



# Arkansas Battlefield Update

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## Historical markers dedicated at Lunenburg, DeValls Bluff

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission has been busy over the past several months, building on its historical marker program, adding materials to its website and scheduling regional information meetings.

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council awarded the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission a \$40,000 grant for its historical marker program.

"This grant will bring the Commission much closer to its goal of placing at least one Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Marker in every county in the state," ACWSC Chairman Tom Dupree said.

## Reed's Bridge announces two events

By Ann Hooper  
RBBPS President

The Reed's Bridge Battlefield Preservation Society will sponsor a dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. on August 27 for two Civil War era cannons recently acquired by the group.

The event will take place where the cannon sits on the west side of Highway 161, South First Street, in Jacksonville.



*The Lunenburg marker is unveiled.*

Through the program, which received  
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A re-enactment of the Reed's Bridge battle will be hosted by the Reed's Bridge Battlefield Preservation Society on September 11 and 12. The field and camps will be open for inspection by the public between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. each day. Designated parking areas as well as shuttles to and from the battlefield will be available for the public's convenience.

The re-enactment will begin at 2 p.m. with Union and Confederate armies in period uniforms with a complement of appropriate weapons.

## SEACWHT sees action at Jenkins' Ferry

By Mark Kalkbrenner  
SEACWHT Chair

There has been a lot going on in Southeast Arkansas, but at the same time it seems that things have slowed down. We have put up so many markers and monuments in the past few years that in some areas we have run out of ideas or projects for the moment. In other areas things are just starting to take off in preparations for the upcoming sesquicentennial.

Jenkins' Ferry is one area that is receiving some interest, especially with the formation of a Military Order of the Stars and Bars Camp in Sheridan. Several living histories and programs have been conducted at the park by the group and local re-enactors.

Pine Bluff is really gearing up for the 150th. Work between the city and the Patrick R. Cleburne Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans toward markers and trails is moving along well. Applications for a Sesquicentennial marker and a National Underground Railroad  
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# Arkansas Historical Assn. announces criteria for Charles Durnett Award

The Arkansas Historical Association announces the Charles O. Durnett Award competition for 2011. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2011, to be eligible.

The Charles O. Durnett Award, which consists of \$250 and a framed certificate, is presented for the best manuscript article on some aspect of Arkansas's Civil War history—whether military, social, economic, or cultural. Entries should be based, at least in part, on original research in primary sources. They must not have been submitted elsewhere or published previously.

Anyone, whether professional or amateur historian, is eligible to submit a manuscript. The winner will be determined by a three-person panel selected by the Arkansas Historical Association's president and will be announced at its annual conference.

Manuscripts should be no longer than thirty-five pages and must be documented. Text, including quotations and notes, should be double-spaced. Footnotes should be numbered consecutively. Since manuscripts are evaluated anonymously, only the full title of the essay

should appear at the top of the first page of the manuscript. On a separate page the following information should be included: title, author's name, complete address, and telephone numbers or email address.

Entries must be submitted in triplicate; photocopies must be clear and easily readable. All articles will be considered for publication in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*.

Entries should be sent by the February 1, 2011, deadline to: Arkansas Historical Association, Department of History, Old Main 416, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

This award has been endowed by the Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation, Inc., as a tribute to the late Charles O. Durnett, the chairman of the Central Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail and a member of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. It recognizes his dedication to the study of Civil War history and to battlefield preservation, and will be awarded in each of the sesquicentennial years (2011-2015).

## *Battlefield Preservation News?*

If your group is working to preserve a Civil War-era battlefield or site, is planning a major reenactment, or has other news of interest to the battlefield preservation community, send the information to *Arkansas Battlefield Update*. The newsletter is published quarterly. Send submissions to: *Arkansas Battlefield Update*, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201 or to [mark@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:mark@arkansasheritage.org).

# NEACWHT assists in ceremony to unveil historical marker for IZARD County fight

By Danny Honnoll  
NEACWHT Chair

This year has been hot and we have been very busy documenting what our groups are doing. Two Civil War markers were added to the count in our area, one in IZARD County and the other in PRAIRIE County.

