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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are in February already. Goodness how time flies. We have received word that the Board of Directors of the Friends of Raymond will grandfather us in for the purchase price of another tube for the Union cannon line. At the present time the cost for a tube on the line is \$3000.00. The check for \$2,500.00 is already on its way and it will be presented to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Raymond by General Hills in early February. With our contribution the SJVCWRT will be the largest single contributor to the Friends of Raymond. Again I want to congratulate everyone who helped to make sure that we would be able to accomplish our goal. Great Work.

The January meeting was a good one. I'm sure that Ron will have an excellent after action report about it therefore I will not go into any detail. I just want to thank all of the participants. During the meeting we had an excellent discussion about whether we should host the 2013 West Coast Conference. The decision was overwhelming that we will host the conference. We still do not know for sure if we will be doing a cruise or if we will have the conference in Clovis. It will depend on the prices that we can get from the cruise line. Our problem is that we will not be able to get the exact cost until the cruise line makes official their price schedule. That will not take place until this April.

Alex Fabros and Brian Clague presented a prospective of the possibilities of making a profit on the cruise. This was based on previous costs. It looked very favorable that we could do a good job of making a profit doing the cruise and it will give us the opportunity to contribute more funds to the Civil War battlefield preservation movement. Thank you Alex and Brian. If we do decide on the cruise, we will be able to get complementary rooms based on the number of people that sign up for the conference. This will mean that we will save considerably on the cost of housing and feeding our presenters. This

will be a considerable help to our bottom line.

I have included in this newsletter more information about the work that General Hills is doing finding out what really went on during the battle. He and his team are doing an outstanding job of finding and plotting the relics that are on the battlefield.

Patty Spenser, our Vice President and program chairman, has been working hard to put together programs for the coming year. I am happy to report that her work is just about finished. She has done a great job of getting the programs together. We are in for a great year with programs on Benjamin Butler, the importance of the railroads in the war, political cartoons in the war, the Battle of South Mountain, and coming up this month will be a debate between Presidents Davis and Lincoln over the legality of succession followed by a question and answer program with the Presidents. It should be an interesting and hot debate.

The Board has also decided to renew a tradition that has been sorely missed, that is a Round Table Christmas party in place of the December meeting. We are looking for someone who will step up and host this event. If you are willing to do this, please contact Patty.

I also understand that the Brian and Linda Claque will again be hosting the annual July party in their beautiful home at Shaver Lake. Again we are as always very appreciative of the willingness of Brian and Linda to open their home to us.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our meeting on February 9, 2012 at the Denny's on Shaw Avenue in Clovis California. Please remember that if you would like to have a meal that you should get there at around 6:00 P.M. and that the meeting and presentation will start promptly at 7:00 P.M. It would be very helpful that we have all the meals completed by that time and the settling of the bill before the start of the meeting.

Your humble and obedient servant,

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President SJVCWRT

At our last meeting I talked about some of the things that our friend General Hills was doing around the Raymond Battlefield. General Hills has sent me several emails about what he and his friends are doing. I noted some interest in the activities so [with the General's permission] I have included the information in this month's Bugle Call. I hope you find it as interesting as I do. This is the type of work that will make a huge difference in the ability to interoperate the battle. I am aware that there are passages that are repetitious, but I didn't want to change the information that the General has sent to me.

Yours

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

Dec 17, 2011

The mud was about 4" deep after the Friday, 16 December, rain and the walking was tough (I got my truck stuck, but that's not unusual). The idea of the December relic hunting was to work around the crop plantings and the deer and turkey hunters. Our goal, of course, was to read the "history book" in the ground, because, unlike the early 20th century battlefield parks, we have no Civil War veterans to testify exactly where their units were located. So we have to rely on the evidence in the ground, and we had a good day. Nothing spectacular, such as James Macpherson's belt buckle, but a good day.

We started about 260 feet south of Fourteen mile Creek just east of Hwy 18, and immediately began to find buckshot, fired from .69 caliber "buck and ball" smoothbores. Now, that was somewhat of a surprise to me, as this was the area where the 7th Texas and 20th Ohio fought (see p.p. 170-171 of *Receding Tide*--I know, it's a shameless promotion). The 7th Texas has always been thought to have been armed with Enfield rifles, and apparently some were (hence the fired Enfield bullet found just south of the creek), but smoothbore buck and ball is a surprise. I think that most of us assumed that smoothbores had been phased out in many units by 1863, so why not the 7th Texas? Yet, we found an almost straight line of buckshot and a couple of .69 cal. balls. Then, up nearer the creek (within about 10 yards of the creek bank) we found .58 cal. Minié balls and a .36 cal. Army Colt pistol bullet. We flagged each find and I recorded the exact GPS spot and item in my notebook.

