



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXXIII, Issue 2, FEBRUARY 2026

**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN
WILLIAM CONNERY SPEAKS ON
"THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTHERN
VIRGINIA, 1861" AT THE FEBRU-
ARY 12th, 2026 GENERAL MEM-
BERSHIP MEETING**

By Mark Trbovich

The Civil War in Northern Virginia in 1861 recounts the notable events and battles that occurred after the firing on Fort Sumter. Beginning in May 1861, both the Confederate and Union armies assembled in Northern Virginia as politicians were deciding how and where the Civil War would be fought. Several months passed as both armies maneuvered and attempted to complete reconnaissance on the other. During this early time, the first officers on both sides were killed; Mount Vernon was declared neutral territory; the Confederate battle flag was adopted; and the first real battles occurred. We are happy to have an award-winning author join us again to give us the rest of the story.

William Connery grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, which was considered "neutral territory" in the War Between the States. He has a degree in History from the University of Maryland—College Park and has lived in the Bush Hill section of Fairfax County, near Old Town Alexandria, since 1989. William has contributed to the *Civil War Courier* and other publications. In 2012, he was awarded the prestigious Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal for his previous History Press book, *Civil War Northern Virginia 1861*. William Connery is

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, February 12, 2026

6 P.M. Social Hour

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

William Connery

TOPIC:

**"The Civil War in Northern
Virginia, 1861"**

a member of the Company of Military Historians and a frequently requested speaker in the Washington, DC, metro area.

Come join us early at our February 12th, 2026 Membership Meeting to have an opportunity to chat with William and your colleagues before the meeting begins. Doors open at 6:00 PM; hope to see you there.

**It's that time of the year
again! The Bull Run Civil
War Round Table needs
members to re-enlist for
another campaign. See the
back page of this *Stone
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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By **Melissa A. Winn**

Photos: **Debbie Whinton**

Happy February! The year is already blazing by. I hope you are all staying warm and safe in the cold and snowy weather of late. As usual, February marks Black History Month, and I'd like to take the time to reflect on the central role African Americans played in shaping the Civil War and the nation that emerged from it. Their stories — too often marginalized or overlooked — are essential to understanding the conflict in its full complexity and human cost. I know I often speak about how we're aiming at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to incorporate the stories of Black people and their history to reflect its central role of the Civil War. I often write about their experiences and stories, as well. I'm proud to see other institutions and organizations do the same, especially as these turbulent times sometimes see these truths being silenced again.

From the thousands of enslaved people who seized freedom by fleeing to Union lines, to the nearly 180,000 Black men who served in the United States Colored Troops, African Americans were not passive observers of the war. They were active agents who influenced military outcomes, challenged long-standing assumptions, and forced the nation to confront the meaning of liberty, citizenship, and equality.

As a Round Table, we are committed to engaging with these histories honestly and thoughtfully. I'm proud that we do! Exploring Black experiences during the Civil War - on the battlefield, on the home front, and in the long struggle for recognition afterward - deepens our understanding of the

war itself and reminds us why this history still matters today.



Our January speaker, Aaron Siever, spoke to us about the Battle of Pickett's Mill

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This year we'll hear from several speakers who incorporate the history of Blacks in America in their presentations. I'm excited to hear it and hope you are, too! A programming note for our April speaker: we will be hosting Dr. Curt Fields as General Ulysses S. Grant via Zoom for our April 9 meeting. He will join us from Appomattox as he commemorates the anniversary of the surrender there that upcoming weekend and he will be joined by living historians portraying General Robert E. Lee and some of the generals' respective staffs, as well. You won't want to miss this! More details about the Zoom link and meeting details to come.

Huzzah!

Melissa

UPCOMING TALK

Monday March 2nd

BRCWRT member Gene Schmiel will speak to the Lifelong Learning Institute at the GMU Hylton Center in Manassas about his book *Civil War Baptism of Fire: First Battle of Bull Run*. The program starts at 10:30 AM and is free and open to the public.

