



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXXII, Issue 2, FEBRUARY 2025

HISTORIAN & AUTHOR SCOTT PATCHAN SPEAKS ON "SHENANDOAH SUMMER, THE 1864 VALLEY CAMPAIGN" AT THE FEBRUARY 13th, 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

Confederate General Jubal A. Early's disastrous battles in the Shenandoah Valley ultimately resulted in his ignominious dismissal. But Early's lesser-known summer campaign of 1864, between his raid on Washington and Phil Sheridan's renowned fall campaign, had a significant impact on the political and military landscape of the time. By focusing on military tactics and battle history, our speaker uncovers the facts and actions of these little-understood battles and offers a new perspective on Early's contributions to the Confederate war effort, and to Federal battle plans during that period. We are happy to have a former President of the BRCWRT to speak further on this subject at this 160th Anniversary event.

Scott Patchan 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). He 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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, February 13, 2025

6 P.M. Social Hour

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Scott Patchan

TOPIC:

**"Shenandoah Summer, The
1864 Valley Campaign"**

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 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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By **Melissa A. Winn**

Photos: Don Richardson

Hello! Welcome to my first president's letter! I first want to say "Thank you!" to all of you, for entrusting the leadership of this fine organization to me. I've been a member of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table for several years now, and more actively involved over the past year and a half as part of the Executive Committee. This is one of the most active, finest, and most storied Round Tables in the country, with roots steeped in the study of Civil War history and especially in the preservation of grounds hallowed by the conflict. We're bar none when it comes to our involvement with the Civil War preservation movement and you need only take a look at this fine newsletter to appreciate the attention to detail and care for curated content and exceptional and informative scholarship this Round Table engages with and offers. I'm so proud to be a part of this group and to help lead it through the changing tides of current culture and generations.

We have big plans to do that, including an updated website, a preeminent lineup of speakers, and some truly unique tours and experiences that capitalize on the diverse and unprecedented knowledge and experience of our members and partner organizations. This year we're going to blow you away with all the exciting things we've got going on!

With access to Civil War history and sites all around us in Fairfax County and the greater Washington, D.C.-metro area, our Round Table is uniquely positioned to offer you, our members, and Civil War enthusiasts truly top-notch programs and

events that other Round Tables could only dream of. I hope you'll take advantage of all it has to offer and get involved! We have vacancies on the committee level and always need volunteers for marketing and outreach efforts. This spring we have so many compelling Civil War community events to be involved with we can't count them all on one hand! If you're interested in getting involved or you have suggestions for programs, events, speakers, or anything at all of the like, please reach out to me and let me know! You can contact me via my email at melissaannwinn@gmail.com. Huzzah!

Our speaker, Melissa Winn, and outgoing President Kim Brace



BRCWRT Officers for 2025: Melissa Winn (President), Mark Whitenton (Vice President), Debbie Whitenton (Secretary), and Joe Young (Treasurer)

SCOTT PATCHAN

graduate of James Madison University, he currently resides with his family in Haymarket, Virginia.

Come join us early at our February 13th, 2025, Membership Meeting to have an opportunity to chat with Scott and your colleagues before the meeting begins. Doors open at 6:00 PM; hope to see you there.

GRANT AT VICKSBURG

On February 25th, the Williamsburg CWRT will feature Dr. Curt Fields (in character as U. S. Grant) presenting on "Grant At Vicksburg". This FREE program will be available via Zoom. To register to receive the Zoom link, please contact Bill Miller at reconstructedrebel@gmail.com

PRINT FOR SALE

For sale at the February 13 Membership meeting is one of our few Union prints: **Reynolds & Buford at Gettysburg by Keith Rocco**. This long sold-out limited (500) print is in a beautiful frame. The backing and mat are slightly warped, so we are asking only \$50 for this rare print. The outside dimensions of the frame are 22 " by 18". Remember, all the proceeds from the sale of this print go directly to the Preservation Fund.

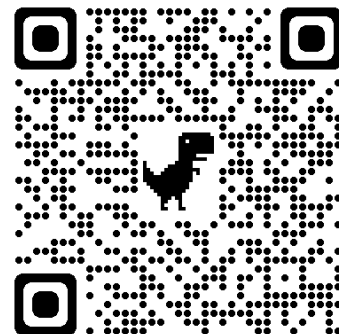


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There are a number of ways to make a donation. On the BRCWRT website, click the link labelled "Renew/Donate" and select the link at the bottom of that page. Alternatively, you can give a check to our Treasurer at a membership meeting, or mail it to: 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.

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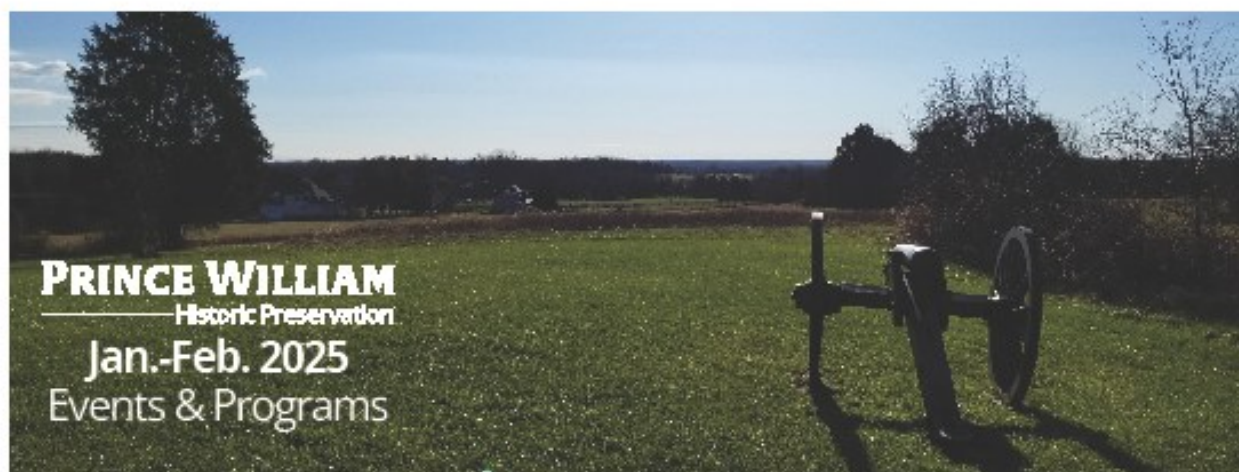
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Upcoming 2025 Program of Events

Date	Event
February 13, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Scott Patchan - "Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign"
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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
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April 26, 2025	Spring Tour 2: "Battle of Spotsylvania Court House" (rescheduled from June 2024) Tour Guide Greg Mertz
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July 10, 2025	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Ronald Coddington - "Civil War Portrait Photography: Reflections of a Generation"
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 20, 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"



JANUARY

First Day Hike

Bring in the new year with a history and nature hike by guided park staff. This 90-minute, 3-mile hike will start the new year on the right foot! Pets are welcome to join, but the trail is not accessible for strollers. Dress appropriately for the weather.

6 Months+ | Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park
1/1 | 1p-2:30p | Wed | Free

FEBRUARY

Lucasville School Open House

Join us at Lucasville School Historic Site to kick off African American History Month at Prince William County's historic sites. Visit the reconstructed 19th century school used by the community of Lucasville and learn about Prince William's African American history after the American Civil War.

