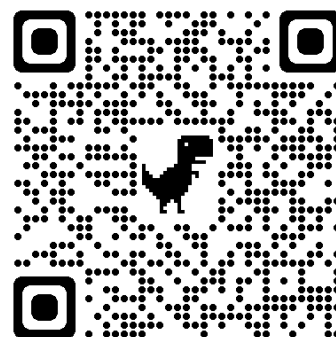
Stivers print, Confederate artillery at Marye's Heights

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There are a number of ways to make a donation. On the BRCWRT website, click the link labelled "Renew/Donate" and select the link at the bottom of that page. Alternatively, you can give a check to our Treasurer at a membership meeting, or mail it to: BRCWRT Treasurer, PO Box 2147, Centreville VA 20122. Make checks payable to BRCWRT, and be sure to note whether it is for the Scholarship Fund, Preservation Fund, or the General Fund.

Finally, you can scan this QR code with the camera on your smartphone to make a donation.



Bull Run Civil War Round Table



Upcoming 2024-2025 Program of Events

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March 29, 2025	Spring Tour 1: "Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office/Civil War Photography" Tour leaders Sam Laudenslager and Melissa Winn
April 10, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Garrett Kost - "The Spirit Fled to God Who Gave It: Dr. Charles Leale & The Medical Treatment of Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater"
April 26, 2025	Spring Tour 2: "Battle of Spotsylvania Court House" (rescheduled from June 2024) Tour Guide Greg Mertz
May 8, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Patrick Schroeder - "Myths About R.E. Lee's Surrender At Appomattox VA, April 1865"
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August 14, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dana Shoaf - "Gutbusters: The Development of the Ambulance During the Civil War"
September 11, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Theodore Savas - "Handshakes, Gambling, & Gunpowder: How George W. Rains and Jefferson Davis Changed The Course of the Civil War"
October 9, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Patrick Falci - "30th Anniversary of the Making of the Gettysburg Movie"
November 13, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jari Villanueva - "24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotions: The Story of America's Most Famous Bugle Call"
December 11, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Robert Dunkerly - "The Other Surrenders: Spring/Summer 1865"

Monthly Meetings in "Black" [Tours/Field Trips & Special RT Events in "Red"](#) [County or outside sponsored events in "Green"](#)

Upcoming Event:



“Christmas 1862”

at the historic Stone House

December 7, 2024 • 11-4



Join the Manassas Battlefield Trust to celebrate Victorian Christmas traditions with crafts, caroling, cider and cookies, and more, as well as remember the soldiers who were away from home for Christmas 1862, and those who would never return.



This event is free and open to the public, but it is requested that you make a free reservation so we can plan for event materials and parking.

To reserve your FREE tickets, visit:

www.manassasbattlefield.org

or scan here



2025 FIELD TRIPS PREVIEW

By Sam Laudenslager

Since resuming field trip activities, following a brief 2019-2021 "Covid recess", our Round Table has taken our members on guided tours of seven Civil War battlefields, including Brandy Station, Bristoe, Cool Spring, Cedar Creek, Fredericksburg (the first day), Mine Run, and Aldie/Middleburg/Upperville. In addition, our members have enjoyed a caravan tour retracing "Stonewall" Jackson's epic flank march enroute to the battle of 2nd Manassas, and have hiked 2 "walking stick" field trips, along the path of the Centreville – Manassas Confederate Railway, and to sites associated with Col. John Mosby's legendary Fairfax Court House raid of March 1863.

The BRCWRT Tours Committee strives to present trips that are (1) "practicable" (pun bad-Lee intended); (2) guided by knowledgeable on-site interpreters; (3) may coincide with anniversaries or observances of Civil War events; (4) may complement the Round Table's monthly speakers programs; and above all, are interesting and informative for our fellow BRCWRT members. Here is a preview of our coming field trips during 2025:

SPRING TOUR I Saturday, March 29 Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office

The first Spring Tour parallels our Round Table March meeting presentation, featuring Dawn Diehl & Linda Harrison: "Conversations with Civil War Nurses". When Clara Barton returned to Washington following Appomattox, she was already being inundated by letters from anxious families who were seeking information about the fates of loved ones who had served. Barton's apartment, at 7th & F Street NW, would soon transform into the Missing Soldiers Office, which would respond to thousands of inquiries in the aftermath of the war.

Our Spring Tour also coincides with two special exhibitions of Civil War era photography in the National Portrait Gallery, and a collection of Civil War art and sculpture in the Museum of American Art. These exhibits will be seen in the Smithsonian's art building that is, literally, "just across the street" from the Clara Barton museum.

After our Gallery visit, the photo history segment of our Spring tour will walk to the sites of the Matthew Brady and Alexander Gardner photographic studios, where BRCWRT member Melissa Winn will provide her interpretation for those sites. We will gather for lunch at Oyamel, the restaurant that currently occupies the Gardner studio site.

Both the Clara Barton museum and the National Portrait Gallery are located at the Metro transit Red line station at Gallery Place, and it is only a two-block walk to the photographers' studios.



