



MAJOR JOHN HILL BRINTON, MD



As Portrayed by Doug Decker

Major Brinton was a native son of Philadelphia and first cousin of General George Brinton McClellan. Brinton attended medical school at the Jefferson Medical College and further continued his studies in Europe.

During the war, Major Brinton served as staff surgeon to Generals Grant, Rosecrans, Thomas and Sheridan. Under the direction of Surgeon General William Hammond, Brinton was the original curator of the Army Medical Museum. One of his tasks with the Surgeon General's office was to inspect the field hospital facili-

ties and to procure specimens for research to further educate future Army surgeons.

Major Brinton contributed to The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion. He also served as the Superintendent of the hospitals in Nashville, Medical Director of the Army of the Cumberland, and Medical Director of the Army of the Tennessee.

After the war, Doctor Brinton returned to Philadelphia to continue his private practice and to educate future physicians at his alma mater; specializing in operative and general surgery among others.



Doug Decker of Hollidaysburg, PA offers the portrayal of Major John Hill Brinton, MD. Doug is currently employed at the Altoona Hospital in Altoona PA as the Assistant Supervisor of the Chemistry Department. He is a former resident of Punxsutawney, PA and a 1987 graduate of Clarion University of PA with a BS degree in Medical Technology. During his research of Major Brinton at Jefferson's archives, Doug was requested to offer an informal presentation to the staff of the archives on Civil War medicine. Subsequently, Doug has been hired to teach first and second year medical students at Jefferson Medical College a portion of their Humanities.