



The Old Court House Civil War Museum

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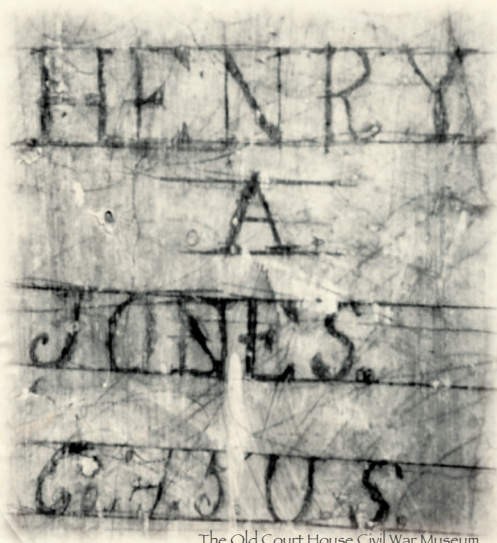
Open November through April

Wednesday through Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm; Sunday 1:00-5:00pm

May through October

Monday through Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm; Sunday 1:00-5:00pm

The 1840 Frederick County Court House in Winchester, Virginia served as a prison and hospital to both sides during the Civil War. Soldiers wrote their names and drew pictures on the walls, some of which can still be seen. The Old Court House Civil War Museum now occupies the building. It has a nationally recognized collection of relics with displays illustrating the life of common soldiers.



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Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail



Follow the trail of Union soldiers and Confederate defenders as they swept through the Northern Virginia countryside. Discover the graffiti they left in homes, churches, and public buildings during the Civil War.

The Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail will lead you from the vibrant suburbs to rolling hills and farmlands. Our sites and towns will reveal a unique glimpse of the Civil War soldier as they fought in this decisive event of our American history.

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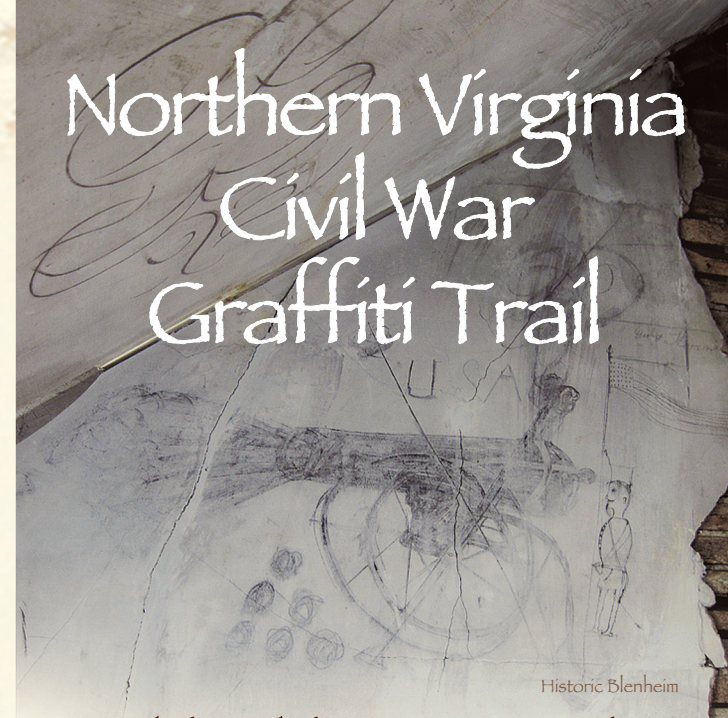


www.VirginiaCivilWar.org



www.civilwartrails.org

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*"Old soldiers never die,
they just fade away"*

*But is it really true?
Find out by visiting the sites along the*

Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail

Participants:

Historic Blenheim, City of Fairfax

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Prince William County

The Graffiti House, Brandy Station

Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie

Old Court House Civil War Museum, Winchester

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Civil War

Throughout history's wars, common soldiers have created a personal legacy in the form of writings and drawings on building walls—what we today call graffiti. During the American Civil War—our nation's most divisive conflict—soldiers were no different. Union and Confederate soldiers on the march, in camp, hospitalized, and jailed left their messages in homes, churches, and court houses during the Civil War. Their names, thoughts, and images have been immortalized giving us a glimpse into these individuals as they defended and pursued, rested and played, suffered and convalesced.

Graffiti



Ben Lomond Historic Site

10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, Virginia 20109
703-367-7872 www.pwcgov.org/benlomond
Ben Lomond Historic Site is operated by the
Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

Tours are offered 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Thursday through
Monday, May through October, and by appointment.
Grounds are open during operating hours.

Ben Lomond was used as a field hospital after 1st
Manassas and Confederate headquarters before
Confederates left in 1862. Federal soldiers marching
through Prince William in 1862 frequently stopped
here, writing their names on the walls. Today most
of the graffiti is protected, but sections of two walls
are left uncovered for view.



The Graffiti House

19484 Brandy Road,
Brandy Station, Virginia
22714

540-727-7718 www.brandystationfoundation.com
The Graffiti House is owned and operated by the
Brandy Station Foundation, a locally based 501 (c) (3)
non-profit corporation

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



A portion of wall in The Graffiti House

Built in 1858 as a general store and residence for
the local Postmaster, the house was occupied by
both Union and Confederate soldiers during the
Civil War. Using charcoal from the central fireplace,
these soldiers decorated the plaster walls with
signatures, drawings, and commentaries on their
lives. Today over 200 readable graffiti survive to
give testament to the passing of these soldiers.



Mt. Zion Historic Park

40309 John Mosby Highway Aldie, Virginia 20105
703-327-9777 www.nvrpa.org/park/mt_zion
Mt. Zion Historic Park is owned and operated by
the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Open for guided tours 1:00–5:00 p.m. on the fourth
Sunday of the month, April through October,
and by appointment. Grounds open daily year-
round during daylight hours.

Mt. Zion Old School Baptist Church, built in 1851,
was an eyewitness to the Civil War, used as a
rendezvous site, prison, barracks, and battleground.
Union troops used the church as a hospital after
the cavalry engagements of Aldie, Middleburg,
and Upperville in June 1863, and graffiti on the
church's walls are remnants of the soldiers' days
spent in recuperation.

Historic Blenheim

3610 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-591-0560 www.fairfaxva.gov
Historic Blenheim and the Civil War
Interpretive Center are owned and operated
by the City of Fairfax.

The Civil War Interpretive Center is open 12:00–4:00 p.m.,
Tuesday through Saturday. Guided tours of
the Blenheim House and site are offered
daily at 1:00 p.m. and by appointment.

Union soldiers camped or were hospitalized here in 1862
and 1863. They left their names, regiment numbers, pic-
tographs, and musings on the walls of the c.1859 Historic
Blenheim house. So far 115 soldiers have been positively
identified. Their writings and images provide insight into
the lives of the soldiers and the dramatic impact of war
on the local community of Fairfax Court House.