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Historic Conrad House May Find New Site



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A historic house, used as a field hospital during both battles at Manassas, has been donated to the National Park Service to be moved from the commercially zoned site on which it is now located.

Manassas National Battlefield Park is investigating the possibility of moving Conrad House from its location near the intersection of Route 234 and I-66 to the Chinn Ridge Area of the battlefield before the property is developed and the house razed.

Plans to move the two story structure are contingent upon the necessary funds being made available to the park, according to Michael Tennent, park historian.

Carroll Wright of Falls Church owns the property and had given the Park Service verbal permission to

move the house. Because the house is presently tied up in estate litigation, it is not known when the property will become available for development. Therefore, the Park Service is working out plans now and attempting to have funds set aside to move the house, so that it may act quickly to save it.

These funds will have to be in addition to the park's normal operating budget.

Tennent said it seems few companies that exist do this type of house moving, but the park has been in contact with one mover who has agreed to do the job and has had considerable experience along these lines.

Tentative plans call for moving the house to the site of the old Chinn House, which is the most accessible location. Conrad House will be used as a "backdrop" for the Living History program, interpreting the effects of

the two great Civil War battles on local civilians.

Prince William County Historical Commission voted unanimously in September to concur with the moving of the house.

Tennent places the origin of Conrad House between 1810 and 1822, a conclusion reached from old tax records. He said the architecture of the house is very similar to Stone House, also on the battlefield, except Conrad House is frame. During the war, the house was owned by Mary A. Conrad. In addition to being a hospital, it was the focal point for artillery and cavalry action during the latter stages of Second Manassas.

The estate was originally part of King Carter's Lower Bull Run Tract.

The house is now the home of the Derek Wilsons.

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