

# The Grand Review Brandy Station Foundation March 2020



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## **Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting & Fundraiser April 17, 2020**

Stevensburg, Va. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick, 3d Division, Cavalry Corps, with ladies and staff members on the porch of headquarters. March. Photograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <[www.loc.gov/item/2018666555/](http://www.loc.gov/item/2018666555/)>.

The Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting & Fundraiser is Friday, April 17, 2020 at the Best Western Culpeper Inn at 791 Madison Road in Culpeper. Guest speaker Daniel Beattie will present Judson Kilpatrick: the most disreputable participant in the Civil War. Dr. Beattie is also the author of *Brandy Station 1863: first step towards Gettysburg*. Copies will be available for sale and signing. The silent auction begins at 6:00 PM with buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. The cost for the dinner is \$30 per person. A cash bar will be available. The membership will vote on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2020 presented by the Nominating Committee and any other matters to be brought before the

Membership. Please remember that in order to vote at the annual meeting, you must be a BSF member and pay your 2020 dues on or before the meeting. Proceeds from the event go directly to the Brandy Station Foundation. At the meeting, a plaque in honor of B.B. and Page Mitchell for placement in the Graffiti House will be presented.

Please make reservations by Friday, April 10th by emailing Larry Pullen at [larrypullen@gmail.com](mailto:larrypullen@gmail.com) or reservation page to the Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714



*General Judson Kilpatrick, U.S.A. [Between 1860 and 1865] Photograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <[www.loc.gov/item/2018667285/](http://www.loc.gov/item/2018667285/)>.*

Civil War historian and author Dr. Daniel Beattie will be the speaker for the evening on the topic “Judson Kilpatrick: the most disreputable participant in the Civil War”. It says much about Hugh Judson Kilpatrick that his men nicknamed him “Kilcavalry.” They were referring to the Federal cavalry. But his behavior was consistent as he rose in rank, to the very end of both the War and his life. He may have been the most disreputable participant in both the Civil War and the diplomatic corps postwar.

Annual Meeting and Fundraiser schedule of event:

6:00 PM - Event begins with Silent Auction and Cash Bar

6:30 PM - Buffet dinner

7:00 PM - Annual Meeting including presentation of plaque in honor of B.B. and Page Mitchell

7:45 PM - Break

8:00 PM - Speaker Daniel Beattie: Judson Kilpatrick

9:00 PM - Silent Auction ends

9:30 PM - Event ends

***BSF ANNUAL MEETING & FUNDRAISER RESERVATION***

***April 17, 2020. Opens at 6:00 PM for the Welcome Reception including a silent auction. The buffet dinner which begins at 6:30 PM includes herb baked chicken, roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls & butter along with assorted desserts.***

Location: **Best Western Culpeper Inn, 791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of reservations @ \$30 per person Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # or credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_ MC \_\_ exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I am unable to attend but wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be made out to: Brandy Station Foundation

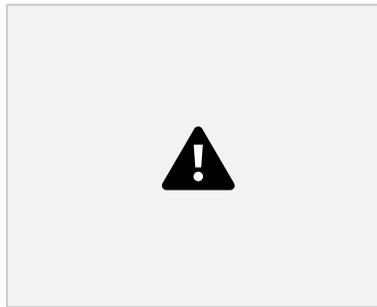
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You may also start or renew your annual dues with this form. 2020 annual dues (\$ 30.00 individual; \$40.00 couple; \$10.00 high school or college student) \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: By April 10th to  
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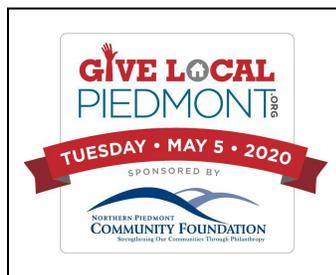
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### **Park Day, April 11, 2020**

On Saturday, April 11, 2020, the Brandy Station Foundation will hold Park Day at the Graffiti House. Our BSF will have free Tee-shirts Battlefield Trust to our grateful thanks. Since

the point of contact, William Truitt, donated by the American distribute to volunteers as well as 1996, the American Battlefield



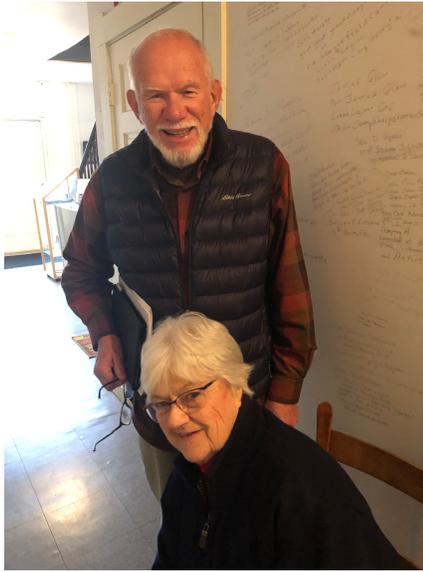
Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War — and now Revolutionary War & War of 1812 — battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small. Activities are chosen by each participating site to meet their own particular needs and can range from raking leaves and hauling trash to painting signs and buildings trails. For more information about Park Day at the Graffiti House, please contact BSF President William Truitt at 540-439-0874.