This is my very early interpretation of what we found, but it appears that the 7th Texas had a large number of .69 caliber smoothbores in the regiment, and that the Texas line volley-fired at the 20th Ohio, hence the straight line of the buck and balls about 260 feet south of the creek. The federal Minié balls, one of which was dropped (unfired), were much closer to the creek, as was the Army Colt pistol ball, also dropped. At first glance, this appears to be the federal line, with the Texans firing a volley into that line from about 100 yards north of the creek. Many of the balls were flattened, indicating they hit one of the many trees which lined the creek, or possibly a body or other hard object. The unfired .58 cal. rifle ball and the .36 cal. pistol ball may well have been dropped in the heat of combat by a soldier and an officer of the 20th Ohio. At least, it's a theory, and we hope to do some more searching next week, weather permitting.

I attach a photo of the relics, taken just after we found them. I am cleaning them tonight, and have already been chewed out for soaking them in soapy water in one of Carol's good bowls. But, after three soaks and a scrubbing with a soft toothbrush, they are telling even more stories.

Dec 21, 2011

On Saturday, 17 December, I took three trusted guys onto the new property of the Raymond battlefield to see what relics we could find for interpretive purposes. They had metal detectors and I had a hand-held GPS, a notebook, and flags on wire for marking the spots. Anything we found went into the Raymond relic collection.

You may recall that in 2003, I led a relic search of the Artillery Ridge area to determine if that were the correct artillery position. The guns had always been interpreted as being way back on McPherson Ridge, which was clearly too far away. We succeeded in proving our point.

Now, I would like to see if we can better interpret the tactical action, such as unit locations and lines. We want to look at the core battlefield property that we finally own, so I used the same guys that I used in 2003, and we searched a small portion of the field, that being south of Fourteenmile Creek in the area where the 7th Texas engaged the 20th Ohio. We had a good day. I brought the relics we found home were brought home, and have spent the last few days cleaning them in soap and water and with a soft toothbrush.

I attach photos of the flagged field, and one that I just took this morning of the cleaned relics. I bunched them as best as I could: fired .58 cal Minies; a single fired .577 Enfield; two unfired

(?) .69 cal balls and several buckshot; fired buckshot; an unfired .58 cal Minie; and a .36 cal Army Colt, probably dropped by an officer in combat.

I also attach a list of the relics, the numbers on the list match the numbered locations on the aerial view of the battlefield, on which I posted (by GPS coordinates) the locations of the relics found. A great surprise to me, personally, was the number of "buck and ball" that we found, undoubtedly fired by the 7th Texas, and most of which had been fired. The patterns of the finds are most interesting.

I noted an east west line developing on Saturday while we were hunting, and that led me to hypothesize, based upon the 75 yard distance from just north of the creek, that maybe the Texans fired a volley of buck and ball from a battle line just north of the creek, across the creek and into the approaching Ohio line in the open field--maybe the first volley of the day. I say this because the east-west line (#25 on the west and #20 on the east) parallels the creek (at that point) and 75 yards is about the distance one would fire a buck and ball (same as a shotgun).

OK, now look at a new straight line running northeast (#4 on the northeast to #10 on the southwest). That line parallels the southward turn of the creek, and could well have been a line formed by the Federals to the counter flanking fire of Texans taking advantage of that meander to strike the Ohioans on their right flank.

I know that we are just guessing at this early stage of the game, but it's a start. But, time is running out, and we have a lot more work to do. I want to get this done before the reenactment, which will contaminate the battlefield with all sorts of new artifacts, such as percussion caps and friction primers. I also worry about poachers, and am having some signage made, saying "relic hunting prohibited."

Dec 23, 2011

We searched small areas of the Raymond battlefield on 17, 21, and 23 December, and hope to do so again on Monday, weather permitting. I think that, if we can cover much, much more of the field, the relics will tell us a story. So far, as earlier stated, I am surprised at the number of smooth bore "buck and ball" rounds that were fired, particularly in the area first searched last Saturday. Today we found a few more of the .69 caliber balls of the "buck and ball," a fired Enfield round (usually Confederate) and a dropped .58 caliber Minie ball (usually Federal). The two pistol bullets will need to be analyzed a bit more to make sure they are period bullets. We also dug up a number of beer tabs and bottle caps, and one old Pepsi can (must have been the designated driver).