The Bull Run Civil War
Round Table Welcomes
New Members

Madeline Feierstein

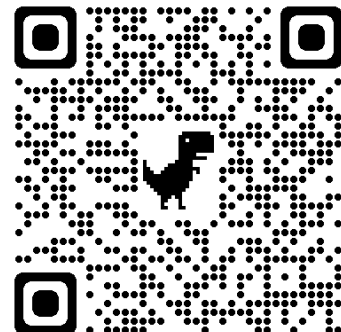
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There are a number of ways to make a donation. On the BRCWRT website, click the link labelled "Renew/Donate" and select the link at the bottom of that page. Alternatively, you can give a check to our Treasurer at a membership meeting, or mail it to: 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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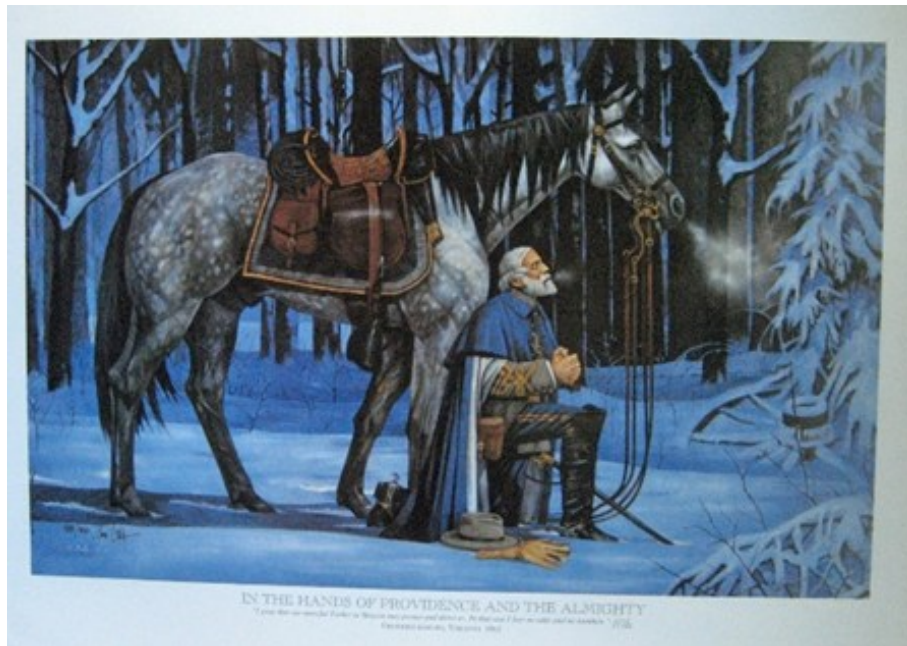
Upcoming 2026-2027 Program of Events

Date	Event
February 12, 2026	Monthly Meeting Speaker: William Connery “Civil War Northern Virginia 1861”
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March 21, 2026	Spring Tour 1: “Wolf Run Shoals - The Best Kept Secret in Fairfax County” Tour leaders Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany (rain date April 4th)
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October 17, 2026	Fall Tour: “Civil War Alexandria (AM) / Fort Ward (PM)” Tour leaders Don Hakenson and Chuck Mauro (rain date October 24th)
November 19, 2026	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Lisa Samia - “Nameless and Faceless of Manassas And Gettysburg”
December 10, 2026	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jonathan Jones - “Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans And America’s First Opioid Crisis”
January 14, 2027	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jared Peatman - “Hell of a Regiment: The 20th Maine”
February 11, 2027	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Edward J. Hagerty - “Soldier of the South: Lieutenant General Richard H Anderson at War and Peace”
March 11, 2027	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Theodore Savas - “Handshakes, Gambling, & Gunpowder: How George W. Rains and Jefferson Davis Changed the Course of the Civil War”

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

PRINT FOR SALE AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The BRCWRT periodically raises funds for our Scholarship program by selling or auctioning quality Civil War prints at our Membership Meetings. On February 12th, we are offering *In the Hands of Providence and the Almighty*, by Tom Gallo. This signed print (#929/950) is 28" x 20.5", is unframed, and comes with a certificate. The print is new, with minor scratches. On Ebay, a copy is being offered for \$99.00; the Round Table is asking \$45 for this print. The print has been donated by Gwen Wyttenbach. Remember, all sale proceeds are dedicated to the BRCWRT Scholarship program.



MEET NEW MEMBER MADELINE FEIERSTEIN

Madeline Feierstein is an Alexandria-based Historian and Criminologist. She received her B.S. in Criminology from George Mason University and MA in History from Southern New Hampshire University. Madeline is the founder of Rooted in Place, LLC, an educational and historical consulting company that discusses historic sites and the people once bound to them. She has worked in the field of public history with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office, and the Lee-Fendall House Museum. Madeline is an author and content creator for *Emerging Civil War*. She continues to lead efforts to document injured, sick, and imprisoned soldiers that passed through Civil War Alexandria. Her first book, *Occupied Alexandria: A City Under Martial Law*, will be printed by Arcadia Publishing in the summer of 2026.

Madeline is particularly interested in hospitals, prisons, and psychiatric institutions. She researches the Civil War hospitals and prisons around Washington, D.C., as well as St. Elizabeths Hospital (now DHS headquarters). She combines her passion for American history with her Criminology specialization in ideology and forensic psychology. In her spare time, Madeline likes to learn foreign languages and spend time with her pet rabbit. You can view her research at www.madelinefeierstein.com and follow Rooted in Place on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

PAWLAK IS FEATURED SPEAKER FOR FRIENDS OF BALLS BLUFF

The BRCWRT's own Kevin Pawlak will be the featured speaker at an event this month commemorating the Battle of Ball's Bluff. All proceeds will be used for the on-going preservation and education programs conducted by Friends of Ball's Bluff in support of NOVA Parks. Details are below. [NOTE: the deadline to register is February 16th, so don't delay if interested!]

