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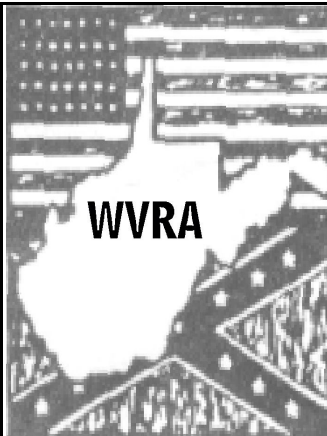
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**09-13-1861 the 149th Anniversary of death of Lt. Col. John A. Washington**

Armed with a pair of scissors, the overgrown site of the deadly ambush of Lt. Col. John Augustine Washington, Gen. Robert E. Lee's kin and aid-de-campe, was tenderly primed for the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

Just north of the fork of the Tygart River and Elk Run in southern Randolph County, West Virginia, the road site memorial was barely visible. Hidden by thick briars and weeds, the United Daughters of the Confederacy's 1958 marker of the attack is clearly forgotten.

At forty years of age Washington was a fallen man. He was the last family custodian and heir to the ancestral estate of Mt. Vernon. He had sold his great grand uncle, President George Washington's estate to the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association of the Union two years previously. He was facing bankruptcy, unable to financially maintain the property, even then a popular tourist attraction. His wife Eleanor Love Selden Washington died soon after they moved to Waveland in Fauquier County, Virginia. Washington was now a widower with seven children.

As Chief of Staff to Gen. Robert E. Lee, he had begged on this fateful day, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, to accompany Virginia cavalry officer, Gen. Lee's twenty-four year old son, Maj. William Henry Fitzhugh Lee, nicknamed Rooney, on patrol.

From their perch above the Tygart Valley they had spied Federal mounted rifleman near the mouth of Elkwater Fork. Rooney was satisfied with the visualization but Washington urged for capture and they headed down the mountain.

Most unfortunately Sgt. John Weiler and pickets with the 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana were hidden up the wooded hillside. Three minnie balls were popped through the back of John. Noting the white star on his hat, they had known that their target was valuable.

Washington's horse fled the massacre unscathed with John's magnificent sword at his side, much to the disappointment of the Union soldiers who had dolled out his personal effects to Federal officers.

The Union soldiers brought the dying soldier water which he had requested, but he died before they could bring the tin cup to his lips.

Rooney Lee fled down the valley on foot, running for his life; his horse shot dead from under him. He hid along Elk Run in thick brush for hours, waiting until night fall to venture back to camp and share the horrific with their general.

This exact moment in history was recorded by Gen. Lee as the most personal devastating time for him in the Civil War. John and Robert were not just kin, they were very close friends. The collapse of the southern effort in western Virginia was devastating, but losing his John was horrific.

Local historian Lauren Ragland, editor of the Pioneer Index of Randolph County explained that she felt urged to clean the site because it upset her to see the roadside monument hidden by vegetation.

It is important to keep history alive, she shared, we learn from the past, and we should remember and honor our fallen soldiers no matter which side you are on.

Next year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Valley Campaign of Lee of Union McClellan and Rebel Lee. Grand plans will commemorate the fist battle of the Civil War in nearby Philippi, the Rich Mountain Battle and the Cheat Mountain, all total failures for General Lee and the Southern cause.

Ragland's plan for next year is to plant a perennial garden of yellow flowers – just like the ones that Col. Washington pressed in his Bible for his beloved daughters in Virginia.

Washington shared a simple white tent on Valley Mountain with Gen. Lee and Capt. Walter H. Taylor. The three devoted man prayed every morning and night together. They were overheard praying aloud with much emotion. Today we can say again, rest in peace.

This article was forwarded to us from Lauren Ragland and Dora Grubb.

