

**The Grand Review  
Brandy Station  
Foundation  
February 2012**



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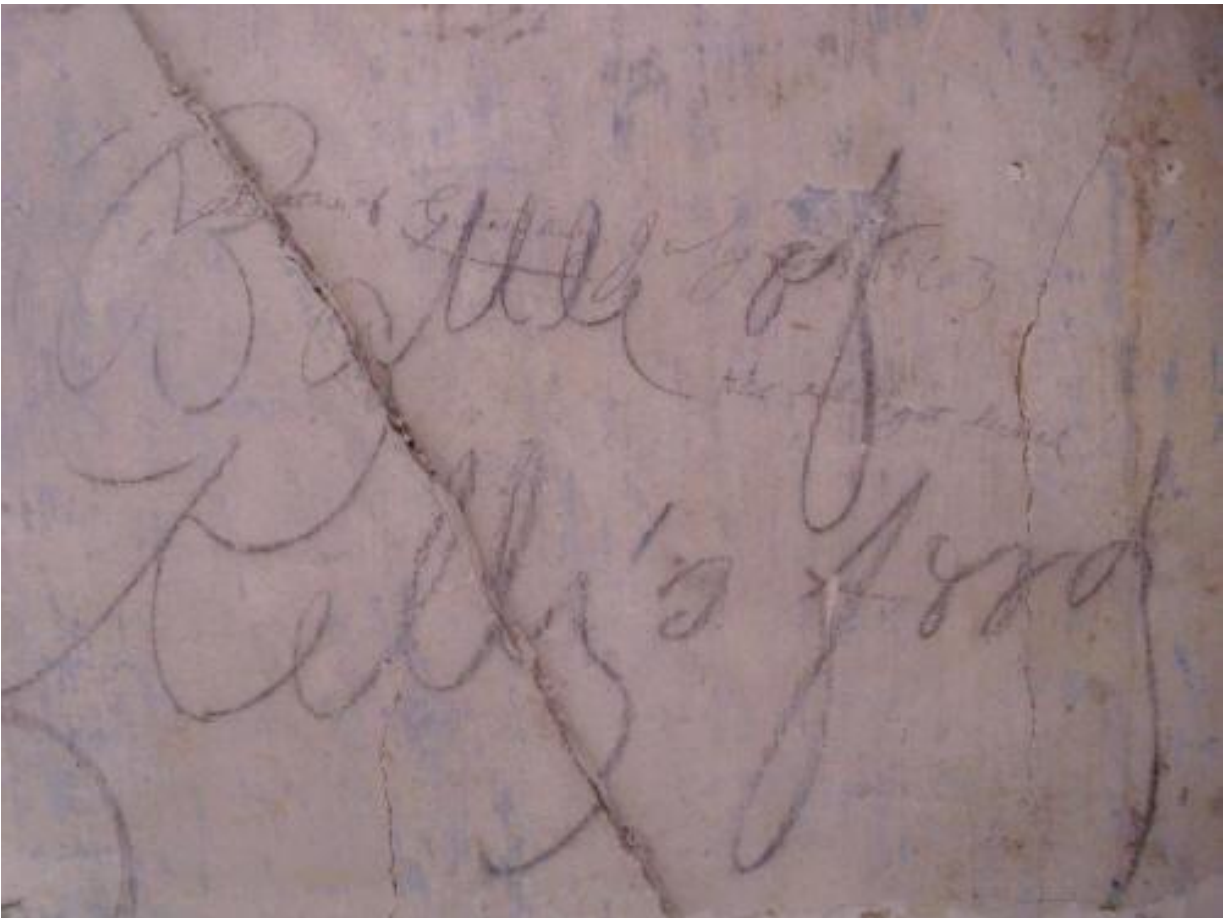
**Additional Graffiti Uncovered during Recent Preservation Work by Christopher Mills**



Christopher Mills in January by new graffiti uncovered in the JEB Stuart Room

The Brandy Station Foundation was fortunate to have conservator Christopher Mills (Christopher Mills Conservation Services, LLC [www.chrismillsconservation.com](http://www.chrismillsconservation.com)) back in January to work on plaster stabilization and uncovering more graffiti. In the photograph above is clearly seen the words: "Battle of Kelly's Ford" This ties in with the Maryland scroll

containing the names of the men in Breathed's Battery who signed the wall on the day before the battle: March 16, 1863.



