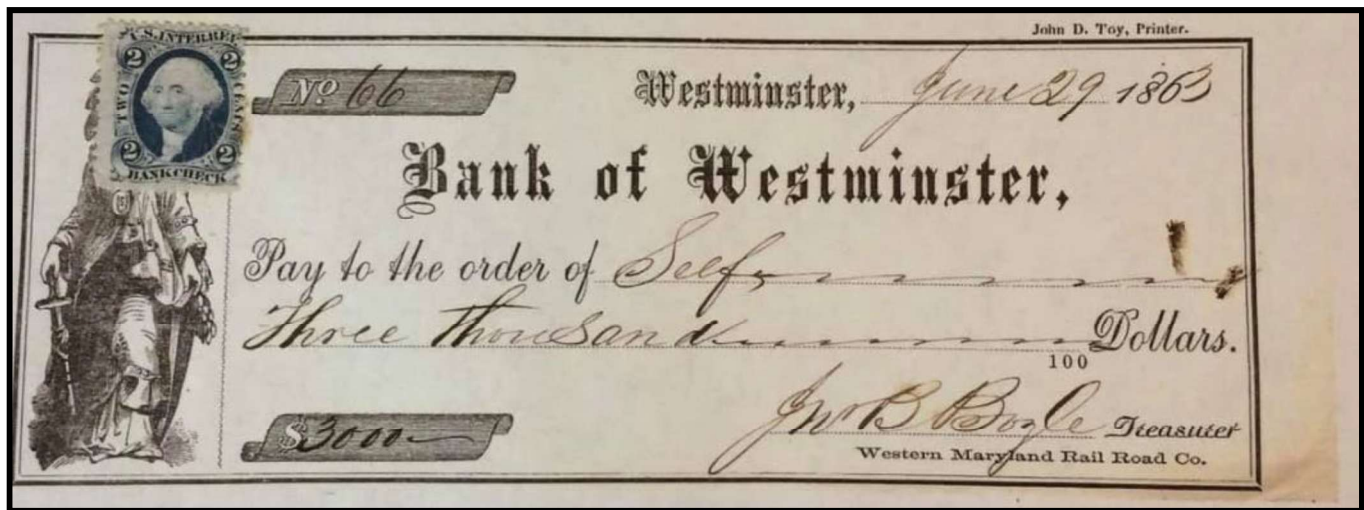


Almost July 4th History Worth Recognizing



Shown is a check drawn on the Bank of Westminster, Maryland during the day that the Confederate Cavalry under James Ewell Brown (Jeb) Stuart entered the town during the Gettysburg Campaign on June 29, 1863.

It has been said that the Southern troops entered Westminster at about 3:30 pm in the afternoon. A short but brisk Cavalry skirmish took place between members of the First Delaware Cavalry and the 4th Virginia Cavalry. The check was written by John B. Boyle, the Treasurer of the Western Maryland Railroad to "Self". The railroad had been constructed in Westminster in 1861.

One can only surmise at what time of day the money was withdrawn of the bank and under what circumstances. Did Mr. Boyle receive an early notification of the approaching Confederate Cavalry prior to them reaching town? Was he told to get any available currency and coin from the Westminster Bank before the enemy arrived?

The amount of three thousand dollars was a considerable sum in 1863. It was a large sum for a one day withdrawal by a firm such as the local railroad. This is an interesting piece of banking ephemera associated with the railroad and an event of local historical importance during the Gettysburg Campaign. **[Tom Gordon III]**

John Brooke Boyle (1811-1896). Buried in St. John Cemetery in Westminster. Two of his sons joined the Confederacy. Daniel, as a Surgeon was captured at Antietam and Charles was in the 1st Maryland Calvary. Charles was probably the one who tipped off his father about the impending attack on Westminster. (Source: Find a grave.com) Much more information is available at this site and the U.S. Census and U.S. Slave schedule. Thank you Tom Gordon! **[Don Smith]**

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162 years ago - on June 29, 1863, the Battle of Westminster, known as **Corbit's Charge**, occurred in Westminster, MD. Delaware Cavalry charged directly into lead elements of Confederate Cavalry under J.E.B. Stuart. After a fierce fight, the Union cavalry withdrew from Westminster. Later that evening, two brigades of the weary Confederates encamped at Union Mills. This weekend, the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table laid a wreath at the Corbit's Charge memorial by the Courthouse to acknowledge those who fought in the engagement. [Union Mills Homestead]

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