

From A.K. McClure of Chambersburg to Governor Curtin on October 11, 1862

" Stuart's and Hampton's cavalry, about 3,000 in number, occupied the town last night. It was formally surrendered, on condition that private citizens should be respected and property not be wantonly destroyed. They took about 500 horses, including 10 of mine, but did not interfere with citizens or destroy anything. One regiment encamped before my door and the officers spent most of the night with me. This morning they have just commenced to move toward Gettysburg..."

TRAVEL TO PEN MAR PARK

- ⇒ Travel US Route 30 and bear right onto Old Route 30
- ⇒ Turn right onto Orrtanna Road and bear left to stay on Orrtanna
- ⇒ Continue straight onto Carroll Tract Road
- ⇒ Turn right onto Fairfield Road/PA 116 East
- ⇒ Continue onto Jacks Mountain Road
- ⇒ Follow PA 16 W
- ⇒ Turn left onto Fort Ritchie Access Road and continue onto Camp Richie Road
- ⇒ Turn right onto Pen Mar and turn right onto Buena Vista



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Epilogue to Antietam: J.E.B. Stuart's Raid September 28-29-30



Civil War history along Stuart's Path of 1862



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On To Mercersburg—A Painting by Ron Lesser

ON TO MERCERSBURG shows Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and his staff as they approach Mercersburg on what is now Fort Loudon Road (Route #75). The view is from Fairview Cemetery looking south. The painting shows, from left to right, Col. W.H.F. Rooney Lee, Brig. Gen. Wade Hampton, Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, Col. M.C. Butler, and Capt. W.W. Blackford. Their escort is a cannon of the Washington South Carolina Artillery under the flag of the 10th Virginia Cavalry.

SEPTEMBER 29

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8 AM

Though pre-registration is requested, day-of-the-ride registrations will be accepted.

All vehicles — bicycles, motorcycles & cars

BEGIN THE RIDE at the Leonard P. Snyder Memorial Branch of the Washington County Library System, 12624 Broadfording Road, Clear Spring, MD.

- ⇒ Begin by going northeast on Broadfording Road.
- ⇒ In 0.8 miles, turn left onto Blairs Valley Road.
- ⇒ **FOR CARS & MOTORCYCLES:** At 1.1 miles, bear left to stay on Blairs Valley Road.
- ⇒ **FOR BICYCLES:** At 1.1 miles, bear right onto Mercersburg Road.

"Soldiers: You are about to engage in an enterprise which, to ensure success, imperatively demands at your hands coolness, decision, and bravery; implicit obedience to orders without question or cavil, and the strictest order and sobriety on the march and in bivouac."

—General James Ewell Brown Stuart

- ⇒ In 1 mile, turn right onto Harrytown Road
- ⇒ In .3 miles, continue onto Dry Run Road
- ⇒ In 1.2 miles, turn left onto Wood Cove Road
- ⇒ Bear left to stay on Wood Cove Road
- ⇒ In .8 miles, turn right onto Huber Road
- ⇒ In .3 miles, turn left onto Pioneer Drive
- ⇒ In 3.5 miles, turn right onto Village Lane
- ⇒ In .1 miles, turn left onto St. Thomas-Williamson Road
- ⇒ Shortly, continue onto Schoolhouse Road/St. Thomas Road
- ⇒ In .3 miles, turn right onto Schoolhouse Lane East
- ⇒ Turn right onto St. Thomas-Edenville Road
- ⇒ Continue onto Jack Road
- ⇒ In 1 mile, continue onto Race Track Road
- ⇒ In 1.5 miles, continue onto Leafmore Road
- ⇒ In 2.2 miles, turn left onto Warm Spring Road/995 North
- ⇒ In 1.7 miles, turn right onto Lincoln Way East/US-Route 30
- ⇒ In 1 mile, turn left onto Sollenberger Road
- ⇒ In .1 mile, turn right onto Sunset Avenue
- ⇒ In .1 mile, turn right toward Grandview Avenue
- ⇒ In .1 mile, turn left toward Grandview Avenue
- ⇒ In .1 mile, turn left onto Grandview Avenue
- ⇒ In about 500 feet, turn right onto West King Street
- ⇒ In one-half mile, turn left onto Chambersburg Rail Trail
- ⇒ In one-half mile, turn right onto West Commerce Street
- ⇒ In .2 miles, turn right onto Poplar Street
- ⇒ Shortly, turn left onto Commerce Street and then left onto Philadelphia Avenue. Turn left into the second entrance of Wilson College. Science Complex is just ahead on right.

Jones 7th Va. is placed in command of a contingent of cavalry from the 2nd Va. His orders are to destroy the Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge at Scotland over the Conococheague Creek which is just north of Chambersburg. The bridge shown here no longer exists.

Shown left to right is Lt. Richard Channing Price - ADG. Staff Officer, Col. William E. "Grumble" Jones - 7th Va. Cavalry, Major Gen. James Ewell Brown Stuart, - Cavalry Division Commander, and Col. Williams C. Wickham, - 4th Virginia Cavalry.

