

CIVIL WAR AT DOCTORS CREEK

Fictional Writings from a Webmaster's Humorous Side...

ALLEN'S TOWN, 14 Oct. 1863 -- On this day in mid afternoon, Betsy Poinsett, a local resident, was outside her home when all of a sudden she heard gunshots. Seeming to come from the neighboring woods, she made way down a narrow winding path to see what was happening.

At the edge of the wooded area, and just before it opened into a large field, she stopped -- motionless -- carefully assessing what was off at a not too far distant position from her own.

"Oh my word!" she gasped under her breath. There were soldiers in blue uniforms and gray uniforms, shooting across the field at each other. Several had fallen, apparently victims of small leaden projectiles. With smoke still hanging in the air, she fumbled in her pocket for a new magic box that would hopefully record these events as they unfolded, lest no one should believe her upon hearing just a verbal accounting.

Forthwith, the new pocket-sized magic box had its contents forcibly extracted and after some judicious processing, images of the event became quite clear. Further study revealed that these woolen-uniform clad men were opposing parties in the dispute that would later be known as The War Between the States -- also the American Civil War -- and we surmise that both the Northern and the Southern soldiers relied too heavily on their own magic boxes -- having initials inscribed as GPS -- that indicated that they were in an area of the Confederacy and not the Union. You see, their boxes weren't updated with the location of the Mason-Dixon Line which did go through southern New Jersey, but much further south than Allen's Town. Some have suggested that the errant Confederates were just trying to corral the escaped slaves who were using the Underground Railroad as their ticket to freedom in the North.

Whatever the case, there was a skirmish in a field near Allen's Town that one of the town's ladies shall always remember the rest of her days. And because of her new pocket-size magic box, posterity will remember as well.