In any case, I attach an updated map, list of items found, and a photo of the relics from today's diggings. It is slow, tedious, muddy, and the weather is chilly--after four or more hours most everyone is worn out with all the walking and digging--but eventually we hope to learn a lot more about the Raymond battlefield. So, it is time well spent.

By the way, the coin in the photo, after I cleaned it and looked at it under a magnifying glass, appears to be a badly corroded Lincoln penny. They have been around a long time (since 1909).

I have been sporadically sharing information that we have discovered at Raymond over the Christmas period. We searched the battlefield by grids on 17 Dec, 21 Dec, 23 Dec, 27 Dec, 29 Dec, 31 Dec, and 6 Jan. Our next outing is planned for 20 Jan. We have sloshed through ankle-deep mud, and it has been mostly pretty chilly, but not too cold, though very windy down in the lowlands of the creek bottom. But what we have found has provided wonderful data.

Here is our methodology:

I divided the new 69 acres into what I call the "Upper Field," the "Middle Field," and the "Lower Field." I use two or sometimes three relic hunters that I trust. They spread out and search a selected grid. Every time they find an item, I walk (slog) my way to their location; record on a sheet what they have found; clean the item in the field as best I can; put it into a zip-loc bag marked with that date, and record the GPS measurement of that site. We do this all day, eating a sandwich for lunch in the field. When I get home that night I hose down my boots and pants, then type the data up, enter it onto a Google Earth map by GPS coordinate, and clean the relics. I have all the relics in zip-loc bags by date.

Here are some key observations so far:

1. In the Upper Field we have found almost exclusively buckshot and .58 caliber Minie balls. There was lots and lots of buckshot, and a handful of .69 caliber round balls. This should be the area where the 7th Texas fought the 20th OH, and later the 20th IL. It tells us that the Texans were using shotguns and smoothbore buck and ball. This would have been very effective in the thick woods along the creek.
2. In the Upper Field we have located the fence line and the tree line. From the diary of the 20th IL soldier that I got my hands on in October 2010, that soldier describes the distance from the creek to the fence that the 20th IL hid behind after falling back out of the woods. I measured that distance and we started finding dropped (unfired) .58 cal. Minie balls in almost a straight line across the field. We also found several .69 cal. round balls that were fired and flattened, as though they had hit a hard object at near point-blank range. You can even see the ridges on the balls where they hit an uneven surface, such as a wooden fence post. Not more than 20 feet towards the creek and in front of the fence, we started finding fired and extremely flattened .58 cal. Minie balls, as though these balls hit a tree at point-blank range. The finds are very consistent, and the fence line is straight while the tree line is not. We even found a dropped .36 ca. Colt pistol ball in what would have been the woods, and two flattened .36 cal. Colt piston balls at the fence line. You could almost see the Confederate officer firing his pistol at the Yanks behind the fence while he hid behind a tree. In short, we now know where to put a repro fence in the Upper Field.
3. In the Middle Field we have found .58 Minie balls, Enfield rifle balls, and even a Pritchard rifle ball (probably C.S.). This is almost certainly the area where the 3rd TN fought, and we now know that the armament of those soldiers was more rifle than smoothbore.
4. In the lower field we see what appears to be the refusing of a line by a military unit that was facing forward, then made a turning movement. This is probably where the 3rd TN raced out into the field and took devastating enfilading fire from the 31st IL and head-on fire from the 45th IL, 81st IL, and 23rd IN.

5. We found two small campsites near Fourteenmile Creek and on the periphery of the fought-over areas. The diary of the soldier from the 20th IL mentions small details of men remaining behind to care for the wounded and bury the dead. We found charcoal about a foot down, and we found one carved bullet, melted lead, 6 eagle buttons, and the remnants of a Sterling silver mechanical pencil. You can see the letters "T" and "H" crudely scratched into the end of the flat space on the pencil where the name was to be engraved, indicating these were the last letters in the man's name. The buttons and the pen fragments being found atop one another indicates that this man was probably wounded and his bloody jacket was taken off and left on the ground. The fact that the six buttons are not the same size hints that this man might have been a Confederate. These relics were found on the edge of the Middle Field, where we think the 3rd TN fought. There was a PVT. J. S. Smith, Co B, 3rd TN, who was wounded at Raymond. Could this have been his pencil? There was a MAJ William H. Smith, Co D, 7th TX, who was killed at Raymond. Could this have been his pencil? We may never know, but we will keep searching for the answers.

6. We have found a number of .69 cal. "Fat Boy" Minie balls in the Lower Field, indicating that at least one U.S. unit, or members of that unit, carried that weapon. Why U.S.? They were found dropped within what we think was the Union line.

