

BUGLE CALL ECHOES

JUNE 1999 MEETING

Two events cemented Carol Berry's interest in the Civil War: first was viewing the movie *Gettysburg*, and shortly after that, a trip to the park. The latter was given to by her daughter Holly as a 50th birthday present. Since then Carol has been a convert. Subsequent to the *Gettysburg* trip, she has visited battlefields throughout Virginia, and driven from Ft. Pillow in Tennessee to Ft. Sumter in South Carolina.

Besides her interest in the Civil War, Carol has a love for quilting and the history of quilts. She has been a member of the Gateway Quilters Guild since 1985. When she isn't quilting or studying the Civil War, Carol works at Foster Farms as a secretary.

While studying battles and leaders is of paramount interest, Carol is reading more and more about women's roles in the war, particularly the role of the women who stayed at home. It is this subject that will form the basis of the talk she will give at the round table meeting on June 24.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

While on our Civil War tour of West Virginia, Barbara and I came on an interesting find in Webster, on U.S. 119, just south of my hometown of Grafton. Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day, was from Grafton and the Mother's Day Shrine is there – the Andrews Methodist Church where the first Mother's Day service was held.

The Anna Jarvis Birthplace House Museum has been restored to its antebellum appearance and is on the National Register of Historic Places. General George B. McClellan had his headquarters there in the early days of the war in 1861. The area was a huge Federal supply depot. The McClellan Room is handsomely arranged with period pieces and authentic Civil War artifacts, including a picture of McClellan taken in the room. They play a tape of someone reading a letter McClellan wrote to his wife in which he tells where he is and how well Mrs. Jarvis, i.e., Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis, is treating him and his staff. While McClellan was at the Jarvis home, his Union troops were encamped across the road from the house.

Hope to see you all at the pot luck on the 24th. Carol Berry will be our featured speaker. (Editor's note: Don't let that stop you from attending!) – **KEN MOATS**

Stitched on a pillow made of scraps of fabric manufactured during the Civil War:

Hurrah! for the home spun dresses we southern ladies wore in time of the war, Ev'ry piece here. Sad memories it brings back to me. For our hearts was weary and restless. And our life was full of care. The burden laid up on us seemed greater than we could bear.

*Mary Prince
1910 age 70 year*

The June meeting of the SJVCWRT will be held on Thursday, June 24th, at Ken and Barbara Moats' home, 4780 N. Delno, Fresno.

This will be our yearly potluck. If your last name begins with the initials A-M, please bring a casserole or salad, and if your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. Soft drinks and beer will be provided by the round table. BYOB if you prefer. Plates and eating utensils will also be provided.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. Please call Ken or Barbara at 559/229-3654 to let them know you will be attending.

BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION

We want to share with you a news release from The Conservation Fund about endangered Civil War battlefields. Frances Kennedy is the author of "The Civil War Battlefield Guide," and the director of The Conservation Fund's Civil War Battlefield Campaign. Contact: Frances H. Kennedy 505/984-2565.

The Conservation Fund Report: Civil War Battlefields Endangered - Arlington, VA May 27, 1999.

Marking the date of the last principal battle of the Civil War in May 1865, The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit organization, today issued a report on the condition of the 384 principal battlefields of the Civil War: 226 are not protected. Of the 158 that have protection, the protected areas of some, such as Antietam in Maryland, are large enough to honor the soldiers and to enable visitors to understand the battle. Others, such as the one acre on the Tupelo, Mississippi, battlefield, are too small or fragmented.

The successes in battlefield preservation today are the result of efforts by both the private and public sectors, beginning with the Civil War veterans: 62 battlefields are protected by the federal government, 51 by states, 20 by counties and municipalities, and 25 by the private sector. The data for the report were drawn from the research for the new edition of the Fund's book, "The Civil War Battlefield Guide." Edwin C. Bearss, chief historian emeritus of the National Park Service, said, "Building upon the great battlefield preservation efforts to date, Americans must join together to preserve our hallowed ground for future generations."

"This is the time for bold, decisive action," said Frances H. Kennedy, director of the Fund's Civil War Battlefield Campaign. "We need to build dynamic partnerships that focus public and private resources on our battlefields: major public funding by federal, state, and local governments, including full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, as well as private sector donations and grants." More than 80 of the 384 are lost or badly fragmented by development, including Yellow Tavern in Virginia, where Jeb Stuart was mortally wounded.