If anyone has an email address to submit news articles in their local or community newspaper, TV or radio about the WVRA, please email Tonya Daft at [rebeld4h@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeld4h@yahoo.com) or call at (304) 825-6103. We already have Marion, Harrison, Mon, and Lewis County news contacts. Need other counties. We also need someone from various counties that are willing to be a contact person for that area to recruit new membership for both the North and the South. ;)

**Postcard on the front of the newsletter was submitted by Dave & Marjory Thompson. Did you see any familiar faces?**

**In the midst of the Civil War, West Virginia became the 35th state to be admitted to the Union (June 20, 1863). Some of the battle sites include Carnifex Ferry, Droop Mountain, Rich Mountain, Harpers Ferry (site of John Brown's raid) and Philippi (1st land battle of the war).**

**And the WVRA is host to two of these reenactment battles. Droop Mountain and Rich Mountain.  
Awesome!!!**

For timely discussions about CW events, clothing, firearms, and yes, even personalities in the hobby,  
Go To

[www.authenticcampaighner.com](http://www.authenticcampaighner.com)

Or [www.cwreenactors.com](http://www.cwreenactors.com)

*The By-Laws of the WVRA  
are on the web site at  
WVRA.ORG*

### **For Sewing Needs**

Diane Tennant at  
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Lisa Johnson at
queendurst2000@yahoo.com

If anyone is interested in doing school, clubs or event presentations please contact Tonya Daft so she can update the list of those that are interested. So far we have Jack and Tonya Daft, Bill Snyder, Tag Ireland, Donnie Stewart, Lisa Johnson, Carol Rowe, and Abigail Reynolds.

Rich Mountain 2011

RMBF has a major tour & dinner on the afternoon / evening of Sept 11, so Chelley and our board members are tied up with that. I can plan to come to WVRA meet to work on the discussion / planning about Rich, if you want to do it then - although the earlier I can get done the better (the Beverly portion of the tour starts at 4:30 that I'd like to be back for if possible.) Could we maybe do a Rich "committee" meet before the main meeting, or at least as the first item of the agenda? Has sponsoring Rich for next year been voted on? If not, can we move that along - and go ahead and start promoting it anyway? Will the whole group be willing to take some time on this, or should we do a "committee" meeting before the main meeting? Or will you want to set up a different time to talk details? We have had indications of interest from some out of state groups with ties to the battle. We really want to do a great job on next summer's reenactment and generate some new enthusiasm.

Tim (and Peter and I) were at the WVRA meeting in August, and as it turned out that was more about overall schedule for 2011 and we didn't have time to talk much about specific schedule for the reenactment.

Then I got busy with other stuff . . . we really need to have the conversation about what we are planning for the reenactment - what will be the same and what different, schedule, etc - all the stuff that needs to go in the promotional blurb and the reenactors packet. The sooner the better. We should have at least a promotional flyer, and preferably the whole packet available, for Droop and any other fall events our guys will be attending. **what we know so far:**

RMBF is planning a tour / symposium for the end of the week next summer just before the reenactment to tie in with it. This will attract a somewhat different audience than the reenactment will, but should have some overlap as well. The keynote speaker for this (Thursday evening I think) will be Will Greene, and Friday evening will be a Civil War music concert. These will be in Elkins, with tours of the First Campaign sites during the days. Also on Monday, the actual anniversary day, Tim is working with telegraphers from the signal corps who want to reenact McClellan's telegrams to Washington on the actual day. We are also thinking of a low-key memorial ceremony on the -

battlefield that day for anyone who wants and can be available to stick around to participate.

So for the reenactment in between that - we need WVRA input to decide what to include, what to add, and what schedule. Would be glad to meet with you. WVRA meeting is afternoon of Sept 11th, 3 pm, yes? Chelley has a major tour that day, so unless the tour is done early, she's probably not available then. Maybe I could come if she doesn't need me. Or if we could get some folks willing to meet just about this and concentrate on it - whenever we could schedule that. We

If a committee was willing to meet sometime in September, Chelley and I - and maybe Rick if he's available could meet in Beverly, at the site, or someplace in your neighborhood. I think we could pretty much decide this initial stuff in one meeting if we had enough participation to be able to make decisions. Please forward this to whoever you feel might be interested in participating in the planning, and let us know when you'd like to meet. thanks much! Phyllis

GREAT NEWS

Hello members some good news!!!! We the WVRA do not have to pay a fee to set up a Sutler for our group at Droop. So if you are a member of the WVRA and you have period items that you would like to sell please mark your name and the price on the items and bring them to Droop. Keep in mind this is a fundraiser for the WVRA so 10% of what you make will go to the WVRA you might want to take that into consideration when you price your items. Also does anyone have an extra fly that we can use for the sutler? You are also responsible for collecting your items, that do not sell, after the event and taking them back home with you.

