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To many, the past is gone forever... But today we can look back with wonder

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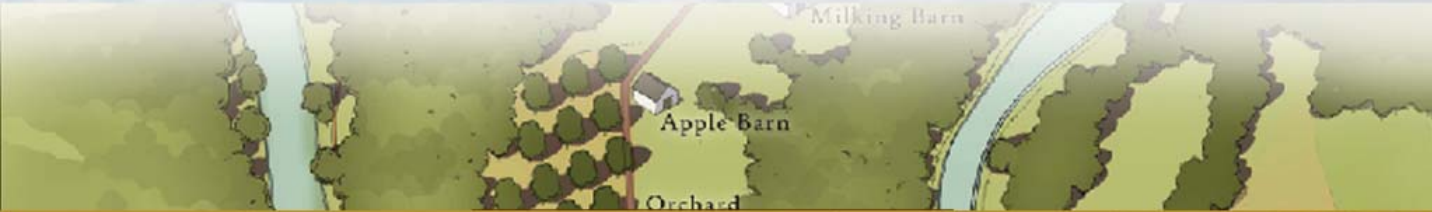
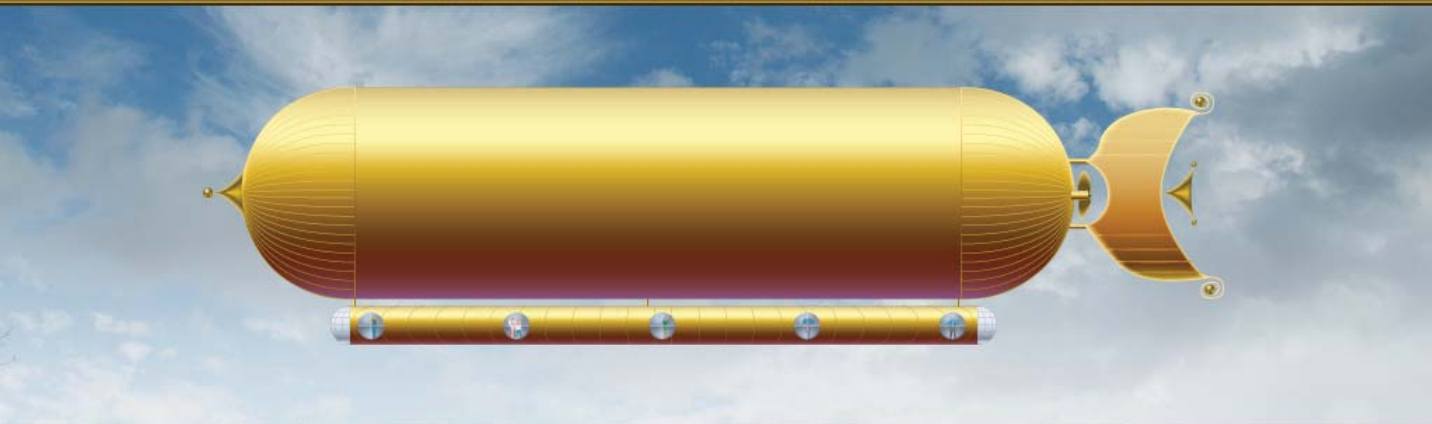
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Greenbank Farm, Circa 1799

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Greenbank - the Banks' Farm - (Greenbank Road, south of Berea) a crossing area for General Sedgwick's Union VI Corps following the Battle of Salem Church. The farm is inaccessible to the public.

1600

No great battles were fought within Stafford County, but during the winter of 1862-1863, 120,000 men of the Army of the Potomac camped along its ridges and valleys. The federal army combed the countryside, stripping the inhabitants of nearly everything - livestock, fence rails, crops, and lumber. With little remaining to eat and firewood for heating scarce (some sources claim that only 20 trees pre-dating the war exist in the county today), most residents were forced to leave. When these homes were found abandoned, Union soldiers simply pulled down the house and used it for firewood.

1700

When the army finally left in June, 1863 to pursue Lee into Pennsylvania, Stafford County was virtually deserted with only those homes which had been occupied by officers or used as hospitals still left standing. It would take until the 1950's for the county to get back to what it had been before the Union army arrived.

1800

This tour will take the visitor to some of the sites where the Army of the Potomac camped during the winter 1862-1863. Except where noted, all of the property mentioned is private





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Time Tour

1862-1863 Civil War



1861 First naval engagement of Civil War at Aquia Landing

1862 Southern Abolitionist, Moncure Conway, has father's slaves leave Stafford and takes them to Ohio to freedom



1862 "Stafford, Gateway to Freedom" 10,000 slaves travel through Stafford to Aquia Landing to gain freedom.



1862-1865 Lincoln visits

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History venues around Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg offers a unique opportunity for anyone, especially students to experience the history of America at its infancy. From the voyages of the English when Captain John Smith explored the Fredericksburg area in 1608 to the Civil War in the 1860s, we have a treasure trove of history in our area. We have assembled a list of museums and sites for schools and students to visit and study for your SOLteaching companions maked with SOL in red. The other sites in the list are sites worth visiting for the history lover in all of us.



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Museums and Historic Attractions

Belmont

The Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery – devoted to the 19th c. Falmouth painter

Chatham

18th-century estate of William Fitzhugh completed in 1771 and named after William Pitt, Earl of Chatham

Fredericksburg Area Museum

Collects, interprets, and presents the history and culture of this region of Virginia

George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation

James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library

Jamestown/Yorktown, Virginia

Kenmore Plantation and Gardens

Monticello



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SOL testing scores in Va up

The State has released figures for the 2008 season and is commending all the schools in the state. The governor said today that all teachers should be proud of their achievements and looks forward to next year and the growth for the future of the state's students and beyond. [More...](#)



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Civil War Maps, 1861-1865

Overview

Civil War Maps brings together materials from three premier collections: the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Library of Virginia. Among the reconnaissance, sketch, and theater-of-war maps are the detailed battle maps made by Major Jedediah Hotchkiss for Generals Lee and Jackson, General Sherman's Southern military campaigns, and maps taken from diaries, scrapbooks, and manuscripts—all available for the first time in one place.

Most of the items presented here are documented in Civil War Maps: An Annotated List of Maps and Atlases in the Library of Congress, compiled by Richard W. Stephenson in 1989. New selections from 2,240 maps and 76 atlases held by the Library will be added monthly.



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