

**Cape May County Civil War Round Table
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There will be NO meeting in February.

Meeting Dates for 2016

17 March (St Patrick's Day) – Speaker: Scott Mingus on *Flames Beyond Gettysburg*. Will cover the 2 weeks before the battle with a focus on Jubal Early's division **Refreshments:** Andy Lolli

21 April – Speaker: Ed Bonekemper on *McClellan and Failure*. **Refreshments:** Jim Marshall

19 May – Speaker: Brian Blake on *Union General Francis Barlow*. **Refreshments:**

16 June – Speaker: Randy Draais on *Gettysburg*. **Refreshments:**

21 July

18 Aug

15 Sept – Speaker: Paul Kahan on *Lincoln's Secretary of War: Simon Cameron*. **Refreshments:**

20 Oct – Speaker: Craig Swain on *South Carolina, Sumter and Charleston*. **Refreshments:**

7 Nov = Tom Ryan to make a presentation on *Spies, Scouts and Secrets of the Gettysburg Campaign*.

Refreshments:

? Dec = Christmas / End of Year party

LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS!!!

If anyone knows of local Civil War related events for 2016, please contact the Secretary so the information can be added to future issues of the newsletter.

MAC in Cape May

HISTORY SPEAKS: Jan. 15-April 10, 2016

From the Underground Railroad to Segregated Schools to Urban Renewal, Hear the Voices of Cape May's African-American Community. At the Carroll Gallery on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. Admission is free.

Cold Spring Village

Free Village Sampler Weekend June 04 - June 05

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

Military Timeline Weekend June 18 - June 19

An exhibition of various conflicts spanning several centuries including English Hundred Years War, Boer War, American Revolution and Civil War, World War II, Korean War and more!

Revolutionary War Encampment September 10 - September 11

The American Revolution comes to life with reenactors and encampments from both Loyalist and Patriot militia. Field camps, weaponry, programs and more.

Civil War Weekend September 17 - September 18

Re-enactors bring to life military encampments, demonstrations of infantry and artillery drill, weaponry, camp life and more throughout the Village. Vendors of reproduction period merchandise. Battle reenactment at 2pm both days.

Free Village Sampler Weekend September 24 - September 25

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

Members are encouraged to participate; if you have Civil War garb / uniforms, please feel free to wear it! We would also appreciate members attending helping by handing out flyers as well as telling folks about our group. MAC says we can have people at non-Civil War oriented events too, and some of them are listed herein. **The County Historical Society and Museum would like us to add that they are looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of their work – from helping**

in the library, working in the gardens, to acting as tour guides/docents in the museum. They also have lost a huge amount of funding from the county; please support their fund raising efforts!!

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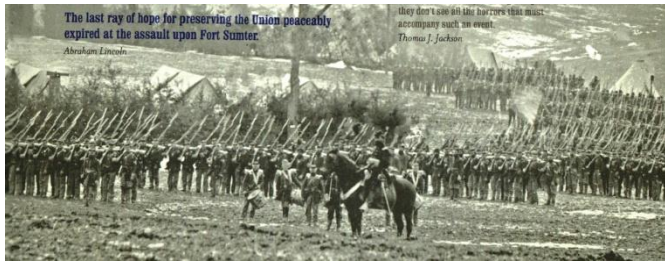
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REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!! Please send to the TREASURER, not the SECRETARY! \$30 for online newsletter; \$35 for snail mail newsletter

THERE WAS NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY so there are no minutes



Civil War Timeline for April

1860

No Major Events

1861

- 6 Arkansas secedes
- 7 Tennessee negotiates alliance with Confederacy
- 20 North Carolina secedes
- 21 Confederate legislators vote to move capital to Richmond
- 23 Virginia secedes (after popular vote)
- 24 Union soldiers occupy Alexandria (VA)

- 6 Arkansas secedes
- 1862**
- 4 Confederates evacuate Yorktown
- 5 Battle of Williamsburg (VA)
- 8 Battle of McDowell (VA)
- 15 Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 23 Battle of Front Royal (VA)
- 25 Battle of Winchester (VA)
- 31 Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) (VA)

1863

- 1-4 Battle of Chancellorsville
- 10 Stonewall Jackson dies
- 16 Battle of Champion's Hill (MS)

1864

- 5-6 Battle of the Wilderness (VA)
- 6 Atlanta Campaign opens
- 7-19 Battle of Spotsylvania (VA)
- 11 Battle of Yellow Tavern (VA)
- 12-13 Second Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 15 Battle of New Market (VA)
- 24 Battle of the North Anna River (VA)
- 25-27 Battle of New Hope (GA)

1865

- 10 Confederate president Davis captured in Georgia
- 26 Smith surrenders Trans-Mississippi Confederate army

Civil War Related Events in April 2016

April 2016

Pittsburg Landing on the Shiloh (TN) Battlefield 1862

2 ALL Civil War Trust Park Day, volunteer cleanup and maintenance at local battlefields and sites. See civilwar.org for sites and details.

