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Chris Mills working at the Graffiti House in March 2010

Conservator Chris Mills to discuss his Graffiti House conservation work at September lecture series

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday lecture series ends this year with a talk by architectural conservator Chris Mills on Sunday , September 27th at 2:00 PM. Everyone is

welcome and refreshments are provided. The lecture is free, although donations are always welcome to the Brandy Station Foundation. Chris Mills will discuss his conservation work at the Graffiti House. Thanks to his work, we now believe that virtually all of the graffiti left in the house has been uncovered.



Chris Mills in January 2011 working upstairs at the Graffiti House

Spirited Evening at the Graffiti House October 2015

Brandy Station Foundation & Christ Episcopal Church joined for Commemorative Service at St. James Site on Sunday, June 7th



Former BSF President Bob Jones (left) and Reverend Peter Way

Christ Episcopal Church, Brandy Station and the Brandy Station Foundation held the 7th Annual Commemorative Church Service at the site of the destroyed St. James Church on the battlefield at Brandy Station on Sunday, June 7^h Rev. Peter Way officiated & Bob Jones from the Brandy Station Foundation read his poem about the Battle of Brandy Station called "Listen" and spoke about the history of 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.

Cannoneers swung one or two guns into position and fired down the road at Buford's men, enabling the other pieces to escape and establish the foundation for the subsequent Confederate line. The artillery unlimbered at the Gee House and at St. James Church-- structures located on two knolls on either side of the Beverly's Ford Road. Most of Jones' command rallied to the left of this Confederate artillery line, while Brigadier General Wade Hampton's brigade formed to the right. The 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry suffered the greatest casualties of any regiment participating in the battle when it unsuccessfully charged across a field to the very muzzles of the guns at St. James Church. Realizing that the Southern artillery blocking the direct route to Brandy Station was a force too strong to be dislodged, Buford determined to anchor his right on the Hazel River and try to turn the Confederate left. But he found Brigadier General W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee's brigade blocking his advance with some troops on a piece of high ground called Yew Ridge and some dismounted troopers positioned along a stone wall in the front. After sustaining heavy losses, the Federals wrestled the stone wall away from the Confederates. Then, to the amazement of Buford's men, the Confederates began pulling back. (More on www.brandystationfoundation.com).



The Cabin Raiders performed at the commemorative service.



The color guard for the commemorative service was from SCV Camp 1722 led by John Martin.

The St. James Church was destroyed by Union troops during the winter occupation of Brandy Station in 1863. The site continues to be owned by its descendant church, Christ Episcopal of Brandy Station and the Brandy Station Foundation is the steward of the 2 acre property in the midst of the largest cavalry battle of North America.

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