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ACWHT Foundation holds annual summit meeting in LR

By Peggy Lloyd
ACWHTF Secretary

The annual Meeting of the Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation was held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History in Little Rock. Attending were Jack Danielson-Reed's Bridge BPS, Tom Dupree-Reed's Bridge BPS, David Sesser-Nevada County Museum, Alan Thompson-NWACWHT, Tom Beam-SWACWHT, Charles Durnett-CACWHT, Peggy Lloyd-

SWACWHT, Mark Christ-AHPP, Danny Honnoll-NEACWHT and Ray Jones-NEACWHT.

President Danny Honnoll called the meeting to order and asked for updates on six on-going projects involving ACWHT Foundation.

Updates:

Tommy Dupree reported that the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission met on January 23, 2008, in Little Rock with 15 to 16 members in attendance. They had a good meeting and organized into committees that met in the
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CACWHT, Maritime Museum look at building replica of C.S.S. *Arkansas*

By Charles Durnett
CACWHT Chair

An ambitious project to build a replica of the CSS *Arkansas* was the first project endorsed by the Sesquicentennial Commission. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) will build and maintain the vehicle with the help of the Robert C. Newton Camp of the SCV. The Camp will provide the living history for the iron clad. The replica will be seaworthy. However, it will spend much of the time on a trailer pulled to

re-enactments and other heritage events around the state.

The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) is home to the historic submarine USS *Razorback* (SS-394) and the future home of USS *Hoga* (YT-146), a Pearl Harbor attack survivor. These two vessels complement each other because while *Hoga* was a witness to the start of World War II, *Razorback* was present at Tokyo Bay, when the Japanese signed the surrender aboard the battleship USS *Missouri*, officially ending World War II.

Central Arkansas re-enactors are coming
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SWACWHT goes to site of '64 battle

By Tom Beam
and Peggy Lloyd
SWACWHT Co-chairs

The SWACHT group met at the White Oak Lake State Park Visitor Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Tom Beam of Hot Springs chaired the meeting.

Becky Cahoone, the assistant superintendent of the park there, spoke to the group on nearby Poison Spring State Park. The staff at White Oak Lake provides maintenance for Poison Spring, which has a self-guided tour and is unattended by park staff. An exhibit of photos of Civil War figures in Arkansas and relics collected by Townsend Moseley, formerly of Camden, is on display at the Visitor Center.

The group discussed Civil War sites in southwest Arkansas, and their activities to assist in the preservation and interpretation of these sites. About twelve people were in attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting Margaret Beam, wife of Chairman Tom Beam, served refreshments
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The Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail is a network of regional private, nonprofit, volunteer organizations seeking to identify, protect, interpret and promote Arkansas properties related to the state's Civil War experience. General guidance for the groups is provided by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

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The Northeast Arkansas Civil War Trail serves Baxter, Fulton, Izard, Stone, Cleburne, Independence, Sharp, Randolph, Clay, Lawrence, Greene, Jackson, Craighead, Poinsett, Mississippi, Woodruff, Cross, Crittenden, Prairie, Monroe, Lee and St. Francis counties.

NWACWHT reports on work at area battlefields

By Alan Thompson
NWACWHT Chair

The NWACWHT finally received word that our grant request to fund the second and third interpretive panels at Cane Hill was denied so we're going to press forth with another mini grant application to try and get the second panel funded. Eventually we'll have eight or nine panels along the 12-mile route of the fight and a driving-tour guide to get visitors around.

The Pea Ridge National Military Park Foundation is planning their second Festival of Ozark Civil War Heritage Reunion, tentatively set for June 12-15. Last year's event was a great success and hopefully this year it will be bigger and better. If you missed it last year I

encourage you to make it this year. The Foundation will be hosting this event each year leading up to the sesquicentennial of the 1862 battle.

At Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park plans are underway to restore the Borden House around which the most intense fighting of the battle took place. Phase I will include replacing the roof and stabilizing the building. Phase II will see a restroom facility built on that side of the park, hopefully in a way that will not stand out. Phase III will be the restoration of the interior. At that point exhibits will be installed and the house will be open for visitors to tour. A grant was also received to redesign the interior of Hindman Hall, which includes the museum, gift shop and staff offices.