2 VA Living history walking tour, "Battle of Smithfield," meets at the Isle of Wight Museum, 103 Main St., in Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. historicismleofwight.com/events.html

2 VA Walking tour of Fort Huger near Smithfield. Explore the Confederate James River fort, 15080 Talcott Terrace, Isle of Wight County. 10 am. Free. historicismleofwight.com/events.html

- 2 VA Walking tour, "First Manassas Battlefield Hike," four-hour, 5.5-mile ranger-led hike at the Manassas National Battlefield. 1-5 pm. Free. nps.gov/mana
- 2 VA "Fort Gregg and the Breakthrough," special anniversary program at Tour Stop 4, Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 11 am. Free. nps.gov/pete
- 2 VA Anniversary of the 1865 Union breakthrough at Petersburg at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg. Special tour begins 5 am. Living history and other anniversary programs begin 9 am. Details, tour reservations: pamplinpark.org/events.html
- 3 VA Book talk, Storm over Fauquier, at the Manassas Museum. 1:30 pm. Free. manassasmuseum.org
- 3 VA Living history, "A Virginia Town Confronts War," at Buchanan Hall, 8549 John S Mosby Highway, Upperville. 4 pm. Fee charged. mosbyheritagearea.org
- 3 VA "Evolution of Cavalry Tactics," special ranger program at the Five Forks battlefield visitor contact station near Petersburg. 11 am. Free. nps.gov/pete
- 3 VA "Artifacts of the Battlefield," special ranger program at the Five Forks battlefield visitor contact station near Petersburg. 1-4 pm. Free. nps.gov/pete
- 7 VA Living history, period cooking demonstrations at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. vmi.edu/vmcw
- 7-10 PA Ed Bearss Symposium, "Military Leadership and Combat," covers Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and WWII. Includes tours of the Gettysburg and Brandywine battlefields. Based in Chambersburg. civilwarseminars.org
- 8-9 VA Civil War Show, relics, books and more for show and sale at the Fredericksburg Expo Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway in Fredericksburg. Noon-7 pm Friday, 9 am-4 pm Saturday. \$6. nvrha.com/show.htm
- 8-12 VA Anniversary commemoration of the surrender at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Special ranger program with Saturday luminary. Free with admission. nps.gov/apco
- 9 VA "Herbs, Amputations and Disease: How the Civil War Changed Medicine," special program at Ben Lomond Historic Site (former Civil War hospital) in Manassas. 11 am-4 pm. \$5. 703-367-7872.
- 9 VA Lecture, "A Statistical Study of Modern Greece Cargo," a blockade runner examined at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm. Free with museum admission. marinersmuseum.org
- 9-10 VA Reenactment, "The Civil War Siege of Yorktown," at Endview in Newport News. Camps, demonstrations, tours and battles each day. \$9. endview.org
- 10 VA Book talk, The Man Who Would Not Be Washington: Robert E. Lee's Civil War and His Decision That Changed American History, at the Manassas Museum. 1:30 pm. Free. manassasmuseum.org
- 10 VA "Beyond Mercy Street: Civil War Hospitals in Loudoun," talk, living history and exhibits at Mt. Zion Church in Aldie. 2 pm. Fee charged. mosbyheritagearea.org
- 12 DC "Julips, Smashes, and Sangarees: Cocktails of the Civil War Era," at the National Museum of the American Indian, Fourth Street and Independence Avenue, Washington. 6:45-8:45 pm. \$65. smithsonianassociates.org (click Civil War).
- 14 DC Special anniversary one-hour tour of Ford's Theatre with author James Swanson. 10:30 pm. \$75. Tour numbers limited. Reservations, tickets: fords.org/home/performances-events (click special events).
- 14-15 DC Special anniversary one-hour tour of Ford's Theatre with author Brian Anderson. 8 am. \$52. Tour numbers limited. Reservations, tickets: fords.org/home/performances-events (click special events).
- 15 VA Lecture, "Exploring the Lost Cause through Virginia's Confederate Monuments," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. acwm.org
- 16 DC/PA Bus tour, "Gettysburg," Smithsonian tour covers all three days. Leaves from 550 C St SW, Washington. 8 am-7:30 pm. \$185. smithsonianassociates.org (click Civil War).
- 16 VA Walking tour, "Historic Point of Rocks," site of naval battles, a Union hospital and fortifications and a Lincoln visit on the Appomattox River south of Richmond. Meets at Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road, Chester. 10 am. \$8. Registration required: chesterfieldhistory.com
- 16 VA Walking tour, "Second Manassas Battlefield Hike," four-hour, 6.2-mile ranger led hike at the Manassas National Battlefield. 1-5 pm. Free. nps.gov/mana