Battlefields lost to development can also mean the loss

of opportunities for the economic growth and diversification that protected battlefields can bring to nearby communities. The Fund's publication, "Dollar\$ and Sense of Battlefield Preservation," documents the economic benefits of heritage tourism. The positive economic impact of Gettysburg National Military Park, for example, was \$117 million in 1996, including visitor expenditures, the park's operating budget, and tax revenue.

Kennedy pointed out that "Americans want to honor the soldiers and are drawn to the battlefields of the war that set the direction for our nation's future. There are owners of historic land who want to have it preserved for future generations, but who cannot afford to donate it. They are willing to sell, but preservation dollars are scarce. Battlefield preservation needs millions of dollars of acquisition funds --now-- from both the private and public sectors. Growth and sprawl are consuming the battlefields."

The Conservation Fund's Civil War Battlefield Campaign works in partnership with foundations, corporations, preservation organizations, individuals, and public agencies to protect America's hallowed ground. The Campaign also provides information for community leaders through its two publications, "The Civil War Battlefield Guide," and "Dollar\$ and Sense of Battlefield Preservation: the Economic Benefits of Protecting Civil War Battlefields."

The Conservation Fund is a national nonprofit land conservation organization located at 1800 N. Kent St., Ste. 1120 Arlington, Va 22209-2156, 703/525-6300.

Write your Senators (c/o U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510) and Representatives (c/o House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515) and urge them to support full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, providing at least 10% of that fund for Civil War battlefield preservation. You really wouldn't need to tell them much more than that to get the ball rolling. Please write this weekend.

Jerry L. Russell
Civil War Round Table Associates
HERITAGEPAC

We Who Study Must Also Strive To Save!

BATTLEFIELD WALKS

Planning to visit Gettysburg this summer? Below is listed a schedule of Ranger-Conducted Battle Walks. The schedule is for the period June 30 to July 3, 1999.

June 30 at 3:30 p.m.

"We Were Now Nearly Surrounded and the Fight Very Hot." The Sacrifice of the 147th New York Infantry and 2nd Maine Battery.

During the mid-morning of July 1 the skirmish between Union Cavalry and the approaching Confederate army suddenly escalated into a full-scale battle as infantry clashed against infantry. During this opening action one of the most tenacious struggles of the battle occurred along the Chambersburg Pike west of town as the heavily outnumbered 147th Infantry and 2nd Maine Battery sacrificed themselves to delay the Confederate advance. Though small in numbers, this little-known action set the tone for the remainder of the fighting on July 1.

Meet Historian D. Scott Hartwig at the West End Guide Station on Route 30 West.

July 1 at 10:00 a.m.

"They will attack ... in the morning and ... will come booming - skirmishers three deep." Brig. Gen. John Buford's Division on July 1.

The Battle of Gettysburg began on the early morning of July 1 when heavily outnumbered troopers of Brig. Gen. John Buford's Cavalry Division clashed with the lead elements of the ANV west of town. Buford's brilliant stand delayed the Confederate advance long enough for the first Union infantry to reach the field.

Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Michael Phipps at the West End Guide Station on Route 30 West to learn more about this famous action.

July 1 at 3 p.m.

"From the Frying Pan into the Fire." Brig. Gen. Roy Stone's Brigade in the Defense of McPherson's Ridge.

When the Confederates renewed their assaults on the afternoon of July 1, the Union First Corps faced an overwhelming Confederate assault west of town.

Holding the center of the Union line, near the McPherson farm, was Brig. Gen. Roy Stone's Brigade. These Pennsylvania troops found themselves assailed from different directions as they attempted to hold back the Southern onslaught.

Learn about their gallant defense of McPherson's Ridge by joining Ranger Karlton Smith at the West End Guide Station on Route 30 West.

July 2 at 10 a.m.

Crisis at the Union Center. "The Enemy ... Advance was Irresistible, Its Regularity Surprising, and its Rapidity Fearful."

The principal Confederate assault on July 2 fell against the Union left. Shortly after 6 p.m., after two hours of desperate combat at Little Round Top, Devil's Den, the Wheatfield, and Peach Orchard the Southern assault grew in size as troops from Maj. Gen. Richard Anderson's Division moved against the Union center. Though often overlooked, Anderson's attack against the sparsely defended Union position on Cemetery Ridge created a serious threat to the Army of the Potomac.

Join Ranger Eric Campbell to see how close these Confederates came to victory. Meet at the Pennsylvania Monument, Auto Tour Stop 12.