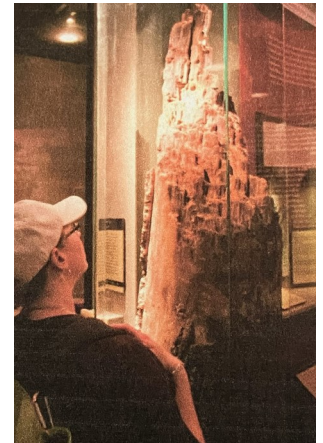
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SPRING TOUR II Saturday, April 26 Spotsylvania Court House

A late June 2024 heat wave forced BRCWRT to postpone the scheduled tour of the Spotsylvania Battlefield. Our return to HOTsylvania is now set for Saturday, April 26th, 2025 and we are fortunate to have former National Park Service historian Greg Mertz back to lead us. The car caravan/walking tour will focus on the Mule Shoe / Bloody Angle actions. The tour will last from about 10 AM to 4 PM, with a break for lunch.

We will meet at the new Spotsylvania Court House and car pool to the Battlefield. The I-95 EZ Pass HOT lanes to Fredericksburg are now open, and our trip is before beach travel season, so we should be able to get to the Spotsylvania-Fredericksburg area a bit quicker than the Army of the Potomac. More details will follow in later editions of the *Stone Wall* newsletter and in "marching orders" prior to the trip.



"Spotsylvania Stumpy" - legacy of battle

FALL TOUR I Saturday, October (date TBD) Vienna/Oakton During The Civil War

One of the BRCWRT's most popular recent field trips was a walking tour to places associated with Mosby's Fairfax Raid. Our Fall 2025 tour continues up Ox Road-Chain Bridge Road-Maple Avenue to more locations related to "Mosby's Confederacy", the patrols of the Union cavalry's storied "California Sabres", and the site of one of the first skirmishes fought during the Late Disagreement Between the Respective States. Round Table member Jim Lewis will lead this caravan and walking tour; it is expected to run about 3 hours.

Jim will broach a number of topics, including the Federal Independent Cavalry Brigade positioned on Ayr Hill in Vienna, along with a couple of associated juicy stories. He will also connect it with BRCWRT's 2024 Battle of Cedar Creek tour. Also, hear what really happened during today's famed "Battle of Vienna." Travel a Civil War-era road to the veritable Who's Who historic cemetery in Oakton where 28 Civil War veterans (including 4 Mosby Rangers) are interred. Jim will recognize some of their graves and effectively describe what the locals had to endure during the war years. Then, we will transit through Oakton, learn where the Federal fortifications were positioned, and see where J.E.B. Stuart attempted to flank Pope's army during the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. We'll visit the Mosby Oak and the site where a box full of Confederate money was uncovered in the late 1960s. Of course, continued fellowship will occur at Famous Dave's BBQ Restaurant in Oakton.



The Mosby Oak (photo: Jim Lewis)

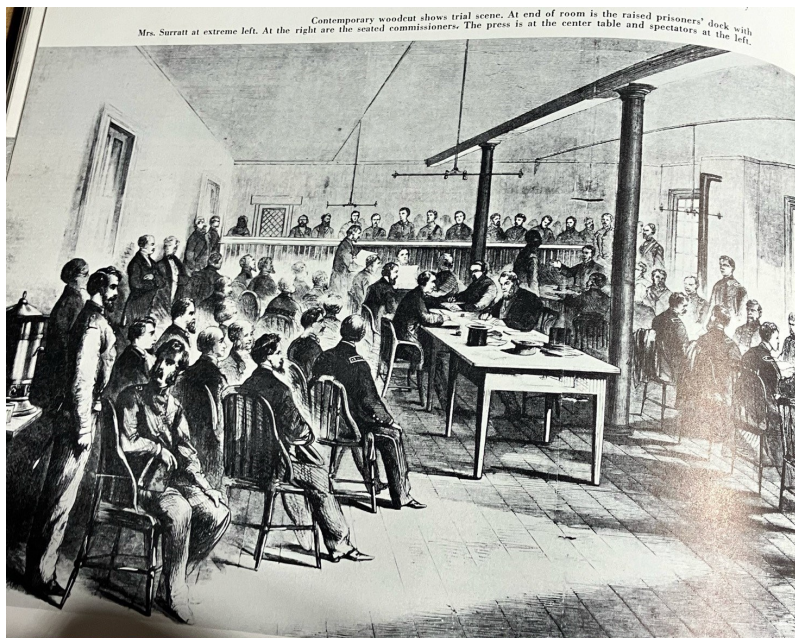
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FALL TOUR II Saturday, November 1st Lincoln Assassins Courtroom

The US Army Historical Center will host several public Open Houses at Grant Hall, Fort Leslie McNair, Washington DC, during 2025. Grant Hall is the building where the trial of the Lincoln assassination conspirators took place. The third floor military tribunal hall has been restored to depict the courtroom as it appeared during the 1865 proceedings. During the open houses, trial artifacts and documents from the National Defense University Special Collections will be displayed and the courtroom will be manned by prominent historians, Historical Center docents, and reenactors.

The Round Table is working with the Joint Base Fort Myer-Fort McNair Public Affairs Office to arrange for our members to see Grant Hall. Our visit will be scheduled for the November Open House and will be followed by lunch at the site of the Mary Surratt boarding house where some of the conspirators stayed.



Sitting of the Court Martial

(Frank Leslie's Illustrated Journal, Library of Congress)

More detailed information about field trips will appear in forthcoming issues of the *Stone Wall*, and in the "Marching Orders" issued prior to each event. Round Table members can sign up for tours via the BRCWRT Web Link, or at our Round Table monthly meetings.

