

**The Grand Review
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Graffiti House Stabilization

Project Completed; Treasury Depleted !

BSF President Bob Jones reports that the 2008 Architectural Report on the Graffiti House identified the urgent need to stabilize the first floor, stairway, and second floor to allow continued visitation by tourists to view the graffiti in the upstairs bedrooms. The Foundation contracted Tidewater Preservation Inc. to perform the necessary tasks to bring

the floor loadings up to Culpeper County code. This project was completed in April, in time for the numerous bus tour groups visiting this spring.

Because of problems not anticipated by the architects or engineers, the cost of the project exceeded the original estimates by \$10,000, which has significantly depleted our treasury. The condition of the second floor support joists was far worse than foreseen and we are thankful that no structural damage had occurred during any tourist visitations. The next phase of Graffiti House preservation will be the repair/replacement of the house foundation at an expected cost of \$175,000. Therefore, activities of the Foundation will be focused upon bringing the treasury back to a level that can allow us to move forward. With the increase of visitors expected during the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (2011 – 2015), we hope to complete the house foundation repair phase prior to 2011. If you would like to contribute, please send a check to the “Brandy Station Foundation” and write “Graffiti House Restoration” in the memo line.

Your continued advice, counsel and financial support will enable the Brandy Station Foundation to fulfill its commitment to educate today’s generation about events that occurred here during the Civil War and to honor those who perished on our local battlefields.

Sunday Lecture Series

In 2009, the Brandy Station Foundation will again host a series of Sunday lectures on the Civil War. Free, donations welcome. The lectures will be on the last Sunday of each month starting April 26 and ending October 25. They will be at the Graffiti House (19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We welcome everyone to join us for the lectures and light refreshments. For directions and more information on all the lectures see our website at www.brandystationfoundation.com. Upcoming lectures are:

5/31/09 "The Courts-Martial of Lt. Col. Henry Clay Pate" - Joseph McKinney

6/28/09 "Three Years a Soldier" - Richard Griffin

7/26/09 "The 19th Century Art of Mourning" - 49th Virginia reenactors

8/30/09 "Walt Whitman's Civil War" - Melissa Delcour

9/27/09 "The Civil War in Culpeper Through the Eyes of Artists and Photographers" - Michael Block

10/25/09 "The Music of the Civil War" - Evergreen Shade

The May 31st lecture will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Graffiti House (19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA). The speaker will be Joe McKinney who will speak on "The Court-martial of Lt. Col. Henry Clay Pate". This trial developed into a real courtroom drama in Culpeper Courthouse in March, 1863 and indirectly led to the death of one of the South's first heroes, John Pelham, on March 17, 1863 at the Battle of Kelly's Ford. Joe Mckinney speaks

regularly in the area on various interesting Civil War topics. A long-time Civil War historian, Joe lives on the Brandy Station battlefield. A graduate of West Point and a retired Lt. Col., Joe's first book is an in-depth history of the June 9, 1863 Battle of Brandy Station. Free refreshments will be served after the lecture.

Worship as They Did Back Then

By invitation of the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in Brandy Station and through coordination with the Brandy Station Foundation, the public is invited to attend Sunday Services at the Historic St. James Church Site on St. James Church Road off Beverly Ford Road on Sunday, June 14 at 1 o'clock P. M.

The Reverend Joie Clee Weiher will conduct the Service of Holy Eucharist as it would have been done at St. James during its short life from 1840 to 1863. She will also use the St. James Communion Chalice and the Bible from the church which was stolen by Union troops and then returned. The service is being held to commemorate the memory of those men who gave their lives at the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863, and other battles, many of whom were buried where they fell at or near the St. James Church Site.

St. James Episcopal Church was founded in 1840 to serve the Rappahannock River region of Eastern Culpeper County and Western Fauquier. The church was built on a 2-acre parcel provided by Richard Hooppe Cunningham, master of the 1500-acre Elkwood plantation. It was built 200 yards west of the Beverly's Ford Road at the intersection with the Winchester Turnpike and Green's Mill Road. It was built of light red brick and described as 'a first class country church'.