July 2 at 3 p.m.

A Fatal Hesitation: Maj. Gen. Robert Rodes and Cemetery Hill.

Shortly after Anderson's brigades began to move, a two-pronged Confederate attack was supposed to strike the Union lines on Cemetery Hill. Leading the western half of this assault was Maj. Gen. Robert Rodes' Division. Though Rodes began to move his men forward, the attack was halted and eventually canceled. Join Ranger Troy Harman who will explain this forgotten, but important phase of the battle by following the route of Rodes' Division through the old county fairgrounds, past the Lincoln Cemetery to the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Along the way he will explain the role of the division in the Confederate plan, why the attack was called off and how this might have impacted the final outcome of the battle.

Meet in Shultz Woods, opposite the Armory Building on West Confederate Avenue. Ask at the information desk for details and directions.

July 3 at 10 a.m.

Brig. Gen. George Armstrong Custer at East Cavalry Field.

One of the most famous, and controversial, officers at Gettysburg was George Armstrong Custer. Recently promoted to general and brigade command, Custer and his Michigan troopers saw extensive action during the Gettysburg Campaign and some of the hardest fighting at East Cavalry Field.

Join Ranger Tom Holbrook who will explain Custer's role in the fighting of July 3, 1863. Meet at Confederate Cavalry Avenue.

July 3 at 3 p.m.

The Attack and Repulse of Brig. Gen. Lewis Armistead's Brigade in Longstreet's Assault.

Follow in the footsteps of the Virginia soldiers from Brig. Gen. Lewis Armistead's Brigade, Pickett's Division, during their ill-fated assault against the Union center, or learn of the Union soldiers who repulsed them. A team of rangers will follow the route of three of Armistead's regiments in their attack.

For the Confederate prospective meet these rangers at the Virginia Memorial, Auto Tour Stop 5. To learn of the Union defense, meet a ranger behind the Cyclorama Center.

AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

Since March 15, 1999, C-Span's 20th Anniversary Television Series, American Presidents: Life Portraits, has featured one president a week. On June 28, the program on Abraham Lincoln will be aired from the Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois.

The following trivia was taken from the Lincoln page on the American Presidents website, found at www.americanpresidents.org.

- His son, Robert Todd Lincoln, was in the vicinity of the assassination of three presidents: Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.
- His wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, was known for her strength and grace and energy, despite various personal setbacks.
- During his term, the population of the United States was 32 million.
- "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

The program on Lincoln will be aired at 6 a.m. PDT Monday, June 28, and re-aired on Friday, July 2, at 5 p.m. PDT.

GENERAL SWEENEY'S MUSEUM

Explore the rich Civil War heritage of the Ozark Mountain Country, at General Sweeney's Museum of Civil War History and adjacent Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Our facility displays artifacts and weapons of the war in the Trans-Mississippi, more familiarly known as the area west of the Mississippi River.

The collection consists of several thousand artifacts that have been accumulated over the last 25 years. It is a unique collection, displayed in over 50 exquisite and professionally designed cases. We are the first, and only, private museum in the United States that tells the story of the Civil War in the West.

Our displays will take you through the Civil War, beginning in Kansas during the 1850's. Here you can ride with John Brown, and his Kansas abolitionists, fighting the pro slavery border ruffians from Missouri. Several large displays tell the story of the battle of Wilson's Creek. View artifacts from this battle, along with weapons, a uniform, photographs of participants from both sides and two of the five Congressional Medals of Honor awarded for gallantry in this action.

Many rare and unusual artifacts also cover the war in Arkansas, the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), and Louisiana. They will then take you into Tennessee, to the battle of Shiloh, and into Mississippi to the battles of

Corinth and Vicksburg. Many lesser known battles in Missouri and Arkansas are also featured. You will march with General Sterling Price, and his Missourians, in a last effort to capture Missouri for the Confederacy.

See John Bell Hood's debacle at Franklin, Tennessee, where Gen. Pat Cleburne, and thousands of other Confederate soldiers, needlessly fell. Then witness the final battle between Missourians at the battle of Ft. Blakely, Alabama, while Lee and Grant were signing the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

For those interested in weapons, we offer a wide variety used by the infantry, cavalry and artillery, as well as the fresh water navy on the Mississippi and other inland rivers. Several large display cases are devoted to medicine as it was practiced during the time. A number of flags are also displayed, including a rare Cherokee Indian Confederate Flag. Our "Cherokee Braves" flag was used by troops under Brigadier General Stand Watie, who has the honor of being the only Native American to become a General in the Confederate Army.

