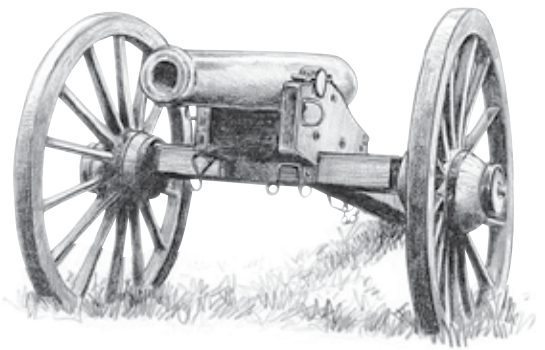


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Hello, friends,
Hot enough for you? It has been warmer than usual here this summer, and walking the fields can be uncomfortable. Speaking of uncomfortable, the re-paving project for the tour roads, unfinished last fall, is under way again. Many portions have been temporarily blocked off and cast iron tables removed to accommodate the project. This is most unfortunate for visitors and for tour guides, but we understand it will be complete by anniversary weekend, and the road will be wider and smoother for a long time. Maybe cooler weather will set in by then too. Hope so.

Some exciting things are coming up soon, and a few will be explained in other portions of this newsletter. Sharpsburg is planning for a bigger and more entertaining Heritage Festival this year, the weekend of September 17 & 18, vendors are being secured, and SHAF has plans to set up a table there. We understand a portion of Main St. will be closed off again. Plan to stop by if you're in town.

On Saturday Sept. 17 the Shepherdstown battlefield Preservation Association is planning to hold their annual tour of the battlefield including wading the Potomac River at Boteler's Ford. See their website, www.battleofshepherdstown.org for details and reservations.

Our Fall Work Day is set for October 29. In the spring SHAF offered to fund an extension of the Final Attack trail that would allow the visitor to walk up to the top of the ridge where the 8th Connecticut and 9th New York monuments are located. The mortuary cannon for General Isaac P. Rodman is also located there. Currently the only access is to park on the grass shoulder of Harpers Ferry road and walk the paved path in and out. The new trail will connect from the Final Attack trail, cross Branch Avenue and follow the tree line up to the corner of the paved path out to the monuments. We think this new access will bring more people to the area, and let them get a sense of walking this part of the field where some of the bloodiest fighting took place. If you've never walked out there, you should; the view is terrific. Not only are we funding this trail, we're building it! Clearing the trees and brush and laying out the trail will be the focus of our Fall Work Day. If you're able and willing, plan to meet at the Visitor's Center at 9 on October 29 and we'll do some real "hands-on history," weather permitting of course. Bring gloves, water, and dress for the weather. Don't know about you, but I look forward to being cold.

There are two other developments that excite me, which will be explained in more detail elsewhere. First, we've pledged to support an effort to buy the Cement Mill at Shepherdstown Ford, something we've wanted to do for a very long time. Negotiations are on-going, and we'll keep you apprised of the progress. Secondly, we are creating a research grant in memory of Joe Harsh. We plan to fund a scholar who applies to do in-depth research on some aspect of the battle or related topics. Look for an official application and notice in the near future.

Hoping to see you in September or October, or both!

Tom Clemens
President, SHAF

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MERCHANDISE
IS HERE!**

**Merchandise
(hats, shirts, etc)
featuring
our new logo are
available visit
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Our Mission

The mission of SHAF is the preservation and protection of historic sites within the Antietam valley that are related to the Battle of Antietam, the Maryland Campaign, or other Civil War activity in the region. We will accomplish our mission through public education, solicitation of funds, promotion of protective easements and advocacy.

SHAF was incorporated in 1986. It is chartered in Maryland as a non-profit corporation and is exempt from federal tax by Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible.

The Final Resting Places of Antietam's Union and Confederate Commanders:

by John Hoptak

Attention SHAF Members, near and far: Your participation is requested in a first-of-its-kind photo contest, a truly nation-wide effort to photo-document the final resting places of all the Union and Confederate brigade, division, corps, and army commanders who served at Antietam. There were more than 125 of them, who today lie buried in twenty-five states, plus Washington D.C. and even two—John Curtis Caldwell and Truman Seymour—who were laid to rest in foreign soil. Your task will be to take and submit original photographs of their gravesites, and to ensure that they are original, the photographs must also contain a SHAF member standing next to the grave or, if you are traveling alone, a SHAF tee-shirt, ball-cap, or other SHAF material.