16 VA Van tour, "The First Battle of Manassas," begins at Lee Hall in Newport News. 8 am-5 pm. \$50. leehall.org

16-17 VA Living history, camps and demonstrations at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Reenactment of the "stacking of arms" 10 am and 1 pm Sunday. Free with admission. nps.gov/apco

21-22 VA/DC/MD Bus tour, "Defending Washington," stops include the Ball's Bluff, Monocacy and Manassas battlefields, Fort Stevens, Lincoln Cottage and more. Sponsored by Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg (VA). Details, registration: 877-726-7546 or pamplinpark.org/events.html

21 VA Living history, period sewing demonstrations at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. vmi.edu/vmcw

22-23 PA "Spring Battlefield Foray," a series of hikes, walks and talks at the Gettysburg NMP. Free. nps.gov/gett

23 VA Civil War mansion and camp tours at James Madison's Montpelier, Rt. 20 near Orange. Mansion tour 11 am. Free with admission. Historic Confederate camp tour 2 pm. Free. montpelier.org

23 VA Van tour, "1864 Bermuda Hundred Campaign," between Richmond and Petersburg. Tour meets at Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Road, Chester. 1-5 pm. \$15. Registration required: chesterfieldhistory.com

23 VA Tour, "From Slavery to Freedom," in Petersburg. Leaves from the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 10 am-2 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

23 VA Living history, "Field Hospital," surgery set-up at Fort Ward in Alexandria. 11 am-4 pm. Free. forward.org

23-24 VA Living history, "On the Warwick Line," camp and demonstrations at Endview in Newport News. 10 am-5 pm Saturday, noon-5 pm Sunday. Free with admission. endview.org

24 VA "Civil War on the James River," boat tour begins at Deep Bottom Park southeast of Richmond. Includes Dutch Gap and Bermuda Hundred. 5-7 pm. \$50. discoverthejames.com/?q=Civil-War-on-the-James-Tour

28 VA Lecture, "General George Meade's Leadership in 1863," at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee St, Manassas. 7 pm. Free, donations accepted. 703-792-4754.

29 VA Lecture, "The Civil War's Most Valuable Diarist (J.B. Jones)," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Noon. \$6/adult. vahistorical.org

29-May 1 VA Reenactment, "Civil War Weekend," In Buchanan. Friday: living history in Town Park 10 am-5 pm with Main Street skirmish at 7 pm. Saturday: Breakfast in Civil War-era building, camps open 10-5 pm, battle at 4 pm, dance at 8 pm. Sunday: breakfast in historic building, 9 am church service and 1:30 pm battle. townofbuchanan.com/event/buchanan-civil-war-history-weekend-2/

30 PA "An Evening with the Painting," after-hours, behind-the-scenes extended tour of the Gettysburg Cyclorama in the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6 pm. \$20/adult. Tickets: gettysburgfoundation.org

30 DC "The Civil War's Turning Points: New Perspectives, First Bull Run to Vicksburg." Smithsonian program at the Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington. 9:30 am-4:15 pm. \$140. smithsonianassociates.org (click Civil War).

30 VA Living history, tours and talks, "Civil War Day," at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Alexandria. 10 am-5 pm. 703-591-0560.

30 VA Bus tour, "Jeb Stuart's Route to Gettysburg, Phase II," leaves 8 am at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. \$100. More info, reservations: 703-971-4984.

