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Malvern Hill and Glendale Battlefield Landscape Rehabilitation Continues



At Malvern Hill 15 acres of trees and understory were cleared. After the trees were removed, stumps were ground and the surface raked and seeded.



Contractors removed 13 acres of trees at Glendale, recreating the exact dimensions of an historic farm field that witnessed heavy fighting.

This summer the park completed another phase of landscape rehabilitation at the Malvern Hill and Glendale/Fraser's Farm battlefields. The newest work entailed the removal of 28 acres of trees (12 acres at Malvern Hill and 13 acres at Glendale), and 3 acres of understory clearing at Malvern Hill. The purpose is to restore the scene as closely as possible to its 1862 appearance. Visitors to the sites will better appreciate the role of

terrain in the course of the battles, and will find it easier to comprehend the decisions and movements made by men in both armies.

The latest piece of rehabilitated landscape at Malvern Hill is in the midst of the Confederate path of attack, and adjacent to the site of the Crew farm "slave cabins." On the day of the battle, those cabins became the "high water mark" of the Confederate attacks up Malvern Hill.

The newly cleared acreage just up the road at the Glendale battlefield represents the first effort by the park at repairing that landscape. The historic field northwest of Willis Methodist Church now exists in its original configuration. Union troops of "Fighting Joe" Hooker's division advanced across that field during the June 30, 1862, battle. Elements of Confederate General James Longstreet's infantry awaited Hooker's attack near the tree line.

From The Superintendent

On the 91st anniversary of the National Park Service – August 25, 2007 – Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and NPS Director Mary Bomar presented details of the proposal for the 2016 Centennial Anniversary of the NPS. Part of the proposal is a challenge for park partners throughout the country to match federal dollars to support the important work of the national parks – the care and sharing of the nation’s treasures. Park partners nationwide have responded generously with promises to match funds that the Congress may appropriate for specific activities. The National Park Service last spring asked citizens, employees, park partners, and other stakeholders what they envisioned for a second century of park stewardship. Among the responses heard in Richmond was the hope to preserve more battlefield land and to have the Maggie L. Walker Site better known. General goals for the NPS include:

Parks’ histories are a rich tapestry of interwoven stories from many cultures. The parks will serve to connect visitors with these compelling chapters in the nation’s history, and foster exploration and discussion of the American experience.

Just as our first parks’ grand landscapes inspired citizen-leaders to create the national park system, now the parks will enlist a new 21st century constituency as “citizen scientists” passionately engaged in the future of national parks.

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Park Celebrates Maggie Walker’s Birthday with Living History Event

On July 15, 2007, the 3rd St. Bethel AME Church’s historic sanctuary swelled with audience and anticipation. The program procession walked in and everyone’s curiosity peaked. With a welcome from Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod and Johnny Mickens IV, Maggie Walker’s great-great grandson, the annual Maggie L. Walker Birthday Celebration had officially begun.

This year’s event featured speech excerpts and performances resurrected from the site’s well-preserved archives. Those present felt the program evoked the spirit of an earlier time much different from today. Portraying Mrs. Walker was Marie Goodman-Hunter, who eloquently captivated over 150 attendees as she delivered Walker’s “Race Unity” speech. Paying homage to the first Africans at Jamestown by exhibiting African American unity and self-sufficiency was the message of this compelling speech delivered by Walker many times over since 1909.

Adding a little whimsy to the bill, a document containing 1920’s chants sung by the Independent Order of St. Luke’s Juvenile Department was transformed into the program’s entertainment highlights. 3rd St. Bethel AME youth participants and “Liza” Faith Mickens, Maggie Walker’s great-great granddaughter enthusiastically performed chants such as “Yes Sir, We’re the St. Luke Babies.” Spectators stood in



Children of the community portrayed the Juvenile Department of the I.O. of St. Luke during the July 15th birthday celebration.

delight as the girls danced and sang with strong voices.

For the first time in park history, three generations of Mrs. Walker’s descendants participated in and attended the birthday celebration. Elizabeth Walker Randolph gave a moving testimony of her grandmother’s demanding presence, distinction and strong sense of family. She told of times when Mrs. Walker took the household to Evergreen Cemetery uniting the living and departed Walker family members.

As the celebration concluded at the Site, park interpreters streamed visitors through Walker’s house incorporating the descendants’ vivid testimonies about Mrs. Walker into the tours. As Richmonders came together to celebrate a great community and national leader, a sense of joy and respect was shared among all. Walker is well remembered for her grandiose accomplishments which is revealed in that every July 15th many gather to say: “Happy Birthday Maggie L. Walker!”