Ages 6+ | Lucasville School Historic Site
2/1 | 11a-3p | Sat | Free



Brentsville Black History Month Tours

Stop by Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre for a day of special tours focused on the stories of the county's African American residents with a focus on the era from 1822 to 1893. Brentsville was the site of tragedy and joy for the county's African American community. Hear some of the stories from the area about the enslaved people in central Prince William County, free blacks, African American Civil War veterans, the joy of emancipation, the lingering legacy of Reconstruction, and the beginning of the Jim Crow era. Tours are approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

Ages 9+ | Brentsville Courthouse Historic Site
2/8 | 11a & 2p | Sat | \$5

Tastes of Home: African American Culture and American Cuisine

Many Southern dishes have their roots in west and central African culture that enslaved workers brought to America. Participants will be able to prepare and taste African and Southern dishes in the historic slave quarter at Ben Lomond. Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing for the weather. Advanced registration is required.

Ages 10+ | Ben Lomond Historic Site
2/15 | 11a-3p | Sat | \$20



Register Today For Our Upcoming Programs

Please look for updates on www.pwcva.gov/history for notices regarding hours of operation, programs, and summer camps.

17674 Main Street, Dumfries, VA (703) 792-1731

Purchase advanced tickets online at pwcparkevents.info/hptickets



Ben Lomond Historic Site: 10321 Sudley Manor Dr, Manassas, VA (703) 367-7872

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre: 12229 Bristow Rd, Bristow, VA (703) 365-7895

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park: Corner of Iron Brigade Unit Ave and Tenth Alabama Way, Bristow, VA (703) 366-3049

Lucasville School: 10516 Godwin Dr, Manassas, VA (703) 365-7895



The Manassas Battlefield Trust

The official philanthropic partner of Manassas National Battlefield Park

You're Cordially Invited:

An Evening with the Superintendent

What?

We invite our members and recent donors to join us for an evening with Manassas National Battlefield Park Superintendent Kristofer Butcher.

Superintendent Butcher will update us on the state of the park and discuss how the Manassas Battlefield Trust can assist the park in 2025.

Light refreshments will be served and wine will be available for purchase.

Members may bring one guest.

Where?

The Barrel Room at The Winery at Bull Run

When?

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

5:30-7 p.m.

RSVP

To RSVP, or to become a member of the Manassas Battlefield Trust, please email Christy at cforman@manassasbattlefield.org or call (571) 377-8389 with any questions.



Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office (BRCWRT Walking Tour)

Saturday, March 29, 2025

RAIN or SHINE



TOUR STOPS: Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office (437 7th St NW). Matthew Brady photography studio site. Alexander Gardner photography studio site. National Portrait gallery.

TOUR GUIDE: Melissa Winn – Director of Marketing and Communications at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and President of BRCWRT.

COST: \$10.00 per person admission at Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office.

MEET: 10:30 AM at National Portrait Gallery, F St entrance. (between 7th & 8th Streets NW). (Inclement weather: Lobby inside F St entrance).

TRANSPORTATION: DC Metro Red Line to Gallery Place. Transfer to Red Line at Metro Center from Orange, Blue, Silver or Yellow lines. Commercial parking is available.

DRESS: Appropriate dress for local weather conditions. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of city street walking.

LUNCH: 1:00 PM Oyamel Cocina Mexicana (401 7th St NW). Individual tabs. (The site of Alexander Gardner's photography studio).

TOUR DURATION: Approximately 4 Hours. Optional National Portrait Gallery visit afterward, self-guided.

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PRESERVATION CORNER

By Blake Myers

Photos by Blake Myers
unless otherwise noted



Greetings BRCWRT Members and Friends - This edition of *Preservation Corner* provides an update on the data center bills introduced in Virginia's 2025 Legislative Session.

Virginia State Legislature & Data Center Legislation

The JLARC Study, *Data Centers in Virginia*, was released to the Virginia State Legislature in December 2024. The full report and the JLARC presentation can be viewed at these links, [JLARC | Data Centers in Virginia](#) and [PowerPoint Presentation](#). (You can *Ctrl-Click* on each link to visit the website and download the document.)

The 2025 Virginia Legislative Session started on time but was temporarily suspended due to the breakdown of the City of Richmond's water supply system. With the water system repaired, the 2025 Legislative Session got underway, and a bi-partisan coalition of Senators and Representatives has emerged in support of legislation to address one of Virginia's most urgent, but least understood issues – data centers.

As of January 20, 2025, twenty-one (21) 'data center' bills have been submitted for the Legislature's consideration/action. The legislation introduced includes measures to promote energy-efficient operations, protect communities from adverse environmental and economic impacts, and ensure transparency in the approval and development of new data center projects. On January 20, 2025, the *Piedmont Environmental Council*, *Clean Virginia*, the *National Parks Conservation Association*, the *Coalition to Protect Prince William County*, and the *Virginia Data Center Reform Coalition* conducted a Data Center Lobbying Day in Richmond to meet with legislators and advocate for smarter data center development.

The twenty-one bills introduced in the 2025 Legislative Session are summarized below:

Senate Bills

SB899 - Zoning; data centers; water use.

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Summary - Zoning; data centers; water use. Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed data center developments to submit water use estimates and (ii) considering water use when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to data center development.

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SB923 - Virginia Water Protection Permit; inter-basin transfers of water prohibited.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Summary - Virginia Water Protection Permit; inter-basin transfers of water prohibited. Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from issuing a Virginia Water Protection Permit for a surface water withdrawal if more than five percent of the nonconsumptive volume of such withdrawal will be returned to a different major river basin, as defined in the bill. The bill clarifies that such prohibition does not apply to any lawful withdrawal in existence on July 1, 2025.

SB960 - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Summary - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation. Directs the State Corporation Commission to initiate proceedings to determine if the current allocation of costs among different customer classifications of electric utilities requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers. If the Commission determines that the current allocation of costs requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers, the bill directs the Commission to promulgate such rules as necessary to eliminate or minimize such unreasonable subsidies to the maximum possible extent. The bill directs the Commission to complete such proceedings prior to January 1, 2026.

SB1045 - Siting of data centers; property classified for industrial use.

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Summary - Siting of data centers; property classified for industrial use. Requires that any local government land use application for the siting of a data center shall only be approved if such application is for a data center located on property classified by local ordinance for industrial use. This section shall only apply to such applications submitted on or after July 1, 2025.

SB1046 - Data centers; noise abatement.

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Summary - Data centers; noise abatement. Provides that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center shall be approved only in accordance with certain notice and noise abatement requirements. The bill provides that residents within a half-mile radius of the parcel shall receive notice of the proposed data center and that the data center operator shall hold two neighborhood meetings. The bill requires a data center operator to design and build the data center to incorporate sound mitigation methods sufficient to prevent the sound levels emanating from the data center from exceeding the ambient noise levels that were observed in a baseline study, as determined by a third-party acoustic engineer. The bill also provides that upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and for five years thereafter, the data center operator shall conduct a noise study performed by a third-party acoustical engineer to

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document noise levels emanating from the data center measured at the property line of the nearest property to the data center property that is planned or zoned for residential land uses, or other noise-sensitive use as reasonably determined by the locality, during peak operation of the data center mechanical equipment. The bill also provides that if the data center operator intends to use backup power generators on the parcel, the operator shall maintain a public website announcing the times when the generators will be in operation. Finally, the bill provides that any noise ordinance adopted by a locality shall set maximum allowable sound levels for data centers, including by (i) using alternative low frequency noise metrics and (ii) setting noise rules and enforcement mechanisms in its zoning ordinance, separate from existing noise ordinances.

