

CHARACTER ARC

ACTOR/HISTORICAL CONSULTANT STATEMENT

My name is Jason Shindledecker. I am an actor for the supporting role of the Union Lt. Colonel George Jameson.



I became familiar with the story of Summer Ray, when Juliana had finished writing the 1st book, “*This Fair and Blighted Land*.” Although I am not much of a book reader because I lose interest very fast, this story grabbed my attention, and I was curious to see what it was all about. I was so into the story that I could envision what was going on, and it was because of that clarity that I couldn’t put the book down. I even remember tearing up because something that was written hit so close to home that I wanted to be more involved in Juliana’s project. So, I became the supporting role of the Union Lt. Colonel George Jameson. As a reenactor myself, I also wanted to make sure that the historical reenactments are authentic and fairly accurate, and why I am also the Historical Consultant.

I have been with the project since Juliana first decided to turn the book into a film. Little did anyone know at the time that her imagination, would go on to create six more volumes with the eighth one currently being written. Every time she tells me, “*This is the last one*,” it never is. I wonder if this story will ever truly be finalized, as there are so many ways for spins offs. But as long as my character remains, I will still portray him.

I have supported this project with my time, energy, and financial support, and I am doing everything I can to help bring this project to fruition. I believe in all it has to offer, even on a global level.

My character is to support the leading role, Colonel/General Michael McDaniels. Although, I could choose at any second to be taken up into Heaven, I refuse to leave my commanding officer as any true American soldier would do. I will stand by him to the very end. I may not always agree with McDaniels, but I am loyal to my service as a soldier and an officer. I am, at times, McDaniels voice of reason. Oh! Did I forget to mention that I am an apparition? I reside now on Big Round Top, at the Gettysburg National Military Park, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

I was named George, after George Washington. Juliana also gave me the last name, "*Jameson*," partly because of her love of the James River, America's "*Founding River*"¹ and its hundreds of years of history - including Jamestown! Although, I have such a southern background, I enlisted in the 115th PA Infantry because of a move north when I was a teenager, where I learned the trades of blacksmith, carpenter as well as a master distiller. When the Civil War broke out, I was twenty-seven years old. I am of an Irish decent, hence the reason for my dark brown/reddish hair. I was killed alongside the Colonel McDaniels at the Wheatfield in Gettysburg, on July 2, 1863. I died for my country. I have chosen, as a ghost, to stay beside my commanding officer, until he can be freed from the ties that bind him. This does not mean, however, that I do not try to convince McDaniels for the sake of the Unknowns, to leave earth and to end their suffering. While here, they are faceless, nameless and I want them at peace. Yet, upon meeting Summer Ray and being the only human McDaniels allows us to interact with, Summer and I become friends with a mutual respect for each other.

I am involved with the story from start to finish. So, expect to see me for many years following the pilot, on and off the screen both as Jason and George. Juliana has used me for many different videos, photos, and promos. I have been an angel, demon and Confederate officer as well as countless other characters.



As Gettysburg battlefield photographers, both Juliana and I have spent thousands of hours on the battlefield in all kinds of weather. We know where the best angles are, to capture Gettysburg that most people do not

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ever get to see. We want to make this project a cinematic masterpiece that is full of the vibrance that we see through our lens, in all weather conditions and with all four seasons. Yet as shown in one of the pictures on the following page, the storms that come to town are often furious, reminding us of an age gone by.





With an eight volume book series, we will be able to display Gettysburg in all of its guts and glory! I look forward to being such an integral part of this project. Juliana has my total support. I am an experienced actor working on several documentary films such as: *Racing the Times* and *The Great Train Robbery* to name a few. But I think the character of George Jameson will be my most cherished, as I love his loyalty and dedication to not only his commanding officer, but to God and his country. His compassion toward wanting to get the Union and Confederate Unknowns home to paradise, becomes his mission. This causes tension at times, between him and Colonel/General McDaniels. Yet, the Unknowns are bound to their commanding officer as well.



Summer Ray only adds to the chaos and the predicament, when her promise of peace is forgotten, causing an escalation of the Colonel/General's mistrust and rage that I, or rather George has to diffuse. The story becomes an entanglement of emotions, brokenness and once again, war. Juliana has written it so that nothing is predictable. But I think that is why I find it so exciting, compelling, and adventurous. The supernatural and time travel becomes impossible to deny. The story of Summer Ray is a presentation of imagination, intertwined with the messages of overcoming adversity that I am very lucky to be a part of. It is painful, and yet so powerful! It is gripping, captivating and yet so surreal at times, you would think you are actually living it. That is the essence of a true storyteller, and I cannot wait to see this story come to life on screen. I am ready to roll!!!