Locations of front page images (left to right): Chimborazo Medical Museum; Cold Harbor battlefield; Drewry’s Bluff battlefield; Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site; The Parsonage at Malvern Hill battlefield; Civil War Visitor Center at Tredegar Iron Works.

New Podcast Tour Focuses on Cold Harbor

Richmond National Battlefield Park announces the latest of its podcast tours—the Battle of Cold Harbor. The tour begins at the park’s visitor center and traverses fields and woods that witnessed some of the heaviest fighting on June 1, 1864. The tour was developed by park historian Ed Sanders and is a wonderful addition to the park’s interpretive programming. The podcast offers our visitors an opportunity to experience the very heart of the battlefield and hear a story that is not often told.

The Cold Harbor podcast tour is one of three created with Richmond National Battlefield Park’s partner Civil War Traveler. It is available through the park’s website at www.nps.gov/rich, or at CivilWarTraveler.com. As with the podcast tours of Malvern Hill and Gaines’ Mill, Cold Harbor’s tour was

unscripted and recorded in real time on the battlefield trail, and the narrative is presented as if the listener were taking a guided tour with an NPS ranger.

Visitors are urged to download the podcast tour from the web to their computer, then onto an iPod or other mp3 player. A high resolution battlefield map that identifies stops along the one-mile loop trail is available on the website and at all of the park’s visitor centers.

The park would like to thank Don Pierce and Dr. Doug Houston, long-time friends of the park, for donating iPod Shuffles that can be loaned to visitors without iPods or mp3 players.

Since going live last year, the park’s podcasts have received more than



Dr. Doug Houston prepares to take the podcast tour of the Cold Harbor battlefield.

29,000 visits and more than 6,000 downloads.

The park’s next podcast will be a tour of Abraham Lincoln’s visit to Richmond in April 1865, just days after the Confederate government evacuated the city.

Employee Profile: Andrew Trivizas

Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site’s newest permanent employee is Andrew Trivizas. He recently became the parks’ GIS/IT Specialist. Part of the job involves using GPS and aerial imagery to create custom maps of park resources, while the information technology (IT) component involves all aspects of computer support.

Andrew came to Richmond’s parks as a seasonal for the Resource Management Division in the summers of 2003 and 2004 and then moved to a term position assisting with Hurricane Isabelle cleanup projects. He says, “One of the aspects of working for the NPS that I enjoy the most is the opportunity to

help when natural disasters occur. I have been fortunate enough to be able to assist with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and fight several wildland fires.”

“It feels good to know that my work with the NPS will help preserve this type of experience for future generations to enjoy,” he says. “Besides that, it’s hard to imagine a career that has offices in better locations than the National Park Service.”

A native of northern Virginia, Andrew moved to Richmond to attend VCU and graduated with a BS in Biology. He and his girlfriend, Jessica, have a dog and two ferrets. Favorite hobbies



Andrew Trivizas, GIS/IT Specialist for Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site

include mountain biking, tennis, and motorcycle road-racing, as well as cooking: “I am a big fan of anything wrapped in bacon and then grilled.”

Mother Nature in a National Park

It's not nice to fool Mother Nature, even in a National Park. Mother Nature in a National Park can be friend or foe, depending on the season. This time of year she can be a foe. Severe storms can strike on short notice, causing high, damaging winds and lightning, which on occasion cause tree limbs to snap, or even worse create a downed tree or trees. Lightning strikes are not uncommon in the park, particularly in open areas where only a few trees exist as the highest point. Recent storms such as Hurricane Isabel and Tropical Depression Gaston are proof of such a destructive force. At times trails or roads are blocked by this damage and have to be cleared by personnel to make it safe for the public to enjoy the park. In severe downpours, some washout occurs on trails, or in the most extreme cases, portions of the tour road or a footbridge have been destroyed. Minor flooding has taken place in some park buildings requiring staff to shift books and furniture to higher ground.

Park personnel are constantly on the watch for severe weather. A Health & Safety Program, as well as an Emergency Operations Plan helps spell out procedures in order to protect both employees and visitors during a hurricane, tornado or other type of severe weather. These documented plans serve as the guidance for management and operation of the park to ensure a safe visiting and working environment. They also ensure compliance with OSHA, Departmental, and State regulations and laws. Park radios are equipped to monitor the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather frequency, which gives 24/7 weather information as well as

any watches or warnings. With this information park personnel are able to alert park visitors and on occasion, neighbors of severe weather. Emergency generators in some park buildings allow essential business to continue. Park Rangers and maintenance staff constantly check park roads and trails for unsafe conditions, to include washout areas and downed limbs or hazardous trees.

While every effort is made to protect

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Together with our partners, our parks will be integral to the nation's educational system. We will employ new media to capture the imagination of a new generation of learners, applying modern technologies to communicate traditional values, and reverse the increasing divide between the young and the natural world. We will enroll a vast new cadre of Junior Rangers, many of whom are from diverse communities.

