

**The Grand Review
Brandy Station
Foundation
September 2010**



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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

These past few weeks have witnessed modest but sustainable growth in both our membership and donor base. Point being, there are now more of us who are proud to be

active members of the Brandy Station Foundation, and many are making greater contributions than before.

It is a fact that we must increase our member rolls and bank account in order to meet the many challenges we confront. Very soon, BSF will embark upon another land acquisition on the Brandy Station Battlefield. We have a specific site in mind that may soon become available... And once you learn about it, you will concur with our board that this is important ground, indeed. Considering its vital significance, we *must* secure it!

The BSF is also strengthening working partnerships with like-minded groups including the Civil War Preservation Trust; the Piedmont Environmental Council, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, as well as numerous Civil War Roundtables and living history groups. Locally, we partner with Friends of the Cedar Mountain Battlefield; the Museum of Culpeper History; the Germanna Foundation; the Culpeper Office of Tourism, and the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce. We also look forward to working closely with the newly-created Society for the Preservation of Culpeper History.

What can you do to support *your* Brandy Station Foundation?

First, encourage your friends and family to join us. Second, *actively* support our scheduled events and initiatives. (Look on our website for details.) Third, and most importantly: Let us hear from *you* as to what you would like to see our strategic focus to be.

Should we, for example, focus strictly on battlefield preservation and acquisition? Or, should we hunker down in the Graffiti House and be content with just paying the bills? Or, can we be good advocates of *both* the battlefield and our precious gem of a headquarters that is the Graffiti Hosue? We solicit your views as the new strategic plan for the Brandy Station Foundation is now being drafted. So, please let us hear from you...

With sincere and appreciative regards to you all,

Clark B. Hall ([Please email Bud at: director@brandystationfoundation.com](mailto:director@brandystationfoundation.com))

BSF PRESIDENT BUD HALL IS FEATURED SPEAKER FOR THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUSEUM OF CULPEPER HISTORY



Pictured above is Presque Isle, a beautiful home completed in 1813. On July 25th, it was the location of a celebration commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Museum of Culpeper History. Our BSF President Bud Hall was the featured guest speaker. Bud discussed the history of the property , especially during the Civil War. The property is

strategically located between Welford's Ford on the Hazel River and Freeman's Ford on the Rappahannock River. Union General Emory Upton occupied the home during the winter encampment of 1863-1864. The Brandy Station Foundation is proud to be working alongside other preservation and history groups like the Museum of Culpeper History.



Left: Bud Hall speaking in July at Presque Isle in eastern Culpeper County. Right: Culpeper Court House, Va. [former name of Culpeper, Va.] featuring the court house building, with a group of Confederates captured at Cedar Mountain on balcony (source, Library of Congress).



SUNDAY LECTURE SERIES

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday lecture series are the last Sunday of the month from April through October and begin at 2:00 PM. The lectures are free (although donations are welcome), and free refreshments are provided by BSF board members and friends.

- 9/26/10 "In the

Time of Heroes: The Letters of the Jenkins Brothers, 146th New York" —Melissa Delcour

- 10/31/10 "The Memory of the Civil War" —Richard Deardoff

BATTLE OF RAPPAHANNOCK STATION FIELD TOUR RESCHEDULED

The Battle of Rappahannock Station field tour, originally scheduled for July 25th, has been rescheduled for November 7, 2010 at 2pm. November 7 -- is the 147th anniversary of the battle. The Brandy Station Foundation apologizes for being forced to postpone the July event, but the decision was made based on the extreme heat that was predicted for that afternoon. We look forward to seeing you in November and walking the fields on the same day when so much history happened.