AHHHH The Memories.....Old WVRA Pictures

Submitted by Roy Shreve



<— I believe this was taken at the dedication of the Confederate Cemetery in Beverly. *In this photo:* Kevin Skaggs (photos), Dave Eubanks, Mark Trail (photos), Jack Rush, Mark Tennant

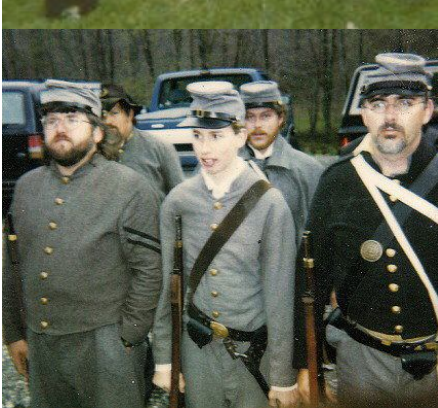
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^ Another picture taken at the Union Carbide Picnic. *In this photo:* Lynn Marks, Roy Shreve (photos), Bill Snyder, J R "Bug" Moore, Pete Collier



<— Taken at one of the Union Carbide picnics. *In this photo:* Pete Collier, Kelso Marple



Taken at one of the School of the Soldiers at Rich Mountain. My does Beal look young. *In this photo:* Bill Brisendine (photos), Ken Connell (photos), Joshua Shreve (photos), Frank Longanetta



An early Droop Mountain picture. *In this photo:* Dave Lewis, Jim Allman (photos), Ken Connell (photos), Roy Shreve (photos), Dave Thompson, Marge Thompson

DROOP OCT 8-10. Looking Forward to the beauty, the history, the fun and adding to the great memories that are priceless.

WVRA SEPTEMBER SECRETARY NOTES

Submitted by substitute/acting Secretary Diane Tennant

Meeting was at Weston Steakhouse on 9/11/10, Old business was Droop Mountain, The WVRA is providing the Saturday evening meal, Kevin Mullenex is roasting a pig which should feed between 125-150 and also chickens if needed, The rest of the meal will be purchased at a local store. It will included potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, bread and bottled water. The WVRA will also provided paper plates, plastic ware, and napkins.

Mike Smith will place a sign at the registration area so there will be room for the tent, Tim Glaser will be doing the registration.

It was also noted by Bill Brisendine that the WVRA had 5 for the Droop clean up and 8 from the 2nd VA, these members of the 2nd VA will not have to pay the registration fee for the event.

New business: Phyllis requested ideas for Rich Mountain in 2011, the dates are 8, 9 & 10 of July. This is the 150th of this battle.

Dates will need to be decided for 2013 Droop as the regular weekend will be 150th Bulltown.

The next meeting of the WVRA will be at Droop following the Saturday battle at the registration tent.

Diane..... Jack thanks you very much for filling in for him at the last moment.

MODERN DAY TELEGRAM LETTERS

Tonya, What is Tim Glaser's e-mail? We, the rifles may have 10 attending at Droop and would like to let him know. We are planning a reunion of sorts for the Rifles @ Droop, 23 years.Tim Boggs

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I just visited your WVRA web site for the first time. Good Job! It's very informative and easy to get around on. Hope to see you at Droop. ....Tim Boggs.

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Donnie Stewart and Lisa Johnson have done a fabulous job on the web site.....Absolutely amazing. We (the WVRA) are very blessed to have them in our group.

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I am an elementary teacher at Zela Elementary. It is a small school outside of Summersville, WV. I would like to have the contact information for some reenactor groups that I

might contact about making a presentation at our school as a part of our Appalachian Heritage Day activities. Could you provide me with this information? The date is October 26, 2010. If possible, I would like to have a presentation around 12:00. I would like a living history and/or battle type of reenactment. Zela Elementary is located in Nicholas County eight miles outside of Summersville. The school is located in an economically depressed area and most of the children have never had an opportunity to experience many activities outside of school. We would appreciate any assistance you can provide us. Please call if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
Deborah Stollings

## TELEGRAPH

The United States government might be in the telegraph business today had it not decided in 1847 that sending messages by wire would never be profitable. Congress appropriated \$30,000 to build a line from Washington to Baltimore, which Samuel F. B. Morse inaugurated on May 24, 1844 with the words, "What hath God wrought!" He and his associates devised a code of dots and dashes—short and long signals—which represented the letters of the alphabet, numbers and punctuation marks. For several months thereafter, few took advantage of the offer to transmit free messages, and finally the line was turned over to a private firm. Then railway companies discovered that the telegraph was an almost indispensable method for sending information about train movements up and down the line. Public messages were easily and cheaply sent on the same wires. By 1851, 50 telegraph companies had been organized. Transmission of messages to Europe over the first successful transatlantic cable began in 1866.

