

HISTORIC SITE FILE: MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK
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Manassas National Battlefield Park is investigating the possibility of moving the historic Conrad House, located near the intersection of Va. 234 and I-66, to a location on the battlefield.

~~between N. Lee St. and I-66~~
The present site is not on the battlefield and is commercially zoned. The owners have made verbal commitment to the Park Service to allow the battlefield to move the house before the property is developed and the house is razed. 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 they may act quickly to save it.

The plans to move the two story structure are entirely contingent upon the necessary funds being made available to the park. These funds will have to be in addition to the park's normal operating budget.

The Conrad House was used as a field hospital during both battles fought here at Manassas. The first on July 21st, 1861, the second a year later on Aug. 28th - 30th 1862. It was also the focal point for artillery and cavalry action during the latter stages of Second Manassas.

Tentative plans call for moving the house to the Chinn Ridge area of the battlefield. It will be used as a "backdrop" for Living History program, interpreting the effects of the two great Civil War battles on the local civilians. The Prince William County Historical Commission, on Sat. 10th, voted unanimously to concur with the moving of the house and expressed its best wishes in the project.

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