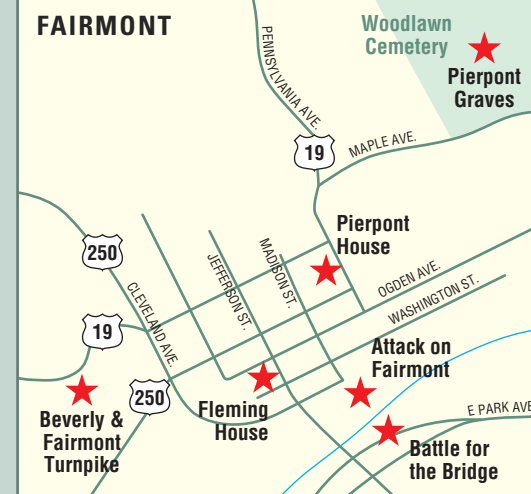
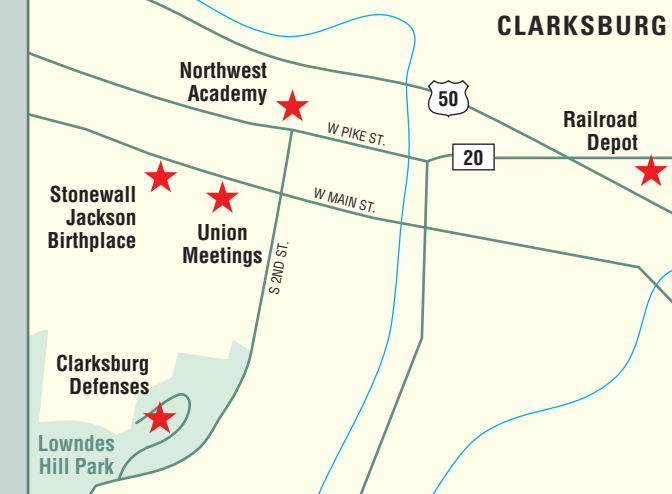
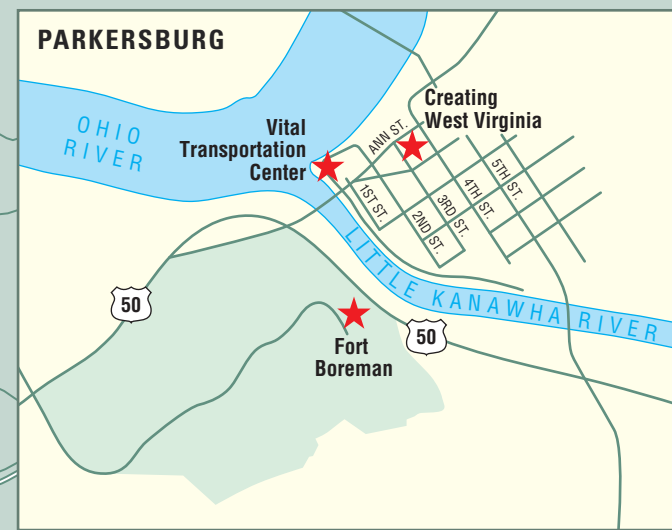




View of Parkersburg from Mount Logan (site of Fort Boreman), 1861
Courtesy West Virginia University Library



