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Gen. Thomas J. 'Stonewall' Jackson's 'Prayer Tree' felled by high winds, disease

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As the AP reported:

The disease-weakened white oak known as Jackson's Prayer Tree came down May 27 southeast of Harrisonburg, between Weyers Cave and Grottoes, the Daily News-Record reported.

The tree attracted Civil War buffs because of its connection to Jackson.

After completing his Shenandoah Valley campaign in spring 1862, Jackson and some 15,000 men encamped between the Middle and South rivers.



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In this Aug. 16, 2006 photo, Jackson's Prayer Tree is seen in Grottoes, Va. An ancient oak under which Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and his weary Confederate troops reportedly gathered for prayer in June 1862 has been felled by high winds.



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In this June 2, 2011 photo, the Jackson Prayer Tree near Mount Meridan in Augusta County has fallen in Grottoes, Va. An ancient oak under which Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and his weary Confederate troops reportedly gathered for prayer in June 1862 has been felled by high winds.

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