Jan 10, 2012

Attached are some photos of the Sterling silver mechanical pencil I mentioned. One is a photo I found of an identical pencil found near Gettysburg, and it is mostly intact. But we have the tip, with the pencil leads still in it. Now, if we can only find the rest of the "skin" and get the man's whole name.

Jan 10, 2012

Attached is an un-reduced photo of the remnants of the Sterling silver mechanical pencil and buttons, and a yet to be identified brass ring. The pencil and buttons were found together. Zoom in on the pencil skin and you can read the initials "T" and "H."

Jan 21, 2012

Yesterday we found a couple of rare items on the battlefield. One was a very rare backwards wormed .58 cal. bullet. This means that the Union soldier, in the heat of combat, loaded his bullet into his rifle-musket upside down, then had to really fight to get it out with the worming rod. When we found this, the dirt in the base obscured the worming mark (look closely for the circular mark inside the base), so we presumed it was a dropped bullet with a dented base caused by a plow. Once I cleaned it last night, it told us a totally different story.

Jan 21, 2012

The other item are the remnants of a brass thimble, found where we found the buttons and remains of a Sterling silver mechanical pencil just after Christmas. I will send that photo via separate email.

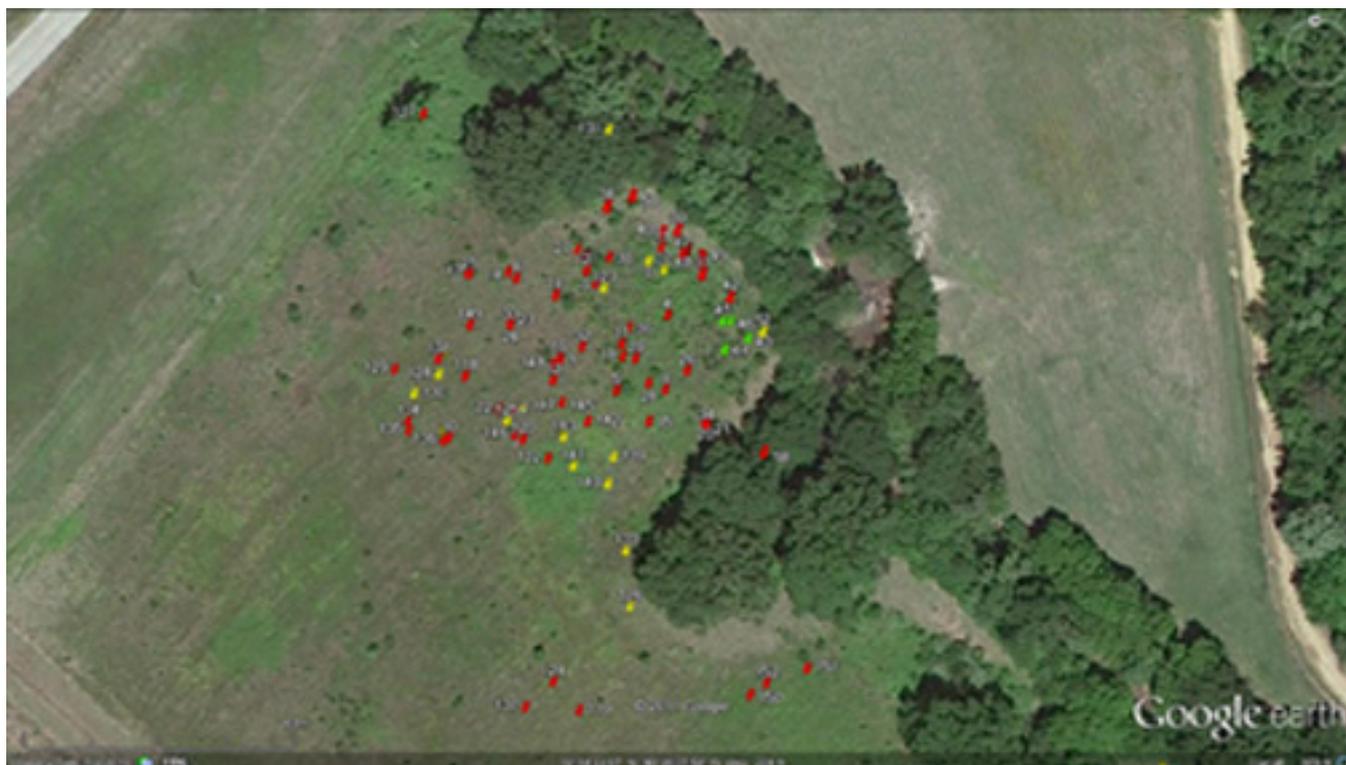
Jan 21, 2012

Attached is the photo of the thimble remnants discussed in my previous email.