And while the 2025 tour calendar is just about to begin, it is not too early to think about our 2026 trips. Suggestions by Round Table members to the Tours & Field Trip Committee for future tour subjects, destinations, or guides are welcome. And additional committee volunteers or trip organizers are always welcome. Contact: Field Trips/Tours Committee chair Sam Laudenslager, kapel-meister1@hotmail.com or at (703) 978-8642.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

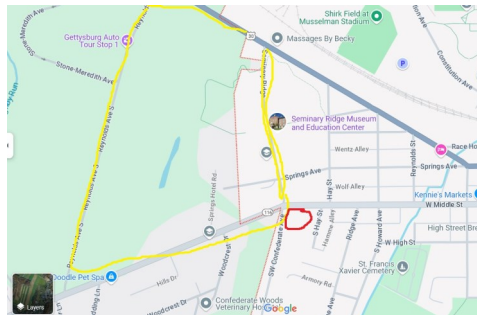
Brigadier General Herman Haupt, USA

Railroad Man Extraordinaire - U.S. Military Railroad

Ms. Rebelle's intent was not to have so many of my articles be some part of Gettysburg, but alas, it happens frequently as so many men were connected to Gettysburg. My plan was to do a general who was buried in Philadelphia (actually Bala Cynwyd), which is how Herman Haupt became my subject for this month's article. Haupt built a house on the corner of West Middle Street and West Confederate Avenue at 4 West Confederate Avenue. The foyer murals are of West Point and Natural Bridge in Virginia. It is a beautiful Victorian house that was recently sold. Much renovation is being done to it by the current owners, so I hope that the Victorian décor stays intact. Haupt built the house in 1837 and sold it in 1852 to the Shultz family.



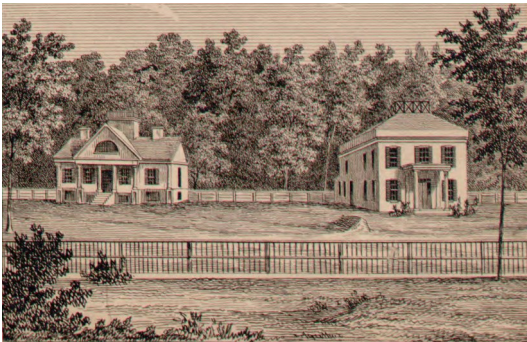
The Shultz family lived in the house during the battle of Gettysburg. There are two cannon balls imbedded in the front of the house to the right of the front door and under the porch which faces West Middle Street. It is possible other owners of the house removed the cannon balls, as the house picture above doesn't have them. The house was made into a Victorian style sometime after the war and the front porch was added. Most likely the cannon balls came from Confederate cannons, either on Reynolds Avenue or Seminary Ridge on the first day of battle on July 1, 1863. As you can see from the map, depending on where the cannons were on Reynolds Avenue, Seminary Ridge, or the fields nearby, the house was in striking distance. There are four different Confederate artillery markers on Seminary Ridge. The furthest away is Smith's Battery, 3rd Richmond, then the Third Richmond Howitzers, Dance's Battalion, 1st VA Infantry, and the Powhatan Artillery.



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Haupt named the house Oakridge. He began the Oakridge Select Academy for boys on his property. Later it was called the Female Seminary of Gettysburg for girls. Haupt drew girls away from Pennsylvania College (later Gettysburg College) when he was a professor between 1844-1847 in charge of the Math Department. Earlier, in 1840, he taught engineering and architecture at Pennsylvania College. Miss Carrie Sheads was the principal of Oakridge on July 1, 1863. She and her girls made the house into a field hospital. Prisoners were also brought there. Gen. John Buford's army camped on the Chambersburg Pike on June 30, 1863 about 200 yards from Oakridge. There is also a large marker by the road on the corner of the house for the 149th PA Volunteers, which reads as follows: "Co. D., 149th Regiment PA Vol's held this ground for 20 minutes on the evening of July 1st, 1863 against the right of Scales Brigade by order of Maj. Gen. Abner Doubleday commanding the 1st Army Corps."

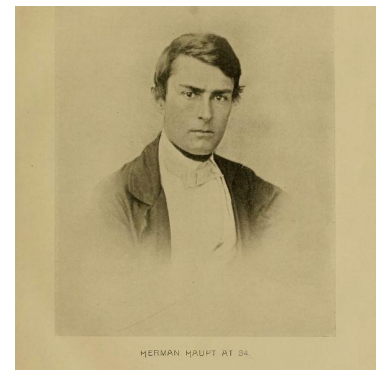


Oakridge Select Academy

Monument to 149th PA Volunteers
(Janet Greentree)



Herman Haupt was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 26, 1817. His parents were Johann Jacob Haupt and Anna Margareta Wiall. Johann married Anna at age 40. He invested in ships for the China trade. During the War of 1812 his father's ships were captured from the British. His father died when Herman was only 12. His parents had three sons (Herman, Thomas Jefferson, Jacob Lewis Leeds) and two daughters (Eleanor & Henrietta Bennett). His paternal grandfather was John Henry Sebastian Haupt, also born in Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather was Johann Nicholas Haupt, born in Prussia. His Haupt line goes back to the 1600s. Since his father had died and money was tight, Herman worked part time to pay for his school tuition. In 1831, when he was 14 years old, President Andrew Jackson appointed him to West Point. Herman was 29th in his class out of 56. His classmates who became Civil War generals were: Union – John H. Martindale, George Gordon Meade, George Webb Morell, Henry Morris Naglee, Henry Prince, Benjamin S. Roberts, and James Hughes Smith. There were only two Confederate generals: Larkin Smith and Jones Mitchell Withers. He graduated in the class of 1835 at age 18 as a civil engineer with a specialty in railroads. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 3rd U.S. Infantry in July. He only stayed in the army until September 30, 1835 when he resigned to take a job with the Norristown and Allentown Railroad and the Norristown & Valley Railroad.