WCACWHT cites projects at Devil's Backbone, Fort Smith

By Larry Puckett
WCACWHT Co-chair

I am Larry Puckett, and was recently appointed co-chair with Kim Myers for the West Central Civil War Heritage Trails. I have been associated with Civil War heritage trails for over 10 years now, having worked as a volunteer at the Fort Smith Historic Site as the commissary sergeant for several years and secretary for the Massard Prairie Battlefield Development Corp.

Massard Prairie Park will host a clean up day April 19 and living history re-enactment on July 12 and 13, co-sponsored by the 15th NW Arkansas Volunteers.

A new committee is being formed called the Friends of Devil's Backbone Ridge. If you want to be in on the ground floor of developing a new

Civil War site, contact me at 4851 Spikeridge Trail, Greenwood, AR 72936. We are particularly looking for anyone with connections to the 2nd Kansas Cavalry, 1st Arkansas Infantry (U.S.), or the Missouri infantry units that were involved at this site. The Confederate units under Gen. William Cabell were led by Colonel Monroe and Colonel Morgan, in addition to Captain Hughey's Battery.

We will be planning a work day at this site May 9 and 10 for history month and a dedication to be held August 30 and 31 with re-enactors camped at the site.

The South Sebastian County Historical Society is having a month-long program on Governor Bass Little at the Old Jail in Greenwood where they have several exhibits with artifacts from Devil's Backbone Ridge.

Foundation reports on 2007 activities

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morning and gave reports in the afternoon. The members were enthusiastic about the events across the board, and prospects are good for a successful Sesquicentennial. Dupree is chairman of the Sesquicentennial Commission. He noted that their major objective is to complete a budget by March for consideration by the General Assembly in 2009. Mark Christ noted that they need to outline their financial needs. Dupree added that the Commission will meet monthly through the middle of the year. Different states are doing different things. Arkansas will concentrate on the Trans-Mississippi with one major event each year that will follow a sequence of events that occurred in Arkansas during the Civil War. Jack Danielson noted that each city or county should have a representative to put on events and asked the role of Heritage Trails in the Sesquicentennial. Dupree added that handouts are being prepared for the county judges. Christ stated that the Commission will serve as a facilitator for events and that enthusiasm is high.

Tommy Dupree also reported on the Reed's Bridge project. The Jacksonville City Council had funded \$12,000 from its Advertising and Promotional budget to pay off notes on battlefield land that already has been acquired. The City Council has also allotted \$100,000 for land acquisition. In December, there was a ceremony to dedicate five panels for sites related to Indian Removal, the Battle of Reed's Bridge and military roads. The group is investigating building a parking lot and a trail in the area of the five panels. Some 90 people plus were in attendance at the ceremony. There are plans for more panels and the necessary funds are being sought. More panels are contemplated for the future. Jack Danielson noted that there are plans for

panels related to Indian Removal and that the group is applying for a grant for McCraw Cemetery. They want to annex it to the city and put up names on grave sites. Support is strong in Jacksonville, and hamburger tax money is available. The group is optimistic about their prospects for completing their project. Dupree noted that they are creating brochures for the area and will apply for grants. Carolyn Kent has been working in this area. Their goals are brochures, new wayside panels and the acquisition of more land. Charles Durnett felt that the Foundation should send a letter of appreciation to the City of Jacksonville.

Mark Christ reported that a grant is being sought for a preservation plan for the Battery A site in Helena. The plan will seek ways to stabilize the site and complete a trail to the Confederate Cemetery. The heritage tourism approach is being used to secure the grant.

Christ also noted that Nevada County has a federal ABPP grant for a plan for preservation and interpretation of the Prairie D'Ane and Elkins' Ferry Battlefields.

Christ also reported on the Civil War Campaigns National Scenic Byway. The 1992 ABPP study is being redone and updated with maps of approach routes. The new maps are laying the ground for byways and a Pea Ridge Campaign route could stretch to St. Louis and Helena.