Eventually, smaller businesses were taken over by two nationwide systems which merged in 1943. The old Morse "key" for sending dots and dashes gave way to teleprinters with keyboards resembling those of typewriters. Wires and equipment were developed which could transmit up to 300 messages simultaneously on different frequencies. Many large business firms now lease their own telegraph systems which not only handle typed communications but also transmit facsimile sketches, blueprints and maps. In addition, these systems can relay data for processing by computers. Other lines serve "ticker" machines which print stock, bond and produce prices. The number of miles of telegraph channels in the United States for sending public messages has increased from 933,000 in 1900 to 92 million in 1967.

## WVRA Information & Updates

The WVRA membership Directory is now available. It has been emailed to the membership please take time to go over the list and make sure your info is correct and updated.

It is time to start nominating people for next years officers. WVRA President, Vice, Secretary, Newsletter, Treasurer and your unit officers.

We need to start thinking about a name for the WVRA web site due to lack of judgement and oversight we cannot use the WVRA .ORG domain name any longer. Some suggestions were WVRACIVIL-WAR, WVRA1988, WVRAINFO, maybe you guys have something else. The sooner we decide the sooner we can get our fabulous web site back up and running. I hope that this time people (membership) keep the information about the domain name and pass it on so we do not have these problems and headaches in the future, the same for the tax exempt and post office info. Copies of everything should be kept with the secretary notes and passed on to the new officers every year.

## *Welcome to the WVRA Family*

**Everyone Please Welcome  
Brain Castro, & Reed Flinn, &  
Tom Stanton & Debbie Ground**

*Thank You Jim Barnes for attending the Morgan Reunion. When we asked Jim to do it his answer was "Tonya, I can't resist free food." Thanks again Jim. Let us have an update on the event.*

**Hats-off, Kudos, Hurrah, and just an old-fashion down-home from the HEART..... THANK YOU!!!!!!**

A large thank you goes out to Mark Tenant for all his hard work in organizing things for Droop. He also did a lot of advertising for the event and deserves a large salute.

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Thank you Bill Snyder for always thinking ahead and making arrangements for us to do the Radio station promo for our group.

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Thank you Donnie Stewart and Lisa Johnson for all the hard work you have done and are doing in getting our domain name and web site straightened out. Especially with everything you have had to deal with. We really do appreciate it and we all love our new web site and hope you can keep up the great work.

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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Chuck Critchfield for working with me and helping to alphabetize the WVRA Directory. The program was new to me and I could not figure it out without erasing something else. And thank you Pamela (future member) for educating me on how to use this new program. And all the other info you provide for Internet use. It is great when everyone can work together to achieve a common goal.

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Thank You Phyllis for all the help you have provided in dealing with this Tax Exempt situation

**REMEMBER WHEN**  
submitted by Roy Shreve

Old WVRA Pictures  
Drumming the "Ladies" out of Camp  
at Droop.



Hello, I am interested in working with your organization on a partnership. We have been looking for a group to take on our site as a location for encampments. We have been working with a couple groups already; one isn't very organized and the other has most of it's members in New York.

We would like to find a couple groups to participate in at least two events each year. One as a stand alone Civil War Encampment during the spring or summer; the other is our Fall Farm Festival which takes place every October (each full weekend). During this event each weekend has a different theme; and we always have a Civil War Weekend. I realize this is extremely late for you all as far as scheduling events, but I am in a pinch with our Fall Farm Festival this year. The last weekend Oct. 30th and 31st is Civil War weekend. I have not been able to find a group of Civil War re-enactors willing to help with an encampment. Is there any chance three or four of your guys would be interested helping out? I can provide dinner on Saturday night, venison stew.

Anyway, could you pass this along to your command? Also, I would like to add their contact information to my list of re-enactors.