Once you locate and photograph the gravesite of one or many of these officers, you are to submit them to photos@shaf.org. The photographs will be added to the SHAF website, and brief biographies of each of these officers will be provided as soon as the photographs are added to the site. It will also be helpful if you can comment upon the condition of their gravesites and the cemeteries in which they lay. If there are other notable Antietam-related individuals (regimental and/or battery commanders) in the same cemetery as those listed below, be sure to photograph their gravesites and submit as well.

The names of each of the Union and Confederate brigade, division, corps, and army commanders are listed below, along with the locations of their gravesites. This will be an extensive undertaking, because of how many there are and how remote some of these cemeteries are. Still, it will help reveal how far and wide SHAF members are distributed across the country, and will, in some small way, help to pay tribute to the highest and even lowest ranking commanders at Antietam.

Alabama

Edgemont Cemetery, Anniston

George Thomas Anderson

Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville

William Thomas Harbaugh Brooks

Connecticut:

Cornwall Hollow Cemetery, Cornwall Hollow

John Sedgwick

Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown

Joseph King Fenno Mansfield

Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport

Dwight Morris

Yantic Cemetery, Norwich

Edward Harland

Delaware

Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Milford

Alfred Thomas Archimedes Torbert

Florida

Oak Hill Cemetery, Bartow

Evander McIvor Law

Georgia

Magnolia Cemetery, Augusta

Ambrose Ransom Wright

Summerville Cemetery, Augusta

Alfred Cumming

Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah

Alexander Robert Lawton

Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah

Lafayette McLaws

Oconee Cemetery, Athens

Howell Cobb

Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon

Alfred Holt Colquitt

Linwood Cemetery, Columbus

Paul Jones Semmes

Rest Haven Cemetery, Washington

Robert Augustus Toombs

City Cemetery, Cassville

William Tatum Wofford

Alta Vista Cemetery, Gainesville

James Longstreet

Kentucky

Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville

William Howard Irwin

Charles Swain Lovell

Illinois

North Cemetery, St. Charles

John Franklin Farnsworth

Louisiana

Metarie Cemetery, New Orleans

John Bell Hood

Washington Avenue Cemetery

Harry Thompson Hays

A SHAF Scavenger Hunt/Photo Contest

Maryland

Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore
Erastus Bernard Tyler
St. Paul's Episcopal Cemetery, Baltimore
Lewis Addison Armistead

Massachusetts

Edgell Grove Cemetery, Framingham
George Henry Gordon
Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
Charles Devens, Jr.
Albion Paris Howe
Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Taunton
Darius Nash Couch
Springfield Cemetery, Springfield
James Barnes

Michigan

Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit
Alpheus Starkey Williams
Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac
Israel B. Richardson

Minnesota

Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul
Willis Arnold Gorman

Mississippi

Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson
William Barksdale

New Hampshire

Harmony Grove Cemetery, Portsmouth
Napoleon Jackson Tecumseh Dana

New Jersey

Riverview Cemetery, Trenton
George Brinton McClellan
City Cemetery, Princeton
Roger Atkisson Pryor

New York

Cavalry Cemetery, Long Island
Elikiam Parker Scammon
Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn
Max Weber
Forest Hill Cemetery, Uitca
William Christian
Green Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn
Abram Duryee
Edward Ferrero
William Bingham Goodrich
Walter J. Phelps, Jr.
Fitz-John Porter
Henry Warner Slocum
Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester
Harrison Stiles Fairchild

Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse

Edwin Vose Sumner
Rural Cemetery, Albany
John Cochrane
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Scarborough
George Webb Morell
United States Military Academy
Cemetery, West Point
Benjamin Franklin Davis
George Lucas Hartsuff
John Newton
George Sykes

North Carolina

Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh
George Burgwyn Anderson
Old City Cemetery, Raleigh
Lawrence O'Brian Branch
Elmwood Cemetery
Thomas Fenwick Drayton
College Cemetery, Davidson
Daniel Harvey Hill
Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Bern
Robert Ransom, Jr.
Cavalry Episcopal Cemetery, Tarboro
William Dorsey Pender