SB1047 - Electric utilities; demand response programs for certain customers.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Summary - Electric utilities; demand response programs for certain customers. Requires each investor-owned utility to implement a demand response program under which any customer whose demand during the most recent calendar year was 25 megawatts or greater or whose anticipated annual demand is 25 megawatts or greater is required to participate. The bill requires each utility to petition the State Corporation Commission for approval of its demand response program by January 1, 2026, and requires that the petition include a reasonable timeline for the implementation of the program and participation by all such customers. Under the bill, any such demand response program must (i) meet the minimum reliability and resource adequacy standards set by the regional transmission entity of which the utility is a member, (ii) reduce customers' energy consumption during the grid's emergency events or when called upon, (iii) not increase local air pollution through the use of fossil fuels generators, and (iv) be cost-effective. The Commission is required issue its final order regarding the petition within six months following the date of the filing.

SB1049 - Electric utilities; approval required for construction of certain electrical transmission lines.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Summary - Electric utilities; approval required for construction of certain electrical transmission lines. Prohibits the construction of a new transmission line overhead unless the State Corporation Commission first determines that the construction of such transmission line in whole or in part underground is not in the public interest.

SB1196 - Sales and use tax exemption; data centers.

Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

Summary - Sales and use tax exemption; data centers. Requires data center operators to meet certain energy efficiency standards in order to be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases. Under the bill, a data center operator shall be eligible for the exemption only if such operator demonstrates that (i) its facilities either have a power usage effectiveness score of no greater than 1.2 or, for

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data centers co-located in buildings with other commercial uses, achieve an energy efficiency level of no less than the most efficient 15 percent of similar buildings constructed in the previous five years and (ii) by January 1, 2028, it will procure carbon-free renewable energy and associated renewable energy certificates equal to 90 percent of its electricity requirements or its electricity will be otherwise derived from non-carbon-emitting, renewable sources.

SB1243 - Electric utilities; electric distribution infrastructure serving data centers.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Summary - Electric utilities; electric distribution infrastructure serving data centers. Prohibits the costs associated with the construction or extension of any electric distribution infrastructure that primarily serves the load of a data center from being recovered from any other customer.



If the Virginia General Assembly fails to take action, unchecked data center expansion will have a disastrous impact on ratepayers, our communities and the environment.

Four Pillars of Data Center Reform

ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY

PROTECTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

STATE OVERSIGHT

INCENTIVES FOR EFFICIENCY

Virginia is already home to the world's largest concentration of data centers, with an IT power load believed to be nearly three times greater than the next largest market in Beijing. Many of these data centers individually draw as much power as small cities.

The rapid growth of data centers is creating an unprecedented demand for energy, land and water, and our communities are paying the costs. Without any public review or oversight by the state, Dominion Energy has already contracted with data centers for a startling 21 gigawatts (GW) of electricity, which nearly doubles its current peak energy capacity and is the equivalent of more than 11 North Anna nuclear power plants.

Without strong regulatory and legislative intervention, the risks and costs of the immense infrastructure supporting data centers is destined to be passed on to all ratepayers, including other businesses and residents.

Our electric companies are using these contracts to justify expensive and polluting energy infrastructure projects, including nuclear and gas power plants, and are delaying the retirement of coal plants. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has permitted thousands of diesel generators as back-up power for data centers, and it is now approving onsite gas turbines as primary power. The continued use of fossil fuels by data centers exacerbates the environmental and climate risks already present throughout the state.

Water consumption by data centers, particularly in the Potomac and Rappahannock river watersheds, is increasing at an alarming rate — at the same time that much of the state is experiencing increased drought conditions. The cumulative impact of data centers on neighborhood air quality and individual watersheds is yet to be assessed.

From the **THE PIEDMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**

Learn more and get connected at PECVA.ORG/DATACENTERS

FOUR PILLARS OF DATA CENTER REFORM

These pillars provide a framework for responsible action and robust reform. While each pillar can stand alone and be instituted independently, we urge a comprehensive approach.

ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY

Require local disclosure and statewide reporting on data center energy use, water consumption and emissions to ensure informed review of new applications and monitoring of existing data centers to enhance statewide planning.

STATE OVERSIGHT

Establish a state-level regulatory review process by the State Corporation Commission, in addition to the existing local review, to evaluate the regional impacts of data center development affecting neighboring jurisdictions and state policies.

PROTECTIONS FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

Prevent residents and businesses from shouldering industry risks and subsidizing the billions of dollars in costs associated with the data center industry's energy infrastructure needs.

INCENTIVES FOR EFFICIENCY

Connect state sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases to much higher clean energy and efficiency standards to incentivize best practices that reduce pollution.

“Virginia is being expected to host and pay for the infrastructure of the data centers supporting the wealthiest global companies. This is destined to have extreme negative consequences for Virginians in both the rates they pay and the permanent loss of precious natural resources.

— Chris Miller, President of The Piedmont Environmental Council



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House Bills

HB1601 - Data centers; site assessment for a high energy use facility.

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Summary - Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential areas and schools within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) water, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, or (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land. The provisions of the bill shall not apply to a site with an existing legislative or administrative approval where an applicant is seeking an expansion or modification of an already existing or approved facility and such expansion does not exceed an additional 100 megawatts or more of electrical power.

HB1984 - Siting of data centers; parks, schools, and residential areas.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Siting of data centers; parks, schools, and residential areas. Requires that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in the bill, be approved only for areas that are one-quarter mile or more from federal, state, or local parks, schools, and property zoned or used for residential use.

HB1987 - Disclosures in land use proceedings; statewide application.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Disclosures in land use proceedings; statewide application. Alters certain land use disclosure requirements applicable to officials in any county with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) by replacing "relationship of employee-employer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" with the broader phrase of "business or financial relationship." The bill makes the same change to existing provisions that currently apply only to Loudoun County and applies the change statewide.

HB2026 - Data centers; industrial zoning.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Data centers; industrial zoning. Requires a locality to review and amend its zoning ordinance to (i) designate data centers as industrial uses for zoning purposes; (ii) review the locations of zones allowing data centers by right, and adjust the zoning map, if needed, considering proximity to residential areas; (iii) review the minimum requirements in the zoning ordinance, such as setbacks and building heights, for the purpose of mitigating negative impacts on residential or other sensitive areas and consider adding requirements specific to data centers as needed; (iv) identify optimal areas for data center development in the locality, including locations that are

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suitable from the locality's perspective as well as the industry's perspective; (v) consider zoning ordinance changes to reduce the likelihood of noisy data centers, including through limiting allowable locations and requiring sound modeling, and prohibit the constant low-frequency noise of data centers from reaching residential areas; and (vi) require commitments from data centers making zoning requests to sufficiently mitigate negative impacts on any nearby residential areas. The provisions of the bill shall only apply to localities where data centers are already addressed in the locality's zoning ordinance and where a locality is revising its zoning ordinance to include data centers.