Friends of Ball's Bluff present the Battle of Ball's Bluff

13th Annual Remembrance Dinner

Sunday, February 22, 2026 5:30 to 9 PM

Please join us for the thirteenth Remembrance Dinner commemorating this small but significant battle that occurred near Leesburg. This dinner will also recognize the volunteer efforts of the Friends of Ball's Bluff and their stewardship and interpretation of the park.

The Woodlands at Algonkian, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling, VA

\$70 PER PERSON

Catering by Great Blue Heron

Social Hour & Open Bar

Silent Auction

Dinner

Historical Artifacts Display

We are honored to have as our featured speaker Kevin Pawlak, tour guide and author. His talk examines the experiences of those injured in the fighting, the medical practices and limitations of both Union and Confederate surgeons, and how the wounded survived their ordeal along the Potomac River in 1861.

To register & purchase your dinner seat visit:

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/novaparks/activity/search/detail/9785?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&from_original_cui=true



Advance registration is required. Deadline for purchasing tickets is FEBRUARY 16th at noon.
For more information, contact: Ben Bilko at 703.779.9372 or bbilko@nvrpa.org

PRIVATE THOMAS A. BARR Company D, 10th Alabama Infantry By Jeff Joyce

Thomas A. Barr was a 22 year old farmer when he enlisted on June 4, 1861, in Company D of the 10th Alabama in Alexandria, Alabama. He was born in 1839 in Calhoun County, Alabama, to Moses and Margaret Ann Barr, one of possibly 15 children. Margaret Barr died in 1855 and Moses Barr in 1856.

Thomas died at Camp Jones of meningitis (also known as "brain fever") on August 22, 1861. His obituary was published in the *Jacksonville Republican* newspaper in Jacksonville, Alabama, on October 17, 1861, and read in part:

"Died, Aug. 23rd, 1861, near Manassas Junction, Va., T.A. Barr, of Company D, 10th Regt. Ala. Vol's aged 22 years 5 months 12 days – a native of Calhoun County Ala. – He was much esteemed by his fellow-soldiers, and by all who knew him. He bore his suffering like a Christian – the disease which caused his death was the brain fever ... His funeral was preached at Cold Water the 1st Sabbath in Oct., a very large congregation attended. May his many relatives and friends all prepare to meet their beloved Thomas in heaven."

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Wolf Run Shoals

Fairfax County's Best Kept Historical Secret

Saturday, March 21



Subject matter: This popular tour spans from the Revolutionary War through the end of the American Civil War in Fairfax County. Walk the road that enabled the transport of supplies to the Battle of Yorktown and see traces of several Union earthworks/camps when this area was the default Mason-Dixon line early in the Civil War. Learn about the Union AOP right wing's onerous march through this area to the Battle of Gettysburg and its ironic connection with J.E.B. Stuart's controversial ride to support Lee's ANV. Finally, envision a war-ending event by Mosby's Rangers that occurred here.

Tour limited to 25 attendees.

Tour Guide: Jim Lewis

Assembly Time / Location: 9:00 AM / Terminus of Wolf Run Shoals Rd.

GPS: Closest address is 8517 Wolf Run Shoals Rd., Clifton, VA

Tour Start Time: 9:15 AM

Lunch: 12-Noonish Los Toltecos [Mexican] @ Fairfax STN - Individual tabs

Tour Duration: Approx. 2 ½ Hours.

Mode of Transportation & Exertion Level: Extensive walking over uneven terrain = **not advisable for anyone with special needs**

Uniform of the Day: Hiking attire / water / walking stick

BRCWRT Contact: Jim Lewis – antietam1862@verizon.net / 703 593-2956

The tour is FREE! If interested, please sign up via BRCWRT's website.

IMAGE OF THE MONTH 'An Estimable Jewel'

By Melissa A. Winn

This image of soldiers in Washington, D.C., in front of the White House was taken by photographer Mathew Brady in 1862. During the Civil War, the White House was frequently surrounded by, and even occupied by, Union soldiers. The White House had a fluctuating presence of guards, including a 100-man militia in early 1861, with soldiers often camped on the grounds.

President Lincoln himself spoke of his tenure at the presidential mansion in a speech to 66th Ohio soldiers on August 22, 1864: "I suppose you are going home to see your families and friends. For the service you have done in this great struggle in which we are engaged I present you sincere thanks for myself and the country. I almost always feel inclined, when I happen to say anything to soldiers, to impress upon them in a few brief remarks the importance of success in this contest. It is not merely for to-day, but for all time to come that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government, which we have enjoyed all our lives. I beg you to remember this, not merely for my sake, but for yours. I happen temporarily to occupy this big White House. I am a living witness that any one of your children may look to come here as my father's child has. It is in order that each of you may have through this free government which we have enjoyed, an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise and intelligence; that you may all have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations. It is for this the struggle should be maintained, that we may not lose our birthright – not only for one, but for two or three years. The nation is worth fighting for, to secure such an inestimable jewel."



Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1862, by M. B. BRADY, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the District of Columbia.

Photo: Melissa A. Winn Collection



2026 PRINCE WILLIAM HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

January 22

Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries

Chris Barbuschak and Suzanne S. LaPierre
Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas

March 26

Shipwreck on the Potomac: Disaster in Pursuit of Lincoln's Killer

Karen E. Stone
Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas

May 28

'Better Known than Acknowledged': The Lees of Stratford and the Cause of Liberty

Dr. Gordon Blaine Steffey
Williams Ordinary, 17674 Main St, Dumfries

July 23

Opening Manassas: The Iron Brigade, Stonewall Jackson, and the Battle on Brawner's Farm, August 28, 1862

Bill Backus
Pat White Center at Ben Lomond
10501 Copeland Dr, Manassas

September 24

Cold War Virginia

Francis Gary Powers Jr. and Christopher Sturdevant
Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas

November 19

True Crime Prince William County in the 1950s

Zachary G. Ford
Occoquan Town Hall, 314 Mill St, Occoquan
703-792-1731

Each program is free and will begin at 7 pm

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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

Major General Cadmus Marcellus (Old Billy Fixin) Wilcox, CSA

Well, here we go again with another unusual name – Cadmus Marcellus “Old Billy Fixin” Wilcox. It seems his men during the Civil War gave him this nickname because of his nervous and fussy disposition. He is also the only man that I could not find ancestors for. His line goes to his father Reuben, who was born in Connecticut, but nothing else, which is strange. His wife has some interesting relatives though.

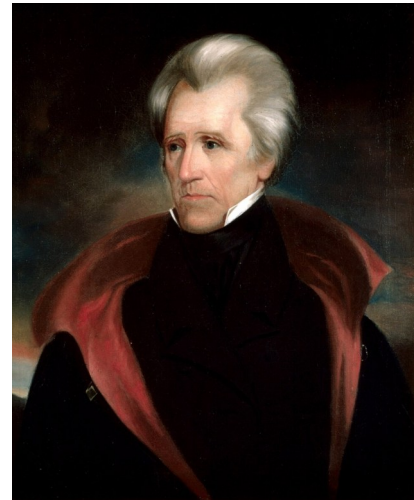
Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox was born on May 20, 1824 in Greene Co., North Carolina. His parents were Reuben and Sarah (Sallie) W. Garland Wilcox. He had two brothers – John Alexander and Robert C. Wilcox. Cadmus was the middle child. John Alexander was a colonel in the CSA and an aide to General John Bankhead Magruder. Later he was a member of the Mississippi Congress. Robert was a 1st LT, 4th U.S. Infantry during the Civil War. When Cadmus was only two years old, the family moved



John Alexander Wilcox



Andrew Jackson Donelson



Andrew Jackson

to Tipton Co., Tennessee near Memphis, where the children grew up. His brother John married Mary Emily Donelson. Her father was Andrew Jackson Donelson, whose aunt was married to future president Andrew Jackson; they became Donelson’s guardians after his father died, and he lived with Jackson at The Hermitage until he went to college. When Andrew Jackson was president, he appointed Andrew as his private secretary in the White House.

Wilcox attended Cumberland College in Lebanon, TN and was then appointed to West Point, starting classes there in 1842 and graduating in 1846. Wilcox graduated

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54th in his class of 59 cadets. There were 20 future generals in his class. Confederates – John Adams, William Montgomery Gardner, Thomas J. Jackson, David Rumph Jones, Dabney Herndon Maury, Samuel Bell Maxcy, George Edward Pickett, and William Duncan Smith; another cadet was Birkett D. Fry but he was dismissed from West Point. Union – Darius Nash Couch, Alfred Gibbs, Charles Champion Gilbert, George Henry Gordon, John Gray Foster, George Brinton McClellan, James Oakes, Innis Newton Palmer, Jesse Lee Reno, Truman Seymour, George Stoneman, and Samuel Davis Sturgis. I must say the class of 1846 was an interesting class.

It seems that McClellan and Wilcox were interested in the same girl, Mary Ellen Marcy, even though they were good friends. Both loved her, but Wilcox stepped aside so she could wed McClellan. I knew that A.P. Hill was also in love with Mary Ellen but had not heard about Wilcox before. McClellan and Wilcox remained friends for the rest of their lives. Wilcox was also friends with U.S. Grant and served as his best man when he married Julia Dent at her family's home in St. Louis on August 22, 1848.



Lieutenant Wilcox Before Ft. Sumter



Mary Ellen Marcy



Mary Emily Wilcox



1760 Corcoran St, DC

Wilcox never married. When his brother John Alexander died of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 7, 1864 at his house in Richmond, Cadmus took in John's wife Mary Emily and her two children, Andrew Donelson and Mary Rachel Wilcox. Mary Emily was the first child born in the White House as a grand-niece of Andrew Jackson. John's wife stayed with Wilcox at 1760 Corcoran Street (house with tree), in Washington. Wilcox took care of his brother's family for the rest of his life. When John passed away, he was buried in Richmond but later moved to Oak Hill Cemetery in Washington in 1897 to the Wilcox plot. John's son Andrew Donelson Wilcox wished to be buried next to his Uncle Cadmus in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, D.C. as well.

