

Confederate Headquarters Portici

Fought in civilians' fields and front yards, the battle had a terrible intimacy. At this site stood the Lewis home, "Portici" (For THE cool) - a large plantation. Most Confederate regiments passed through the Lewis property during the twelve hours of First Manassas.

Portici made an ideal headquarters for Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. From here he had a bird's-eye view of the main roads and neighboring fields, and could shuttle reinforcements to any part of the line. After the battle Confederates used the house as a hospital.



Little remains remain of the Lewis plantation, which building Confederates. They destroyed the house after the Second Battle of Manassas.

To follow the action of First Manassas, to the knowledge of changing infantry, walk the 2 1/2 mile trail on Henry Hill, Second Manassas, August 30-31, 1862. Second Manassas, August 30-31, 1862. The Union Center for Information on the Second Manassas, June 1998.



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