### **Give Local Piedmont's Annual Day of Giving, May 5, 2020**

Give Local Piedmont's annual Day of Giving is May 5, 2020. Give Local Piedmont inspires community members to give generously to the nonprofit organizations that are making our region stronger. Every dollar is increased with additional "bonus" dollars generously provided by the PATH Foundation as well as sponsor provided prizes. Please donate to the Brandy Station Foundation on May 5th by visiting [www.givelocalpiedmont.com](http://www.givelocalpiedmont.com)

### **2020 Sunday Seminar Series at the Graffiti House**

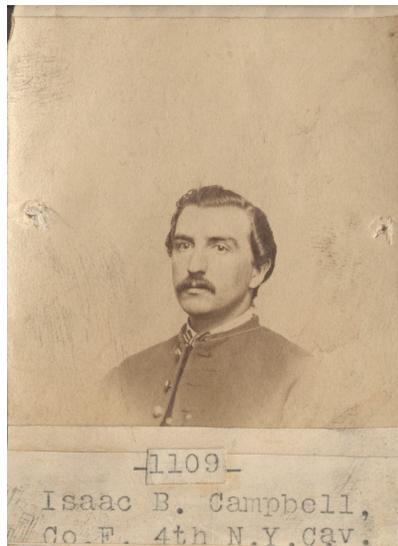
The Brandy Station Foundation 2020 Sunday lecture series begins in April this year and is held on the last Sunday of each month through September and begins at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, the lectures are free (although donations are welcome) Our speakers to date are Eric Buckland (April), Gene Schmiel (May), Bill Connery (June) and Codie Eash (July).



### **Hall of Honor Signers**

*Robert and Lorna Moran signing the Hall of Honor at the Graffiti House*

On Saturday, November 23, 2019, Robert and Lorna Moran visited the Graffiti House. Bob



is a volunteer at Historic Blenheim in Fairfax, VA. Historic Blenheim is one of the six sites on the Northern Virginia Graffiti Trail along with the Graffiti House. Bob is the great-great grandson of two men in the 4th New York Cavalry, Pvt. Isaac B. Campbell and Pvt. Nicholas Nichols. Pvt. Nicholas Nichols was Robert's great-grandfather on his mother's side, while Pvt. Isaac B. Campbell is his great-grandfather on his father's side.

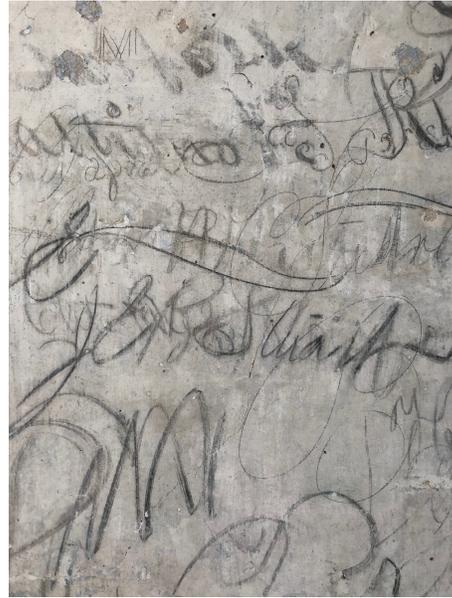
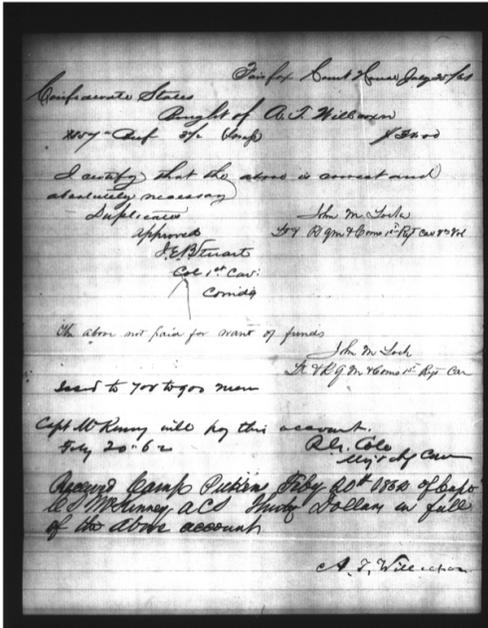
*Pvt. Isaac B. Campbell, 4th NY Cavalry*

Biographical information on Isaac B. Campbell, Private 4th New York Cavalry was submitted by Robert Moran to the New York State Military Museum's website