Close-up of graffiti with Battle of Kelly's Ford and Battle of Gettysburg, July 2-3, 1863

In smaller script behind the Battle of Kelly's' Ford has been uncovered this: Battle of Gettysburg, July 2-3, 1863 The Rebs got licked.

Other new graffiti uncovered is a reference to the Battle of Brandy Station: "Beauford vs. Jones"; we think that this is a phonetic spelling of Buford vs. Jones. Brig. Gen. John Buford clashed with Confederate Brig. Gen. William E. "Grumble" Jones during the Battle of Brandy Station. About 4:30 a.m. on June 9th, 1863, Brigadier General John Buford's column of 5,500 soldiers splashed across the fog-shrouded Rappahannock River surprising the Confederate pickets at Beverly's Ford. Nearby Southern horsemen from Brigadier General William "Grumble" Jones' brigade, awakened by the sound of gunfire, rode into the fray partially dressed and often riding bareback. They struck Buford's leading brigade, commanded by Colonel Benjamin F. "Grimes" Davis, near a bend in the Beverly's Ford Road and temporarily checked its progress. In the fighting Davis was killed. Davis' brigade had been stopped just short of where the Confederate Horse Artillery was camped and was

vulnerable to capture. Also, a kind of laundry list was uncovered: 3 undershirts, 1 overshirt, 2 pair drawers, and 3 [ditto mark for pair] hose. The name H.D. Specht was uncovered; we think it is Henry D. Specht, Company G, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteers (below). Additional names have been uncovered and some uncovered graffiti has yet to be deciphered.



### **Message from the Brandy Station Foundation President**

Dear Members and Friends,

As in past years, our Christmas Open House in December was a very successful event. It was also a pleasant experience for all who attended. We look upon the Open House as an opportunity to maintain the bonds of friendship that we have developed with members of the local community, and it is a fitting way for us to close out our year's activities.

In January, Mr. Chris Mills, our conservator, spent ten days at the Graffiti House. He concentrated his efforts in the Stuart Room, removing paint, stabilizing plaster, and cleaning the walls so that the graffiti is easier to read. We are very excited with the previously hidden graffiti that Chris uncovered. We now have a reference to Gettysburg, and a reference to the Battle of Brandy Station. If you have an opportunity, I urge you to visit the Graffiti House. The graffiti we have on display is truly spectacular.

A paranormal group, The RIP Files, has prepared a video of their investigation of spirits at the Graffiti House. The video will likely appear on the Internet this summer. We are very pleased with the RIP Files video. Their program is entertaining and does a very good job of highlighting the graffiti, whether or not one believes in paranormal events. We'll be putting CDs of the program on sale in our gift shop shortly. Check the website.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for the evening of April 20 at the Brandy Station Fire Hall. We are holding our meeting a little later this year due to the Easter weekend and the IRS deadline. Mr. Dan Beattie, a longstanding and good friend of the BSF has offered to be our guest speaker. Dan is also the author of an outstanding book on the Battle of Brandy Station that has been one of the bestsellers in our gift shop. As always, the ladies of the Fire Department Auxiliary guarantee that we will have a great meal. Please plan on joining us.

Take Care,  
Joe McKinney

**BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012**

Friday evening, the 20th of April, 2012, is the date chosen for the Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting of the Membership. The meeting will be held at the Brandy Station Fire Hall, 19601 Church Rd., Brandy Station, VA at 6:00 PM with dinner served by the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary at 7:00 PM. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person and a cash bar will be available. A silent auction will be held beginning at 6:00 PM; winners need not be present to win at the end of the evening.