Christ also reported that he had received an e-mail from the Civil War Preservation Trust that they are considering purchasing a ten-acre plot at Devil's Backbone.

Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation:

Danny Honnoll noted that his president's report had been covered by the report on the Sesquicentennial Commission.

Treasurer Mark Kalkbrenner could not be present because of illness. His financial report for 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007 was presented (see page 5). The Foundation has a total of \$927.47. Chapter dues should be sent to Kalkbrenner.

Regional Roundups—ACWHT Chairs:

Danny Honnoll announced that NEACWHT will hold its annual re-enactment in Clay County. The county judge is helpful and it is a low-key event in a beautiful setting at the site of the surrender at Chalk Bluff. The group is also flying flags on donated property in Jonesboro. Tom Beam questioned if anything was being done in regard to the sites at DeVall's Bluff.

Peggy Lloyd of the SWACWHT stated that she was researching roads and cemeteries with Civil War connections. Tom Beam noted that D. J. Wallace was the new director of the Grant County Museum and showed interest in the Civil War. The question of the Jenkins' Ferry battle site arose, and there was discussion of State Parks involvement at the site.

Alan Thompson reported that the NEACWHT is creating a Cane Hill Driving Tour with eight to nine panels. The first is being fabricated; funding came from the Arkansas Humanities Council. They also are considering putting a panel at the site of McGuire's Store, which was visited by General Marmaduke and also the site of a skirmish. Thompson also reported that Prairie Grove State Park has the money for the restoration of the Borden House. A grant will pay for redoing the exhibits in Hindman Hall. The park hopes to celebrate its 100th anniversary with a vintage baseball tournament. Bill Shea's book on the battle will be published, and Andy Thomas, an artist/painter, will do a print on the battle.

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Next ACWHTF meeting Feb. 14, 2009

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Tommy Dupree stated that the Reed's Bridge Battlefield Preservation Society wants more panels up with their goal being a Heritage Trail with the same image as is being used for the Northwest Arkansas Heritage Trails for Civil War, Indian Removal and stage routes. Their goal is 20 to 25 signs from Brownsville to Little Rock. Jack Danielson asked for help on cleaning and repairing tombstones. Charles Durnett expressed the wish for a Reed's Bridge re-enactment that would hopefully become an annual event. Their group had a successful re-enactment on December 1 and plans for another next August near Labor Day Weekend.

Review of 2007 priorities:

The group is making good progress in the preservation of Reed's Bridge. Tommy Dupree offered some advice toward the acquisition of Elkins' Ferry. The Foundation will continue to press State Parks on their care of the Camden Expedition parks, and Mark Christ will inquire about tourism organizations. Danny Honnoll indicated that he would check with Ron Kelley about progress toward a website. The priorities for 2008 will be the same as 2007. The Foundation will cooperate and work with the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

New Business:

Arkansas Battlefield Update schedules were announced with deadlines on 2/26, 6/26 and 10/26.

Regional dues will be collected. Danny Honnoll noted that these funds should go through the Foundation's account. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

New officers were not elected. A motion was made that the current officers continue until next year. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 14th of February 2009. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously passed.

SWACWHT looking at research, site work

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donated by Wal-Mart of Hot Springs. Tom Beam is devoting his activities in 2008 to research and study related to Poison Spring State Park and to fundraising. Tom also has the opportunity to travel around and reports that D. J. Wallace, the new director of the Grant County Museum, is very interested in the Civil War sites in the area.

Peggy Lloyd is working on Civil War sites in Nevada County. Work is ongoing at the Moscow Church and Cemetery just outside of Prescott. Continued clean-up in the Moscow Cemetery would be a worthwhile project when the weather moderates. She is also investigating old roads and other historic sites of possible Civil War interest in southern Nevada County. David Sesser, the curator of the Nevada County Depot and Museum and a graduate student in history at Henderson State University, is tentatively planning a clean-up at the Elkins' Ferry site on the Little Missouri River about eight miles from Prescott on April 5.