This tour is a new twist on the Sunday lecture series: a lecture along with a “field trip.” Mike Block will present a lecture titled: Disaster on the Rappahannock: The Battle of Rappahannock Station, November 7, 1863. The approximately two hour tour begins with a brief campaign overview at the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station. A car caravan to the Rappahannock Station Battlefield in Remington follows; the tour group will walk about a mile to Confederate positions and the Federal points of attack. Key sites not on the battlefield will be identified. A waiver (provided at the site) is required to access the battlefield. Free, donations to the BSF are welcomed. The tour will go on rain or shine, although it will be rescheduled if severe weather is in the area. More information at www.brandystationfoundation.com

WANTED: A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

The BSF Head of Volunteers is looking for volunteers to be Greeters, Tour Guides, and general support (office work, maintenance, etc.) for the Graffiti House on weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays). A minimum of 4 hours a month is all that is required. If you like to volunteer occasionally, consider becoming a member of the BSF’s SWAT Team. SWAT Team members help out with BSF Events, (e.g. set up, clean up, planning, collecting tickets, etc.). For more information about BSF volunteering please contact Tony Seidita, BSF Head of Volunteers, at 540-439-0351 or email him at asseidita@aol.com

FREE ENTRANCE DAYS IN YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

America's Best Idea - the national parks - gets even better this year with fee-free days at more than 100 national parks that usually charge entrance fees. Mark your calendar for September 25, 2010 (Public Lands Day) and November 11, 2010 (Veteran's Day). In Virginia, there are several Civil War National Parks included in this deal, including Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Manassas National Battlefield Park, Petersburg National Battlefield, and in West Virginia, Harper's Ferry Battlefield Park.

SPIRITED EVENING AT BRANDY STATION

The fourth annual Spirited Evening at Brandy Station will take place this year on October 30, 2010 at the Graffiti House. The event will run from 6 PM until 9 PM.

The Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, will be host to young and old alike to hear Civil War era ghost stories from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Also invited to share the evening is the Virginia Paranormal Investigators, who have visited the house to search for paranormal activity. The Graffiti House, with its upper floor walls covered in Civil War graffiti was visited by soldiers of both the North and South. The house served as a hospital, headquarters, and

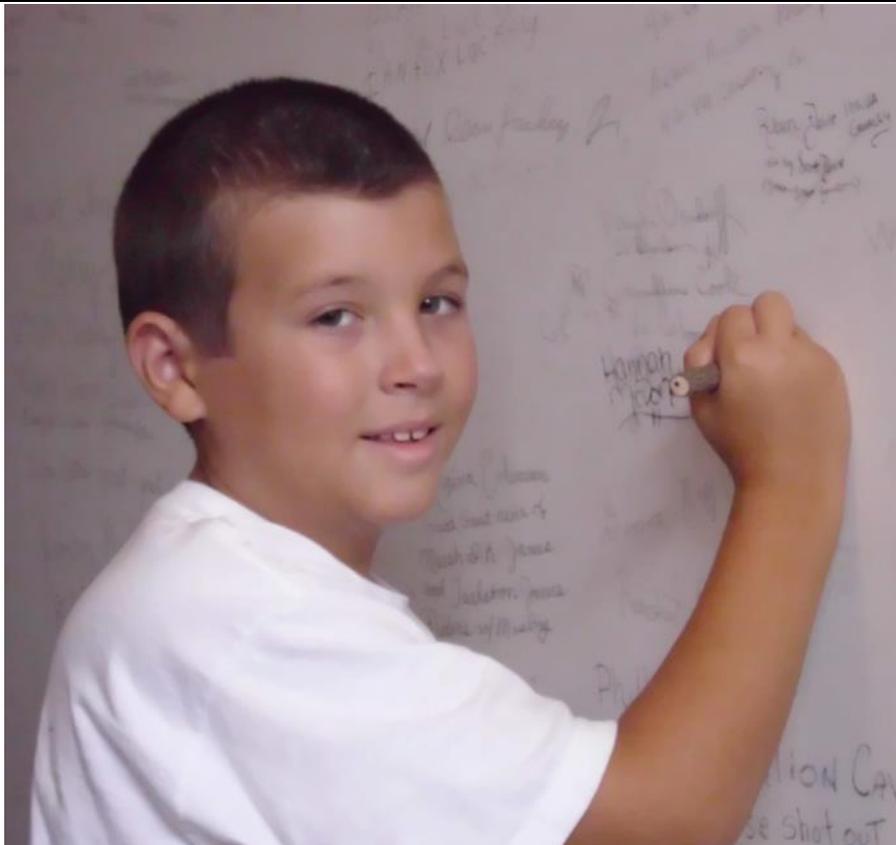
provost marshal's office as well as a shelter from the elements. Come share in this special evening at this place with a unique history.