Custom House interior, Wheeling Convention, Harper's Weekly, July 6, 1861

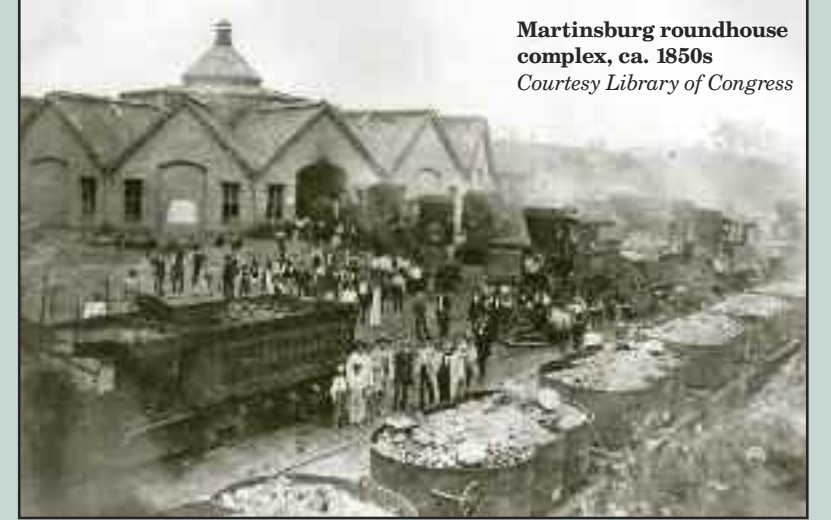


Julia Pierpont
Courtesy West Virginia University



Francis H. Pierpont
Courtesy West Virginia State Archives

"It may be said with truth that no spot in the United States experienced more of the horrors of war."
— Joseph Barry, Harpers Ferry resident



Martinsburg roundhouse complex, ca. 1850s
Courtesy Library of Congress



This large bronze bell, now at the Oglebay Institute Mansion Museum in Wheeling, called people to the slave auction. Cast in Troy, New York, in 1854, it stands four feet high and has a three-foot-diameter base.
Courtesy Oglebay Institute



Union Gen. William S. Rosecrans's brigade attacking at Rich Mountain
Courtesy Becker Collection, Boston, Mass.



Cannons opened fire on Philippi to start the first land battle of the war.
Courtesy Library of Congress



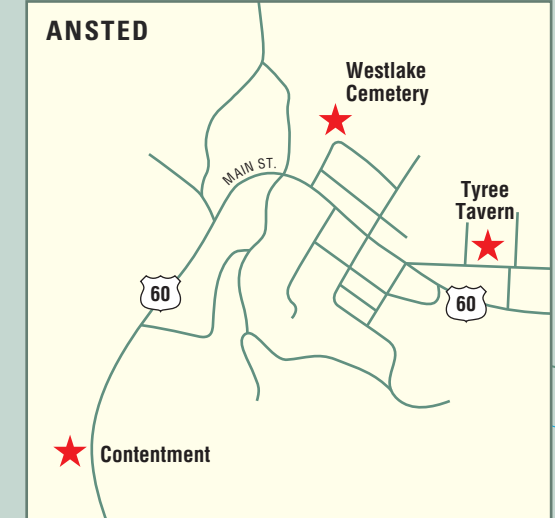
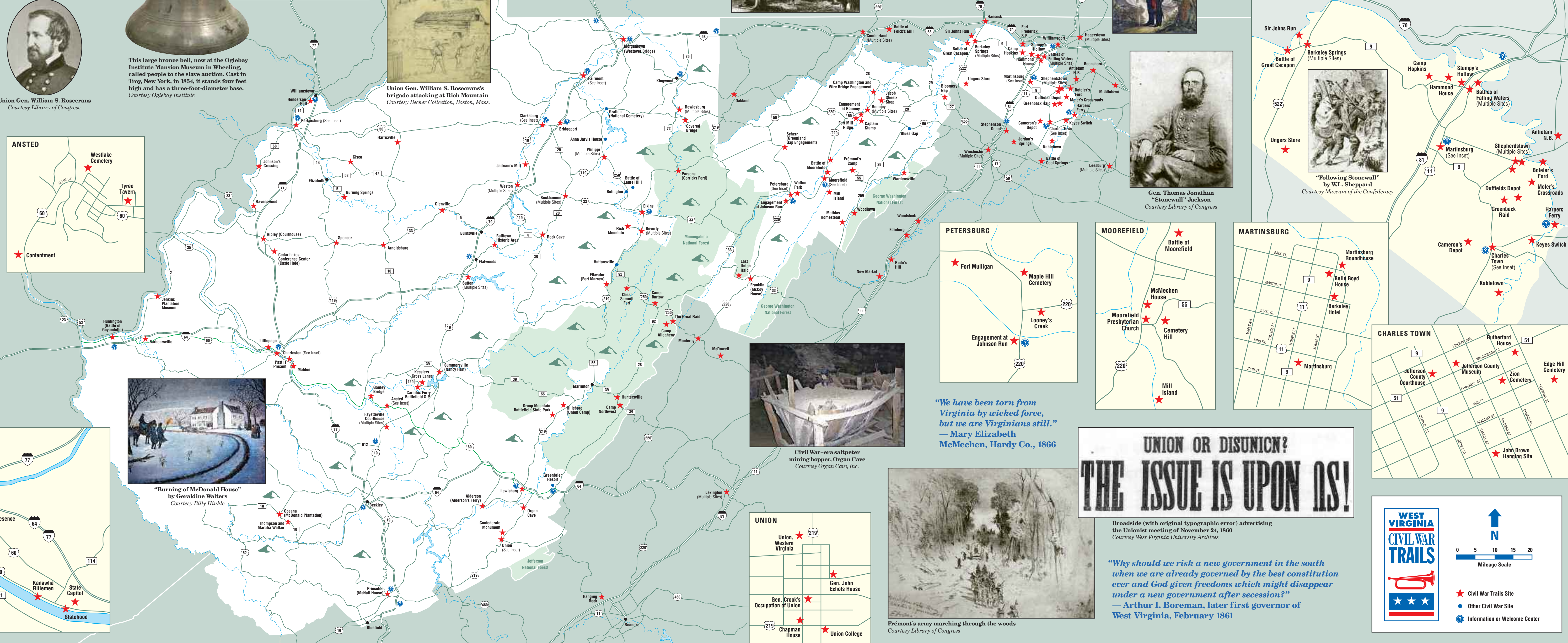
Maj. Martin R. Delany, Charles' town native and highest-ranking black U.S. Army officer.
Courtesy Smithsonian Institution



Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson
Courtesy Library of Congress



"Following Stonewall" by W.L. Sheppard
Courtesy Museum of the Confederacy



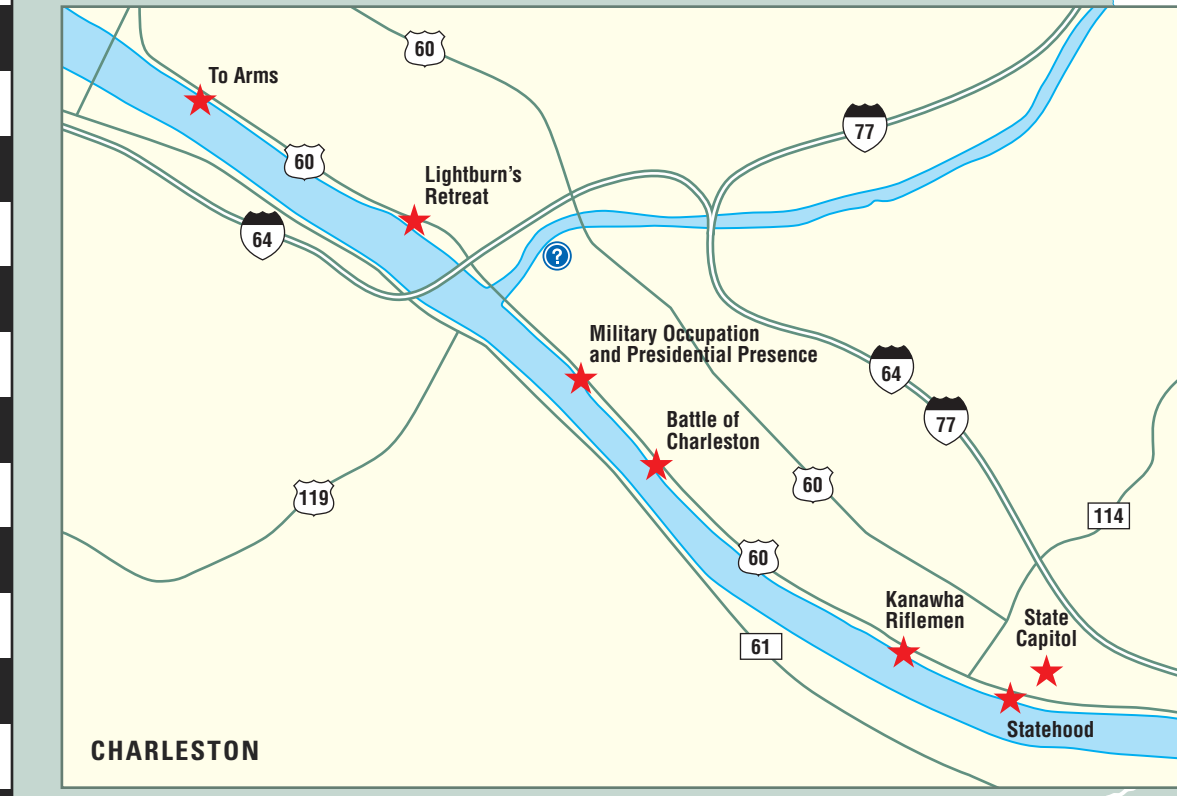
Union Gen. William S. Rosecrans
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Nancy Hart, Confederate Spy
Courtesy West Virginia Division of Culture and History