Also attached is a Confederate Enfield bullet that we found downrange from the Lower Field. We looked at the flags in the Lower Field, denoting a good bit of action, then went several

hundred yards behind those flags and behind the Union line, presuming some Confederate rounds would have been fired too high and gone downrange. So far, we have found only one, but it now confirms our theory and gives us azimuth and range. I'm an old artilleryman and missile man, and those are very important to solving the target equation.

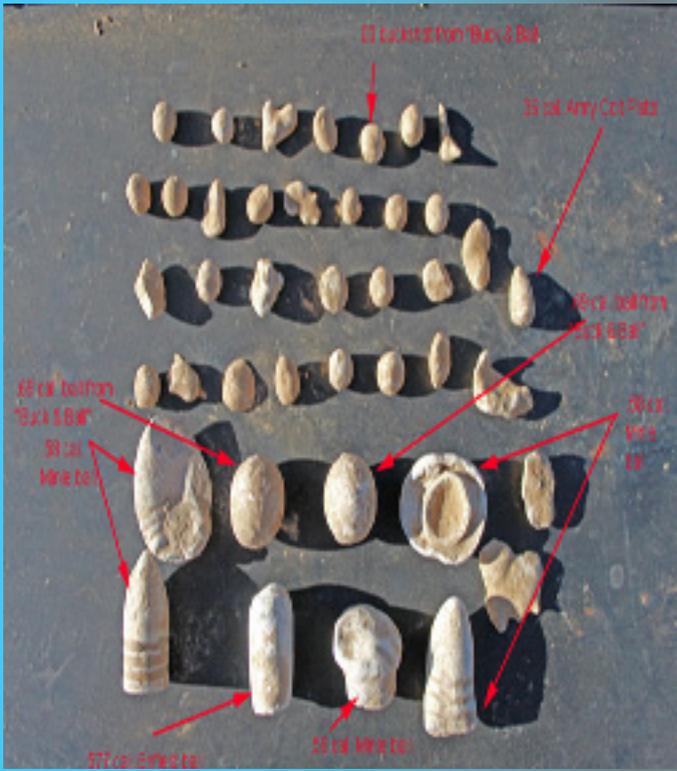
Even a blind hog finds an acorn now and then.



**Raymond\_Relic\_finds\_map\_upper\_field**



**Raymond\_Relic\_finds\_map**



Artifacts,\_17\_DEC\_11\_small\_labeled



Enfield,\_long\_range



Pencil,\_Buttons,\_Ring,\_27\_DEC\_11



Thimble



Sterling\_Silver\_Mech.\_Pencil,\_Gettysburg



Wormed\_.58

**RAYMOND BATTLEFIELD  
17 DECEMBER 2011**

**ITEM**

**GPS COORDINATE**

- |                                          |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. fired .69 cal ball (slight flat edge) | 32 14.371 N, 90 26.642 W |
| 2. .69 cal ball (fired)                  | 32 14.366 N, 90 26.648 W |
| 3. fired .58 cal. Minie (flat)           | 32 14.379 N, 90 26.637 W |
| 4. fired .58 cal minie                   | 32 14.375 N, 90 26.628 W |
| 5. fired .58 cal minie                   | 32 14.367 N, 90 26.635 W |
| 6. fired .58 cal minie                   | 32 14.382 N, 90 26.638 W |
| 7. .36 cal Army Colt pistol (dropped)    | 32 14.381 N, 90 26.630 W |
| 8. fired buckshot                        | 32 14.380 N, 90 26.647 W |
| 9. fired .577 Enfield                    | 32 14.367 N, 90 26.629 W |
| 10. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.363 N, 90 26.656 W |
| 11. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.382 N, 90 26.628 W |
| 12. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.369 N, 90 26.643 W |
| 13. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.381 N, 90 26.653 W |
| 14. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.381 N, 90 26.648 W |
| 15. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.363 N, 90 26.631 W |
| 16. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.371 N, 90 26.642 W |
| 17. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.381 N, 90 26.625 W |
| 18. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.377 N, 90 26.641 W |
| 19. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.371 N, 90 26.634 W |
| 20. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.362 N, 90 26.633 W |
| 21. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.363 N, 90 26.624 W |
| 22. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.366 N, 90 26.650 W |
| 23. fired buckshot & bullet fragment     | 32 14.375 N, 90 26.648 W |
| 24. fired buckshot                       | 32 14.375 N, 90 26.648 W |