The vicinity is a favorite site for four-wheeling, deer hunting and littering. Careless riders and hunters scatter aluminum cans and plastic bottles throughout the beautiful river bottom where General Steele and his troops crossed into what was then Hempstead County in early April 1864. A nearby network of creeks and streams brings in more cans, bottles, plastic jugs and old tires on overflows.

The next meeting will be at Historic Washington State Park. The date and time will be announced later. If you are interested in any of these activities, contact Tom Beam at tombeam@hotsprings.net, Peggy Lloyd at 870-983-2633 or peggy.lloyd@arkansas.gov or David Sesser at 870-887-5821 or thecivilwardude@hotmail.com.

The preservation of historic Civil War battle sites is a priority of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and the goal of this newsletter, which will serve as an avenue to share ideas and identify those who wish to join in the effort to save Arkansas battlefields for future generations to learn from.

Please, pass this newsletter on to a friend. If you know anyone who is interested in battlefield preservation, send their name in so they can receive future issues of this publication.

Also, feel free to send information on battlefield preservation activities or Civil War-related organizations, meetings, re-enactments, etc., to Department of Arkansas Heritage, Attn: *Arkansas Battlefield Update*, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, for publication in future issues.

CACWHT considers monument preservation

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together for a reenactment of the Battle of Reed's Bridge in Jacksonville this coming summer. As a part of the assault on Little Rock, this battle north of the city brought Gen. Sterling Price's forces face to face with those of Maj. Gen. Frederick Steele. The Reed's Bridge Battlefield Preservation Society is the main sponsor of this event.

A number of events and memorials have dotted the landscape over the past few months. One of which is a new flagpole in the corner of White County near Batesville, Arkansas. This new construct memorializes the

skirmishes and events transpiring during the years of the Civil War in the area. The new flagpole was erected next to the highway on private land south of Batesville.

More than 100 re-enactors, presenters and citizens came together in January for the annual memorial for David O. Dodd. Fair weather brought re-enactors from as far away as Missouri.

The project of preserving local monuments and tombstones continues as the monument commemorating the last battle of the Assault on Little Rock is being reviewed. The marker was originally erected October 15, 1921 by

the Churchill Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Although the marker is well maintained, the lettering has begun to fade. Another marker pointing to the spot where David O. Dodd was hung is under scrutiny because it is in a remote spot not easily accessible by the public. The plan is to move the monument to a spot in MacArthur Park near the old arsenal. A coalition of the CACWHT, the MacArthur Museum of Military History, the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas, and others has been formed to make this happen.

Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation, Inc.
Financial Report
Jan 1, 2007 – Dec 31, 2007

<u>01/01/2007</u>	<u>Beginning balance.....</u> \$ 490.26+
<u>04/20/2007</u>	<u>Deposit for SEACWHT (Marks' Mill Event)</u> \$2800.00+
<u>04/26/2007</u>	<u>Jacks Powder Keg – Marks' Mills.....</u> \$ 2033.34- <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck# 1012</u>
<u>05/15/2007</u>	<u>Andy Taylor – Marks' Mills.....</u> \$ 150.00- <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck# 1013</u>
<u>05/25/2007</u>	<u>Brenda's Toilets – Marks' Mills.....</u> \$ 500.00- <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck # 1014</u>
<u>05/25/2007</u>	<u>Ellen DiMaggio (ant dope) – Marks' Mills.....</u> \$ 36.45- <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck # 1015</u>
<u>10/24/2007</u>	<u>P.O.Box Rental</u> <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck# 1016.....</u> \$ 68.00-
<u>11/28/2007</u>	<u>Deposit Grant from NWACWHT.....</u> \$1150.00+
<u>11/28/2007</u>	<u>Graphics Past (NWACWHT grant)</u> <u>ACWHTF, Inc Ck# 1017.....</u> \$ 725.00-
<u>Account total as of 12/31/2007.....</u> \$ 927.47+	

- ** WCAWCHT dues were paid through 2007
- ** no 2005, 2006, 2007 dues received from NWACWHT
- ** SEACWHT 2007 dues paid from remainder of Marks Mill, leaving
\$30.21 in account
- ** no 2007 dues from SWACWHT
- ** \$425 remaining from NWACWHT grant
- ** Check # 1017 had a stop payment on 1/08/2008 and check # 1018 was sent to replace it.