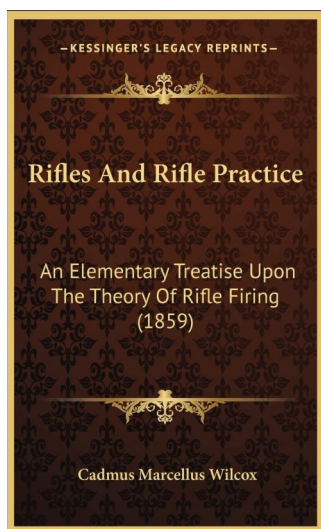
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Wilcox fought in the Mexican War under both Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott in the battles of Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo, the skirmish at Amazoque on May 14th, and the storming of Chapultepec on September 13, 1847. Wilcox served as Adjutant of the Seventh Infantry from July 9-14 and as Aide de Camp to General Quitman from July 13, 1847 to July 20, 1848. He was promoted to 1st LT after the battle of Chapultepec when the American forces entered Mexico City. After the war he served at Jefferson Barracks from 1848-1849 and was a recruiter for the army. On August 24, 1851 he was promoted to 1st LT in the 7th Cavalry. He served at various frontier posts, including Fort Marcy in 1860 where my last general David McMurtree Gregg had so much trouble arriving there. He taught military tactics at West Point from 1852-1857. His health was failing him and he took leave to travel through Europe. (I must say it seems strange to travel in Europe when you are sick. It seemed to be a thing back then.) He returned to the U.S. in 1859 and was sent to Fort Columbus, NY. He also wrote a book in 1859 on weaponry entitled *Rifles and Rifle Practice*. His book would become the Army's standard textbook on this topic. It is still available on Amazon. He also translated a French text on the evolution of the Austrian infantry. He was promoted to Captain in the Seventh Infantry on December 22, 1852.



Fort Columbus, NY



Wilcox's book

Here is a strange story of Wilcox during the Mexican War. He had just fought in the battle of Cerro Gordo. He slept that night in a horse stall on a blanket. Two other future Civil War Generals, Robert E. Lee and U.S. Grant, slept there sharing the same blanket. Grant did remember Lee as Lee was above him, but Lee did not remember Grant until he saw him at Appomattox. Ms. Rebelle also found an interesting newspaper article from the Wichita *Eagle* dated September 14, 1890. The title of the article is "Who is Sitting Bull – General Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox Thinks Him a West Point Man. His Opinion Based on the History of a Former Cadet Named McLain. This man was for some time a minor chief of the Arizona Mohaves." Wilcox and Thomas Freeman McLean were in the same class at West Point, where McLean was known as "Bison". (If you would like to read the article, I would be glad to email it to you.)

After hearing that Tennessee seceded from the Union in June, 1861, he resigned from the U.S. Army, came back from the West, and offered his services to the Confederacy. His resignation from the U.S. Army was made final on June 8, 1861. He went to Richmond and was appointed captain of artillery in the Confederate Army. His first

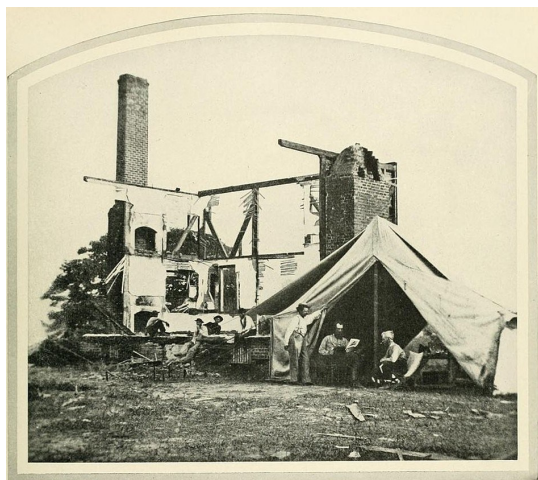
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position was as Colonel of the 9th Alabama Infantry. He fought in battles from 1st Bull Run all the way to Appomattox. After 1st Bull Run he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General under Gen. James Longstreet. He fought at Glendale in the Peninsula Campaign, where he was unwounded despite having 6 bullets pass through his uniform, and lost heavily at Seven Pines. He was ill during the Battles of 2nd Bull Run and Antietam. He was on the field at 2nd Bull Run on August 30, 1862. At the Sunken Road at Antietam his brigade lost so many men that it was commanded by a captain. He was ill several times during the Civil War. He was sick after 1st Bull Run, missed Martinsburg in the Maryland Campaign, was sick in May 1863, and again in the winter of 1864 and March 1865. At Chancellorsville with Gen. Stonewall Jackson's corps he helped bring about the Confederate victory there. He was assigned to guard Banks' Ford on the Rappahannock River a distance from the main battle. He fought at Salem Church, stopping the Union forces cold.