Provided below is a form for your reservation. We have provided time to respond in advance but if it is more convenient for you, you may telephone your reservation to board member Cecilia Schneider-Vial at 540-718-3754 or

email: [mceciliaschneider@gmail.com](mailto:mceciliaschneider@gmail.com) and then you may pay at the door. Please make reservations by March 20th, if possible, as a count will be provided to the Ladies Auxiliary.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel Beattie will be the speaker for the evening. After the program we will conduct the short but important business meeting at which the membership will vote on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2012 presented by the Nominating Committee; and any other matters to be brought before the Membership. Please remember that in order to be a voting member of the BSF your 2012 dues must be paid by the date of this meeting.

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BSF ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER RESERVATION

April 20, 2012. Opens at 6:00 PM to visit with friends. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM at the  
Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 19601 Church Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ # of reservations @ \$25 per person                      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Checks may be made out to: Brandy Station Foundation

Signature (if using credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

My billing address (if different from mailing address)  
is: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also pay your dues with this form—2012 annual dues \$25

2012 annual dues \$ 25.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: By March 20th by phone 540-718-3754 (Board Member Cecilia Schneider-Vial) or by email: [mceciliaschneider@gmail.com](mailto:mceciliaschneider@gmail.com) or print, fill out and mail this page to the Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Virginia 22714

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## **Graffiti House Featured in an Episode of "The R.I.P. Files"**

An episode featuring paranormal activity at the Graffiti House was one of two episodes on a DVD that has been sent to the Brandy Station Foundation. Patricia Marin, founder and president of R.I.P reported that: "Both of these episodes were screened at the National Association of Television Programming Executives (NATPE) recent meeting in Miami and we attracted a LOT of attention. ..." ***The R.I.P. Files*** will not be widely available until late summer, once our entire 13 episode season is completed and delivered to various buyers. I will keep you updated.

This particular DVD is also going to be screened at MIPTV in Cannes, France, April 1st through 4th, 2012, and at various other major entertainment industry events throughout this year, including MIPCOM 2012. MIPCOM 2012 is the largest international entertainment industry marketplace in the world and it takes place in Cannes, France, every October. All major networks worldwide attend, so this is a very big deal and a lot of exposure for us and for "Graffiti House".

## **Volunteering with the Brandy Station Foundation**

There are many opportunities to volunteer with the Brandy Station Foundation. Of course, our most public volunteering opportunity occurs at the Graffiti House where we enjoy the assistance of volunteers with a varied background to form our team of Greeters and Tour Guides. You are welcome to contact Tony Seidita at [asasseidita@aol.com](mailto:asasseidita@aol.com) for questions about volunteering at the Graffiti House.

We also need other kinds of volunteers. Are you good at retail? Do you like to keep accounts? Do you like shopping? We need someone to take charge of our Gift Shop. Here is an opportunity to use your imaginative and administrative skills to help the Brandy Station Foundation. As you all know the Foundation exists thanks to the many donations from various sources. The Graffiti House Gift Shop is one of those sources. We offer a strong book sale area with history of the local area as well as the more general history of the Civil War. We also have items for sale for all ages and tastes. This volunteer position of gift shop administrator involves ordering new items, keeping an updated inventory and using your imagination to see what we can do to innovate and boost our sales. There are experienced volunteers to help out so you would not be on your own. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact [mceciliaschneider@gmail.com](mailto:mceciliaschneider@gmail.com).

## **Sunday Lecture Series**

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday lecture series begins again this April—a welcome sign of spring! The lectures series runs on one Sunday of each month from April through October and begin at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, the lectures are free (although donations are welcome), and free refreshments are provided by BSF board members and friends. Please check the Brandy Station Foundation website for the schedule in March: [www.brandystationfoundaiton.com](http://www.brandystationfoundaiton.com)

## **Saturday Battle of Brandy Station Battlefield Tours 2012**

The BSF is presenting a series of two-hour tours, one devoted to each of the four engagements that comprise the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. Transportation: Personal vehicle caravan will depart from the Graffiti House at 10AM. The cost is \$10 (children under 12 are free). Tours leave from the Graffiti House at 10:00 am and last 2 hours. No reservations are needed, please arrive at the Graffiti House before ten. Special tours for individuals or groups on other days can be specially arranged.