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Haupt made his home in Gettysburg when he was appointed to a job at age 19 as an Assistant Engineer for a railroad running from Gettysburg to Hagerstown, MD. When first living in Gettysburg, Herman recalled: "I attended to my duties closely, and had but little fondness for society, parties I detested and avoided; I formed no acquaintances among the ladies, and resisted all efforts by them to draw me into company." He later became a Christian in Gettysburg and was baptized on the roof of the St. James Lutheran Church by Rev. Benjamin Keller in 1837. A year later he married Rev. Keller's daughter Anne Cecelia on August 30, 1838 at St. James. The church is located at 109 York Street. Rev. Keller was the minister from 1836-1851. I would like to give a shout out to Julie Albert and Katy Clowney from St. James; Katy verified that Rev. Keller was a minister there. Herman and Anne would become the parents of 11 children – John Sterigere, Jacob Benjamin, Lewis Muhlenberg, Mary Cecelia, Ella Catherine, Ada Rosalina, Herman Jr., Charles Edgar, Frank Spangler, Alexander James Derbyshire, and Grace Hermania. Both Charles and Alexander were Lutheran Ministers. His youngest daughter died as an infant. His son Jacob was an architect. He died in the Western State Hospital in Staunton, VA in 1904 of alcoholism and acute mania. His son Lewis also went to West Point and graduated with the class of 1867. He became a civil engineer and later an attorney.



St. James Lutheran Church
(Janet Greentree)

Anne Cecelia Haupt



In 1839 Haupt invented and patented a bridge construction technique called the Haupt Truss. Two bridges using the Haupt Truss were built in Altoona and Ardmore, PA in 1854. In 1847 he became a construction engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Along with J. Edgar Thomson they both designed Horseshoe Curve, which crossed the Allegheny Mountains to reach Pittsburgh, PA. Horseshoe Curve is now a National Historic Landmark. In 1851 he published *The General Theory of Bridge Construction*. From 1851-53 he was chief engineer of the Southern Railroad of Mississippi. From 1856-1862 he was the chief engineer designing the Hoosac Tunnel through the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. Haupt invented his own machinery to drill through Hoosac Mountain. In 1861 he was a member and secretary of the Board of Visitors at West Point.

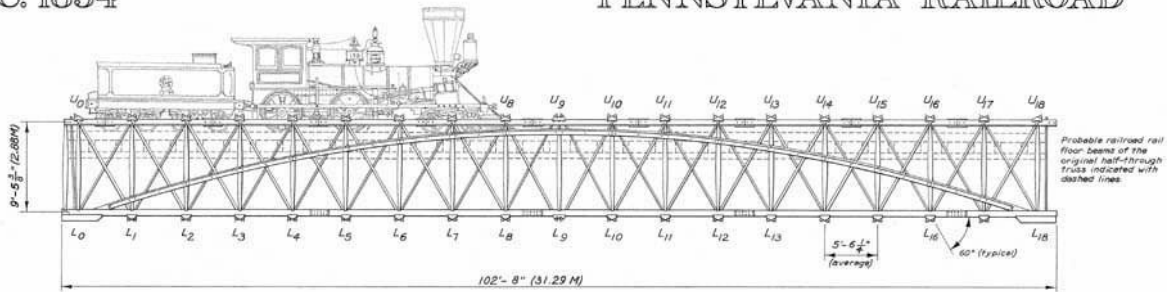
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HAUPT TRUSS BRIDGE

C. 1854

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD



Horseshoe Curve

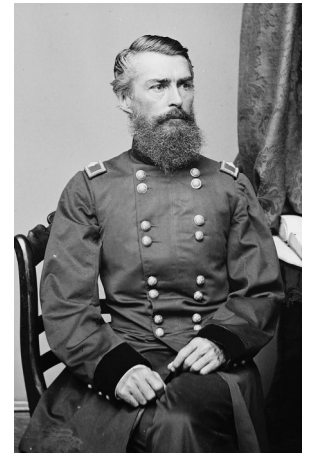


Hoosac Tunnel (period)



Hoosac Tunnel (today)

In 1862, after a year of Civil War, the War Department created a bureau for constructing and operating military railroads. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton appointed Haupt as its head. The Union Army knew that controlling the railroads could help them win the war. On January 31, 1862 Congress passed a bill authorizing the President to take possession of the railroads when the welfare and safety of the country required it. The Army operated 2,105 miles of railroad, had 419 engines, 642 miles of track, and 26 bridges either built or repaired at a cost of \$30 million dollars. Two railroads in Virginia were crucial to the Union: the Manassas Gap Railroad and the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. (Col. John Singleton Mosby liked to mess with those two railroads.)

