

1st Annual KBA Relic Show to Coincide with Civil War Weekend

The Relic Show takes place Sat., September 18, 10am-4pm

The KBA is proud to announce its **First Annual KBA Relic Show** to be held on Saturday, September 18th from 10am - 4pm in the Activities Building at the Kernstown Battlefield. You're invited to come and shop or browse among the exhibits featuring interesting artifacts from our country's history. Admission to the show is \$3 and all proceeds will benefit the KBA Cannon Carriage Restoration Fund.

Exhibitors may reserve eight-foot tables for \$20 each by contacting event organizer Dr. David Powers, KBA Vice President, at 540-662-0824 or email kba@kernstownbattle.org.

This event will be an annual fund-raiser to help pay for the many projects that arise each year outside our normal operating budget. We

hope you will support this effort by coming out on Sep. 18th.

The Relic Show coincides with the **Winchester/Frederick Co. Civil War Weekend** (Sep. 18-19) which will feature special programs at each of the Civil War sites in our area. Special events taking place that weekend on the Kernstown Battlefield include battlefield tours lead by Scott Patchan and Pritchard House tours featuring a local couple portraying Samuel and Helen Pritchard discussing personal recollections about life in the Valley both during and after the war.

Come join us for the Relic Show and for the special programs of the Civil War Weekend. (*Relic Show Sat. only 10-4; battlefield & Pritchard House tours Sat. 10-4 and Sun. noon-4.*)

THE ARTISTRY OF JOHN PAUL STRAIN FEATURES SECOND BATTLE OF KERNSTOWN, PRITCHARD HOUSE

Artist's Special Print Signing Event: Sat., September 25, 9am-2pm
The Activities Building, Kernstown Battlefield



John Paul Strain (left) with KBA President Gary Crawford during Strain's March photographic tour of the battlefield.

Famous Civil War artist, John Paul Strain, paid the Kernstown Battlefield a visit in the Spring of 2010. He spent hours touring and photographing and learning about the Pritchard family and the history of the battle that raged across their farm on July 24, 1864.

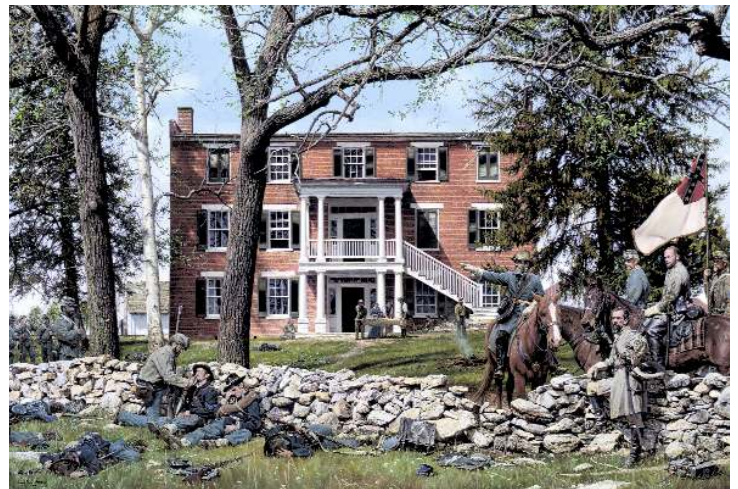
Returning to his home studio in Texas, Strain went to work on a new canvas creating an image of the victorious Confederate generals immediately following the Second Battle of Kernstown with the imposing Pritchard House as a backdrop. If you are a collector or just enjoy Civil War artwork you're undoubtedly aware of

John Paul Strain's fame and talent and the life-like images he creates.

The work is now completed and the Mr. Strain is coming to the Kernstown Battlefield on Saturday September 25 for a special signing event of this brand new issue of limited edition prints entitled "*Kings of Kernstown*".

Come and purchase your print and have it personally signed, plus have your photo taken with the artist in the same beautiful antebellum setting as featured in the print.

Both paper and giclee prints in four different sizes will be available for purchase on-site. To reserve your print in advance for pickup on



"Kings of Kernstown"
by John Paul Strain

the 25th call the King James Gallery at 540-869-9025. The limited edition paper prints will likely run 350 or 400 copies and the glicées in the range of 60 to 70 copies. The gallery is donating 10% of its profits to the KBA.

Mark your calendar: Saturday September 25th, 9:00am until 2:00pm, the KBA Activities Building at the Kernstown Battlefield. This is your chance to own a signed limited edition print featuring your beautiful Pritchard House.

from Gary Crawford...

The President's Corner

Thanks to our volunteers, 2010 has again been a year of great progress...