Major General John Pope brought the war directly to St. James when he and components of his 45,000 man army marched through Culpeper. General Robert E. Lee, through Stonewall Jackson, advanced to suppress his movements. The Battle of the Rappahannock River ensued. After bloody battling back and forth, in the dark night of August 23, the Confederate "Washington Artillery formed a burial detail that quietly pulled back from the river to St. James, the nearest cemetery. The battalion's historian recorded the scene. We 'performed the last sad rites to our dead comrades by flickering light of a blazing fire of logs and rails, having made rude coffins of the pews of St. James Church', which meaning no sacrilege, were appropriated for that purpose".

St. James Church continued to be occupied and overrun by both sides especially during the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. In early December of that year, the Army of the Potomac began its winter encampment. 100,000 men established camps throughout Culpeper County with the Cavalry Corps headquarters located at Dr Daniel Green's home,

just north of St. James, with troops occupying the fields and woods all about the church. In a letter home, a 6th US Cavalryman described setting up his winter camp 'upon the battle field of Beverly's Ford or Brandy Station as the rebels call it.... An old church stands close by.... the ground near the church is nearly covered with the graves of rebel soldiers...upon a old piece of board at the head of each grave is simple inscribed the name and regiment of the unfortunate interred beneath...'. By December 1863 the church stood abandoned but during the encampment they ...'have pulled down the church for the bricks alone...', with evidence showing that they were used in chimneys and sidewalks of Meade's own headquarters. The church 'was torn down to the ground'.

This information and much more is from the book, "The History and Archaeology of Saint James Episcopal Church, Brandy Station, Virginia." which is available through Christ Church or the Brandy Station Foundation.

Since June 14th is also Flag Day, the Processional of the service will feature many flags, current and past. All attendees are asked to gather at the field to the left of the entrance to the site, shortly before 1 o'clock. We will then all process to the Site together. We plan to have period musical accompaniment for the service.

Please remember that this service will be in the woods. The 2 acre site has a good clear path but there are still precautions for all to heed. First of all, the service will be held **RAIN OR SHINE**.

If you will **NEED TO SIT , BRING A FOLDING CHAIR** with you. Wear appropriate **CLOSED FOOTWEAR** Socks & trousers are recommended.
CIVIL WAR PERIOD DRESS IS REQUESTED but not required.

Please remember that this is the Sunday worship service for Christ Church congregation and their guests. Light refreshments will be served following the service at the Graffiti House.

For further information, you may contact Boo Ingram, Christ Church Vestry: 540 825 3300, ext.16, ingramboo@aol.com Or Mary Tholand, Brandy Station Foundation, 540 825 5534, tholand@earthlink.net .

Brandy Station Battlefield Visit



Dr. Daniel Beattie recently took a group of disabled veterans around the Brandy Station Battlefield. Joseph McKinney, BSF battlefield tour guide, was also on hand. At left is Sgt. Yvette McDermott. The following excerpt is from an article by [ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION](#) in the Culpeper Star Exponent published: May 10, 2009

BRANDY STATION — A small group of wounded veterans from Walter Reed Army Medical Center walked the grounds of the largest cavalry battle of the Civil War Saturday as part of a special battlefield tour sponsored by the Blue and Gray Education Society and The Yellow Ribbon Fund.

More than 20,000 Union and Confederate troops, including 17,000 on horseback, clashed here June 9, 1863, near the village named for a tavern, claiming more than 1,400 men and leading the way to Gettysburg.

Nearly 150 years later, Iraqi War veteran Sgt. Yvette McDermott of the National Guard was among the wounded warriors from Walter Reed visiting the sprawling farm fields, soaking in the sun and some Culpeper history. From Goochland, McDermott is already familiar with Virginia's part in the Civil War and said she enjoys taking advantage of the touring opportunities provided through the Army hospital in D.C.

As Civil War historian and tour guide Dr. Dan Beattie of Charlottesville talked about the Brandy Station battle of sabers and pistols, the 42-year-old female veteran leaned on a cane, an indication of her tours of duty in Iraq and Kosovo.

Len Riedel, executive director of the Blue & Gray Education Society — a nonprofit Civil War history group based in Chatham that co-sponsored Saturday's tour — realized commonalities between today's fighting in the Middle East and the War Between the States.

"War makes ugly wounds that man has to bind up as best it can," he said.