25. fired buckshot	32 14.381 N, 90 26.653 W
26. fired buckshot	32 14.369 N, 90 26.626 W
27. fired buckshot	32 14.383 N, 90 26.639 W
28. fired buckshot	32 14.368 N, 90 26.631 W
29. fired buckshot	32 14.370 N, 90 26.632 W
30. fired buckshot	32 14.382 N, 90 26.635 W
31. fired buckshot	32 14.372 N, 90 26.634 W
32. fired buckshot	32 14.372 N, 90 26.639 W
33. fired .36 cal. pistol bullet	32 14.375 N, 90 26.648 W
34. fired .36 cal. pistol bullet	32 14.363 N, 90 26.624 W
35. hatchet head	32 14.314 N, 90 26.614 W
36. .58 cal. bullet fragment	32 14.374 N, 90 26.633 W
37. dropped .58 cal minie	32 14.380 N, 90 26.628 W

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38. fired buck or pistol	32 14.387 N, 90 26.635 W
39. fired buckshot	32 14.384 N, 90 26.626 W
40. fired buckshot	32 14.384 N, 90 26.628 W
41. fired buckshot	32 14.382 N, 90 26.625 W
42. fired buckshot	32 14.376 N, 90 26.620 W
43. melted elliptical lead	32 14.372 N, 90 26.618 W
44. carved lead slash mark	32 14.371 N, 90 26.621 W
45. carved wedge lead	32 14.374 N, 90 26.621 W
46. melted lead (FLA shape)	32 14.374 N, 90 26.620 W
47. fired buckshot	32 14.379 N, 90 26.625 W
48. fired buckshot	32 14.379 N, 90 26.623 W
49. fired buckshot	32 14.386 N, 90 26.631 W
50. fired buckshot	32 14.386 N, 90 26.629 W
51. fired buckshot	32 14.377 N, 90 26.623 W
52. fired buckshot	32 14.371 N, 90 26.616 W

### 23 DECEMBER 2011

53. fired .69 cal ball	32 14.274 N, 90 26.551 W
54. fired Enfield	32 14.272 N, 90 26.550 W
55. fired .69 cal ball	32 14.276 N, 90 26.551 W
56. fired .69 cal ball (flat)	32 14.283 N, 90 26.521 W
57. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.302 N, 90 26.554 W
58. fired buckshot	32 14.359 N, 90 26.617 W
59. fired .32 Allen & Wheelock revolver rimfire	32 14.283 N, 90 26.565 W
60. fired .32 Smith & Wesson pistol rimfire	32 14.279 N, 90 26.569 W

### 27 DECEMBER 2011

61. carved bullet (?) (cylindrical lead)	32 14.300 N, 90 26.542 W
62. fired .69 cal ball	32 14.271 N, 90 26.550 W
63. dropped .58 cal Minie (nick on nose)	32 14.316 N, 90 26.564 W
64. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.313 N, 90 26.565 W

65. fired Enfield (flat)	32 14.297 N, 90 26.550 W
66. fired .58 cal Minie	32 14.305 N, 90 26.555 W
67. fired .44 cal pistol bullet	32 14.319 N, 90 26.569 W
68. .36 cal pistol ball	32 14.319 N, 90 26.575 W
69. fired (?) .69 cal ball (hatch marks in circle)	32 14.302 N, 90 26.564 W
70. fired CS Tower Enfield	32 14.311 N, 90 26.558 W
71. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.306 N, 90 26.567 W
72. carved .58 cal Minie	32 14.305 N, 90 26.556 W
73. melted lead (pieces)	32 14.316 N, 90 26.563 W
74. dropped .58 Minie	32 14.289 N, 90 26.564 W
75. button back (medium)	32 14.317 N, 90 26.575 W
76. button back (small)	``
77. eagle button	``
78. button rim	``
79. eagle button	``
80. button	``
81. piece of Sterling silver mechanical pencil	``
82. brass ring	32 14.281 N, 90 26.561 W
83. dropped (?) Pritchard Enfield	32 14.321 N, 90 26.569 W
84. fired .58 Minie (18" deep)	32 14.322 N, 90 26.573 W