Ohio

National Soldier's Home Cemetery, Dayton
Marsena R. Patrick
Saint Mary's Cemetery, Fairborn
Hugh Boyle Ewing
Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati
Jacob Dolson Cox
Joseph Hooker

Oklahoma

City Cemetery, Kiowa
Edward Lloyd Thomas

Pennsylvania

Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia
Samuel Wylie Crawford
J. William Hofmann
George Gordon Meade
Richard Henry Rush
Hector Tyndale
Methodist Cemetery, Minersville
Benjamin C. Christ
Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown
Winfield Scott Hancock
Mount Bethel Cemetery, Columbia
Thomas Welsh
Odd Fellows Cemetery, Philadelphia
Henry J. Stainrook
Presbyterian Cemetery, Pottsville
James Nagle

Prospect Hill Cemetery, York

William Buel Franklin

Rhode Island

Greene Family Cemetery, Warwick
George Sears Greene
Island Cemetery, Newport
Gouverneur Kemble Warren
Rodman Family Cemetery, Peace Dale
Isaac Peace Rodman
Swan Point Cemetery, Providence
Ambrose Everett Burnside

South Carolina

Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, Columbia
Wade Hampton
Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia
Maxcy Gregg
Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston
Roswell Sabine Ripley
Quaker Cemetery, Camden
Joseph Brevard Kershaw
St. Helena's Episcopal Churchyard
Richard Heron Anderson
Tabernacle Cemetery, Cokesbury
Nathan George Evans

Utah

Leavitt's Aulorest Cemetery, Ogden
Nathan Kimball

Vermont

Lake View Cemetery, Burlington
Oliver Otis Howard

Virginia

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington
Peter Hollingshead Allabach
Joseph Jackson Bartlett
John Rutter Brooke
George Crook
Abner Doubleday
John Gibbon
James B. Ricketts
William Farrar Smith
Samuel Davis Sturgis
Orlando Bolivar Willcox
Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond
James Jay Archer
Richard Brooke Garnett
David Rumph Jones
Fitzhugh Lee
William Edwin Starke
James Ewell Brown Stuart
John Mercer Brockenbrough
Hermitage Road, Richmond
Ambrose Powell Hill

ADVANCE WITH THE ZOUAVES!!! SHAF'S NEW PROJECT

Washington & Lee University, Lee
Chapel, Lexington

Robert Edward Lee

Presbyterian Cemetery, Lexington

Thomas Jonathan Jackson

University of Virginia Cemetery,
Charlottesville

Carnot Posey

Presbyterian Cemetery, Lynchburg

Robert Emmett Rodes

Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg

Jubal Anderson Early

Thomas Taylor Munford

Stonewall Confederate Cemetery,
Winchester

John George Walker

East End Cemetery, Wytheville

James Alexander Walker

Robertson Family Cemetery, Amelia
County

Beverly Holcombe Robertson

Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg

John Robert Jones

Kemper Family Cemetery, Orange
County

James Lawson Kemper

Gross Family Cemetery, Stony Point

Andrew Jackson Grigsby

Washington, D.C.

Congressional Cemetery

Andrew Atkinson Humphreys

Alfred Pleasonton

Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown

Charles Griffin

Rock Creek Cemetery

Robert Christie Buchanan

William Henry French

Glenwood Cemetery

Vannoy Hartog Manning

Canada

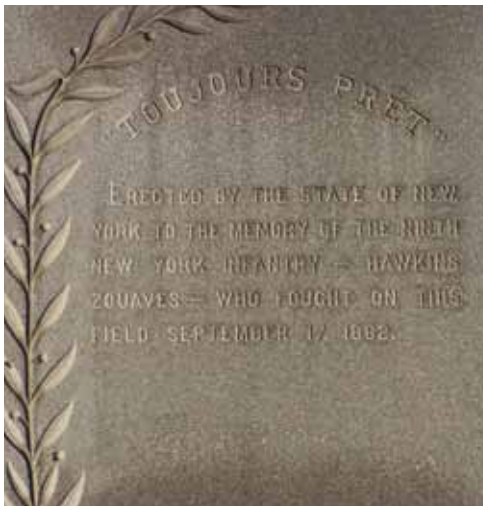
St. Stephen Cemetery, St. Stephen, New
Brunswick