All the best, Christa Kermode  
Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator  
Sky Meadows State Park, 11012 Edmonds Lane  
Delaplane, VA 20144 540-592-3556

**WVRA FAMILY TIDBITS**

The Daft family also has a new family member, Jack and Tonya with the help of Tasha and Josh of course, decided to supply three rebs in one package!!!! Sept 10 Cowen Paul Carpenter was born weighing in at 9 pounds 14 oz. And 23 inches long. Red hair, blue eyes and dimples all over and even a cleft chin. Maw and Paw Daft are very excited Can ya tell?

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Our Best wishes and prayers goes out to Ronna we hope that everything turns out ok with your leg injury and you are dancing a jig soon. We also appreciate the fact that you were hurting but still managed to come out and help with the clean up... amazing!!!
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**UPDATES FOR DROOP**

Hello everyone some things that needed brought up or informed at meeting but I was busy seeing my grandchild and did not make it is; A lady called and wants us to put together a history book on various communities that we do Civil War events in. I think Rich is the first one she wants and maybe Droop. She wants communities that Civil War history, battles and events were at. She also mentioned Buckhannon.

Also Kelso Marple gave us a skirmish for Droop just like the good old days lots of fun. Bill Snyder and I will be on a radio station promoting our group and Droop Mountain Sept 29. We are also trying to get on Channel 12 for publicity for Droop and for our membership drive, please let me know if anyone else wants included on these promotion events.

I need more period looking baskets for the ladies tea. If they look too new we can always tea or coffee stain them but need to know who has baskets to donate and how many. We do not want you to pay a bunch for them I got most of mine from auctions or yard sales. Also any lace or extra ribbon that you have please bring it also.

We also need letters wrote to the soldiers for mail call. If you do up one from the TASAS, or church or Sanitation commission , or hookers and need copies made please get them to me by Oct 2 so I have time to copy and put in envelopes with stamps on them. I already have letters from Carol, Abby, Me and Betty.

We also need items for the soldiers **we already have candles, popcorn, peanuts, matches, white gloves, blood soaked bandages, haversacks, wallets, and hardtack, little bags of salt, sugar and flour.** need other things: like paper and pencils, hankies, cigars, loved ones hair locks with ribbon, rock candy, bread or biscuits, jerky, peanuts, fruit, gun cleaning swabs, rolled cartridges, things that need wrapped please do so in cloth, brown paper or waxpaper. Also anything else that you might want to do that is not on the list but is of the time period please feel free to do so. We do not need a whole lot of an item. each guy will get a choice of **one** thing. Most of us have donated 10-20 pieces of our items. But for bigger items like haversacks, wallets, etc. 1 or 2 will do. If you want to do more that is fine also, and greatly appreciated. Thanks a Million Tonya.....Let the Good Times Roll.



## Summary of Civil War Heritage in Fairmont Marion County

SEPT 11, 2010 MEETING : Below is a list (by no means complete) of ideas discussed at the meeting. These are not formal minutes, but I thought it would help if we had something in print from this meeting to refer to at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, at 10:00 at the Historical Society.

The meeting was called in order to generate ideas for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War in the spring of 2011, and for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of West Virginia statehood in June 2013.

Gena brought a diagram of one section of Woodlawn Cemetery showing where several Civil War troops are buried. She would like to see a trifold brochure with the names and plot locations for all the CW soldiers in that cemetery as well as a larger book/booklet with names, regiments and regimental histories.

She is also trying to get individuals and groups to purchase bronze markers for the Civil War troop graves. They are \$35.00 each. Gena had an example of the G.A.R. marker for Union troops and the C.S.A. marker for Confederate troops. Gena will contact the Times-West Virginian for an article on the need for more markers and the upcoming sesquicentennial of the war.

Bob described efforts of the state legislature in the area of locating small cemeteries. He would like to see Marion County become the first in the state (if not the nation) to have a GPS location for every cemetery, which would facilitate tourists' finding them. This information could also be put online. Gena and Elizabeth volunteered to begin this project. Elizabeth will check the resources of the Marion County Genealogy Club for cemetery names and locations and will begin driving to them and marking the GPS locations.

Gena mentioned that there are 3 and possibly 4 African American Civil War soldiers buried at Woodlawn. She would like to see community involvement from the immediate neighborhood in cleaning up the adjoining African American cemetery.