HB2027 - State Corporation Commission; certificate of operation for high load facilities.

Referred to Committee on Labor and Commerce

Summary - State Corporation Commission; certificate of operation for high load facilities. Prohibits any person from operating a high load facility, defined in the bill as a facility whose electricity demand exceeds 25 megawatts that was not operating before July 1, 2026, without first having obtained a certificate of operation from the State Corporation Commission. The bill requires the Commission to permit the operation of a high load facility upon a finding that such facility and associated facilities (i) will have no material adverse effect upon the rates paid by customers of any regulated public utility in the Commonwealth, taking into account any likely generation, transmission, or distribution needs attributable to the operation of the high load facility; (ii) will have no material adverse effect upon reliability of electric service provided by any regulated public utility; (iii) would be consistent with the Commonwealth Clean Energy Policy; and (iv) are not otherwise contrary to the public interest. The bill requires the Commission to consider certain factors in a review of a petition for a certificate to operate a high load facility, including whether there is sufficient energy, capacity, and grid infrastructure to support the operation of the high load facility and whether the operation of the high load facility would create an unreasonable cross-subsidy across customers served by the incumbent electric utility. Finally, the bill requires the Commission to conduct a proceeding to establish minimum criteria for the issuance of a certificate of operation for a high load facility and requirements for public notice and an opportunity for hearing.

HB2028 - School boards; entitlement to one-time fee from certain data centers.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - School boards; entitlement to one-time fee from certain data centers. Provides that any school board that governs a school division that contains a public school located within three miles of a data center, as such term is defined in relevant law, that received its certificate of occupancy from the relevant locality after July 1, 2025, is entitled to a one-time fee of \$250,000 to be paid by the owner of such data center no later than 90 days after the issuance of such data center's certificate of occupancy by the locality.

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HB2035 - High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - High-energy facilities; water and energy usage information reports; statewide clearinghouse established. Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. The bill requires the Department, no later than July 1, 2026, to design, implement, and maintain a publicly accessible website to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information relating to water and energy usage of all high-energy facilities operating in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that, in order to fully cover the costs of designing, implementing, and maintaining the statewide clearinghouse, the Department shall assess an initial fee to each owner or operator of a high-energy facility and may assess an annual fee thereafter for each year that such high-energy facility is in active use. The bill requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility to notify the Department of any substantial change in operations or technologies that would require an update to the information required by the bill at least 60 days prior to making such change. The bill also requires the Department to convene a work group of stakeholders for the purpose of identifying additional information required to be published to the statewide clearinghouse. Such work group is required to convene at least three times by July 1, 2026, in a manner that is open to the public, and each such meeting is required to include a public comment period of no less than 60 days following such meeting.

HB2101 - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Electric utilities; data center cost allocation. Directs the State Corporation Commission to initiate proceedings to determine if the current allocation of costs among different customer classifications of electric utilities requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers. If the Commission determines that the current allocation of costs requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers, the bill directs the Commission to promulgate such rules as necessary to eliminate or minimize such unreasonable subsidies to the maximum possible extent. The bill directs the Commission to complete such proceedings prior to January 1, 2026.

HB2323 - Electric utilities; controlled environment agriculture facilities; time-of-use.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Electric utilities; controlled environment agriculture facilities; time-of-use. Requires electric utilities, upon the request of a controlled environment agriculture facility, as defined in the bill, to advise such facility of available time-of-use rate structures for such facility based on its expected electricity usage patterns.

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HB2377 - Comprehensive plan; data centers; water usage.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Comprehensive plan; data centers; water usage. Requires every locality to incorporate into its comprehensive plan provisions that prioritize and evaluate alternative methods of cooling, such as air cooling, geothermal cooling, or other innovative technologies that minimize water usage, particularly in the context of approving or siting data centers or similar land uses. The bill provides that the comprehensive plan shall include methods of assessing the environmental impact of water-based cooling methods and requires that alternative methods to minimize water usage are thoroughly considered before local approval of data centers or similar land uses that are reliant on significant water resources for cooling purposes.

HB2428 - Classification of tangible personal property; computer equipment and peripherals used in data centers; facilities housing systems used to engage in digital asset mining business activities.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Classification of tangible personal property; computer equipment and peripherals used in data centers; facilities housing systems used to engage in digital asset mining business activities. Provides that, for purposes of the separate tax classification of tangible personal property for computer equipment and peripherals used in a data center, a data center includes facilities housing systems used to engage in digital mining business activities, defined in the bill.

HB2578 - Retail sales and use tax; exemption for data centers; reports.

Committee Referral Pending

Summary - Retail sales and use tax; exemption for data centers; reports. Requires a data center operator, in order to be eligible for the existing data center sales and use tax exemption to (i) beginning July 1, 2030, purchase a certain percentage of the data center's annual electric load from clean energy resources, (ii) beginning July 1, 2030, demonstrate sufficient investment in energy efficiency measures to provide system-wide benefits, and (iii) beginning July 1, 2027, use only backup generators that meet certain emissions standards.

The bill requires the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation to examine the cost and feasibility of data centers using onsite backup and primary generation that is not diesel-fired and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2025.

The bill requires the Department of Energy to (a) identify opportunities for beneficial use of waste heat from data centers; (b) create and publish on its website an interactive map of existing and proposed data centers and potential public and private heat users; (c) develop a strategic plan to accelerate data center heat reuse in the Commonwealth; (d) designate an employee within the Department to lead the Commonwealth's efforts to reuse data center heat; and (e) convene a stakeholder work group

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to provide expertise and feedback on the Department's efforts to accelerate the use of waste heat from data centers. The Department is required to report its findings to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2025.

Finally, the bill requires investor-owned electric utilities to file with the State Corporation Commission for approval of a voluntary tariff to facilitate large customer procurement of clean energy.

Citizen communications in support of these bills with their respective State Delegate and Senator are important. Don't hesitate to do so – Representative and Senator contact information can be found at <https://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/>.

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

Blake Myers, BRCWRT Preservation Committee



I spent 45 years in what is now commonly referred to as IT. I grew up in Staunton in the 50s and 60s where I graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. Before graduating in 1972 from Virginia Tech, I took a Civil War class from Dr. James Robertson, which piqued my interest in the Civil War. After moving to northern Virginia, I met a number of local historians: Jim Lewis, Don Hakenson, Chuck Mauro, and most recently Scott Patchan, who took me to the next level.

I joined the Herndon Historical Society and then the Alexandria CWRT. Six years ago while renewing my membership, I discovered there was a similar organization for the Shenandoah Valley. The SVBF renewed my interest in my hometown and family history and I joined the Augusta County Historical Society and Genealogical Society. Thanks to a nudge by Tom Jones, I felt it was time to finally check out the BRCWRT.

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IMAGE OF THE MONTH

Throughout the Civil War when enough snow fell, snowball fights naturally occurred, which quickly took on the appearance of a full scale battle. One soldier remembered "Lines were so regularly formed, the movements so systematic, the officers displaying so much activity at the head of their commands, their men fighting so stubbornly, now advancing on their opposing column, now giving way before superior numbers. ... At one time we would see a body of troops marching through an adjacent woods endeavoring to flank their enemy; soon a counter movement would be made. Now a charge and a yell and many prisoners captured. For nearly two hours this battle lasted." Another soldier wrote "Before breakfast we had a company [snow ball] fight, one row against the other ... Everything was taken in good fun, but it was rough play. The ground was speckled with blood from bruised noses."

