

**The Grand Review  
Brandy Station  
Foundation  
September, 2016**



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### **The Graffiti House Heritage Day**



The Graffiti House

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17, 2016, for the Graffiti House Heritage Day from 11AM -4 PM.

*The Graffiti House Heritage Day:  
Grand Opening of the New Hospital Room*



*Saturday, September 17, 2016*

*Sponsored by the Brandy Station Foundation  
19484 Brandy Rd., Brandy Station, Virginia 22714*

**11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

*Program of Events:*

Civil War Field Hospital  
Speaker's Program  
Living History \* Bivouac Area  
Children's Activities  
Newly created Hospital Room  
Sutlers \* Photo Booth \* Displays  
Civil War Medicine Lecture  
Country Troubadours  
The Gallant Pelham Memorial  
Graffiti House Tours

*Suggested donation \$5.00 per person and children 12 and under free*

Food available for separate purchase

*For Information:*

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**2016 Graffiti House Heritage Day: The Grand Opening of the Hospital Room**

One hundred and fifty - three years ago, the largest cavalry battle of the 1861 - 1864 War Between the States took place in Culpeper County. It occurred in early summer at Brandy Station during June of 1863. General Robert E. Lee began moving his Army of Northern Virginia from Fredericksburg, Virginia on a campaign that would end at the Battle of Gettysburg. Therefore, he commanded General J. E. B. Stuart to screen his movements and Stuart encamped his cavalry division near Brandy Station. It did not go unnoticed by the Federal Army. Very early on the morning of June 9th, Major General Alfred Pleasanton commanded his 11,000 men in the Army of the Potomac to attack the Confederate Army which numbered 9,500 soldiers.

The day long battle was a melee of smoke, dust, flashing sabers, the rattle of carbines and pistols, cannon roar, and soldiers of the blue and gray intermingled regiments ferociously charging and slashing in chaotic fashion. When the battle ended, General Stuart claimed victory on the field as the Union forces retreated. The ambulances were assembled, and the wounded were taken to homes to be treated. One of the houses was the Stone house located near Fleetwood Hill; previously the home of Postmaster John Stone where originally the injured Confederates were taken to be treated.

Later, while recovering in 1863 and 1864, soldiers of both sides used the embers from the fireplace to write their names, thoughts, messages and artwork on the walls. The Stone house is now known as the Graffiti House and the graffiti is being remembered, protected and preserved by the Brandy Station Foundation for discovery anew as the walls speak today about those days one hundred and fifty-three years later about that early summer battle and winter encampment.

To that end, the Brandy Station Foundation will have a Grand Opening of the newly created 1860's hospital room during the Graffiti House Heritage Day on Saturday, 17th. September from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Graffiti House is located at 19484 Brandy Rd. in Brandy Station, Virginia 22714. Children twelve and under will be admitted free and \$5.00 per person donation is suggested. The Program of Event will include the Grand Opening of the Hospital Room, a Field War hospital, a Speaker's Program, a Memorial Service for the Gallant John Pelham led by the Culpeper UDC, Confederate and Federal bivouac areas, sutlers, a photo booth, a lecture on Civil War medicine, the Country Troubadours, Graffiti House tours, and a Children's Corner with vintage clothes and toys. An "Army Enlistment" program for children will be presented with a reward upon completion. Food will be available for purchase.

For further information, go to [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com) or call 540.341.7019.

## BSF welcomes NEH Workshop participants at the Graffiti House



Dr. Stephen Robertson and BSF President William Truitt (far right) with National Endowment for the Humanities' Graffiti Houses Workshop participants

This summer, Brandy Station Foundation volunteers at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station welcomed teachers participating in a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshop.

Dr. Stephen Robertson, the Director of the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, organized two sessions of the workshop: "Graffiti Houses: the Civil War from the perspective of individual soldiers".

Two week-long workshops explored the Civil War through the lives of soldiers who left their mark in Virginia landmarks now known as Civil War graffiti houses. Workshop participants visited Blenheim House (Fairfax), Ben Lomond Historic Site (Manassas), the Graffiti House (Brandy Station) and the cemeteries, monuments, and battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Hands-on workshops in photography, digital mapping, and online exhibit



building were provided. One of the program objectives is to enable participants to develop strategies to bring their workshop experiences back to their classrooms.

Teachers learned from scholars in the field of Civil War history and digital history. They themselves will research the life of one graffiti soldier at the National Archives in Washington, DC.



Former BSF President Bob Luddy describing the graffiti found on the walls of the Graffiti House with teachers participating in the workshop.

The names of three soldiers found on the walls of the Graffiti House will be the focus of the research: Seymour Hollingsworth, 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry; George Marsh, Ohio Light Artillery; and, Henry Trout, 110<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. The teachers were shown the graffiti left by these soldiers when they visited the Graffiti House



Board Member Barry Atchison with a room of teachers at the Graffiti House.

### Hall of Honor Wall Signer



Thomas F. Pruitt of Broadway, Virginia signed the Hall of Honor on August 2, 2016. He is a descendant of PVT Alexander Hagan, 2<sup>nd</sup> South Caroling Cavalry, Company D.

## **Things that go bump in the night and other Tall Tales from the Graffiti House.**

Come join us on a tour featuring some of our favorite stories of the unexplained from the historic Graffiti House. Hear hair-raising tales of personal encounters, sightings of apparitions that appear before staff and guests, disembodied voices and much more. Tours start at 7:30 p.m. on September 24, 2016 and October 8, 2016 and are limited to 15 guests each. Tickets are \$5.00 each and must be purchased in advance.

For more information or to reserve tickets call 540-829-0942.

## **Spirits of the Graffiti House**

This year's Spirits of the Graffiti House Night will be held on October 22nd from 6 PM until 9 PM. We will be offering pumpkin decorating and face painting for the children, with prizes awarded for the funniest, scariest and most original pumpkin. Our bonfire story teller will be on hand, as will our upstairs story tellers.

Transcend Paranormal and Culpeper Paranormal will be on hand to share their findings from the investigations they have done at the Graffiti House.

We will be selling raffle tickets for several lucky winners to spend an evening investigating with our guest paranormal groups.

## **Sons of Mosby Association visit Graffiti House**



On May 28, the Sons of Mosby Motorcycle Association visited the Graffiti House.  
We were glad to be included on their journey.



## Fleetwood Hill and the Battle of Brandy Station



We want to remind visitors to the Battle of Brandy Station Battlefield that parking is available near the crest of Fleetwood Hill.

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