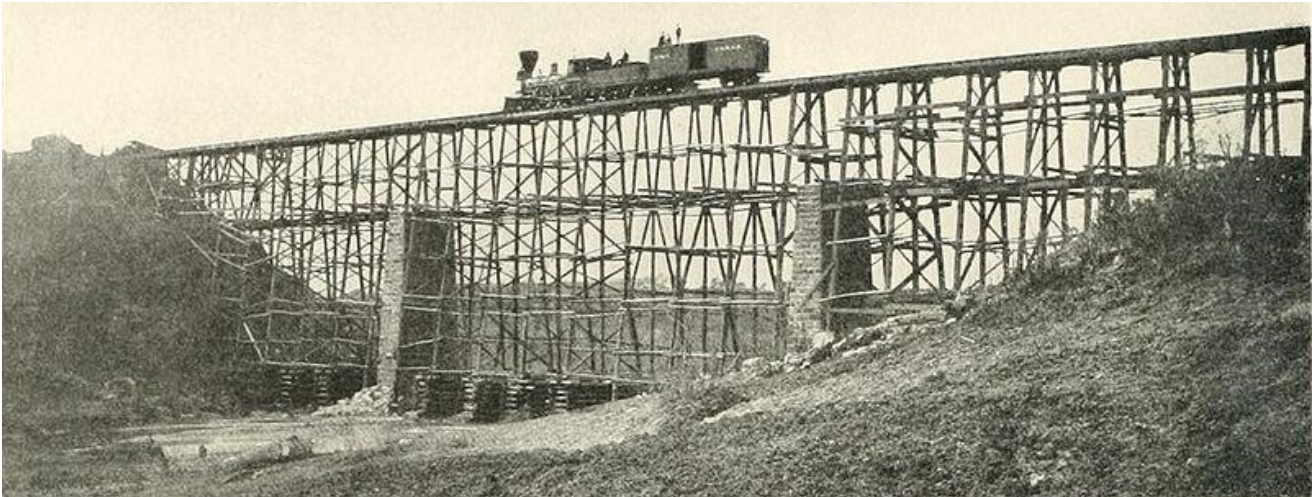


Haupt gave himself the title of Chief of Construction and Transportation, U.S. Military Railroad. Haupt's task was to train railroad staff, repair and fortify existing railroads in the Washington area, and improve the telegraph lines. His biggest jobs were to restore the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad and repair the Potomac Creek Bridge, which was devastated by the Confederates. Potomac Creek is located a few miles north of Fredericksburg in Stafford County, VA. The bridge sat in a 100 foot deep chasm. Haupt accomplished this massive task in nine days. Haupt himself walked over the 80 foot high bridge after it was redone and was convinced it

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would hold. After that an engine was pulled across the bridge with ropes and the bridge did not shake. On May 28, 1862 President Lincoln came to inspect the work done by Haupt. Lincoln's famous quote about Haupt's work was: "That man Haupt has built a bridge four hundred feet long and one hundred feet high, across the Potomac Creek, on which loaded trains are passing every hour, and upon my word, gentlemen, there is nothing in it but cornstalks and beanpoles." On May 23, 1862 Lincoln, his cabinet, and Haupt rode over the bridge.



Potomac Creek Bridge

Haupt was appointed as a brigadier general on September 5, 1862. He initially refused the appointment. He indicated that he would be happy to serve without official rank or pay. He said he didn't want to lose his freedom to work in his private business, while having to deal with the protocols and discipline of being in the Army.

His construction corps had 300 men divided into 10 man crews. He preferred civilian crews or former slaves to military men. Later his crews worked on construction of freight cars, bridge building, construction of barracks, wharves, warehouses, etc. He was always inventing things. One of his inventions was a pneumatic drill for excavating rock in 1860.

Gen. Haupt didn't care much for Civil War generals. He called some of them "small-minded." Haupt needed to get the trains moving before Second Manassas/Bull Run for Gen. John Pope. He lined up several trains but was short four trains that he had counted on. It turned out that Gen. Samuel Sturgis seized the four trains for his troops. Haupt went directly to Sturgis' headquarters. Sturgis said to him: "Well! I am glad you have come for I have just sent a guard to your office to put you under arrest for disobedience of orders in failing to transport my command." Later a military aide arrived with an order from Gen. Henry Halleck showing Gen. Haupt's authority to take the four trains. In part the order stated: "No military officer has any authority to interfere with your control over railroads. Show this to Gen. Sturgis, and if he attempts to interfere, I will arrest him." Sturgis retorted: "I don't care for John Pope a pinch of owl dung! Well then take your damned railroad" as he stomped off.