BG Cadmus Wilcox



Ruins of Henry House, Bull Run



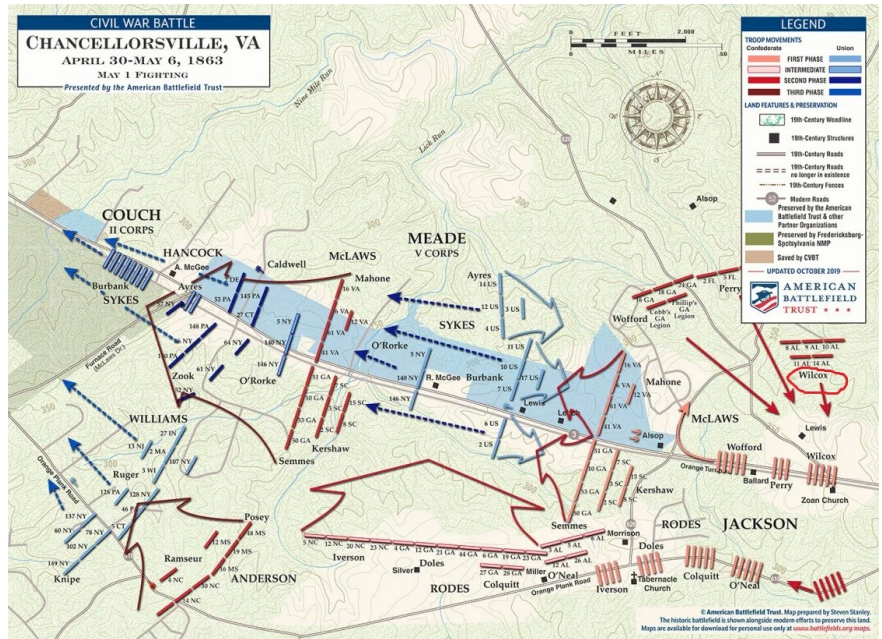
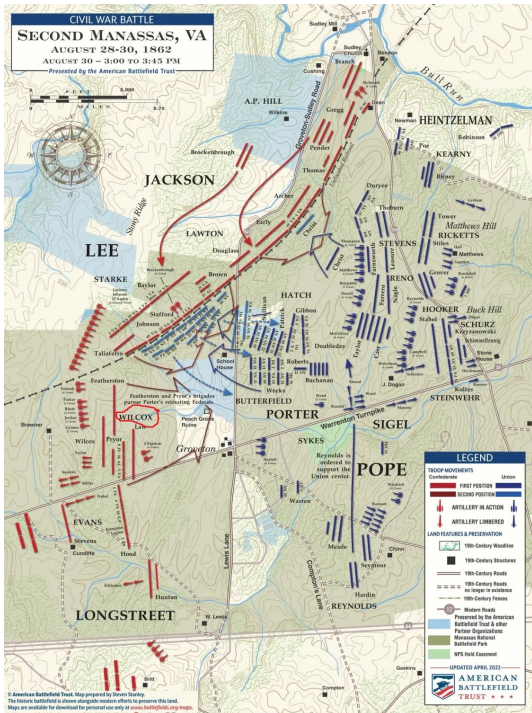
Salem Church

Other battles in which he fought were: Gaines Mill, Williamsburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, the Overland Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg, and he was with the 600 Confederates at the last stand at Fort Gregg (now known as Fort Lee) and Fort Whitworth that allowed the rest of Gen. Longstreet's forces to escape across the Appomattox River.

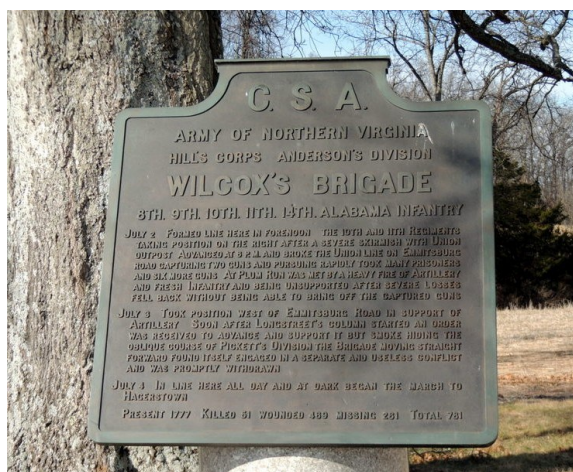
Like many Confederates, Wilcox came through Cashtown to Gettysburg with the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 14th Alabama Infantries and formed up with Gen. Richard Anderson's Division and A.P. Hill's Corps. His 1,200 men took their position on Seminary Ridge to the right of Gen. Edward Perry's Florida Brigade on July 2nd. He has two Shield Markers on the field, a large marker about the 2nd day and another marker, both on West Confederate Avenue on the south side between the Florida Monument and Gen. Longstreet's statue. The next day Wilcox was near the Klinge Farm on Sickles Avenue,