30 VA "Hard-hat Tour of Poplar Grove National Cemetery." Have a look at the Petersburg-area site's rehab with a ranger. 2 pm. Free. Space limited. Reservations: 804-732-3531 extension 208. More info: nps.gov/pete



Service for Veterans: In the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of the *Daughter's Newsletter Supplement to American Spirit Magazine*, on page 11 is an article asking DAR members to participate in an effort by NSDAR to earn a Guinness World Records title of collecting and mailing at least 10,000 letters to active duty service members in one month's time. Letters will be collected at the Continental Congress this year. Individuals ONLY must personally write letters (and you can have family members, friends, children, etc contribute letters as well. Do you know someone in an American Legion post? Is someone in your family involved with Boy or Girl Scouts – this might make an interesting project for a Scout troop! Perhaps members of your church might be willing to participate?) The rule is also only one card / letter per person.

Each letter must contain a greeting (i.e. "Dear Soldier" etc.) and an original message of support and/or appreciation for their service. The letter must end with a closing (Love, Thanks, Respectfully, etc) and a signature. Each letter must be in an UNSEALED envelope, and should have a first class stamp and a return address. It should be addressed to one of the military installations listed at www.dar.org/worldrecord or it can be addressed to an active duty individual you know. NO FORM LETTERS, Xeroxes or letters using a template will be acceptable.

You can't mail these letters directly to military members if they are to count toward the World Record challenge. They must be submitted to NSDAR during Continental Congress by someone attending the conference. If anyone in the Round Table wishes to contribute to this effort, please give your missive(s) to Pat Munson-Siter at one of our meetings, or mail it to her in a bigger envelop (as the letters/cards to go out are NOT to be sealed, please put them in a separate envelope when you mail them to her.) Many thanks!

CSI at the Museum of the Confederacy: from the MOC Magazine, Summer 2014

By Cathy Wright, Curator

Among the thousands of artifacts in The Museum of the Confederacy's collections are dozens of pillboxes and glass bottles containing medicines. Many are nestled into compartmentalized wooden chests; some are enclosed in folding leather cases; and several others were donated among soldiers' personal effects. The labels on many of these bottles are entirely or

partially legible – inscribed with such substances as ipecac, calomel, peppermint, camphor, pulvis thei, Plumbum aceticum, zinc sulphate, and potassium bicarbonate.

Approximately half of the pillboxes and bottles are not marked, however, and their contents have remained a mystery... until the Collections Department sought to have some of them forensically analyzed in August 2012.

The Idea

The idea to investigate the medicine bottles' contents stemmed from the Museum's prior collaboration with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science in Richmond. In January 2011, through the efforts of the Public Broadcasting System's popular television show, "History Detectives," the forensics lab analyzed the Museum's two 'drug smuggling' dolls for evidence of quinine and/or morphine, which were said to have been packed in their heads to smuggle through the wartime blockade.

The principal forensic scientist, Dr. Robert Steiner (who also serves as an adjunct faculty for graduate and undergraduate level classes in the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Forensic Program), said it was among the most enjoyable forensics projects on which he'd had the opportunity to work, and he would be delighted to collaborate with the Museum on another project.

The opportunity for another collaboration arose as I worked with the collection in subsequent months and came across numerous unlabeled medicines. The stars seemed to align: I contacted Dr. Steiner during the summer of 2012, right after the VCU Forensics Program acquired a highly sensitive, extremely expensive new piece of equipment used in analyzing chemical samples: a Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART) machine. This was the same apparatus used at the state forensics lab to analyze the chemical samples taken from the smuggling dolls. As the VCU forensics students needed to practice using it and analyzing its results, the medicine bottle project was given the green light.

In the Laboratory

We identified several criteria to assist in selecting which medicine bottles to test and analyze. First, the bottles should not be labeled (or, if there was a label, it must be illegible or largely missing), so that there was little to no indication as to the contents of the bottle. It must be possible to access the interior contents of the bottle, so the stopper must be missing or easily

removable. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there needed to be enough of the original substance left inside the bottle to permit a small sample to be taken.

Based upon these criteria, we selected seven medicine containers (six glass bottles and one cardboard pillbox) for analysis. The Collections staff carefully packed them for transport to the VCU Forensics laboratory, where we met with Dr. Steiner, Dr. Michelle R. Peace (Interim Department Chair), Dr. Robert B. Cody (co-creator of the DART), and several Forensic Science students.

The goal was to obtain samples of the various medicines, which could be tested and analyzed over the following days and weeks. Students used cotton swabs or tiny steel scoops to gather small samples of the medicines. Following the acquisition of samples, Collections staff returned to the Museum of the Confederacy with the medicine bottles.