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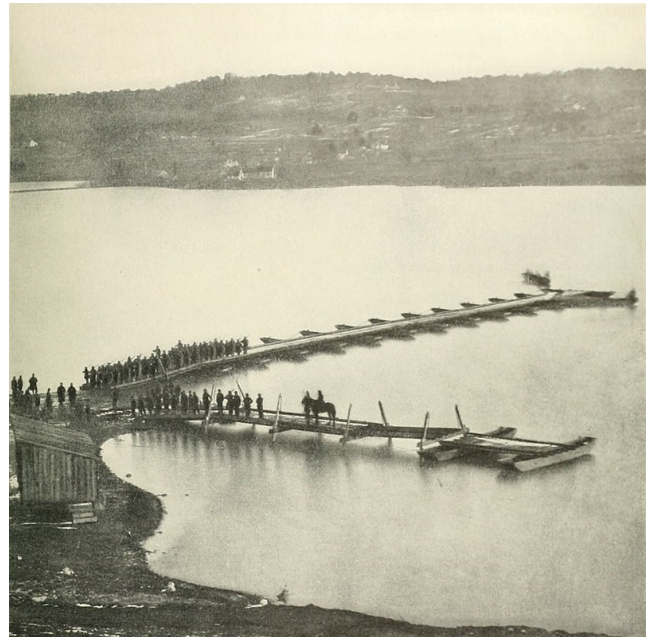
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Haupt was utilized for the Battle of Gettysburg since he had lived there and knew the terrain. He saw to it that the troops were well supplied. When he heard that Gen. Meade did not pursue Gen. Lee after the battle, he went directly by train on July 6, 1863 to Washington to speak to President Lincoln. Haupt felt the war could have ended right then and there if Meade had pursued Lee more aggressively. He brought several eyewitness officers with him, and Gen. Sickles who had been shot on July 2nd and had his leg amputated. Haupt had told Meade that the new railroad and telegraph was in service through Hanover Junction to Gettysburg. Haupt wanted Meade to pursue Lee. Meade replied: "His men needed rest." Haupt told him "they could not be as tired as the Confederates. You must pursue Lee and crush him. His ammunition and stores must be exhausted, and his supply trains can be easily cut off. He is in desperate straits, like a rat in a trap, and you can whip and capture him." When Lincoln heard that the railroad bridge at Williamsport, MD was destroyed on July 3, 1863, he asked Haupt how long it would take to replace it. Haupt replied: "If I were uninterrupted I could build a bridge with the material there within twenty-four hours..."

On September 11, 1863 Haupt began the repair of the Bull Run Bridge in Manassas. He designed a raised truss on top of the bridge and a block house above the bridge on a hill. He also supervised the building of 1,000 feet of wharf at Aquia Creek. He moved barges from Aquia Creek to Alexandria. Two of his barges could carry an entire 16-car train.



Bull Run Bridge



Aquia Creek Wharf

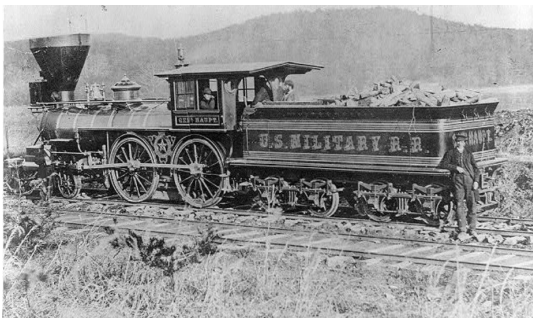
Gen. Haupt was up for promotion in the fall of 1863. He made his own conditions before he would accept a promotion. He asked for a Central Bureau of U.S. Military Railroads to be established to inspect direct reports on all military railroads, that the chief of the bureau be allowed to move freely, and that he be free to attend to

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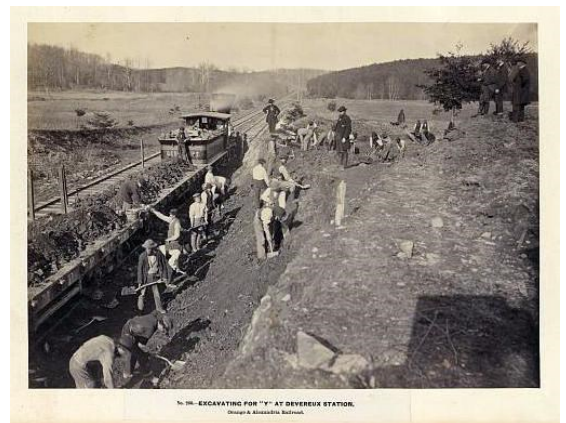
whatever public or private events required his attention. All three requests were turned down and Haupt resigned from the Army on September 14, 1863. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* published the following on September 17, 1863: "General Haupt Relieved from Duty. The following order has just been published: War Department, Washington City, Sept. 14, 1863. Sir: You are hereby relieved from further duty in the War Department. You will turn over your office, books, papers, and all other property under your control belonging to the United States to Colonel D.C. McCallum, Superintendent of Military Railroads. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War. To HERMAN HAUPT, Esq., in charge of Military Railroads, Washington, D.C."

Haupt's successes during the Civil War included the invention of a one-man pontoon boat that he used for bridge inspection and scouting. He was able to keep the trains running on time and in good shape. He was able to use Union-controlled railroads in the north to supply the Army in the field. He found a way to destroy Confederate bridges by inserting an 8" torpedo packed with gunpowder into the holes in the bridge and lighting a fuse. His favorite way to destroy Confederate trains was to fire a cannon ball into the boiler.



He had his own train called "General Haupt." At Devereux Station (below), Haupt is standing on the bank by the train. During the Gettysburg campaign he converted a 29-mile single track Western Maryland Railroad between Baltimore & Westminster into a supply train for General Meade. He also devised a plan to use five train convoys, five trains at a time, to bring supplies & provisions to Meade. He used his trains to take the wounded to Baltimore hospitals in a timelier manner than wagon trains.