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Wilcox and his troops supported Barksdale’s Brigade in their attack on the Peach Orchard near the Klinge Farm. His brigade was exposed to close and terrible Union fire by artillery on Cemetery Ridge. Part of his brigade went to Pitzer’s Woods on Seminary Hill to the left of Spangler’s Woods. They could see the Union cannons and men, but he did not know who occupied the woods. Gen. Lee spoke to Wilcox the next day about reaching the Union line. Wilcox’s reply was: “The problem is not getting there. The problem is staying there.” Wilcox wrote in his official report “early in the morning, before sunrise, the brigade was ordered out to support artillery under the command of Colonel Alexander. My men had nothing to eat since the morning of the 2nd and had



Gettysburg: 2nd Day Marker

West Confederate Avenue Shield Marker

Klinge Farm

(All: Janet Greentree)

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Like many Civil War veterans, Wilcox went to work for a railroad. In 1886, he was appointed by President Grover Cleveland as Chief of the Railroad Division of the U.S. Government Land Office. He oversaw the expansion of the railroad. He served in that capacity until his death in Washington, D.C. During this time he wrote another book: "History of the Mexican War" which was published after his death. Wilcox had a nice picture taken of him with four of his friends/generals from the Civil War, all in civilian clothing. 1st Row – Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox, Sterling Price, Thomas Hindman, 2nd Row – John Bankhead Magruder and Alexander Watkins Terrell. Terrell was not confirmed as a general but was nominated by Gen. Edward Kirby Smith.



Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox died on December 2, 1890 at 7:00 a.m. at his boarding house on 720 14th Street, Washington. Most likely the building where he lived is now a commercial building with other offices on the ground floor. He was sixty-six years of age. On November 27, 1890, Thanksgiving Day, he was invited to the White House by President Benjamin Harrison for Thanksgiving dinner. On his way home he fell over some debris where railroad tracks were being installed at 14th & G Streets, Washington. A kind man pulled him out of the hole he fell in. He seemed to be OK and walked to his house with the man. Once at his house he fell unconscious. He was thought to have had a stroke, cerebral hemorrhage of the brain, and internal injuries. His sister-in-law Mary Emily Wilcox and her daughter were notified and were at his bedside.

Dr. Patterson, a coroner, was called in after Wilcox died and assisted Dr. Schaeffer with an autopsy. His funeral was held at 3:00 p.m. in St. Matthews Church, Washington, D.C. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. Plot – Rock Creek, Lot 459 East, Memorial ID-11110. Latitude: 38.9126292, Longitude: 77.0553855. One of the mourners was Gen. Henry Heth who stated: "I know of no man of rank who participated in our unfortunate struggle who had more warm and sincere friends, North or South, than Cadmus Wilcox, over whose sad demise more sincere tears were shed." Heth also commented that "he was energetic, brave, and conscientious." Wilcox was one of very few surviving generals of the Confederacy or the Union. His dear friend U.S. Grant preceded him in death.

The *Washington Evening Star* reported the accident on December 1, 1890: "Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox Critically Ill. Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox is lying dangerously ill at his residence, 720 14th Street. Wednesday evening while on his way home, the general stumbled over the debris at 14th and G Streets, where railroad tracks are being laid, and falling heavily, struck on the left side of his head. It is thought that a small blood

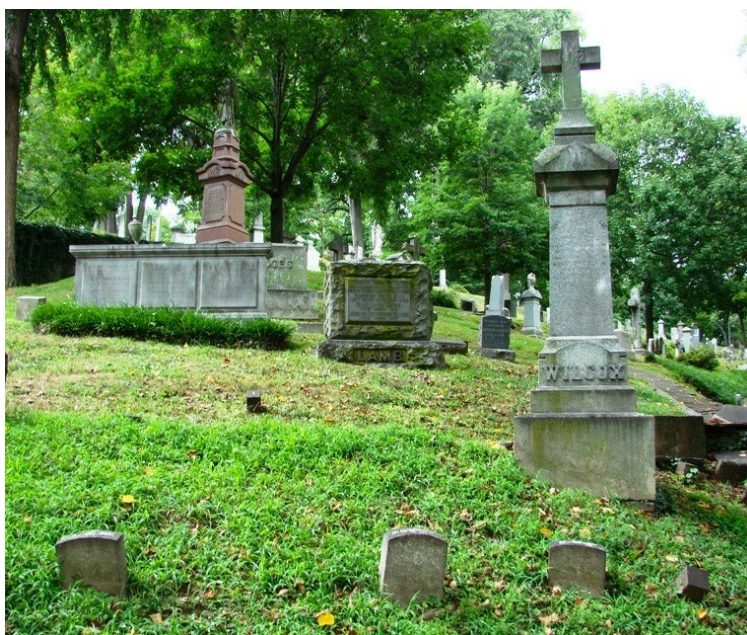
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vessel in the brain was ruptured, causing a hemorrhage, resulting in the complete paralysis of the left side. Drs. Sowers and Bussey were called and rendered medical assistance. Soon after being conveyed to his residence he became unconscious, which continued through yesterday. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Wilcox, and his niece, Miss Mary H. Wilcox, were notified and were soon at the bedside of the sick man. His condition is regarded as critical. Gen. Wilcox is sixty-four years of age. He was born in North Carolina and after graduating at West Point he served through the Mexican war and on the breaking out of the war he resigned his commission and was appointed colonel in the Confederate army. He served with Gen. Joseph E. Johnston and with the army of Northern Virginia and was promoted to be brigadier general. In 1886 he was appointed chief of the railroad division in the general land office and recently has held a position in the War Department."