The shutters and windows on the Pritchard House have received another protective coat of paint and that should keep them in good shape for several years. A Boy Scout Eagle project repaired and painted one of the porches of the Solomon Pritchard House (the gray stucco home across from the large white barn). Another Eagle Scout project installed a number of bat houses around the farm. The latter project helps keep the insect population in check. Several of the previously unused farm buildings were cleaned out and repaired and made ready for a new life. The wrought iron entrance gate was repainted and the entrance lane cleared of overhanging trees and brush making it easier for motorcoaches and other large vehicles to enter. And, of course, the resurrection of the Activities Building as described elsewhere in this edition. Other than the cost of some materials, all of this was achieved through free volunteer labor.

Late last year we received a grant from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation enabling us to authorize an Historic Structures Report -- a comprehensive study of the Pritchard House, its architecture and its history. This research is continuing through this fall and we're eagerly looking forward to the findings.

This year will mark the first of the annual KBA Relic Shows. Thanks to our director and Vice

President, David Powers, this event will provide the KBA with a new fundraising opportunity to help finance upkeep and improvements to the battlefield.

Other exciting news included the decision by Civil War artist John Paul Strain to feature the Second Battle of Kernstown with the striking Pritchard House prominently displayed in his most recent painting. We're looking forward to his print signing event on September 25th.

The Second Battle of Kernstown was also selected to be the featured battle in a new special traveling historical display being created for the upcoming sesquicentennial celebration -- the 150th commemoration of the Civil War. The exhibit, sponsored by the Historical Society of Virginia, will tour the state during the four years of the sesquicentennial -- 2011-2015. At its conclusion the exhibit will permanently reside at the Kernstown Battlefield.

The KBA owes a huge debt of gratitude to its volunteer laborers who maintain the grounds and buildings, to its volunteer docents who keep the Visitors Center operating all summer long, to our tour guides who educate our visitors, and to our members who financially support our operations. All have helped fulfill our mission to preserve, protect and present the Kernstown Battlefield and farm. Thank you one and all.

~ Gary Crawford

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

(Your KBA member status is shown on the mailing label)

If your membership has expired, please consider renewing at this time.

Your continuing support is needed to maintain and improve the Kernstown Battlefield.

If you are a current member, any additional contributions would be greatly appreciated.

The Other Pritchard Brother:

Lieutenant Colonel Solomon S. Pritchard

by Mary Jo C. Norton

Solomon Stephen Pritchard was born in 1836, the youngest child of Stephen, Jr. and Mary Cartmell Pritchard. In 1858, he, along with brothers Samuel R. and Henry J., each inherited one-third of their father's land in Kernstown. Solomon's share was about 170 acres, now part of the Kernstown Battlefield.

In January of 1859, just two days after his bride's nineteenth birthday, Solomon married Marian Lavina Affleck. Miss Affleck was "first cousin once removed" to William E. Gladstone, Prime Minister of England under Queen Victoria. They settled on his property in Kernstown where Solomon's family had lived for generations (possibly in the house which stands near the present-day barn). In October 1859 their first child, Mary Elizabeth, was born.

According to the 1860 census, his real estate was valued at \$10,320, with \$1,495 in personal property - about \$275,000/\$40,000 today.

When the 51st Virginia Militia mustered into service in

June of 1861, Solomon joined as a Lt. Colonel serving in Companies F and S. From the 1861 Order Book of the 51st, it seems likely that Solomon Pritchard was the Regimental Operations Officer. His military papers show he died on September 19, 1861. His obituary says he had been ill for about three weeks. Six months



Solomon's signature from the Order Book of the 51st VA Militia, 1861

after his death, Marian gave birth to their second child, Anna Virginia, called Jenny, and eight months later saw the death of their three-year old daughter Mary.

Solomon and his daughters Mary and Jennie, as well as Marion and her second husband with their infant daughter, rest eternally in a six person plot in Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester.

Ed. Note: In 1854 brother Samuel and their father Stephen Pritchard Jr. built the large brick house we know as the Pritchard House. After the death of their father, Brother Henry sold his inherited one-third share of the farm to Samuel, leaving Solomon owning one-third of the farm and Samuel owning two-thirds of the Pritchard land. Most of this farm now comprises the Kernstown Battlefield property.

WANTED

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

To receive notices of special events and news taking place at Kernstown Battlefield, send your email address to kba@kernstownbattle.org

~ The Wall of Heros ~

Honoring Our Ancestors Who Bravely Fought
on the Hallowed Grounds of the Pritchard Farm

We Need Your Help!

The mission of the KBA is not only to preserve and protect our property but to research and present new ...well, old ... information about its history. With the intent to create a "Wall of Heros", we're searching for photos, letters or other mementos of soldiers who fought at Kernstown. The "Wall" would be erected in the Visitor Center for visitors to see the actual faces, and perhaps read the personal letters, of soldiers who fought here.