She also suggested an ice cream social, or similar event, with costumed reenactors for the sesquicentennial at the cemetery to highlight the Civil War troops from both sides of the conflict, the Pierponts, and other notable citizens of that time who were influential in Fairmont's history.

Dora would like to see a professionally printed brochure highlighting the Civil War heritage in Fairmont and the county. Some information from the library Civil War program brochure from last April could be included. A sesquicentennial publication such as the one published in 1963 for the centennial celebration was also mentioned.

A ball and dinner at the court house were suggested as a sesquicentennial event. Someone would like to have the West Virginia Barbershop Chorus sing, in period uniform if possible.

Ron Chrislip is working on getting a bust of Francis Pierpont placed somewhere in downtown Fairmont. Currently there is nothing honoring the memory of Gov. Pierpont except a stained glass window at his church on Monroe St., now owned by Patricia Pagan as a venue for weddings and meetings. There is a portrait of Pierpont somewhere in the court house, but its location prevents it from being noticed.

Jo Ann had a number of suggestions for Civil War heritage events. She would like to see Julia Pierpont Day, the Saturday before the Memorial Day holiday, commemorated regularly, as Julia has been credited with beginning Decoration Day, the forerunner of our Memorial Day holiday. She is willing to portray Julia at an event as she has in past years. Another suggestion was sending "Francis and Julia Pierpont" in costume to walk around at the Three Rivers Festival to promote Julia Pierpont Day.

Jo Ann would like to have a permanent legacy, such as a garden, structure, or marker, as part of the statehood sesquicentennial in 2013. She mentioned that Francis Pierpont should be remembered and promoted his birthday, his escape on the back of a train from Fairmont prior to the Battle of Fairmont, his support of a school for African Americans in the town as he contributed so much to our state and our community.

She also mentioned putting plantings, such as dogwood and evergreen, and a walking path in Coal Run Hollow to commemorate the Battle of Fairmont. Lighting would be necessary.

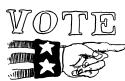
Jo Ann would like to have a Civil War Heritage tour available in Fairmont. A walking or driving tour could be done, and/or a scheduled bus tour at the time of special events.

Another idea was an historical fashion show and a local competition: period dress, a beard growing contest, etc. as part of a "Way We Were" day, which would be a permanent annual event.

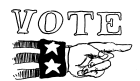
Other individuals will need to be contacted and invited to help in planning. Local civic organizations, the Marion County Commission (Randy Elliott), Fairmont City Council (Bob Sapp), the New Mystics Arts group (Joey & Tonya Madea), FSU and Marion County Schools drama departments, the Visitors' Bureau, Main Street Fairmont, the West Virginia Reenactors Association (Tonya Daft), a "Create Marion County" group (Sharon Jones?) and descendants of founding families were all mentioned.

**NEXT MEETING For Fairmont Civil War Heritage IS OCTOBER 16, 2010 at 10:00 am at the MC Historical Society building beside the Court House**

**If you, as WVRA members have ideas concerning the Heritage of Fairmont that you would like to convey, but cannot attend ,please contact Tonya with the information that you would like to see discussed.**



**MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT ! ..... VOTE TODAY**



BELOW IS AN ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FULL BALLOT PROCEDURE. FOR THOSE THAT CANNOT ATTEND THE OCT 9 WVRA MEETING AT DROOP MOUNTAIN. PLEASE MARK YOUR BALLOTS AND MAIL TO:  
 TONYA DAFT 479 PLUM RUN ROAD MANNINGTON WV 26582 **BY OCT 7. OR EMAIL YOUR VOTE TO**

In Accordance with the WVRA by-laws. A full ballot must be presented in order to decide whether or not to sponsor an event Check the appropriate Box and return ballot to above address.

It has been proposed that the WVRA sponsor the Rich Mountain Civil War Re-enactment Event on the weekend of 8-10 July 2011

YES: Sponsor the Reenactment

NO: Don't sponsor the Reenactment

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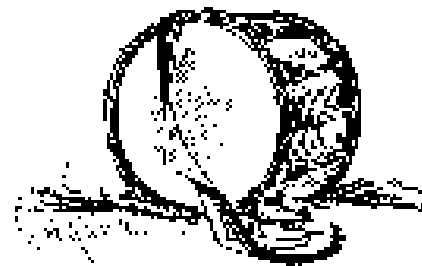
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