Submitted by:
H. Mark Kalkbrenner, Treasurer, ACWHTF, Inc

NEACWHT plans return visit to Chalk Bluff

By *Danny Honnoll*
NEACWHT Chair

The Northeast Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Committee held its annual meeting on December 18 at the Jonesboro Public Library this year. We had 26 in attendance for the meeting. Chairman W. Danny Honnoll gave the annual report to the gathering. Trustee M. Ray Jones gave the progress report to the group.

The NEACWHT helped place a historical marker at Fitzhugh's Woods in Woodruff County on April 1, 2007. Jones went on to add that the Fitzhugh's Woods battle marker was the fourth in four years for the NEACWHTC: Martins Creek/Morgans Mill, 2004; Marmaduke Marker, 2005; Randolph County Marker, 2006, and Fitzhugh's Woods in 2007.

If you would like to donate to the NEACWHTC or want to pay your 2008 dues of \$5, send it to NEACWHTC, c/o W. Danny Honnoll, 216 Hillpoint Cove, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401-5992.

Honnoll and Jones attended the annual Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation meeting in Little Rock on February 9. The NEACWHTC paid its annual dues of \$50 to the ACWHTF at this meeting. W. Danny Honnoll was re-elected to the position of president of the ACWHTF, a position that he has held for the past few years. Honnoll continues to represent the ACWHTF on the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. This group is building the ground work for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Arkansas. Anyone having long lost stories of the Civil War times in Arkansas are encouraged to contact their local trails representatives so we can record the long-lost story so that future generations of Arkansawyers can relive the past through these stories. If you have old photos, paintings or artifacts we would like to document these items also. You can e-mail me at danny@honnoll.com, call me at 870-926-2985 or mail me at 216 Hillpoint Cove, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401-5992.

Our major event for the year will be the reenactment at Chalk Bluff

Battlefield Park. In 1861-65 Chalk Bluff was the gateway to Arkansas. It had quite a bit of activity and it will be the focus of our group again this year. Clay County Judge Gary Howell has invited us to bring our living history to Clay County's Chalk Bluff Battlefield Park.

Our annual reenactment/living history will take place on May 3 and May 4, 2008. This will be the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Chalk Bluff. The actual battle of Chalk Bluff took place on May 1 and 2, 1863. Also on May 11, 1865, Confederate General M. Jeff Thompson met Federal general Granville Dodge there to sign papers to surrender nearly 8,000 Confederate soldiers to end the war in Arkansas. The troops were actually surrendered on May 25, 1865, at Wittsburg (near Wynne) and on June 5, 1865, at Jacksonport.

This year's re-enactment takes place just north of Piggott, Arkansas, at Chalk Bluff, Arkansas, 10 miles north of Piggott, Arkansas on Arkansas Highway 62. The event will take place on the actual battle site, a rare event now days.

Amenities include powder for artillery, cavalry, infantry, water, firewood and hay, and a meal on Saturday evening for those who make contact with the event coordinators at least four days before the event. Scheduled events: Friday, May 2, 4 to 6 p.m. - Sign in by re-enactors. Saturday, May 3: 9 a.m. - Open to the Public Camp Life Demonstrations around Park; 9:30 a.m. - Officers Call; 10:30 a.m. - Talk on Confederate President Jefferson Davis by W. Danny Honnoll; 11 a.m. - Cannon Demonstrations; Noon - Ladies Tea and Demonstrations of Refugee Camp; 12:30 p.m. - Marching and Rifle Firing Demonstrations; 2 p.m. - Re-enactment Followed by Grand Review Parade of Troops returning to Camp and 3:30 p.m. - Ladies Demonstrations of Refugee Camp. Sunday, May 4. 10:00 a.m. - Open to the Public - Officers Call; 10:30 a.m. - Open to the Public; 11 a.m. - Church Service; 1 p.m. - Memorial Service; 2 p.m. - Re-enactment and Followed by Grand Review Parade of Troops returning to camp. Through out

both days will be living history demonstrations.

