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General Stonewall Jackson was the victim of friendly fire when he was shot near this area of Plank Road during the Battle of Chancellorsville. The photographer of this picture, taken sometime in 1865 by a member of the field staff organized by Mathew Brady, may have been George N. Barnard. Part of the Library of Congress' "Civil War Photograph Collection."

On May 10th (a Sunday that year), attending physicians believed the General (who was being cared for in a private office building on the Chandler's land) could not recover. Jackson's physician, Hunter McGuire (who survived the war and later became president of the American Medical Association), wrote of the pneumonia:

...it was attributable to the fall from the litter the night he was wounded. The General himself referred it [the pneumonia] to this accident...Contusion of the lung, with extravasation of blood in his chest, was probably produced by the fall referred to, and shock and loss of blood prevented any ill effects until reaction had been well established, and then inflammation ensued.

At 3:15 that Sunday afternoon, with his wife and physicians (including Anna's brother, Samuel B. Morrison) attending him, Thomas Jonathon Jackson spoke his last words:

Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees.

The brilliant military strategist, photographed by George W. Minnis one month before he died, was 38 years old. Many in the south viewed the "terrible blow" of his death as "a national calamity." Even a Union officer—John T. Norton of the 97th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, calling the fallen general "a host in himself"—acknowledged Jackson as "the bravest of the brave."

Anna Jackson, who returned with Julia to her father's North Carolina home, never remarried. Until she died in 1915, she was known as "The Widow of the Confederacy."

Three years after the war, VMI Cadets gathered around Stonewall Jackson's grave in Lexington, Virginia, as did a group of young women, likely from a local girls' school. The place where he died has since become a shrine to his memory, and his initial burial site (in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery) was changed.

He now rests underneath the monument erected in his honor.

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Area Where Stonewall Jackson Was Shot

Photo from the Library of Congress Civil War Photograph Collection. According to the Library of Congress, this 1865 picture was taken by a member of the field staff organized by Mathew B. Brady. The photographer may have been George N. Barnard.

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Stonewall Jackson - Fairfield Plantation, Guinea Station

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Stonewall Jackson - Chandler's Plantation

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Stonewall Jackson - Samuel B. Morrison, Physician

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Mary Anna Jackson - Wife of Stonewall Jackson

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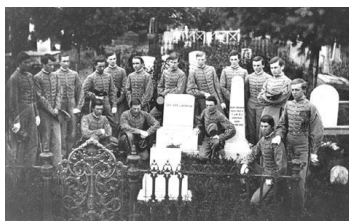
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Julia and Mary Anna Jackson

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Stonewall Jackson Grave Site

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Stonewall Jackson - 1863 Photograph

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Stonewall Jackson's Grave - Soon After His Death

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Monument to Stonewall Jackson

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