Our vision for 2016 can be realized with our strongest assets: the men and women of the National Park Service, and the partners who work side by side with us. National parks benefit from a passionate workforce. The Service will recruit and retain a workforce that reflects the face of



Damage from Hurricane Isabel. Many large trees fell in the park during the 2003 storm.

you for your safety, you must always remain alert and cautious. Remember - take shelter during any severe weather event.

America, drawn from the best and brightest.

We will nurture existing partners and seek to broaden our partner base to meet the needs of a growing nation.

Application of the centennial vision at the park level isn't a one time event. Secretary Kempthorne pledged to report centennial initiative progress to the public each year. He chose August 25th - the National Park Service's anniversary - to issue the update. National Park Service leaders across the country will review and update their centennial strategies each year in support of a second century of preservation, conservation, and enjoyment. Let us know of any proposals you would like to suggest and participate in making a reality.

Recent Acquisitions to Park Collections

During the summer the park received donations of several important collections of original documents that pertain directly to our sites. Benjamin Y. Draper was an officer in the 1st Delaware Infantry who kept a daily diary in the spring of 1864. His last entry is dated June 2, 1864, at Cold Harbor. He was killed the next evening during a little-known Confederate counterattack on the McGhee Farm. He occupies a marked grave in the Cold Harbor National Cemetery. A private donor gave the park Draper's diary and several wartime photographs. A special temporary display of Draper items now stands inside the Cold Harbor Visitor Center.

A woman in Georgia gave the park an original letter written at Chimborazo

Hospital on November 28, 1862, by a restless soldier-patient named Marcus P. Jackson. Private Jackson served in the 45th Georgia Infantry and employed an amanuensis to pen the letter, probably because of illiteracy. "I think I shall go to my Regt soon for I am tiered of this place," the letter says. Jackson was at the hospital with intermittent fever. He returned to the army and survived many terrible battles, only to be killed near Petersburg in October 1864 by "the accidental explosion of a shell."

Long-time volunteer Dr. Charles Cooke recently donated several items relating to hospitals in wartime Richmond. Some relate directly to Chimborazo Hospital, and most will be placed on exhibit this fall.



This image of Benjamin Draper and his sweetheart was recently acquired by Richmond National Battlefield Park.

The park thanks these individuals for their generous donations to Richmond National Battlefield Park's museum collection.

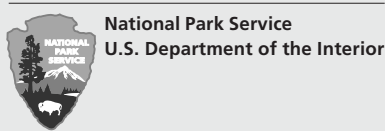
Successful Summer Program at Maggie L. Walker NHS

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site introduced "Make - it and Take - it Thursdays" this summer, a new craft program for day cares, church camps and families. Participants received everything they needed to make their own scrapbook, including copies of interesting items from Maggie Walker's own scrapbook along with crayons, markers, stickers and other fun decorations. The children were also provided with a modern newspaper to teach them that today's news is tomorrow's history. During the discussions the children learned that scrapbooking was an important tool that Maggie Walker employed to record anything she found interesting and wished to keep.



Ranger Lisa Doak, creator of the scrapbooking program, instructs a group of children about making their own scrapbooks.

The Thursday time slots quickly filled up. Through the summer 130 children brought home a keepsake of their visit to Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site. The program proved so popular that it was ultimately offered on additional days.



Richmond National Battlefield Park was established in 1936 to commemorate the battlefields around Richmond, Virginia, Capital of the Confederacy, 1861-1865.

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site was established in 1978 to preserve and protect the home of the first woman to found and be president of a bank.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Call (804)226-1981, ext. 30 for details. All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

The Battles for Richmond Anniversary Program, September 29 & 30:

Battlefield tours, living history encampments, weapons firing demonstrations, exhibits and displays. Saturday 10:00 - 5:00; Sunday 10:00 - 4:00.

2nd Street Festival in Jackson Ward, October 5-7: Tours of Maggie Walker's home, activities for children, music and food. Saturday and Sunday.

Encampment at Drewry's Bluff, October 6 & 7: Talks, tours and demonstrations depicting garrison life inside the Drewry's Bluff fortifications. Saturday 10:00 - 5:00; Sunday 10:00 - 4:00.

National Folk Festival at Tredegar Iron Works, October 13 & 14: A weekend of special activities celebrating a wide mix of cultural music, dance and crafts. Join park rangers at the Family Fun booth to play 19th century games throughout the weekend.

Totopotomoy Creek/Rural Plains Encampment, October 27 & 28: Open house, battlefield tours, living history with Gen. Hancock. Saturday and Sunday.

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