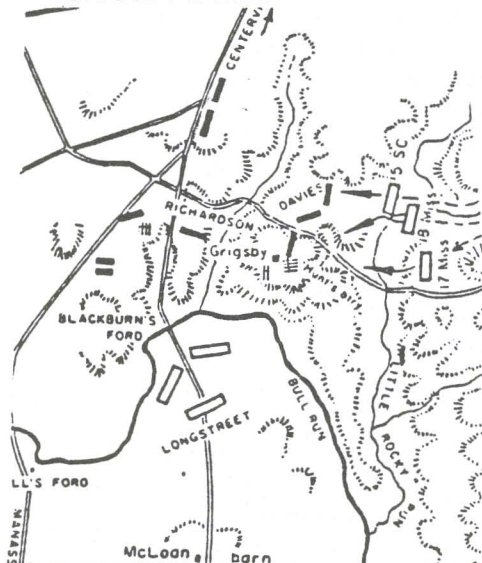


GRIGSBY'S HILL AND THE FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS - ALSO KNOWN AS BULL RUN.



In a previous newsletter, page 10, information was given on Alexander Spotswood (Spot) Grigsby and the 'Four Chimney House' in which he lived near Centreville, VA. Another nearby farm owned by 'Spot' Grigsby was the scene of military action in the Civil War's First Battle of Manassas and involves the Grigsby log barn and knoll near Blackburn's Ford on Bull Run in which the 18th Mississippi Volunteers stormed Grigsby's Hill on the afternoon of July 21, 1861 to drive off the Federal artillery Battery under Captain Hunt.

That Grigsby's Hill became something of a landmark was evidenced by a Washington (D.C.) Post story in 1953 - 92 years later - in which a reenactment of the "storming of Grigsby's Hill" was carried out by a group of local youngsters complete with muskets, flags, mounts, rebel yells and barking dogs - few who would accept rank below a colonel.

The Post story, complete with photographs of the action, did not explain how this group of youngsters became involved with the reenacted battle or the identity of Mrs. G.E. Simpson who furnished flags and satiated the appetites of the 'warriors' after the battle.

-C.E. Grigsby.