Test Results

There were a few substances that did not lend themselves to testing, for various reasons. One or two appear to have been liquids from which most of the moisture had evaporated, leaving a sticky substance with approximate consistency of tar; another scarcely had any medicine left in the bottle. The results for these medicines would be indeterminate, as the samples were not large enough for adequate testing.

Among the inconclusive results were: two bottles from a medicine chest captured during the war from a Federal doctor named J.L. Lucy, and subsequently used by a Confederate doctor named Watson; and a vial from a leather medicine case captured by a member of the "Powhatan Troop" (Company E, 4th Virginia Cavalry) from Union General Philip Sheridan's camp in 1864.

The results for the remaining bottles ranged from incomplete to definite. One vial, also taken from the medicine case captured by the Powhatan Troop contained what Dr. Steiner described as 'large chunks of shiny material that is composed mainly of antimony and sulfur. There are also darker chunks in there that are composed mostly of barium and sulfur. Another area showed aluminum and silicon' These test results were ultimately inconclusive, as it is unknown what Civil War-era medication(s) would have contained this chemical mixture.

A vial from another medicine case (history unknown) was found to contain a plant-based drug. One analysis revealed the substance as podophyllotoxin (found in 'mayapple'); but a second testing indicated it was sitosterol.

Interestingly, mayapple is listed in the 1863 Confederate publication titled *Standard Supply Table of the Indigenous Remedies for Field Service and the Sick in General Hospitals*, which was intended to list substitutes for medical supplies listed in the original *Supply Tables* that were no longer readily available. Mayapple is listed as a 'cathartic' and was used to loosen the bowels, so the contents of this vial may have been produced as a wartime response to medical shortages.

Fairly conclusive results were obtained for the light brown granular medicine contained in a bottle carried in a medicine case through war by Capt. Christopher C. Scott, who served in the Memphis Appeal Battery of Arkansas. His brother had been a doctor who died before the war began, so that probably explains why an officer with presumably no medical training would have been carrying various medicines. Forensic testing identified the compounds meconin, papaverine, and noscapine – all of which are present in opium, a commonly used pain reliever during that period.

Finally, a small cardboard pillbox was among several personal items stored in the haversack of Capt. Obadiah Jennings Wise of Co. A, 46th Virginia Infantry. It's difficult to say whether Capt. Wise were better known for his propensity for dueling or as the son of Henry Wise, the 33rd governor of Virginia (who left office in 1860) who later served as Confederate brigadier general. Captain Wise was killed at the Battle of Roanoke Island in February 1862 (see article in winter 2012 issue of this *Magazine*) and his haversack was returned to the family.

The lid of the pillbox is printed MEADE & BAKER, / APOTHECARIES, / RICHMOND, VA. The only other inscription is handwritten in ink: "19.48." Inside the pillbox are two or three pellets, and a considerable amount of brownish powder (presumably from pellets that have disintegrated). Analysis revealed that there was wax, sugar, and morphine in this powder – the wax to form the medicine into pills, the sugar to sweeten it, and the morphine as the active pain killing ingredient.

Capt. Wise is not known to have been wounded while in service, so initially it seems unusual that he would have been carrying morphine pills in his haversack. Yet he is known to have been in many fist fights with his brothers over the years, so it is possible he was taking painkillers for an old injury. Perhaps tellingly, in an October 1856 letter to St. George Tucker Mason (in the collections of the Virginia Historical Society), Wise wrote that physical force, "...like dangerous medicines, should be sparingly administered in extreme cases."

Conclusion

Collections staff are always delighted to learn new information about artifacts, but new scientific advances and technologies hold great promise for future research. Through the generosity of the VCU Department of Forensic Science and the Virginia Department of Forensic Science, the Museum now has entirely new information about several objects that it probably could not have obtained through any other means. This successful pairing of modern scientific chemical analysis with historical knowledge about Civil War era medicine underscores the tremendous potential of interdisciplinary approaches to collections – based research.



Civil War Trust plans to buy development site next to national park

BY CLINT SCHEMMER/THE FREE LANCE-STAR

The Civil War Trust aims to buy a Spotsylvania County parcel that could help open more of the county's portion of the Fredericksburg battlefield to visitors.

Word of the deal came as the trust alerted its members to the chance to preserve 25 acres at Fredericksburg: "The first land we have had the chance to save there in nearly 8 years."

The national nonprofit and local builder Lee Garrison have agreed on sale terms for the Benchmark Road site where he had planned a townhouse development, the trust said.