Haupt had seven patents on inventions he made: U.S. Patent No. 43,910 in 1864 for improvements in balance valves applicable to all engines; U.S. Patent No. 47,168 in 1865 for improvements in apparatus for mining and tunneling; U.S. Patent No. 47,819 in 1865 for improvements in steam or pneumatic drills for machinery for drilling rocks; U.S. Patent No. 48,935 in 1865 for improvements in economical construction of boats or barges for the transportation of coal, ore, or other products or articles on navigable waters; U.S. Patent No. 222,950 in 1879 for improvements to pneumatic motors; U.S. Patent No. 225,125 in 1880 for improvements for



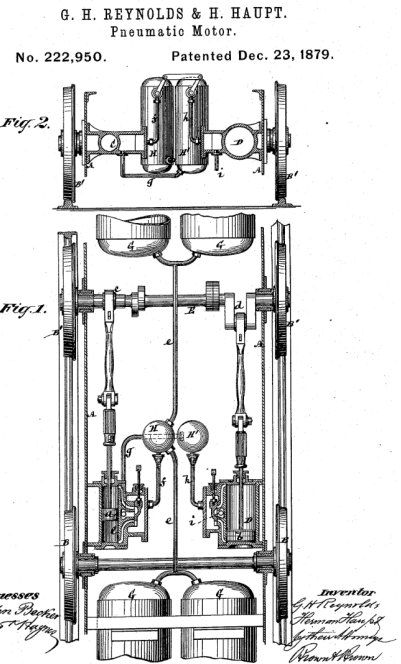
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the purpose of rendering rivers navigable; and U.S. Patent No. 228,633 in 1880 for improvements in the apparatus, devices, and plans for rendering rivers and other natural or artificial channels navigable.

After the Civil War he had six jobs: 1872-1876 General Manager of the Piedmont Air Line Railroad, 1876-1878 Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania Transportation Company, 1878-1881 Consulting Engineer for the Northern Pacific Railroad, 1881-1885, General Manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad, 1885-1886 President of Dakota and Great Southern Railway, and 1886-1905 Consulting Engineer in Washington, D.C. He became extremely wealthy from his investments in railroads, mining, and real estate. He eventually lost most of his fortune in a court fight involving the Hoosac Tunnel, which wasn't finished until after the Civil War.

He and his wife did purchase a small resort hotel at Mountain Lake in Pembroke, Giles Co., VA. The Haupt's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there in 1888 with their children and extended family. For all you Patrick Swayze fans, guess what movie was filmed there? Dirty Dancing!!! The Haupt's bought the resort in 1869 exclusively for their family. Then they started asking friends and others to stay there. When Giles Co. found out, the Haupt's were required to purchase a hotel license. They enlarged the resort with small cabins and other amenities. If any of you would like to read a Society newspaper page about the anniversary, please email me, and I will send it to you. His wife Anne Cecelia passed away on April 11, 1891 at her home at 1707 19th St. NW, in the Kalorama section of Washington, D.C. The house sold recently for \$2.2 million dollars. Herman would have liked that.



Mountain Lake (then)



Mountain Lake (today)

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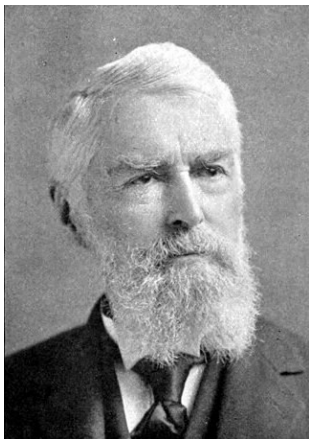
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On May 24, 1904 Haupt wrote a letter to his son Rev. Charles Edgar (who he called Edgar) about what had happened at Gettysburg: "Colonel Lafitte was right and there can be no reasonable doubt that the fact that I providentially reached Harrisburg on the evening of June 30, 1863, the day when Lee commenced his retirement tactics from opposite Harrisburg, saved the day at Gettysburg and saved the country; for defeat would have been sure. I was the only one who interpreted correctly the design of Lee's movements, which was to concentrate his whole army at Gettysburg with all possible expedition and fall upon Meade's divided and scattered army corps and crush them in detail before they could unite. I warned Meade by two telegrams sent by an engine from Baltimore to Westminster, then by a fast courier on bareback to Meade's headquarters to deliver the notice with all possible expedition. Last message I sent, as you will see from my book, at 12:45 on the morning of July 1st from Harrisburg, and Meade got it in bed in his tent at 3 the same morning."



Anne Cecelia's final home
in DC

This man spent his entire life working for the railroads. He died on a train between Jersey City and Newark on December 14, 1905, which seems very fitting. He was walking to the train in Jersey City on December 13, 1905 after doing business there with his son Lewis when he had a heart attack and collapsed on the ground. His son was called and he was taken back to his room in Jersey City. The next day Lewis put his father in a wheel chair and they got back on the train to go to Philadelphia. Gen. Haupt leaned forward to speak to his son and fell into his arms dead. A physician on the train examined him and said his death came instantaneously.