Members of the NEACWHTC helped dedicate a historical marker at Lunenburg. With sounds of cannons booming and flashes of explosions surrounding our group we dedicated this marker just like the men that fought at the Battle of Lunenburg in 1864. With great danger from rain flooding the area and lightning cracking and popping all around, Roger Harvell and W. Danny Honnoll undraped a new marker as part of the Arkansas Civil War sesquicentennial on May 16, 2010.

Bobbie Barnett, Dale Barnett, Honnoll, Mary Miller, James Langley, Pete Harmon, M. Ray Jones, III, Bob Hare, Harold Nix, Roger Harvell, and Jimmy Stevens helped with the event.

The group gathered at the old Lunenburg Community Center and waited until a lull in the weather then ran out to the edge of the road to unveil the new marker. Honnoll conducted the ceremony as Jones and Harmon presented the flags and William Coe led the group in prayer.

This marker is number 3 and was sponsored by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, IZARD County Historical and Genealogical Society, Northeast Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trail Committee and Preserve America, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Marker for DeValls Bluff was dedicated Saturday,

May 29. Mark Christ and Mark Kalkbrenner attended the unveiling. The marker is a nice addition to the marker program of Arkansas.

This is marker No. 2 and sponsored by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, City of DeValls Bluff, Bill and Sharon Arnold Family Foundation, NEACHTC, and Preserve America, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

If you interested in marking a Civil War site through this program, which received initial funding from the National Park Service's Preserve America program, the ACWSC will contribute up to \$1,000 toward the creation of individual historical markers. Commission historians will work with the local sponsors to ensure that all of the information on the markers is accurate.

Application forms are available by writing Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Marker Program, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, or sending an e-mail message to [acwsc@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:acwsc@arkansasheritage.org). They also can be downloaded at <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/historical-markers/>.

Many from our group attended a banquet with nationally known author Thomas J. DiLorenzo as he read from his book "Lincoln Unmasked" on May 1 at Hot Springs. He had detailed information about Lincoln and the presidents and his treatment of citizens and editors during the war.

On May 20, members of our group helped mark the grave of a Civil War soldier at the Hand Cemetery at Jordan. Pvt. John M. Russell was born in 1827 and died in 1880. Members of the Colonel Robert G. Shaver Camp in Jonesboro and the Job Neill Camp of

Batesville did the honors for this soldier of the 39<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry, C.S.A. Russell took part in the Cumberland Gap operations, then saw action in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. He was with the Army of Tennessee from Murfreesboro to Atlanta, then, endured Hood's winter campaign in Tennessee. He was captured at the Spanish Fort at Mobile, Alabama on April 8, 1865, and was shipped to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Like numerous other war veterans he came to Arkansas to start a new life and help settle the new frontier here in Fulton County. Later he moved to IZARD County, where he now rests.

On May 31, numerous members of the NEACWHTC took part in Jonesboro's annual Memorial Day activities. Members in Civil War uniform and attire took part by presenting the colors and the Barnetts laid the flowers of honor at the base of the Battle of Jonesboro marker.

Harold Hunt, Ray Jones and Danny Honnoll took part in dedicating a new veteran's monument in Leachville on Flag Day, June 14. Honnoll was the guest speaker and he talked about veterans for all years and wars. He told the group that Plato said, "War is only over for the dead!" He also tied the day's events together, saying that, "the last thing that a veteran gets is a flag folded three cornered for their service to our nation." Nearly three hundred were in attendance.

As a sidebar note we helped support the dedication of two Revolutionary War soldiers' graves, one on April 10 at Yellville for patriot William Wood and another on May 22 at Tuckerman for Pvt. Charles Pistole. Plenty of Stars and Stripes and patriotic music surrounded the

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# Sesquicentennial Commission website adds projects for children, new Civil War podcasts

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Two more Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Historical Markers have been installed and dedicated.