The land adjoins Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Part of Union Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade's Pennsylvania Reserves advanced across it in the Dec. 13, 1862, assault that penetrated Confederate defenses during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In his fundraising appeal, Trust President James O. Lighthizer called Meade's breakthrough of Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's line "a key moment that almost turned the tide of the battle and American history."

National Park Service historian Frank A. O'Reilly, author of the most highly-regarded tactical study of the fight, says the field's southern portion is where the battle was won and lost—not on its more famous stretch along Marye's Heights.

Acquisition of the tract would eventually enable visitors to walk from Pelham's Corner at State Route 2 and Benchmark Road—where 23-year-old Confederate artillery officer John Pelham stalled the Union attack—to the stone Meade Pyramid monument in the park to the trust's Slaughter Pen Farm, said Jim Campi, the trust's director of policy and communications.

The nonprofit bought the 208-acre Slaughter Pen in 2006 for \$12.3 million, which it says was the nation's largest private-sector land preservation effort.

Garrison's property is about 1,100 feet from the pyramid near the end of the park's Lee Drive.

The property is valued at \$2.59 million, but Garrison has agreed to sell it to the 55,000-member trust for \$1.14 million less than its appraised value, Campi said.

The trust will pool donors' money with federal and state grants to fund the transaction. To close on the deal by April 15, it is asking members to pony up \$107,500 for a match.

To help, the Fredericksburg-based Central Virginia Battlefields Trust has applied for a \$100,000 grant from the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund.

Campi praised the developer for his cooperation.

"We would not have this opportunity without the generosity of Lee Garrison, who agreed to sell us the property for less than the appraised value," he said. "Lee is very preservation-minded, and had worked with

us and other preservation groups on previous acquisitions in the region.”

Spotsylvania supervisors rezoned the site, on the west side of Benchmark Road near Route 2, in late 2014 to allow 98 townhouses and 23,400 square feet of offices.

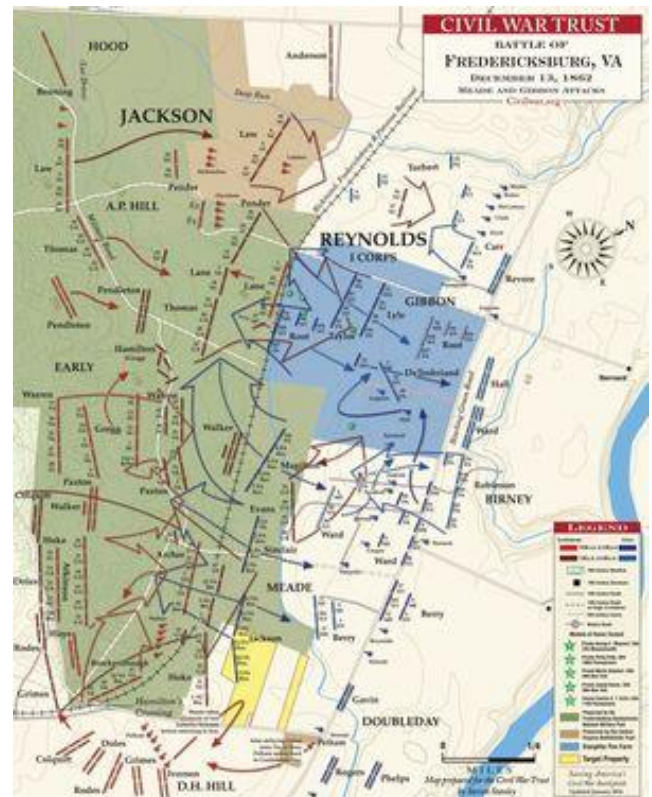
“We are very excited about this opportunity to connect Benchmark Road with the Slaughter Pen Farm,” Campi said in an interview. “We envision a future walking trail that takes visitors along the entire length of the Union attack on the southern end of the battlefield.”

John Hennessy, the park’s acting superintendent, welcomed news of the deal.

“This is just further proof that protecting Civil War sites takes not just time and patience, but partners and good will,” he said. “The Civil War Trust has repeatedly entered the marketplace to forge deals that, like this one, leave everyone pleased: the landowner, the local community, and the preservation community, too.”

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This stamp honoring the Stone Mountain Memorial, a rock carving of Confederate heroes Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and “Stonewall” Jackson, was issued September 19, 1970 in Stone Mountain, Georgia.