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From: Veness, Beverly R
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 6:11 PM
To: 'flwrchild@erols.com'
Subject: Burnside is not named for Civil War officer

Dear Heidi,

After our conversation, I did further looking to see whether the story about the naming of Burnside. I think the myth of naming it after General Burnside is false because we have proof that it was called Burnside as early as 1855 and 1859, well before the Civil War. In early Prince William County birth records, a slave Arthur Gray was born there in 1855 and in 1859, George S. Hamilton records a birth. Many times we have duplicate names for places and I wanted to be sure that these Burnside births were at the location in Gainesville. In doing my chain of deeds, I have a deed in 1873 that says George S. Hamilton among others is selling the property to William L. Heuser. That means the birth in 1859 was at this property thus it was named Burnside before the Civil War.

In doing the chain of title starting with the newspaper article from The Journal Messenger, dated Feb. 13, 1986 saying that Long Park's 167 acres were originally part of Burnside which the Collins purchased in 1951, I have traced:

Deed Book 154, p. 62 17 July 1951

Evan G. Creel & Lucy M., his wife to Floyd O. Collins & Jere B., his wife
203 acres being remainder of Tract No. 1 which originally contained 278 acres.

I can access this deed through our staff computer but it is also available at the Courthouse.

Deed Book 91, p. 443 23 Jan 1933

Citizens National Bank of Alexandria to Evan G. Creel
Hard to read but it references the next deed

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Deed Book 29, p. 153 18 Feb 1873

George S. Hamilton & Marianne S. Hamilton, his wife and Eppa Hunton & Sally L. Tyler to William L. Heuser
345 acres

This document will be at the Courthouse.

You can trace further back than this but I have run out of time to do so now. We will have deeds for 1870 and earlier on microfilm here at the library or you can view them at the Courthouse. I'm looking forward to reading your history of Long Park.

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