A marker commemorating an 1864 skirmish at Lunenburg in IZARD County has been installed at the Lunenburg Community Center. It was sponsored by the ACWSC, the IZARD County Historical and Genealogical Society, and Preserve America, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

The marker says: "On January 20, 1864, a detail of 44 men of the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry Volunteers (U.S.) under Capt. T.A. Baxter, the brother of a future Arkansas governor, attacked Col. T.R. Freeman's Confederates, driving them from their camp at Lunenburg. Four Confederates were seriously wounded and two were captured, along with horses and equipment. The Fourth Arkansas lost one man killed in the skirmish. The combat at Lunenburg illustrates the war's true nature: Most of the men in both forces were residents of IZARD County."

Another marker commemorates activities at DeValls Bluff in PRAIRIE County during the Civil War. The ACWSC, Bill and Sharon Arnold Family Foundation, City of DeValls Bluff, and Preserve America, National Park Service, Department of the Interior sponsored the marker.

The marker says: "DeValls Bluff was strategically important to both the Union and Confederate armies as a major White River port and as head of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad. It became a key Union supply depot after its fall 1863 occupation, as well as a haven for refugees, both freedmen and white. Mounted Confederates operated around the town during 1864, attacking the railroad and Union troops on the nearby prairie. After the war ended, the Freedmen's Bureau had an office in DeValls Bluff, aiding the newly freed African-Americans in the area."

The ACWSC has added the first three of six planned craft projects for children to its website. The projects are intended to help children learn about the Civil War in Arkansas through simple crafts they can do at home or at school.

The first three projects include:  
\* "Make Your Own Underground Railroad Lantern"  
\* "Make Your Own Regimental Flag"  
\* "Make Your Own Zouave Fez."

More projects will be added over the summer. To see the new children's projects page, visit <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/research-education/kids-projects/>.

The ACWSC also had added many entries to its extensive bibliography of Arkansas books and articles, including a number of citations for theses and dissertations on the Civil War in Arkansas. Those are available at <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/research-education/bibliography/>.

The ACWSC also has added a number of links to other websites that include information on Arkansas in the Civil War, Civil War-related organizations, and other sesquicentennial sites. Those are available at <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/links/>.

Anyone with information on other materials that should be added to the bibliography or other useful links are encouraged to send the information to [acwsc@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:acwsc@arkansasheritage.org).

Finally, the ACWSC has added five new podcasts about the state's Civil War history to its website.

The new podcasts were created in cooperation with the School of Mass Communication at the University of Arkansas. The new offerings include:  
\* Dr. Carl Moneyhon of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on the political situation in Arkansas in 1860, the motivations of the men who enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, and what led them to continue fighting through year after year of war  
\* Dr. Thomas A. DeBlack of Arkansas Tech University on Unionism in Arkansas and the war in the southern Arkansas Delta region.

The podcasts can be accessed at <http://www.arkansascivilwar150.com/podcasts/>.

The ACWSC also is holding regional meetings around the state to inform people about the sesquicentennial and the commission's programs. Meetings have been held at Brinkley and Arkadelphia and others are scheduled August 17 in Hope and August 24 in Van Buren. Others will be held in Pine Bluff, Monticello, Camden, Fayetteville, Harrison, Batesville, Mena, Russellville and Jonesboro.

# Work on Borden House nearly completed

By Alan Thompson  
NWACWHT Chair

Work on the exterior of the Borden House at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park is nearing completion. The current project involved a complete overhaul including stabilizing it, repairing siding and windows and capping it with a new roof. Hindman Hall, which serves as the park visitor center and museum, will be closed for about a year beginning September 7.

The park has worked with museum design firm Taylor Studios to come up with a new exhibit plan and the renovation is set to start on that date. Taylor Studios helped design the exhibits at the D-Day Museum in New Orleans and they were also involved in the new Gettysburg museum design.

Prairie Grove should also hear back in the next few weeks about an archaeology grant we applied for from the American Battlefield Protection Program. If awarded, the grant will be used to locate the trace of the Fayetteville-Cane Hill Road to the Illinois River ford, the sites of the Hugh Rogers, William Rogers and William Morton house sites, the Morton cellar where the twenty-two civilians hid, and the original locations of the burial trenches. (The grant was awarded; see article, this page.) Restoration of the battlefield continues as another modern residence has been removed and another is slated to be torn down.