St. Matthews Church, Washington DC



Cadmus Wilcox Grave (Joe Ferrell)

The *Washington Evening Star* on December 4, 1890 printed his funeral information: "Funeral of Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox. The funeral of Gen. Cadmus M. Wilcox took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Father Chapelle officiating. [St. Matthew's Church is still standing at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington; it was built in 1840.] The pallbearers were Gens. (John Grubb) Parke, (Silas) Casey, and (unknown) MacFeely, Maj. (unknown) Davis, and Benjamin Butler of the army. Gens. (Henry) Heath, (Charles William) Field, and (Felix Huston) Robertson and Col. Harvey, late of the confederate service, Senators (unknown) Gibson, (Zebulon B.) Vance, (Jerome) Butler, and Representatives (Joseph) Wheeler, (William Henry) Forney, and (Hilary Abner) Herbert. The remains will be interred at Oak Hill. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston accompanied Mrs. Wilcox as escort. The coroner's jury that investigated the death of Gen. Wilcox yesterday afternoon rendered a verdict that the injuries which caused Gen. Wilcox's death were received when he fell in one of the excavations

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for the exterior of the Eckington street railroad, at the corner of 14th and G Streets, on Wednesday of last week, and that the railroad was to blame for the accident."



The grave picture was taken by my late friend Joe Ferrell. Joe was into finding the graves of Civil War Generals too. His own marker says "Finds Generals". Joe's wife gave me all his cemetery maps after he passed away. Without those maps I would have had a really hard time finding all the graves I have. He was such a nice man.

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 jlqtree@erols.com.

PRIVATE THOMAS A. BARR

In 1883 Reverend W. T. Schooley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Manassas, visited the 10th Alabama cemetery and recorded about 30 names from surviving headboards and stone markers. He then sent the names in a letter to the *Jacksonville Republican*, which published his letter on November 10, 1883. Thomas A. Barr was included in the list as "Barr, T. A."

Thomas A. Barr's grave was one of several with a stone marker which stood in the cemetery until about 1990. It has since been returned to the Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation and is in storage.



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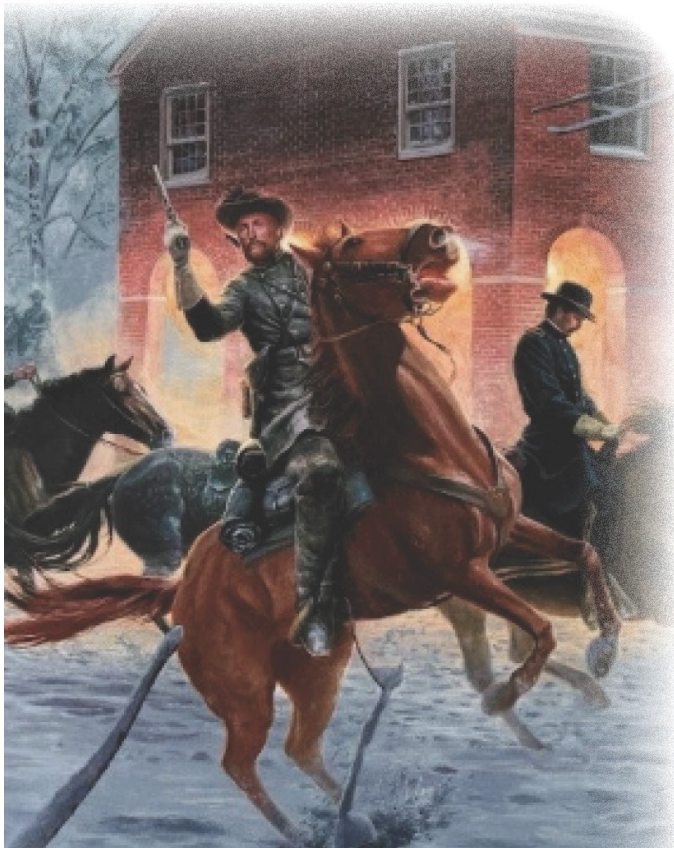
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