All branches of military and period impressions are welcome. Artillery welcome but must contact before setting up and has to be on site before 10 a.m. day of event. There are no registration fees for re-enactors, sutlers, or living historians. Walk-ons must be at the site and registered two hours before any listed event. Artillery contact: W. Danny Honnoll, (870) 935-9830, e-mail at danny@honnoll.com; Infantry contact: John Malloy, (870) 269-5573, e-mail jjmalloy@mvtel.net or W. Danny Honnoll.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Colonel Robert G. Shaver Camp #1655 of Jonesboro held its annual Christmas party fund raiser for the Northeast Arkansas Southern Heritage Foundation again this year. Other groups that helped were the James Wiseman Honnoll Chapter UDC and the NorthEast Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Committee. This year the group raised the donations to the tune of \$700. Last year we raised \$500 and in 2005 we raised \$375. So our group has donated \$1,570 so far to our NEASHF Park. If you would like to send a tax exempt donation to the NEASHF Park Project you can sent it to: M. Ray Jones, III, P.O. Box 16876, Jonesboro, AR 72403. Thanks again to everyone that helped with Christmas dinner with their food, donations, gifts and for attending.

We are still looking forward to trying to get a marker for either the L'Anguille Ferry (Lee County) or Taylor's Creek (St. Francis County) skirmish sites this year. Hopefully we can get local support in raising money for both projects so the local community will have ownership in the markers. I am in the process of seeing if we can generate such interest. If you would like to help just let me know. The NEACWHTC has placed four historical markers in four years and would like to place at least one a year.

The next meeting of the NEACWHTC will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 3 at the Chalk Bluff Battlefield Park pavilion. See you there!

SEACWHT working on area cemeteries

By Mark Kalkbrenner
SEACWHT Chair

The Southeast Arkansas Civil War Heritage trail has been busy on various projects, and will have several more in the near future. Also, I receive e-mails or phone calls almost weekly on new possible projects.

Edgar Colvin and others from the SEACWHT have been extremely busy working with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff on preserving and interpreting the two cemeteries adjoining the parking lot at Golden Lion stadium. The first cemetery is the Wright Cemetery. This cemetery was originally the family cemetery for the Wright family before the Civil War. Several Confederate soldiers were buried here

while Camp Wright was established near the location as a support camp for Fort Pleasant (See related article below).

The other cemetery is the Jane Oliver Cemetery, which holds the remains of slaves and former slaves that originally were buried under the Stadium. Corner markers have been placed marking the site of the reburials in Jane Oliver Cemetery, along with a marker describing the reburial. In the Wright Cemetery, unknown Confederate markers have been placed and several other markers, including an obelisk, have been restored. Many thanks go out to Dr. Lawrence Davis at UAPB for his support and cooperation.

The on-going fund raising for the Camp White Sulphur Springs Perpetual

Fund is going well. As of March 1st, we are close to \$9,000 dollars. We hope to have our \$10,000 endowment in place by this time next year.

Many events are forthcoming in the Southeast region. The Cleburne Memorial will be March 15 at noon in Helena. There will be a park clean-up at Camp White Sulphur Springs on Saturday, March 29th and at Marks' Mills Cemetery Park on April 5. On Sunday, April 27th there are plans for a memorial service at Jenkins' Ferry. An encampment will be held at the Museum of the Grand Prairie in Stuttgart on Saturday, May 10. There may also be something at Lake Village in the near future.

Sons of Confederate Veterans mark burials at University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

The Pine Bluff Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans recently placed 14 monuments and markers in two historic cemeteries on the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff campus.