Brooks Salt Works
Courtesy West Virginia & Regional History Collection



"Burning of McDonald House" by Geraldine Walters
Courtesy Billy Hinkle



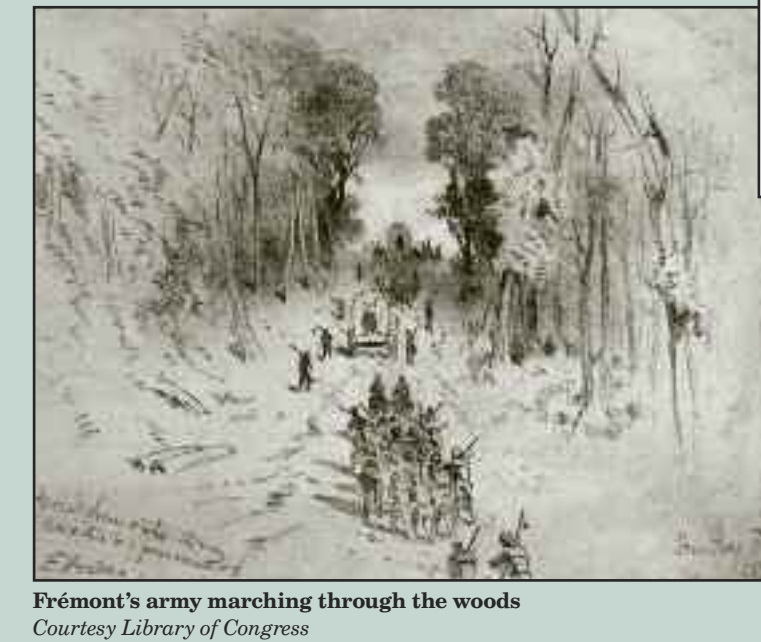
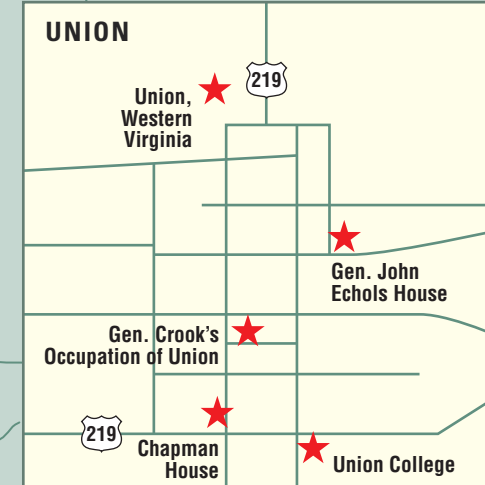
Civil War-era salt-peter mining hopper, Organ Cave
Courtesy Organ Cave, Inc.

"We have been torn from Virginia by wicked force, but we are Virginians still."
— Mary Elizabeth McMechen, Hardy Co., 1866

UNION OR DISUNION?
THE ISSUE IS UPON US!

Broadside (with original typographic error) advertising the Unionist meeting of November 24, 1860
Courtesy West Virginia University Archives

"Why should we risk a new government in the south when we are already governed by the best constitution ever and God given freedoms which might disappear under a new government after secession?"
— Arthur I. Boreman, later first governor of West Virginia, February 1861



Fremont's army marching through the woods
Courtesy Library of Congress