Beverly Ford & St. James Church (April 7, June 2, July 28)

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg (April 21, June 30, Aug 11)

Fleetwood Hill (May 5, June 30, Aug 25)

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge (May 19, July 14, Sept 8)

Beverly Ford & St. James Church – April 7, June 2, July 28

The first tour in the series covers the early morning fighting between troops under the command of Union General John Buford and those commanded by his West Point classmate, Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones. Incidents examined include the death of Union Colonel Benjamin Franklin Davis in a one-on-one encounter with a Confederate lieutenant on the Beverly Ford Road, and the charge of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry against Confederate artillery at Saint James Church.



BSF Director Barry Atchison giving a tour at Kelly's Ford

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg – April 21, June 30, Aug 11

The second tour in the series begins with a discussion of the Union river-crossing at Kelly's Ford, and then follows the route of march of the Union cavalry division commanded by Colonel Alfred Napoleon Duffie, a deserter from the French army, to Stevensburg. The fighting at Stevensburg, a neglected aspect of the Battle of Brandy Station, is presented in detail. This tour concludes with a description of the mortal wounding of Captain William Farley, JEB Stuart's volunteer aide de camp.

Fleetwood Hill – May 5, June 30, Aug 25

The third tour focuses on the fighting for Fleetwood Hill, the most intense and prolonged combat on June 9, 1863. At one point 12 regiments -- 6 Union and 6 Confederate -- struggled for control of the hilltop. Unlike most Civil War battles, the troopers fought from the saddle, mostly with sabers. One frustrated Rebel was heard to shout at his Yankee



opponent, "Why don't you Yankees put away your sabers, draw your pistols, and fight like gentlemen!"

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge – May 19, July 14, Sept 8

The final installment in the series of tours presents the fighting that took place later in the afternoon of June 9 between General Buford and General W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee's brigade. During the fighting, Rooney Lee, Robert E. Lee's second son, was shot in the thigh and carried from the field. earlier.

### Battle of Cedar Mountain 150th Anniversary Weekends

August 3-5, and 9-12, 2012



Friday, August 3, 2012

Members of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, the **Brandy Station Foundation**, the Germanna Colonies Foundation, Stage Works, the State Theater Foundation and the Culpeper County Schools have been working together to produce a multimedia stage production of Virginia Morton's popular Civil War novel, ***Marching through Culpeper***. Original music by Rod Stone and Culpeper gospel singer Octavia Yates will be featured. The purposes of this nonprofit endeavor are: to educate, entertain, increase tourism, foster theater arts, and **raise funds for battlefield preservation in Culpeper County**.

*Headstrong Constance Armstrong of Culpeper, Virginia—crossroads of the Civil War-- to keep her family alive while joining her surrogate brother, Confederate scout Frank Stringfellow, in espionage. But when she takes a wounded Union soldier into her home, their growing attraction pushes her courage to life-changing levels.*

5:00 –7:00 PM. **“World Premiere Reception”** at the Daniel Technology Center, 18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, VA 22701 with celebrity guests including Dr. James Robertson and others. This festive event is an opportunity for people from near and far to gather and celebrate ***Marching Through Culpeper*** coming to life on stage. Price TBA.



[www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com)

7:30 p.m. Multimedia **Premiere** Stage Performance of ***Marching Through Culpeper*** at Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone Way, Culpeper, VA 22701 (intermission dessert buffet in the Forum for attendees of the **“World Premiere Reception.”**) Advance purchase tickets— adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door— \$20 and \$10, no credit cards. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com), 540-825-5549 before 8 PM

Saturday, August 4, 2012

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Walking Tour of historic downtown Culpeper to include locations in the book and stage production conducted by author Virginia Morton. The tours will begin at the depot Visitor Center, 111 Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those under 18. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Reservations recommended [vamorton@comcast.net](mailto:vamorton@comcast.net), 540-825-9147. Proceeds to benefit the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, [www.friendsofcedarmountain.org](http://www.friendsofcedarmountain.org).