John Curtis Caldwell

Italy

Cimitero degli Allori, Florence

Truman Seymour



Photos by Harry Smeltzer

South of Sharpsburg is one of Antietam's most imposing scenes. Along the Harpers Ferry Road is the walkway to the Hawkins Zouave monument. Also located in the historic plot is the mortuary cannon to the memory of Isaac P. Rodman and the monument to the 8th Connecticut. As the 150th anniversary approaches, SHAF, in conjunction with the NPS will begin its newest project. This will involve a pull-off and Branch avenue, and a new trail on Park service land to link up with the bend of the walkway on the existing approach to the 9th NY monument.

The trail will be on the left flank of the brigade of Harrison Fairchild to the high ground near the Harpers Ferry Road.

The brigade, consisting of the 9th, 89th, and 103rd New York regiments entered the fray with 940 men present for duty. The 9th New York lost 235 men of 373 engaged. The 89th and 103rd lost an additional 220, or a total of 435, or 63%. This was the highest loss, percentage-wise, of the attacking 9th corps columns.

With the new trail, one can advance with the Zouaves into the face of Confederate guns, experiencing what the men of Harrison Fairchild experienced on September 17. Come join us on our work day on October 29 as we begin to prepare the trail.

An Interesting Comment

In the boxes of miscellaneous correspondence files in the Carman Papers at the New York Public Library was the following letter from General Oliver Otis Howard, commanding the Philadelphia Brigade in the West Woods, and commander of the division after General John Sedgwick was wounded. On September 25, 1905 Howard wrote to Ezra Carman regarding his manuscript of the Maryland Campaign of 1862.

Here is what Howard wrote:

My Dear Sir,

I have examined as carefully as possible the positions you allot to our brigade and division and I think they are correct. I see a little discrepancy in time. Evidently Gen. Sumner's watch and mine were at variance.

After the retirement, I came in command of the division and evidently was too new at that command to do the thing that would have been best, namely, move slowly and steadily forward again. Had anybody ordered Sumner's corps straight forward, after their slight discomfiture, the maps would be different and the results more complete.

Thank you for your fidelity and your Antietam work.

Very truly yours,

O.O. Howard

Slight discomfiture!!?? Half the division were casualties and most of the rest badly routed. File this under "What was he thinking?" ☺

Tom Clemens

SHAF Pledges Support for Purchase!

How many years have we been talking about the Shepherdstown Battlefield and purchasing the Cement Mill? More than I want to count, patience is not my long suit! The owners have agreed to sell, but only to a public entity, and only with the proviso that it turned over to the National Park Service. The good folks at Shepherdstown Battlefield Preservation Association encouraged the Jefferson County Commissioners, who have applied and received grants from the state of West Virginia to buy the 17 acre parcel along the Potomac River. The grants will provide \$200,000 of the appraisal price of \$339,000. Civil War Trust has agreed to spend \$100,000 to help with the purchase, SBPA has pledged \$5,000, and at our last board meeting the directors of SHAF agreed to pledge to cover the remaining \$34,000. We cannot think of a more significant property that is related to the Maryland Campaign and is totally without protection. We also know our members care as much as we do about preserving this site, and we have no doubt we can raise the money when the time comes. Officials of Jefferson County are conducting the negotiations and we look forward to a successful conclusion in the near future.

Who Wants To Be a Harsh Scholar?

Last fall Antietam lost perhaps its most gifted historian, Dr. Joseph L. Harsh. His widow Trudy asked for donations to SHAF in lieu of flowers at his funeral, which generated a significant amount of money. At our June meeting the board voted to create a annual stipend for a scholar who will apply to work on a particular aspect of the battle of Antietam, or a related topic, and produce a scholarly presentation, in writing and in a public address during anniversary weekend. A committee of the board and representatives of the Harsh family and the battlefield staff will select the scholar and some logistical and research support will be provided as well. Put on your thinking cap and come up with your favorite Antietam unanswered question, and how you'd like to go about answering it. An official copy of the rules and application with deadlines, etc. will appear on our website this fall. Our inaugural presentation will take place during the sesquicentennial events at Antietam next year. It is possible that academic credit can be arranged as well.

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