This Alfred Waud sketch shows one of the largest snowball fights during the war, which occurred on March 22, 1864 near Dalton, Georgia. Thousands of soldiers participated, with many of them being killed just a few weeks later.



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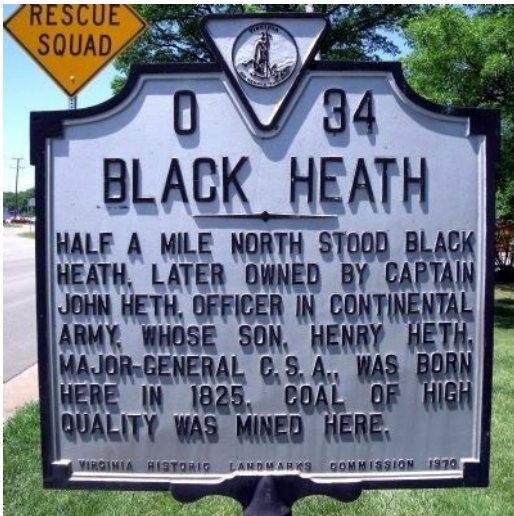
CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

Major General Henry "Harry" Heth, CSA

Last month we had an HH – Gen. Herman Haupt and the February issue now has an HH – Gen. Henry Heth. What are the chances of that? He has a distinct fact about his participation at the battle of Gettysburg which you will find out later.

Harry Heth (pronounced Heeth) was born on December 16, 1825 in Black Heath, Chesterfield Co., Virginia in the area of Midlothian. The large estate was located off of Rt. 60 going west on the right side of the road, before Grove Road on the left. There is an historical marker describing the property. There were several owners before Harry's father bought the property. He and his partner owned Heth & Stewart, which operated coal mines from the 1790s to 1939; the Heth family ran them from 1795-1840. Unfortunately, the house collapsed sometime between 1910-1920, as it was located on top of mines and tunnels. The house sat on a cliff 50 feet above Falling Creek. Falling Creek is near the Chippenham Pkwy., Rt. 1, Rt. 95 and close to the James River. The business mined coal in the area and even sold it to President Thomas Jefferson when he lived in the White House.



Black Heath Marker



Black Heath House

Harry came from a long line of Heths and many of them served in the military. His father was Capt. John Heth, who served in the Navy in the War of 1812, and his mother was Margaret Leach Pickett. Yes, the aunt of future General George Pickett. Harry and George were first cousins. Capt. Heth was captured with Commodore Stephen Decatur in Bermuda. He later escaped with two others in an open boat. Harry was one of 11 children: Margaret Helen, Ann Eliza, Harry, Lavinia Beverley Randolph, Elizabeth Chevallie, Catherine "Kitty", John Randolph, Caroline Kemble, Mary Ann, Beverley Stockton, and Fanny Cadwallader. His grandparents were Henry Wilford Heth, Jr. and Nancy Ann Hare. His great-grandparents were Capt. Henry Heth (born in Ireland and served in the Revolutionary War) and Agnes McMahon.

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The Irish Capt. Heth owned 400 acres near Pittsburgh, PA called Heth's Delight. He also owned Heth's Tavern in Winchester, VA where George Washington visited. His great-great grandparents were John Heath (born in England) and Anne Morecock. His line goes back to the 1640s in England. His uncle Col. William Heth fought under General Richard Montgomery in Quebec in the Revolutionary War. Harry's father died in 1842 and willed the plantation to his son, the first son in the family. Harry said his father's death "was the most severe calamity I had ever felt."



Capt. John Heth



Heth's Delight Marker

Harry's schooling was local in Virginia. He was denied entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy but received an appointment to West Point. When he reported to West Point in 1842 he described his family as bad off. His first day at the Point earned him two demerits for laughing in the morning parade. He criticized his more serious and cerebral roommate Ambrose Burnside saying: "he was good, but he was not happy. I was not good; but I was happy." During the plebe summer of 1844 as an upper classman, he was harassing a new plebe on sentinel duty. The plebe hurled his rifle with bayonet attached at Heth, piercing his thigh, and barely missing his femoral artery. In his own words, he said: "During the early part of my third class encampment, was engaged with a number of my classmates in the enjoyable occupation of deviling a plebe on his post; the plebe became enraged and threw his musket, bayonet foremost, into the crowd. The bayonet struck me in the thigh, missing the femoral artery by about an eighth of an inch, and passed through my leg. Felt as though I had been struck by a cannon ball." Heth spent two weeks flat on his back recovering, but got better.

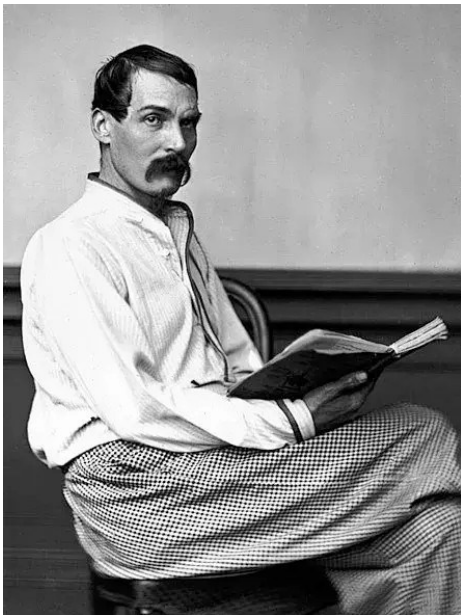
Another incident was verified by Harry himself: "In his memoirs Heth wrote of a freshman who was waiting for the surgeon. Heth pretended he was the surgeon and prepared a concoction of non-poisonous materials and administered it to the unwary cadet. The cadet didn't die, but he did resign."

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Heth graduated with the class of 1847 as the goat. His cousin George Pickett had graduated a year ahead of him, also as the goat. Two more goats Albert Gallatin Edwards graduated in 1832 and Laurence Simmons Baker graduated in 1857 (all participating in the Civil War). His fellow graduates fighting in the Civil War included Union: Romeyn Beck Ayers, William Wallace Burns, Ambrose Burnside, James Barnett Fry, John Gibbon, Charles Griffin, Lewis Cass Hunt, John Sanford Mason, Egbert Ludovicus Viele, and Orlando Bolivar Wilcox. The only two Confederates were: Heth and A.P. Hill, who was Harry's best friend. There are several Civil War generals with the first two names of Albert Gallatin; the original Albert Gallatin was Secretary of the Treasury for President Thomas Jefferson.