Many KBA members have ancestors who served during

one of the three battles fought on the Pritchard Farm --- First Kernstown (23 March 1862), Second Winchester (13 June 1863), and Second Kernstown (24 July 1864). We'd like to copy your photos, then add known history about your ancestor and allow future visitors to gain a more personal insight to the events that took place here.

If you have such a memento --- or know someone who does --- we'd like to hear from you.

Get in touch with us at kba@kernstownbattle.org or call 540 869-2896.

Help Us to Preserve Your Battlefield

AN ISSUE OF SAFETY & OF PRESERVATION

If you're not local or available to help with "hands-on" projects and service to the KBA, consider this...

Funding is urgently needed for two vital projects:

~ *First is the urgent need to upgrade the electrical system that serves many of our buildings.* Much of it dates back 70 years or more --- need I say more? It must be replaced. The cost will be \$4,000 - \$9,000, depending upon the extent of the work undertaken.

~ *Second is restoration of the Pritchard Wheel-wright Shop.* This is the late 1700's log cabin that served first as a settler's home, then as a shop for making wagon wheels, a slave quarters and a general utility building.

Ten years ago, a mere 30 days after the KBA purchased the property, some youthful vandals torched the shop as a Halloween prank burning off the siding and roof and gutting the building. Luckily the large log timbers are still standing and able to serve as the framework for a rebuilt structure. The building has been cocooned in plywood since the fire. Now we'd like to rebuild it to graphically tell its very interesting history, perhaps with skilled artisans on site to demonstrate the wheel-making process.

You can help make these projects happen through your tax-deductible donation to the KBA Restoration Fund.

Off to the Races at Kernstown!



Did you know.....?

The Kernstown Battlefield serves as more than just a pristine Civil War site available for guided or self-conducted tours? Because of its large 315-acre expanse, challenging hills and "make up some time" flat areas, the battlefield is becoming a focal point for area cross-country and marathon runners.

Handley High School first asked to use our inviting non-city-street areas when the school was undergoing renovation several years ago. They liked it and now host four yearly events on our grounds.

The Shenandoah University recognized its appeal and now holds two of its annual cross-country events on the hills and fields of the

battlefield.

News spread among runners and the Heart Haven group's charity 5-K run completed its 3rd annual race here.

More recently another charity group, Runners With A Purpose, held its first annual Half-Marathon (13 mile!) and 5-K cross-country run on the battlefield. The runners loved it! The organizers were expecting 150 runners but more than 250 showed up. No problem, lots of room. The group raised \$750 for the KBA, and they're returning next June.

These low-impact activities are perfect since they do not alter or damage the land, they do provide an interesting, challenging and safe venue for the runners and the events help in our mission to present the historic property to the public.

NOTICE OF KBA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting
of the Kernstown Battlefield Association
will be held on the afternoon of
September 25, 2010
from 2:30-4pm in the KBA Activities Building

(Immediately follows the
John Paul Strain print signing event)

Light refreshments will be served

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE:

ELECTION OF FIVE DIRECTORS

The KBA Board of Directors consists of fifteen members, five elected to three year terms at each annual meeting.

SPEAKER:

MARY JO C. NORTON

Pritchard Family Genealogist

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(Presently one vacancy on the Board)

UPCOMING KBA EVENTS:

18 Sep 1st Annual KBA Relic Show
18-19 Sep Civil War Weekend Events
25 Sep John Paul Strain Print Signing
25 Sep KBA Annual Meeting

See inside for details . . .

Recycling -- more than just bottles and cans...

~ rebirth of an old building...
a breath of fresh air ~

When the battlefield was used only as a fruit and cattle farm the building now known as the Activities Building at the base of Pritchard's Hill was used for equipment and storage. At a wide open 90' x 40' expanse with a smooth concrete floor it absolutely begged to be put to a new use as part of the battlefield complex. We listened, and today it has been reborn as our new multipurpose KBA Activities Building.

During the spring and early summer a volunteer father and son team, Keith and Raymond Duckworth, power-washed the

heavy oak pillars and beams so that they now glow their natural golden-red. The walls were then painted, the floor power-washed and red-white-blue patriotic bunting draped for supporting color. Now in its recycled glory it is serving as a great meeting spot for organizational events or family gatherings.

Recently a long-time KBA volunteer, Darrell Griffith, and his wife Joyce renewed their wedding vows before friends and relatives on the upper porch of the Pritchard House. A reception in the newly decked-out



Inside the newly cleaned, painted and decorated KBA Activities Building.

Activities Building followed.

Other events yet scheduled for this building in 2010 include the KBA Relic Show on Sep. 18th, the John Paul Strain print signing event on Sep. 25th and the KBA Annual Meeting, also on Sep. 25th.

If you or your group are looking for a large space for your function, send your inquiry to kba@kernstownbattle.org or call Gary Crawford at 540-869-2896.

The site is available Spring through Fall only.