12:30 p.m. – Luncheon with Dr. James Robertson at the Inn at Kelly’s Ford. Plan to spend the entire afternoon at the historic and scenic Inn at Kelly’s Ford, 16589 Edwards Shop Rd., Remington, VA 22734-1877, [www.innatkellysford.com](http://www.innatkellysford.com), 540-399-1779. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Kelly’s Ford Arena with a luncheon featuring esteemed scholar and retired Virginia Tech history professor, Dr. James Robertson, who will speak on the conflict between A. P. Hill and Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain. Dr. Robertson will sign his newest book *The Untold Civil War*. Other activities include a cavalry demonstration, artillery demonstration, and tours of Kelly’s Ford, the heaviest used ford of the Civil War. Silent auction items will be offered for sale to benefit the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, make luncheon reservations at [www.friendsofcedarmountain.org](http://www.friendsofcedarmountain.org). 540-825-5549 before 8 PM Tickets are \$40—mail checks to FCMB, PO Box 1853, Culpeper, VA 22701.

7:30 p.m. Second multimedia stage performance of *Marching Through Culpeper*—a story of love across the battle lines based on the popular historical novel of the same name. Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone War, Culpeper, VA 22701, advance purchase tickets—adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door— \$20 and \$10, no credit cards. Profits to benefit battlefield preservation. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com)

Sunday, August 5, 2012

2:30 p.m. Third multimedia stage performance of *Marching Through Culpeper*. Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone War, Culpeper, VA 22701, advance purchase tickets—adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door— \$20 and \$10, no credit cards. Profits to benefit battlefield preservation. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com)

Thursday, August 9, 2012

8 p.m. On the Cedar Mountain Battlefield— 150th Anniversary Commemoration as historians Frank Walker and Nick Picerno give overviews of the turning tide of the battle at sunset and the plight of the 10th Maine in the wheat field. Following a night artillery demonstration, a candle lighting ceremony will give people the opportunity to honor their ancestors on both sides by name. Bring lawn chairs— \$10 per vehicle parking fee. [www.friendsofcedarmountain.org](http://www.friendsofcedarmountain.org).

Friday, August 10, 2012

7:30 p.m. Fourth multimedia stage performance of *Marching Through Culpeper* Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone War, Culpeper, VA 22701, advance purchase tickets—

adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door —\$20 and \$10, no credit cards. Profits to benefit battlefield preservation. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com),

Saturday, August 11, 2012

10-4 Living History Walking Tour in downtown Culpeper, VA with first person interpretations by A. P. Hill, Clara Barton, Jeb Stuart and staff, Frank Stringfellow, Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, gospel sing of songs composed by slaves. Sponsored by the Museum of Culpeper History Culpeper, VA 22701 540-829-1749 [www.culpepermuseum.com](http://www.culpepermuseum.com).

7:30 p.m. Fifth multimedia stage performance of Marching Through Culpeper. Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone War, Culpeper, VA 22701, advance purchase tickets— adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door —\$20 and \$10, no credit cards. Profits to benefit battlefield preservation. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com)

Sunday, August 12, 2012

2:30 p.m. Sixth multimedia stage performance of Marching Through Culpeper. Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone War, Culpeper, VA 22701, advance purchase tickets— adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door —\$20 and \$10, no credit cards. Profits to benefit battlefield preservation. [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com)

### Descendants of Brandy Station Soldiers Sign the Hall of Honor



Will Coffinbarger is a descendent of James H. Coffenberger, Co. D, 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry.



Scott Mitchell is a descendent of Lewis William Grove, a Private in Company C, 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry from Edinburgh. Grove was wounded at the Battle of Brandy Station.

Lisa Dangler is a descendent of two soldiers from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Infantry, G Company, which camped in Brandy Station and Culpeper.

Thomas Newton Vincent, wounded at Gettysburg, was Lisa's great, great, great, grandfather and

William J. Vincent was her great, great, great uncle.

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## BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – 2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Membership    Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Let me know how I can volunteer. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Send my newsletter by email 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)