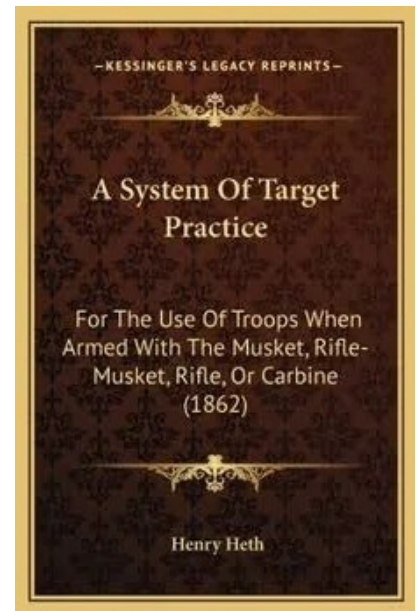
After his West Point graduation, as a 2nd Lieutenant, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry. He became friends with future Civil War Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock during this period. He was later assigned to the 6th Infantry and made captain on March 3, 1855. He was assigned to the Kansas and Nebraska territories and served on a board to test the merits of newly made breech-loading rifles in 1857. In 1858 Heth wrote and published a book called "A System of Target Practice" which was used by the Army. The book is still available for sale.



Young Henry Heth



Winfield Scott Hancock



Heth's Book

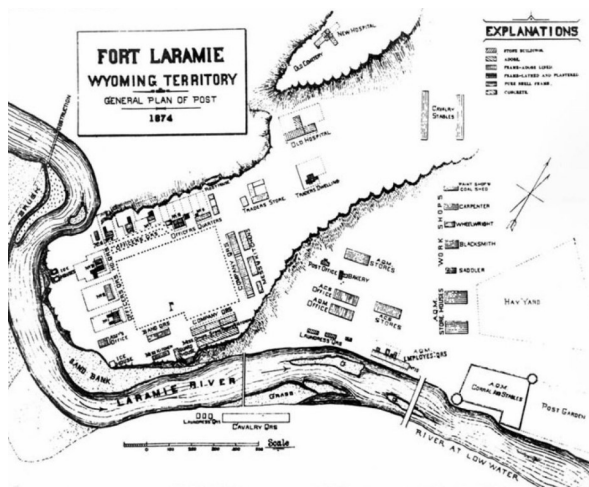
He was in the Mexican War in the 8th Infantry and fought at the skirmishes at Matamoras and Galaxara in 1847-48. While in Mexico Harry and his friend Hancock chased women, but the handsome Hancock had better luck than Harry. They did become lifelong friends. Harry had become extremely sick with dysentery. He was so ill that the army sent him home to Richmond to die. Hancock accompanied him and stayed with him until he got better. He did not return to the army until March, 1850. After Harry recovered the two went to NYC to the Astor Opera House to see the English

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actor William McCready. A riot broke out in the opera house resulting in 22 deaths. Both Harry and Hancock luckily were unscathed.

Harry was then stationed at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. He was stationed at several different barracks on the Indian frontier – Fort Atkinson, Fort Kearny, and Fort Laramie. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in June, 1854. Harry recounted: "During my sojourn on the plains at Fort Atkinson, and subsequent at Fort Kearney, I killed over one thousand buffalo. I became a buffalo fiend. I never enjoyed any sport as much as I did killing them." In his memoirs he also said: "From constant practice with my Colt six-shooter, large size, I became an expert in the use of the pistol on horse-back.... In hunting buffalo successfully there are two essentials, first a horse sufficiently fleet to overtake your cow, and who will not shy when you approach her and she gets the odor of the buffalo; second, to be perfectly cool and not draw your pistol from your holster until you are within a few strides of her side, then shoot her behind the left fore shoulder... I had hunted buffalo so much with the Indians, who, as I have said, used only the bow and arrow in their hunts, and it seemed so easy to kill buffalo in that manner that I determined to try that method of hunting. I found it the most difficult job I had ever undertaken. After many trials, and shooting away a hundred or more arrows, I at last succeeded in locating one in the right spot and brought down my cow."



Fort Laramie



Buffalo Herd (Janet Greentree)

Heth led a detached company of mounted cavalry under General William S. Harney at Blue Water on September 3, 1855, attacking a Lakota village. The battle was also known as the Harney Massacre. 86 Indians were killed, 70 women and children were taken prisoner, and the village was burned. Several future Civil War generals fought at the battle of Blue Water, including John Buford, Gouverneur K. Warren, Albion P. Howe, Philip St. George Cooke, Beverly Robertson, and J.E.B. Stuart. Harry spent a total of 14 years on the frontier.

On April 1, 1857 at Norwood plantation, Powhatan Co., VA, Harry married Harriet Christiana "Teny" Seldon. They had 3 children: Ann "Nannie" Randolph, Cary Seldon,

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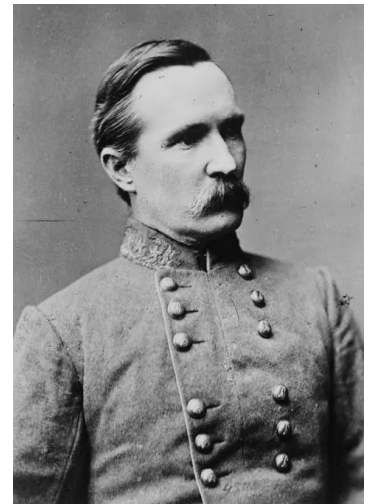
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and Henry, Jr. His good friend, A.P. Hill was a groomsman. His daughter Nannie was active in the Southern Relief Society for 18 years and found a home for it at 2403 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, in DC. Her brother Cary Seldon was a miner in Washington state. Henry, Jr. was born in 1863 and died in 1900 in Washington. Other than that, I could find nothing on him.



Norwood Plantation (above) and Nannie Heth obituary (right)

When the Civil War began, Harry returned to Virginia and was sent to Wytheville. He formed the 45th VA Infantry Regiment on May 29, 1861 and was appointed their colonel under Gen. John B. Floyd. The troops were undisciplined in battle and regular duties. They fought at Cross Lanes (Battle of Knives & Forks) and Carnifex Ferry, both now in West Virginia. Gen. Robert E. Lee took over the undisciplined soldiers for a short time and became good friends with Harry while Harry was serving as quartermaster. Heth was the only one of his officers that Lee would call by their first name; he called him Harry. Of General Heth, Lee wrote, "I have but to say that I consider him a most excellent officer, and gallant soldier, and had he been with the Division through all its hardships, and acquired the confidence of the men, there is no man I had rather see promoted than he." He was promoted to Brigadier General in January 6, 1862. In August, 1862 he was transferred to the Department of East Tennessee. He led a division trying to take Cincinnati but was ordered to withdraw back to Tennessee.



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In March 1863 he was called back east and given a brigade in his friend A.P. Hill's division. He was part of Hill's 3rd Corps and commanded it at Chancellorsville. When Hill was wounded at Chancellorsville, Harry took over Hill's command even though he had a slight wound. He was made a Major General on May 24, 1863.



Gallon's
Painting of
Cashtown Inn
(left)



A. P. Hill (right)

During the Gettysburg Campaign, Hill and Heth arrived at Cashtown on June 30, 1863 and stayed the night at the Cashtown Inn. Both Hill and Heth have a room named after them in the hotel, which has recently reopened. Harry sent his quartermaster to a local store on old Rt. 30 about 100 yards east of the Cashtown Inn to procure hats for him and his men. The hat chosen for Harry was too big for his head so he had his quartermaster stuff it with papers to make it fit better. This large sized hat saved Harry's life on July 1st. The store is still in Cashtown and is now a bookstore called Rock Top Bookshop & Bindery. It is four buildings down on the same side of the road as the Cashtown Inn.