General Sweeny's is a short march from Branson's IMAX Theater and Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World. See our displays, at these locations, for further details. Or, e-mail, call or write General Sweeny's Museum, 5228 South State Highway ZZ, Republic, MO 65738. Telephone and fax # 417-732-1224.

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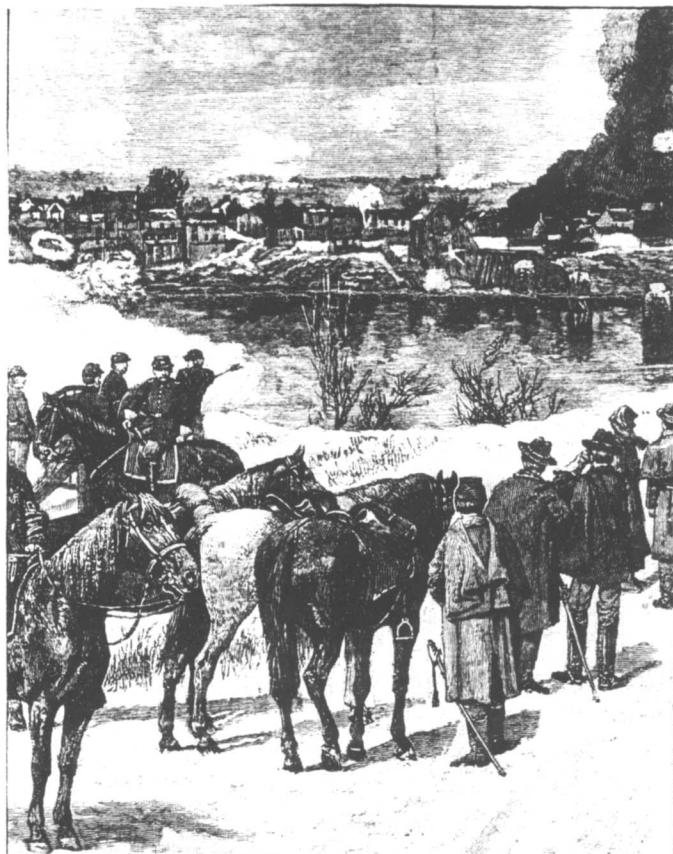
From the diary of Annie Darden of Buckhorn, NC:

March 4. There has been no sunshine today. The heavens seem to be hung with darkness, over our nation's wrongs. Yes today, I fear, will seal the sad, sad fate of our country's history, for this is the day for the inauguration of a President. That will cause a dissolution of our Union...our Star spangled banner will wave no more over us as a free united & happy people...

We are divided among ourselves; some noble States have seceded while others are quietly submitting to the Enemy & talking about Union when there is NONE. The SAD TRUTH, the UNION is gone, and the tie that bound us is broken. The gold links have been rudely severed by the politicians & the abolitionists of the North...Instead of peace, now, we hear rumors of war & division...

March 19. I have finished all the squares for my quilt. I think I shall call it a DISUNION QUILT as it will be made different from any I ever saw.

Excerpted from the Annie B. Darden diary in the F. Roy Johnson Collection at the North Carolina Division of Archives and History.



Bombardment of Fredericksburg

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 1999

The programs for the year are listed below. Be sure to mark your calendars so as not to miss any of the speakers we have lined up:

Date	Speaker	Topic
January 29, 1999	Nathan Boyer	<i>Civil War Prison Camps</i>
February 25	Dr. Allen Carden	<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>
March 25	John Peterson	<i>Gouverneur Warren</i>
April 29	Shelton Johnson	<i>Yosemite and Sequoia Black Infantry and Cavalry</i>
May 27	Philip Avila	<i>The Bear Goes East: California in the Civil War</i>
June 24 - Backyard potluck at the Moats'	Carol Berry	<i>A Woman's War: The Homefront</i>
July 29	Jack Leathers	<i>Texans in the Confederacy</i>
August 26	Dr. Helen Trimpi	<i>Harvard Confederates</i>
September 30	Tom Goodrich	<i>First Civil War--Bleeding Kansas</i>
October 28 (note date change)	Dr. Leon Litwack	<i>Reconstruction</i>
November 18	Mike Carter	<i>States' Rights and Secession</i>
December	No regular meeting	



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