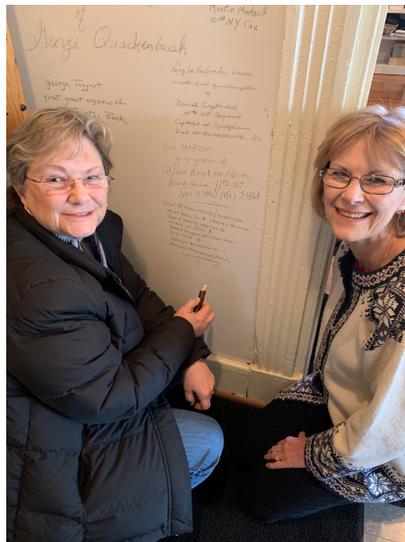
<http://dmna.ny.gov/historic/reghist/civil/cavalry/4thCav/4thCavPersonCampbell.htm> Much of the information that Robert has gathered about Isaac Campbell was gathered from his pension records and muster records in the National Archives in Washington D.C. Here is some of the information:

Isaac Brinkerhoff Campbell was born on June 19th 1838 in Ulysses, New York. In September of 1862 he joined the 4th NY Cavalry and was assigned to Company F. Isaac was described in the Company muster as being 5 ft. 6 inches tall with dark hair and blue eyes and weighing 173 pounds. He took part in the Battles of Kelly's Ford on March 17, 1863, Stoneman's Raid, Chancellorsville, and the Battle of Aldie, all in Virginia. He suffered saber wounds at Kelly's Ford and was shot in the chest at Aldie (June 17, 1863). After recuperating from the gunshot wounds at Hallowell Hospital in Alexandria, Va., he was transferred to the 116th Co. of the 2nd Battalion of the 18th Volunteer Reserve Corps stationed in the Washington D.C. area. In early July 1864 he was on picket duty with five other soldiers at Beltsville, Maryland when General Jubal Early and his army attacked Washington D.C. He was captured with his comrades and sent to the Confederate Prison at Danville Va. Isaac was confined in a crowded tobacco warehouse that had no heat. He just barely survived the cold winter of 1864-65. Two the five soldiers he was captured with died from disease and the elements. He himself was so sick that he was given up for dead and dragged off to be buried. Fortunately, he was able to show some signs of life and was saved. An estimated 1,400 soldiers died at Danville during the winter of 1864-65. In Isaac's words "I had the scurvy and was about starved. I was in bad shape. I had no coat or shoes and no blankets to lie under". He became deaf in one ear as result of "laying on the damp floor and suffering with the cold for want of clothing and covering and taking severe colds, apparently settling in my head". While in prison he had one shirt that he was never able to wash. Isaac would take it off daily and pick the lice from it. In the spring of 1865 he was exchanged and was returned to the Union Army in an invalid state. Isaac was part of the Feb. 22, 1865 prisoner exchange at Richmond. When he was released from prison he weighed 78 pounds. Isaac's weight when he entered the army was 173 pounds. He was discharged from the army on July 7th, 1865.

Nicholas Nichols was born in Switzerland and his family settled in Chatham, NY, near Albany whereas Isaac was born in Ulysses, NY in the Finger Lakes Region of NY. Bob has looked through their service records and pension files and their service time overlapped for a 10 month period in 1862 – 1863. They probably knew one another but there is no record of it.



Historic Blenheim in Fairfax was a farm at the beginning of the Civil War owned by A.J. Willcoxon. In 1861, Colonel J.E.B. Stuart commanded the 1st Regiment of the Virginia Cavalry in the vicinity. Willcoxon, sold hay to the Regiment. At the National Archives, Robert Moran found vouchers for payment signed by JEB Stuart which he has shared with the Foundation. This allows us to compare the JEB Stuart signature on a voucher with the JEB Stuart signature on the wall in the Graffiti House.



On Sunday, March 1, 2020, two sisters, Marilyn Birkenmeier and Barbara [Birkenmeier]

*Marilyn Birkenmeier (left) and Barbara Wekluk sign the Hall of Honor*

Wekluk, visited the Graffiti House and signed the Hall of Honor. They are descended from John Birkenmeyer, Company G, 3rd NJ Infantry. John Birkenmeyer was born in Germany and served as a musician/drummer. He mustered in on July 17, 1861. He died at Brandy Station on March 22, 1864 and is buried in Culpeper National Cemetery.

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**BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please start/renew me as a member of the Foundation. Please mail to: Brandy Station Foundation, PO Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714-0165 \$ \_\_\_\_ Annual Membership (\$ 30.00 individual; \$40.00 family; \$10.00 student) \$ \_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send my newsletter by EMAIL (please give email address) or POSTAL SERVICE (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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The Brandy Station Foundation is a 501(c)-3 non-profit group dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County, Virginia. It relies on tax-deductible donations to meet its goals. More information at: [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)