Cashtown Inn today (Janet Greentree)

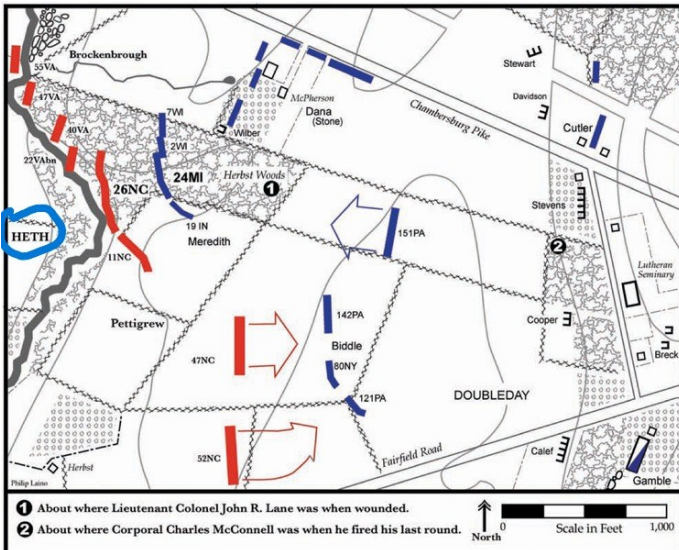


Cashtown Store today (Lisa Greentree Tully)

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At 5:00 a.m. on July 1st, Harry advanced his whole division down the Chambersburg Pike going towards Gettysburg. At 7:30 a.m. Heth's brigades attacked cavalry outposts of Gen. John Buford on old Rt. 30 near Willoughby Run, which inadvertently started the battle of Gettysburg before Gen. Lee could assemble his whole army. (This is the distinct fact mentioned in paragraph 1.) Lee had ordered Heth to avoid a general engagement. Heth's position was off of the Chambersburg Pike on present day Stone Avenue, which turns into Meredith Avenue overlooking the ground towards Lee's HQ/ McPherson's Woods.



McPherson's Ridge



Site of Heth's wounding (Janet Greentree)

If you would like to see where Harry was wounded, drive down Stone Ave. past the John Burns statue on the left, and before the turn of the road on the left is a worm fence. Walk past six sections of the fence and when you can see John Burns statue between two vertical fence posts, you are in the right spot. Harry was hit while under a tree on the right side of the fence. He later claimed the shot came from the McPherson barn. Some historians say this is correct, while other do not. The tree fell down and the stump remained there until at least 2017. Harry was hit in the head and knocked unconscious for 24 hours in the afternoon of the 1st. His command was transferred to Brigadier General James J. Pettigrew. Harry's large hat stuffed with papers definitely saved him. He recovered towards the end of the day but was still groggy. In 1900 he pointed out where he was wounded, according to War Department records. His Division was held in reserve under Gen. Anderson on the 2nd and on the 3rd reported to Gen. Longstreet. He did manage to attend a meeting with Lee and other officers on July 2, 1863.



Stump where Heth was wounded
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I must say Harry has a lot of monuments with his name on them. If you start at West Confederate Avenue on the right side just past Herman Haupt's house, there is a line of shield markers. His name is on most of them. Travelling further down the road are more markers on the right side. Heth's Division marker is on the right side between the 11th Mississippi marker and Gen. A.P. Hill's HQ marker. I have taken pictures of Hill's marker over the years but only recently saw the short line at the bottom of it. It says: "These headquarters were located at a farm-house 540 yards westerly." The farm was actually Hill's HQ. Gen. Hill occupied the house, which is a huge mansion with 10 bedrooms and 7 baths. (The bathrooms were probably added later.)



Heth Marker
(Lisa Greentree Tully)



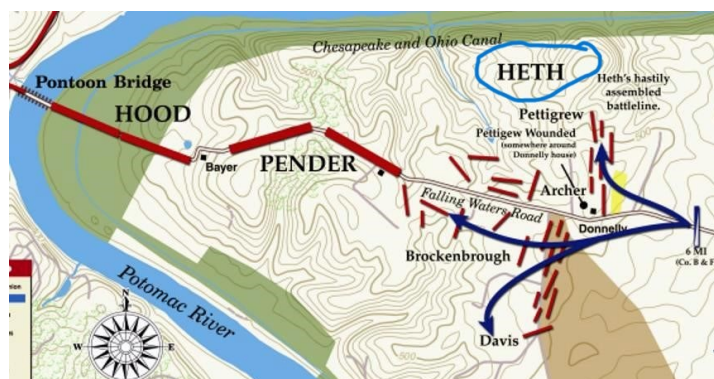
AP Hill HQ Marker
(Janet Greentree)



Barn at the Pitzer Farm

The farm was owned by Emanuel Pitzer, who died on June 18th when the Confederates began occupying the farm. His son Emanuel, Jr. was instructed to hide \$5,000 in bank notes, gold, and silver so it would be safe. The son buried the money, etc. under a bread oven which unfortunately the Rebs found. After being severely wounded, Harry was brought to the farm to recover.

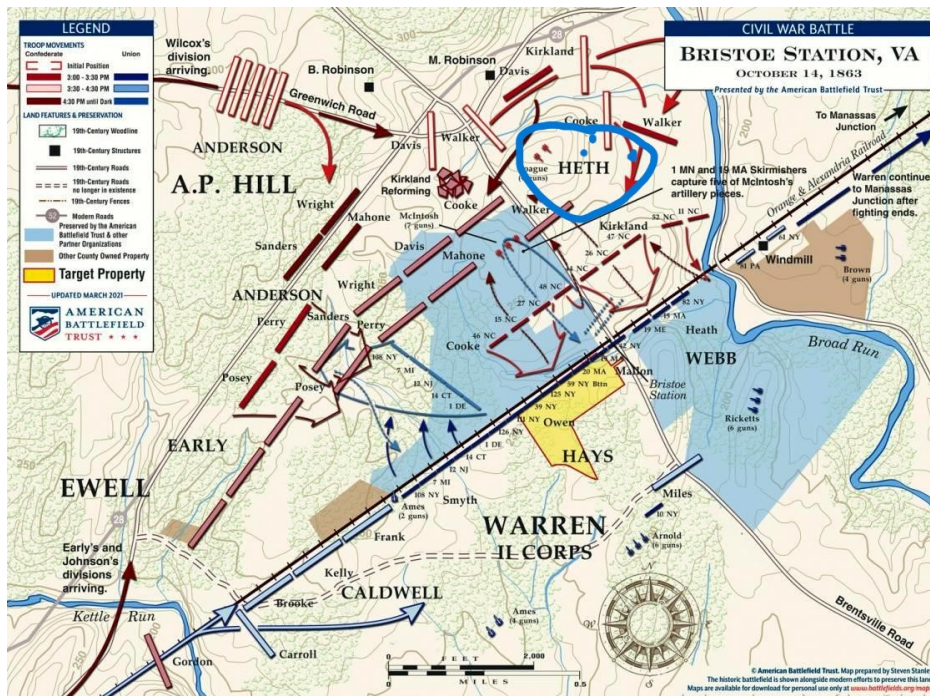
Painter Don Troiani did a painting of Gen. Lee's meeting with Heth, Lee, Hill, Hood, and Longstreet called *Decision at Dawn*. British Gen. Arthur Fremantle can be seen in a tree surveying the field. Heth can be seen with a bandage on his head under his hat. The farm is now known as Brown's Ranch. Harry did recover enough to participate on July 7th in the Confederate crossing at Falling Waters after Gettysburg.