Saturday Battlefield Tours 2009

Beverly Ford & St. James Church (April 4, May 30, July 25)

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg (April 18, June 13, Aug 8)

Fleetwood Hill (May 2, June 27, Aug 22)

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge (May 16, July 11, Sept 5)

Tours leave from the Graffiti House at 10:00 am and last 2 hours. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, children are free. No reservation needed, just show-up at Graffiti House before ten. For info contact Gary Wilson at 540-547-4106 or email BSFJune91863@aol.com. Full tour schedule at www.brandystationfoundation.com. Special tours for individuals or groups on other days can be specially arranged.

Birthday Greetings to Angus Green

The BSF's long time friend and Board member for many years, Angus Green has had some medical problems and is now at home recuperating. We all wish him well especially when he celebrates his 85th birthday on May 21.

The Inn at Kelly's Ford Celebrates July 4th

Be sure to check out the action at the Inn at Kelly's Ford on the 4th of July. Gates open at 5:30 P.M. with free parking. Admission is \$5 per person with children under 6 free. There will be something for the whole family— pony rides, moon bounce, entertainment by the Andre Fox Band. The Flying Circus will make an appearance and then the fireworks begin at dusk. Lots of food and drink and fun for all! The Brandy Station Foundation will have an information booth and souvenirs available for sale.

The Inn at Kelly's Ford-16589 Edwards Shop Road, Remington. For further information, call the Inn at 540 399 1779

Paintings Donated by Dr. Daniel Beattie

Dr. Beattie commissioned three original paintings by Adam Hook for his latest book: [Brandy Station 1863: First Step Towards Gettysburg](#), He has generously donated the originals to the Brandy Station Foundation. They are called: Save the Day! ; Buying Time on the Beverly Ford Road ; and, Buford on Cunningham's Ridge. They are now on display at the Graffiti House.

Below is the painting titled Save the Day! At about 10:30 on June 9, 1863, General David Gregg's division of Union cavalry appeared two miles behind Stuart's main line of battle at St. James Church. The key terrain of Fleetwood Hill lay in between and was almost devoid of Confederate troops. Fortunately for Stuart, one of them was Major Henry B. McClellan, Stuart's Assistant Adjutant General. McClellan was new to Stuart's staff, but he performed splendidly.



Dr. Beattie sat on the Board of the Brandy Station Foundation for about 10 years and is still an active member. He has been instrumental in saving each of the parcels of land preserved on the Brandy Station battlefield. He has conducted guided tours of many American and European battlefields. He lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, with his wife of 34 years, Peggy, and two children.

Remembrance Days at the Graffiti House



The Graffiti House in Brandy Station, Va. was once again the weekend home of Company D, 17th Virginia Infantry, "The Fairfax Rifles," as they established a picket on the grounds of the historic Graffiti House on April 25-26 during Culpeper Remembrance Days.

The Fairfax Rifles, a family oriented re-enactment group, had previously visited the Brandy Station in Culpeper County to help support the Brandy Station Foundation and share their knowledge of life during the War Between the States with visitors. A period camp was established. Visitors learned from talking to the women of the sewing circle, from watching the company marching and their rifle drills, and from one re-enactor and his display of Civil War currency.

The 17th Virginia Infantry was organized at Manassas Junction in June 10, 1861. It was composed of ten companies, many of which began as prewar volunteer militias. The volunteers were from Alexandria, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Warren Counties. The core of these volunteers were four companies organized on February 18, 1861 as a volunteer militia battalion.

The battalion went on active duty soon after the Ordinance of Secession was passed on May 23, 1861. The Fairfax Rifles had been formed at Fairfax Court House by Capt. William H. Dulany on December 1, 1859 as the Fairfax Rifle Rangers and attached to the 60th Regiment (Fairfax County) Virginia Militia.

The Fairfax Rifles seek to portray, as authentically as possible, Virginia soldiers and civilians from Fairfax County in the period 1861–1865. For more information, please visit www.brandystationfoundation.com . For information on the Fairfax Rifles, the address is www.fairfaxrifles.org

Major Contribution Received!

The Brandy Station Foundation has recently received a major donation from the Dun Foundation of Middleburg Virginia in the amount of \$5000.00 for the preservation of The Graffiti House. We are extremely grateful for this needed gift and want to personally thank P. Douglas Fout and members of his family for their generosity and support.

Have you sent in your 2009 BSF Dues?

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – 2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I support the work of the Brandy Station Foundation in preserving Historic Brandy Station. Please enroll me as a member of the Foundation.

_____ \$25 Membership Additional Donation \$ _____

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Mail to: Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Virginia 22714-0165

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.