Evelyn Wright approached a member of the SCV, Edgar Colvin, and requested help marking some of her relatives' graves and restoring the old historic Wright Cemetery located on the UAPB campus. It was later learned that 37 individuals were moved to the Jane Oliver Cemetery in 1998 to make way for the Golden Lions Stadium. The cemetery was named for a black woman who acquired the Wright's farm after the Civil War. According to Adam Robinson of Robinson Funeral Home of Pine Bluff, who supervised the relocation of these graves, they held the remains of children and adults that died in the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Since these graves remained unmarked, the SCV decided to place a monument and four corner markers to mark their location.

After contacting Dr. Lawrence Davis of UAPB and discussing the matter with him, Dr. Davis agreed that it

was important to memorialize these historic sites. Dr. Davis also stated it is important to remember our history and tragic mistakes so as not to repeat them in the future.

Five monuments and four markers were placed in the Wright Cemetery that according to Evelyn Wright of Pine Bluff, who has done extensive genealogical research on the Wright family, was established with the death of Dr. Joseph J. Wright in 1854. The cemetery was located on the family farm that was patented in 1842 when Joseph Wright and his wife Elizabeth Tucker, who was born in North Carolina, settled in Jefferson County. The family home was located at the present day intersection of University Avenue and Jane Oliver Drive. This location was also used as an encampment during the Civil War by Texas soldiers.

The SCV members raised the fallen marker of Dr. Joseph Wright, the early settler, and placed a monument to his wife Elizabeth Tucker. She was born on June 18, 1811, and died August 5, 1865. The group also placed monuments

to mark the graves of Dr. Wright's sons who served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. The sons were Lt. Joseph W. Wright and Pvt. Hartwell T. Wright who survived the war and lived until the 1890s. A monument was placed to mark the grave of Mary R. Toney, wife of Hartwell Wright, who was born February 6, 1847, and died May 26, 1883. Information on the markers also lists names of three other Wright children, but Ms. Wright is not certain if they are buried in the Wright Cemetery.

The monuments were procured and some engraved by Edgar Colvin, a long-time historic preservationist from Pine Bluff. Colvin has placed monuments not only in Arkansas but also in Louisiana, Texas, Missouri and Mississippi. He has been instrumental in the development of the Marks' Mills Battlefield area near the Marks Cemetery and park at New Edinburg.

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Reed's Bridge Battlefield Preservation Society, City of Jacksonville work together to protect site

By Tommy Dupree
RBBPS President

December 1, 2007, was the dedication date for five panels that are located between Trickey Lane and old Military Road in Jacksonville.

One panel is about Jacob Gray, a Revolutionary War veteran, who was the earliest permanent settler in that area. This panel was furnished by the D.A.R. A second panel gives information about the Memphis to Little Rock Road whose construction started in the 1820s.

Panels number three and four cover Indian removal and the Trail of Tears when four of the five tribes relocated to the territory now known as Oklahoma during the 1830s. Early troop movements preceding the action at

Reed's Bridge is shown on panel number five. Attendance at the ceremony was quite good with 91 registered and eight or nine who failed to sign in. Those attending included the Pulaski County Judge, Jacksonville Mayor, four Jacksonville aldermen, and representatives from several state agencies, Arkansas Humanities Council members, high school students, teachers, and business and professional people.

In January the Jacksonville City Council voted unanimously to fund \$100,000 to match a \$100,000 gift of cash and property donated by an individual to close a transaction of three pieces of property that are in the Reed's Bridge battlefield core. Also, on December 31, the City of Jacksonville funded \$20,000 for two lots in the core

area. These lots appraised at and were purchased for \$30,000 by Reed's Bridge.

Plans for 2008 include a parking lot and walking trail in the southwest quarter of the park to be furnished by the Pulaski County Road and Bridge Department. Four new panels will also be put up. A matching grant for McGraw Cemetery is being submitted in April. Funds for the matching part of the grant are being provided by the Jacksonville Advertising and Promotion Commission. Money to print brochures on the Memphis to Little Rock Road, Indian Removal and Reed's Bridge Battle on August 27, 1863, is also being provided by the Jacksonville A&P Commission.



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