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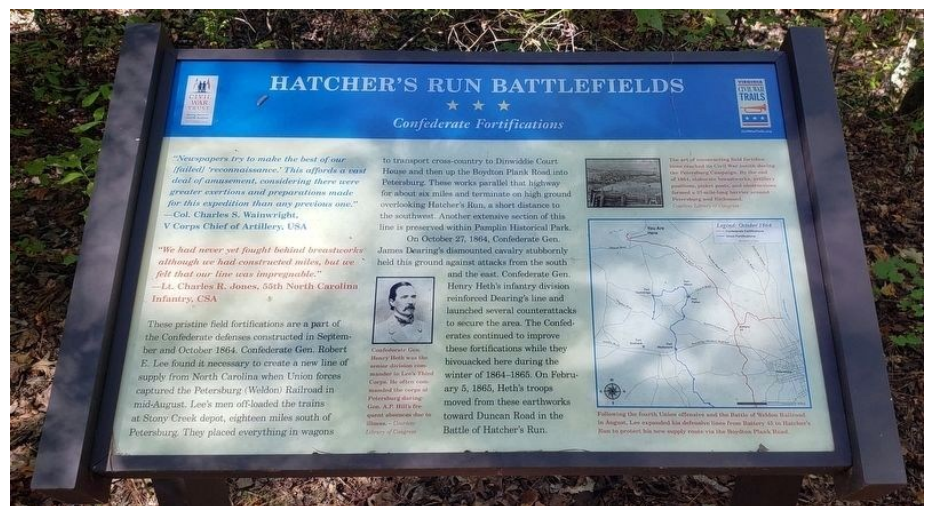
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Heth wintered at the Orange Court House in Culpeper, VA and then fought in the Overland Campaign, Reams Station (captured 2,000 men, 9 cannons, and many flags), Bristoe Station, Mine Run, Petersburg, and was present with Gen. Robert E. Lee at the Appomattox surrender. At the Overland Campaign on Brock Road during the Spotsylvania battle, he faced off fighting the attacks of his friend Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock. He has a historic marker at Hatcher's Run. When his dear friend Gen. A.P. Hill was killed at Petersburg on April 2, 1865, Gen. Lee wanted to appoint Heth as commander of the Third Corps, but was unable to find Heth so he gave the Third Corps to Gen. James Longstreet.



Heth at Bristoe Station

Hatcher's Run marker



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After the war Harry went back to the mining business for a short time. He then worked in the insurance business in Richmond, and later served in the U.S. government as a surveyor and in the Office of Indian Affairs. He also served as a commissioner for marking the graves of the Confederate dead at Antietam. He assisted the War Department in its efforts to gather material for its *Official Records of the Civil War*. Working on the latter sure made a lot of future historians happy to be able to see the actual records of the Civil War.

Harry was described as being of medium height, with lank brown hair and mustache, high cheekbones, strong chin and deep-set eyes. The *Daily Constitutionalist* of Augusta, GA wrote a glowing report of Harry after the Battle of Carnifex Ferry on December 12, 1861. "He is, in personal appearance, of small but vigorous frame, glowing complexion, and a bright, flashing eye, clear as a sunbeam. His habits are strictly moral; but little given to that curse of the army, profanity, and not at all to excessive drinking, his moral character is worthy of a commander. His mental endowments are very superior. Far-seeing and shrewd, he is an able strategist; cool and courageous, he is well able to execute any plan his skill may dictate. He has also a mind for the minutest detail, and no army under his command will want for anything he is able to procure."

Harry passed away on September 27, 1899 at his home at 1906 G St., NW., in Washington, D.C. after having a stroke and suffering from Bright's Disease. His house is no longer standing; per Google Maps, it looks as if it is now a parking garage. His death certificate listed the following: "Cause of death, primary, chronic interstitial nephritis and cardiac hypertrophy and dilation; immediate, uremic coma duration, 8 months." He is buried at Hollywood Cemetery, Section 2, Plot 80, Grave Memorial ID 8337, and GPS: Latitude: 37.5334816, Longitude: 77.4581299 in Richmond, VA. Harriet Selden Heth died on December 31, 1907, in Washington, DC, at the age of 73, and is buried with her husband. As you can see behind Harry's marker, there are Selden graves in the same area. The church which held the funeral services, the Church of the Epiphany at 1317 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. is still standing.



Heth in later life



Heth's Grave (Janet Greentree)



Church of the Epiphany

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The *Times Herald* of September 27, 1899 listed his obituary in part: "Comrades at His Bier. Veterans and Masons to Offer Last Honors to General Heth. The funeral of Gen. Henry Heth, who died at his residence, 1906 G Street northwest, at 1:40 o'clock this morning, will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m. from the Church of the Epiphany on G Street, near Thirteenth Street. The local camp of Confederate Veterans, many members of which fought with the general in the Confederate army, will have charge of the funeral. They will be assisted by the Masons, of which the general was a prominent member. The Order of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the Revolution, the Mexican Veterans, and the Society of United Wars will also participate in the funeral services. After the services at the church the body will be taken to Richmond, VA, where by special request of Governor Tyler, it will lie in state in the capitol (30-Rotunda pic) until Friday when the interment will take place. For nine months General Heth has been confined to his home, an attack of grip being the primary cause of his illness. In May last he was stricken with paralysis, and later dropsy developed. His life has been despaired of for several months. During the past three days he had been in a comatose condition.... After the war he was appointed by President Grant a special agent of the Treasury and later he filled other Federal offices with distinction. He leaves a widow and three children: Henry Heth, Cary Seldon Heth, and a daughter, Miss Mamie Randolph Heth..."



Rotunda of the Virginia Capitol

The funeral itself was covered by the *New York Daily Tribune* on September 28, 1899: "Washington, Sept. 2. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and interment will be at the Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, Va. next Friday. The Episcopal service will be conducted by the Rev. A.M. Hilliker and the Rev. W.R. Turner. The honorary pallbearers include Generals Butler, Hooker, Custis Lee, Lomax and Payne, Judge A.H. Hagner and L.M.D. Curry. The Confederate Veterans' Association, the Society of Cincinnati, Sons of the American Revolution, the Aztec Society of the Mexican War Veterans' Association and the Society of American Wars will be represented at the church. A delegation from the Confederate Veterans will escort the remains to Richmond, leaving here at noon, and the train will be met there by Governor Tyler and staff and prominent citizens. The body will lie in state at the Capitol in Richmond until Friday, when the interment will take place."

I must thank Patrick & Joan Falci for their help in finding out about the farm that was A.P. Hill's headquarters. Patrick portrays Gen. Hill and knows everything about him. He and Joan were invited to the farm and got to go inside the house.

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.

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA LUMINARIES

Joe Motheral

May 22

Occoquan Town Hall
314 Mill Street, Occoquan

ATROCITIES AT BULL RUN

Harry Smeltzer

July 24

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Paul Kreingold

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VIGILANTE JUSTICE IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Kate Bitely

November 20

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