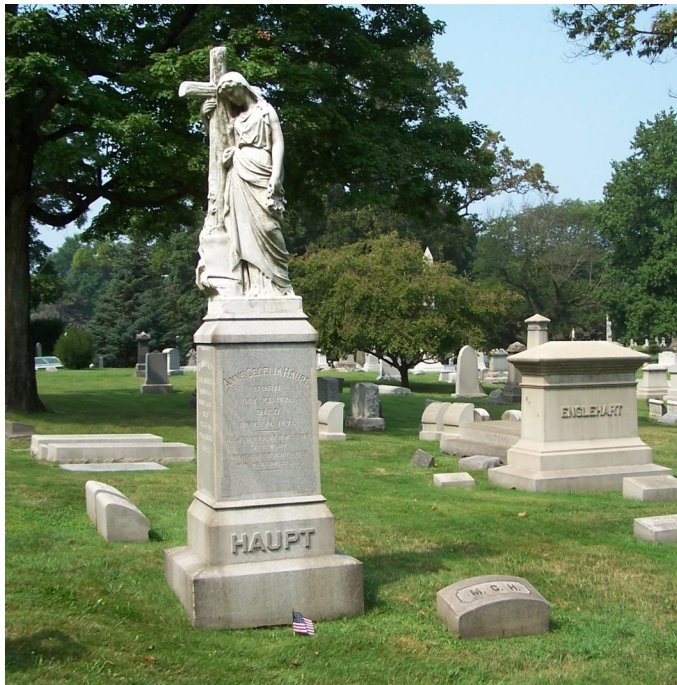
The *Philadelphia Inquirer* of December 15, 1905 published his obituary: "General Haupt Dies on Train. Octogenarian Succumbs in Arms of Son, Professor Lewis Haupt. Demise Occurred Between Jersey City and Newark. West Point's Oldest Graduate, General Herman Haupt died yesterday of heart disease in the arms of his eldest son, Professor Lewis M. Haupt, in a Pullman car, bound for his home at the Concord Apartments in Washington. Taken sick in Jersey City, the General telegraphed for Professor Haupt, of 107 North Thirty-fifth Street, Philadelphia, and on the latter's arrival yesterday morning, insisted on immediately starting for Washington, where he made his home with his unmarried daughter, Miss M. Cecelia Haupt. Speeding across the meadows to the Newark Station on the 8:29 train, the General sank back and very gently passed away. But a few minutes before he had told Conductor Buckley he did not want to die on the train. The body was brought to Philadelphia, and the funeral will be held probably next Monday from St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fortieth (No. 40th) Street and Powelton Avenue. Up to the time of his death the General was the oldest living

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graduate of the academy (West Point). He leaves, besides his daughter Cecelia, these children: Mrs. Frederick L. Chapman, of St. Paul; Rev. A.J.D. Haupt, St. Paul; Franklin F. Haupt, who has an orange plantation in Redlands, Cal.; H.H. Haupt, Jr., practicing law in New York; Professor Lewis M. Haupt is the vice president of the Colonial Trust Company, of Philadelphia."

Gen. Haupt and his wife Anne Cecelia are both buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Norriton Section, Lot 230, in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. GPS Coordinates: 40° 01'05.3"N 75°13'13.2"W & Find A Grave Memorial ID 12883. The general was 88 when he passed away.



Herman Haupt Grave
(Janet Greentree)

I must say Gen. Haupt is one of the three most interesting men I have written about. The other two are Gen. Egbert Ludovicus Viele and Gen. Cadwallader C. Washburn.

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 427 - 169 Confederate and 258 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Lt. General A.P. Hill

Unveiling of Grave Monument in Culpeper

By Janet Greentree

Photos by Janet Greentree unless noted

Exactly 199 years since Gen. Hill’s birth on November 9, 1825, and after his 4th reburial on January 23, 2023 at Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, Gen. Hill’s grave marker was unveiled by several descendants of his family who were in attendance. Gary Casteel did the bronze relief on the top part of the monument. The monument itself was done by Memorials, Inc. in Richmond, VA. It was installed by MC Headstone Restoration.

Six members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table were in attendance: Gwen Wyttenbach, Pam Ungar, John Briar, Dan Paterson, Dave Goetz, and me. Dave just missed our group photo. A Facebook friend of mine, Jane Mills from Huntington, WV came with her three children, Gabe, Michael, and Ariel, and her husband Matthew. It was so nice to meet her and her family. She said her children absolutely loved the event.



A.P. Hill (Patrick Falci)
At Hill’s parents’ grave



Friends from Huntington WV -
Matthew & Jane Mills with Gen. Hill



Michael, Ariel, and Gabe Mills
with Gen. Hill



Pam Ungar, Gwen Wytten-
bach, Janet Greentree, John
Briar, Dan Paterson, with
Gen. Hill (photo: Gabe Mills)

Dave Goetz



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Unveiling of A.P. Hill Grave Monument

There were several speakers before Patrick Falci, who reenacts as Gen. Hill. Patrick gave a speech about Gen. Hill's life and his four burials. He is a superb speaker and story teller. Patrick always talks about how Gen. Robert E. Lee's last words were: "Tell A.P. Hill he must come up. Strike the tent." Gen. Stonewall Jackson also called for Hill as he died and said: "Order A.P. Hill to prepare for action! Let us cross over the river and rest in the shade of the trees."

There weren't as many people this time as at his reburial in 2023, but we all thoroughly enjoyed being there and seeing the ceremony.



Reenactors Parade



Patrick Falci presenting on A.P. Hill



A.P. Hill descendants remove the drape from the monument

Dan Paterson & Patrick Falci



A.P. Hill in-ground marker



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