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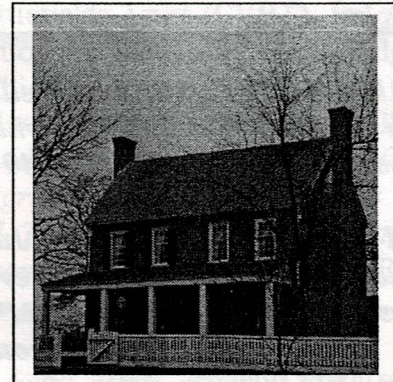
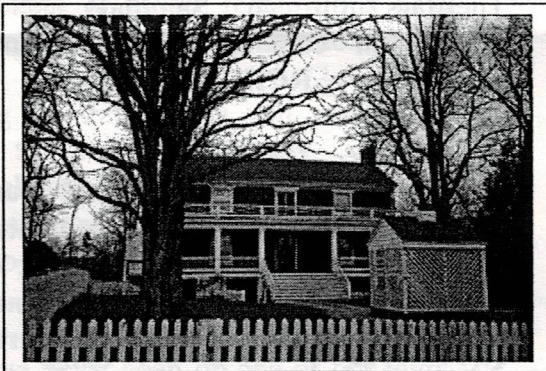
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Wilmer McLean moved to Appomattox Court House after the first battle of Bull Run had been fought across his backyard. Fate brought Lee's retreating army to this place in 1865. Lee dispatched Col. Marshall to find a suitable place where he and Grant might meet. Marshall stopped the first civilian he happened to see. McLean reluctantly agreed to loan the army his front parlor. Join us on our trip this October to see Wilmer's home.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.cdcwrt.org

**NO
AUGUST
MEETING
ENJOY THE
SUMMER**

story of the Quakers during the Civil War, and it stars Gary Cooper. Set in Indiana in 1862, the story follows a Quaker family, which faces challenges and temptations from the outside world. Our guest speaker will talk be Tom Colarco, a local author who had written two books about the Underground Railroad. He has been selected for history awards, and lectures widely. There will also be an appropriate exhibit in the display cases at the library.

Upcoming movies are:

**Andersonville – September 15th
Shenandoah – October 20th**

CDCWRT MEETING

This year the picnic was held at Pruyn House on Sunday, July 18th. There were over 60 people in attendance. There was plenty of good food and watermelon galore thanks to J.J. Jennings. The sing-a-long and life of the Civil War soldier were highlights.

Dr. Allen Ballard gave an excellent talk before the movie, GLORY, which was watched by an audience of some 40 people.

Board Meetings were held in June and July to outline the calendar of events for the rest of the year. The treasurer's report noted \$1553 in the regular account, and almost \$17,000 in the Preservation Account. The RT grossed \$4600 at the 141st anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, and \$1228 at Induction Day at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

UP-COMING EVENTS

CIVIL WAR FILM FESTIVAL AND LECTURE SERIES will continue on Wednesday, August 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library. The feature movie will be the acclaimed film, **FRIENDLY PERSUASION**. This is the

From May 15th to December 23rd, the Rensselaer County Historical Society in Troy will present an exhibit entitled, "War on the Home Front from 1775-2003." Hours are from 12 Noon to 5 pm on Tuesdays through Saturdays. More information can be obtained from the website, www.RCHS.online.org.

On Saturday, August 21st and Sunday, August 22nd, there will be a dedication at the last free-standing recruitment office from the Civil War in the state, if not the nation. This will take place in Hartford, NY, near Ft. Ann.

September 10th, Friday, CDCWRT meeting will feature Dana Schoaf, presenting his research on a Pennsylvania soldier.

Our Fall trip on Columbus Day Weekend, will occur from Friday October 8th to Monday, October 11th. We will start the 140th year anniversary cycle for the last

year of the war a little bit early with our trip to Petersburg and Appomattox. We will follow the last days of the Army of Northern Virginia.

The cost of the trip has not yet been established, but will be comparable to our other trips. A deposit of \$150 per person is due **now**. Deposits will be held until it is confirmed there is enough interest and the trip is a go. The balance will be due in two installments prior to the trip. The next installment of \$200 is due **August 30th**.

We plan to travel by air, but a bus will be available for those who do not wish to fly. The bus will leave Thursday, October 7th, and stop in Gettysburg on the way down. The bus will meet the flyers on Friday.

Once you select your mode of travel, there can be no changes in transportation after airline tickets or motel reservations have been made. This will be a long ride back on the bus on Monday (10-12 hours), depending on traffic. We will respond to requests to curb unnecessary walking. Portable chairs, as introduced by Ray, can be sent down on the bus along with luggage, so you do not have to carry items on the airplane.

If you have never been on one of our tours, speak to someone who has. I am certain you will hear about the value and the educational and social enjoyment of our tours.

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On November 12th and 13th, the NYS Military Heritage Museum will sponsor a conference. The RT hopes to coordinate our banquet on Saturday, November 13th with the conference. Our guest speaker for our 20th anniversary will be John

Hennessy. Details will follow, but mark your calendars for this event.

ODDS AND ENDS

The July 2004 issue of *The Gettysburg Magazine* will be available at the September meeting for \$5.00. There is an article on the 126th NYVI of Willard's Brigade. There will also be a selection of Civil War books for sale.

Chris Kolakowski, has been promoted at CWPT. He has been promoted to Heritage Tourism Coordinator. His job will be to encourage heritage tourism across the country, but will still be involved with battlefield preservation. His new, larger office sports the 6th Corps flag among other items.

We received a thank you letter from Michael Stevens, President of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust (CVBT), for our \$5000 donation for the Talley Farm Ridge property. This 16.4 acres of land is part of Jackson's flank attack at Chancellorsville. *"Please send along our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the members of your Round Table for their on-going and very generous contributions to CVBT. Together, we are making a difference!"*

Another letter from James Lighthizer, President of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), thanked us for a \$2500 donation. *"Thanks to you, I am proud to tell you that we have been 100 percent successful in taking those 200 acres at Appomattox off the market! ...I just can't thank you enough for the crucial part you have played in this transaction."*

This month's trivia question: *Who was the youngest general in the Union Army?*