### 29 DECEMBER 2011

85. .36 cal pistol ball (dropped?)	32 14.321 N, 90 26.582 W
86. tube of Sterling silver mechanical pencil	32 14.323 N, 90 26.576 W
87. .36 cal Colt pistol ball, conical (dropped)	32 14.324 N, 90 26.572 W
88. .36 cal Colt pistol ball, conical (dropped)	32 14.324 N, 90 26.572 W
89. .36 cal pistol ball (dropped)	32 14.322 N, 90 26.569 W
90. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.318 N, 90 26.576 W
91. dropped .58 cal Minie (sharp tip, side mark)	32 14.302 N, 90 26.555 W
92. fired, badly bent, .58 cal Minie	32 14.292 N, 90 26.493 W
93. .36 cal pistol ball (fired)	32 14.261 N, 90 26.488 W
94. dropped .54 cal Minie	32 14.203 N, 90 26.577 W
95. buckshot	32 14.251 N, 90 26.612 W
96. fired .69 cal ball	32 14.237 N, 90 26.586 W
97. dropped .69 cal Minie "Fat Boy"	32 14.236 N, 90 26.585 W
98. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.239 N, 90 26.587 W
99. .69 cal round ball (fired?)	32 14.238 N, 90 26.589 W
100. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.235 N, 90 26.591 W
101. fired .69 cal round	32 14.221 N, 90 26.574 W
102. fired Enfield	32 14.235 N, 90 26.577 W
103. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.215 N, 90 26.576 W
104. dropped .69 cal Minie "Fat Boy"	32 14.236 N, 90 26.592 W
105. .36 cal pistol ball (fired?)	32 14.236 N, 90 26.585 W
106. dropped Enfield	32 14.206 N, 90 26.570 W
107. buckshot	32 14.236 N, 90 26.593 W
108. fired Enfield	32 14.234 N, 90 26.579 W
109. fired .58 cal Minie	32 14.233 N, 90 26.594 W

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110. fired .58 cal Minie	32 14.228 N, 90 26.605 W
111. dropped (?) .58 cal Minie	32 14.198 N, 90 26.592 W
112. .36 cal pistol ball (fired)	32 14.222 N, 90 26.588 W
113. .36 cal pistol ball (fired)	32 14.207 N, 90 26.580 W
114. fired .58 cal Minie	32 14.220 N, 90 26.599 W
115. fired .69 cal Minie "Fat Boy"	32 14.219 N, 90 26.590 W
116. .36 cal pistol (conical) (dropped)	32 14.197 N, 90 26.614 W
117. dropped .58 cal Minie (beginning of fence line)	32 14.370 N, 90 26.656 W
118. fired .69 cal round ball (flat)	32 14.370 N, 90 26.654 W
119. fired .69 cal round ball	32 14.335 N, 90 26.642 W
120. buckshot (fired)	32 14.362 N, 90 26.647 W
121. buckshot (fired)	32 14.380 N, 90 26.638 W
122. fired .69 cal round ball	32 14.360 N, 90 26.644 W
123. buckshot (dropped?)	32 14.377 N, 90 26.636 W
124. fired .36 cal pistol or buck (flat)	32 14.337 N, 90 26.645 W
125. dropped .69 cal Minie "Fat Boy"	32 14.363 N, 90 26.649 W
126. brass bridle or haversack buckle	32 14.344 N, 90 26.635 W
127. buckshot (fired)	32 14.394 N, 90 26.657 W
128. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.369 N, 90 26.657 W
129. buckshot (fired)	32 14.369 N, 90 26.662 W
130. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.366 N, 90 26.660 W
131. buckshot (fired)	32 14.396 N, 90 26.634 W
132. buckshot	32 14.364 N, 90 26.657 W
133. dropped .58 cal Minie (plow mark)	32 14.350 N, 90 26.635 W
134. fired .69 cal round ball (mold mark)	32 14.364 N, 90 26.661 W
135. buckshot	32 14.366 N, 90 26.661 W
136. buckshot or pistol	32 14.363 N, 90 26.657 W
137. fired .69 cal round ball (flat w/slit)	32 14.335 N, 90 26.648 W
138. buckshot	32 14.371 N, 90 26.657 W
139. dropped .36 cal Colt pistol (conical)	32 14.360 N, 90 26.636 W
140. buckshot	32 14.357 N, 90 26.637 W
141. dropped .58 cal Minie	32 14.359 N, 90 26.641 W
142. fired .58 cal Minie (flat) (tree bark indents?)	32 14.363 N, 90 26.639 W
143. buckshot	32 14.362 N, 90 26.642 W
144. buckshot	32 14.363 N, 90 26.642 W
145. fired .58 cal Minie (tree line?)	32 14.366 N, 90 26.642 W
146. buckshot (fired)	32 14.363 N, 90 26.648 W
147. .577 Enfield (dropped, bent base) (tree line)	32 14.366 N, 90 26.647 W