Weather permitting; there will be a bonfire in the backyard as well as warm apple cider and light snacks. For additional information please visit the Brandy Station Foundation website: <http://www.brandystationfoundation.com/index.html> or call the Foundation at 540 727 7718.

GERMANNA FOUNDATION'S CELEBRATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Germanna Foundation is having a Scout-centered Celebration of the Constitution on September 18. Please consider attending this event and informing Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts whom you may know. The link to the celebration is at <http://www.germanna.org/node/387>

MORE NAMES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE WALL OF HEROES AT THE GRAFFITI HOUSE



Brandon Anderson Renick (above), a descendent of Calvin Brown Renick (below), signs the wall on August 1, 2010 .



Brandon Renick is the great, great, great grandson of Calvin Brown Renick Calvin. Renick was born on May 20, 1836, at Renick's Valley P.O., outside of Lewisburg. He served with the Greenbrier Militia. When the Civil War began in 1861, Calvin Renick's Company, under

the command of Capt. Bob Moorman, volunteered for the Confederate Army as the Greenbrier Cavalry. The Cavalry rode north to cut the B. & O. Railroad from Ohio to Washington. They camped at Laurel Hill in northwest Virginia (now West Virginia) for several weeks. On June 1, 1861, Capt. Moorman sent Calvin and five men to stand picket at Fairfax, about six miles from Phillipi. Four Yankees approached and Calvin killed the soldier he fired upon. This was the first soldier killed in the Civil War in field fighting between troops. Calvin carried for many years affidavits, signed by two of the men with him, verifying this fact.



John Hall could be considered a double-dipper; he has two ancestors that can claim Civil War links to the Brandy Station area.

Elijah Hall served in Company E the 12th Virginia Cavalry and hailed from Fauquier County. The 12th was originally part of Turner Ashby's 7th Virginia Cavalry. Ten companies of the 7th were split off following Ashby's death in June 1862 to form the 12th Virginia Cavalry. Hall enlisted after the 12th was formed, in October 1862 and served with the unit throughout the war. He was paroled at Winchester in April 1865 and would live another 60 years.

Pictured above is John Hall with his wife (left), as well as BSF volunteer Caryn Block (watching from further on down the hall). John's second ancestor, Joseph Thomas would eventually rise to the rank of 1st Sergeant and served in Company H, 1st Virginia Cavalry, the Loudoun Light Horse. Joseph fought in both of the significant Cavalry fights in Culpeper, The Battle of Kelly's Ford on March 17, 1863 and he was on the field at Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. Joseph was wounded at the First Battle of Manassas in July 1861 where his horse was also killed. After he filed a claim for his horse, it took another 21 months for his claim to be approved! Thomas would die in 1882 at the age of 46.

Pictured below is Todd S. Lewis, whose ancestor, Private William Rufus Lewis--born on the 4th of July, 1844--was a trooper in Company D, 1st North Carolina Cavalry – the Watauga Rangers. The 1st North Carolina, under Brigadier General Wade Hampton, brought nearly 700 men into the June 9, 1863 fight, William being one of them. Originally assigned to extend the Confederate right flank in the vicinity of the St. James Church, the 1st NC, along with most of Hampton's command, crashed into the flanks of Brigadier General Judson Kilpatrick's regiments as they assaulted Fleetwood Hill. In the bitterly fought contest, the 1st North Carolina would suffer 31 casualties and capture the standard of the 10th New York Cavalry. Private Lewis would survive the war, after being captured in Boone, North Carolina and being held at the prisoner of war camp in Camp Chase, Ohio. Lewis died in Johnson City, Tennessee in June 1890 at the age of 46.



BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Foundation.

_____ \$25 Membership Additional Donation \$ _____

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Mail to: Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Virginia 22714

Let me know how I can volunteer. _____

Phone Numbers: Daytime _____ Night _____

Send my newsletter by email or postal service. (circle one)

The Brandy Station Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community-based membership 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.