"(Soldiers:) Suffice it to say, that with the hearty co-operation of officers and men I have not a doubt of (this operation's) its success—a success which will reflect credit in the highest degree upon your arms."

—General James Ewell Brown Stuart

FOR CARS & MOTORCYCLES

- ⇒ Head north on Main Street and make a slight right onto PA-75 North/Ft. Loudon Road
- ⇒ Continue for 5.7 miles and turn right onto US-Route 30/Lincoln Way
- ⇒ Turn left onto South Second Street in 13.5 miles
- ⇒ Bear to the right onto Philadelphia Avenue
- ⇒ Turn left into the second entrance of Wilson College. Event is being held at the Harry R. Brooks Complex for Science, immediately on the right.

(Approximately 35 minute drive)

FOR BICYCLES

- ⇒ Head north on Main Street
- ⇒ Turn right onto Oregon Street
- ⇒ In .4 miles, continue onto Church Hill Road
- ⇒ In .7 miles, turn left onto Conoco Road
- ⇒ In one-half mile, turn left onto Church Hill Road
- ⇒ In 1 mile, turn left onto Steele Avenue

➔ EXPLORE MORE

Before or after the ride, visit
**McCoy Ferry. From
Broadfording Road:**

- ⇒ Turn right onto US-40 West/National Pike
- ⇒ In 350 feet, turn left onto Boyd Road
- ⇒ In 2.8 miles, turn right onto Big Pool Road / MD-56 West
- ⇒ In one-half mile, turn left onto McCoys Ferry Road
- ⇒ In three-fourths mile, arrive at C&O Canal McCoys Ferry Site



FOR CARS & MOTORCYCLES:

- ⇒ Stay on Blairs Valley Road, bearing left until reaching Shimpstown Road (approx. 7.1 miles)
- ⇒ Bear to the right onto Shimpstown Road
- ⇒ In .3 mile, make a slight left onto Long Drive
- ⇒ In .7 mile, make a right onto Corner Road
- ⇒ In 2.4 miles, it turns into Park Avenue
- ⇒ Continue ahead to check station at Mercersburg Elementary School on the left

"(Soldiers:) The destination and extent of this expedition had better be kept to myself than known to you."

—General James Ewell Brown Stuart

FOR BICYCLES:

- ⇒ Continue on Mercersburg Road
- ⇒ In approximately 2.5 miles, there is a stop sign; bear left at the stop sign.
- ⇒ Continue on Mercersburg Road, which become Secrist Road
- ⇒ Turn left onto Fort Loudon Road/Route 75
- ⇒ Travel approximately 6.6 miles and turn left onto Hunter Road
- ⇒ Continue onto Blairs Valley Road for approximately 2.5 miles and bear right onto

Shimpstown Road

- ⇒ In .3 mile, bear left onto Long Drive
- ⇒ In .7 mile, bear right on Corner Road
- ⇒ In approximately 2.5 miles, Corner Road become Park Avenue.
- ⇒ Continue on Park Avenue about one-half mile to Mercersburg Elementary School for water & energy treat.



Cannons on the Square —A Painting by Ron Lesser

Cannons on the Square shows a panoramic view of the Mercersburg's Square as it was in 1862, featuring two 12-pounders from the Stuart 1st Horse Artillery. Shown left to right are troopers carrying flags of Hampton's Legion Washington Artillery and Stuart's 1st Horse Artillery, Major General J.E.B. Stuart, Captain James Breathed, and Major John Pelham. To the right of Major Pelham are 1st North Carolina cavalry under the flag of North Carolina as they ride through Mercersburg.

**ALL RIDERS ARE INVITED TO
MERCERSBURG'S TOWNFEST
and**

J.E.B. STUART & CAVALRY

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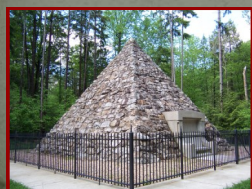
Stuart re-enactment begins @ 12:00 PM



➔ **EXPLORE MORE**

Before or after the ride, visit:

- ⇒ **Buchanan State Park—Birthplace of 15th President James Buchanan**
- ⇒ **Fort Loudoun—18th century provincial fort that served as a post along the Forbes Road**
- ⇒ **Zion Union Cemetery-largest known burial site of U.S. 54th Massachusetts African-American veterans in a private cemetery**



RIDE TO CHAMBERSBURG

**(Depart no later than 3 PM for
Evening Reception @ Wilson College—7 PM)**



Charting the Course at Bridgeside

A Painting by Ron Lesser

Charting the Course at Bridgeside shows General Stuart and his Staff at Bridgeside as they examine a map taken from a Mercersburg resident. The map, a detailed map of Franklin County, located every rode, farm, and federal building. This map was invaluable in helping Stuart and his troopers avoid the main roads where they were likely to encounter federal cavalry, expeditiously sweep the area for horses, and target federal buildings ripe with supplies and currency. Behind the group of commanders, horses that have been seized are crossing the stream as the 2nd South Carolina Cavalry rides out of town on their way to Chambersburg. Upon reaching Chambersburg, Col.