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148. fired buckshot	32 14.370 N, 90 26.643 W
149. fired buckshot	32 14.375 N, 90 26.653 W
150. .577 Enfield (fired, nick) (fence line)	32 14.334 N, 90 26.621 W
151. fired .58 cal Minie (flat) (tree line)	32 14.337 N, 90 26.614 W
152. fired .69 cal round ball (shovel nick) (tree line)	32 14.336 N, 90 26.619 W
153. large dark buckshot	32 14.264 N, 90 26.602 W
154. fired .69 cal round ball	32 14.255 N, 90 26.613 W

155. fired .58 cal Minie (plow marks, flat base)	32 14.195 N, 90 26.601 W
156. fired .577 Enfield (flat)	32 14.198 N, 90 26.596 W
157. dropped .36 cal pistol bullet (oval, deep)	32 14.199 N, 90 26.607 W
158. fired .69 cal round ball	32 14.210 N, 90 26.595 W
159. fired .36 cal pistol ball (deep)	32 14.216 N, 90 26.608 W

**AFTER ACTION REPORT  
SJVCWRT MEETING OF 1/12/12  
By Ron Vaughan**

The meeting of 18 persons was our usual January "Show and Tell" night. First, Mike Green shared a message from General Parker Hills, about recent archeological investigations of the Raymond battlefield. They have found relics, including dropped bullets, that have enabled them to pin-point the location troop positions. The Friends of Raymond has expressed great appreciation for our donations and support. Our December fund raiser for Raymond totaled \$2,550, a little short of the \$3000 need to buy a replica cannon for the battlefield.

Chris Bach shared a letter by Wilhelm Helmeth, a Danish man who enlisted in the Union Army, and wrote about his experiences to his family in Denmark. Chris also passed around a fascinating book. At first glance it appeared to be a collection of a Danish photographer's pics of the Union Army, but actually they were photos of the Danish War of 1864, when Prussia invaded Schleswig- Holstein.

Wayne Scott shared souvenirs of his 4,000 mile speaking tour (as Lincoln) last Summer. His most prized item was a replica of a Lincoln White House tea cup.

Greg Farley, current Commander of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans, talked about a memorial that they had made, and will be dedicated April 28th at Bethel Cemetery.

I presented a brief talk with pictures, showing the evolution of the of the French Zouave and Chasseur uniforms to the various Civil War regiments that copied the uniform to one extent or another. Many popular historians write that these brightly colored uniforms disappeared after the first year of the war, but actually in 1863 and 64, the Union Army awarded Zouave uniforms to certain regiments for their outstanding discipline and drill.

Finally, Mike Green showed slides of markers at Pamplin Park. There is a marker for each state, which lists the number of troops serving from the state and the number who died. The war cost many states a heavy price in lives lost.

After the meeting Mike called for a Board meeting:

- \* We discussed the 2013 Conference, and whether to use the Veterans Hall, or try the Cruise idea. The cruise would cost about \$375 per person. For every 15 rooms sold, we get one free, which would cover the cost of the speakers. It would likely attract people from all over, if adequately advertized. We need to raise seed money for the con. Any fund raising ideas?
- \*Not all members or visitors have renewed membership. It was suggested that Treasurer Walt sit at a table next to door to sell raffle tickets and also ask for dues.
- \*Clagues have OKed use of their cabin for the July barbeque.
- \*Discussed whether to have a booth at Kearney Park next Fall. The Director, Jill Moffit has resigned, so they are searching for a new Director. Mike will contact the Historical Society later on.
- \*Discussed future programs:
  - ..Feb. is Lincoln vs Davis Debate.
  - ..Mar. & April are Fred Bomfaulk / Tom Lubas.

..May is Mike Green.

..Patty will be working on Fall speakers. Discussed having a Christmas party, instead of a speaker, invite a singer or musician, such as the Old Time Fiddlers.

### **CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

Our February Lincoln Davis debate inspired me to share this story from *The Blue and the Gray Laughing*:

“The Union soldiers occupying Helena Arkansas liked to tease the residents with yarns like the following: ‘Some time ago Jeff Davis got tired of the war and invited President Lincoln to meet him on neutral ground to discuss terms of peace. They met accordingly, and after a talk, concluded to settle the war by dividing the territory and stopping the fighting. The North took the Northern States, and the South the Gulf and Seaboard Southern States. Lincoln took Texas and Missouri, and Davis Kentucky and Tennessee, so all were parceled off excepting Arkansas. Neither would consent to take it. Lincoln didn’t want it—Jeff wouldn’t have it. And the war has been going on ever since!’”

No doubt the Arkansans were much chagrined by this tall story!

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