## SEACWHT works with UAPB on exhibits

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Network to Freedom marker are being reviewed. Sites are being identified for a network of trails throughout town to be marked and interpreted. An exhibit is being created that will be constructed by the Museum department at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and will be displayed at the Pine Bluff/

## *PGBSP receives archeology grant*

More than \$1.2 million in National Park Service grants will be used to help preserve and protect America's significant battlefield lands. The funding from the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) will support projects at more than 100 battlefields nationwide, including one in Arkansas.

"These grants will help safeguard and preserve American battlefield lands," said Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service. "These lands are symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage that we must protect so that this and future generations can walk these places and understand the struggles that define us as a nation."

Arkansas State Parks, Department of Parks and Tourism, received \$82,000 for archeological work at Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park. The Civil War Battle of Prairie Grove (1862) was the last time two armies of equal strength fought for control over northwest Arkansas. With archeological investigation and GIS mapping, this project will delineate the locations and extent of major battlefield features within Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.

The grants fund projects at endangered battlefields from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, World War II, and Indian Wars. Grants were made to projects in 17 states and territories to support archeology, mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, planning, education, and interpretation.

Heritage Trail Partners, Inc., sponsored a program at the park June 26 featuring Steve Burgess, the Backporch Players and Doug Kidd. Steve Burgess gave a talk on the November 28, 1862, battle of Cane Hill and displayed artifacts recovered from the battlefield. Doug Kidd gave a first-person program as a Civil War surgeon. All were outstanding. On October 2 Heritage Trail Partners is sponsoring an event at Pea Ridge National Military Park. At noon University of Arkansas

history professor Daniel Sutherland will speak on guerrillas in northwest Arkansas. From 1:15 to 2:15 the Prairie County Avengers will provide musical entertainment followed by Dr. William Piston of Missouri State University at 2:30. He will speak on the Missouri State Guard.

The next meeting of the NWACWHT will be August 9 at 7 p.m. in the Latta Barn at Prairie Grove Battlefield Park.

Jefferson County Historical Museum. The exhibit will include panels for Confederates, Federals, Civilians, Contrabands, and Freedmen.

The SEACWHT has lost two good members in the past several months, Mr. James Boney of New Edinburg and Mr. David Taylor of Pine Bluff. Mr. Boney was the chief local

historian for the Marks' Mills Battlefield and also caretaker of the Marks Family cemetery. Mr. Taylor was a fixture at Camp White Sulphur Springs Confederate Cemetery and also a workhorse when helping Edgar Colvin erect markers all over the region. Both men will be deeply missed.

# SWACWHT helps with tours of Nevada Co.

By Peggy Lloyd  
and Tom Beam  
SWACWHT Chairs

Work continues on the coal-powered power plant near McNab and Fulton, Arkansas, despite opposition from environmental groups and the ruling of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Extensive road-building activity is ongoing just north of Fulton near the Civil War earthworks along Highway 195 at the junction of Hempstead County Road 49. The earthworks have not been damaged, but the new road leading to the power plant is very close to the unmarked Civil War site.

Historic Washington State Park was awarded the 2010 Civil War Discovery Trail Site of the Year Award by the Civil War Preservation Trust, a national non-profit dedicated to the preservation of Civil War battlefields across the country. This award was for Historic Washington's continued support and increased involvement of volunteers in the Park Day program. The program usually takes place on the first Saturday in April and is sponsored by the Trust and the History Channel to promote interest and community involvement in the preservation of Civil War sites.

Josh Williams, the curator at Historic Washington State Park, travelled to Lexington, Kentucky, to receive the award on behalf of the park on the first weekend in June. The meeting also included extensive touring of Civil War battlefields in Kentucky. Josh noted that Historic Washington State Park hopes to continue its involvement in the program and urged Arkansas residents to participate in sesquicentennial activities.

The Nevada County Depot and Museum in Prescott received an Arkansas Heritage Month grant in May and conducted tours of sites in Nevada

County. The museum staff organized Upper and Lower County Tours, which they ran in late May using church buses. The Upper County Tour included Elkins' Ferry—a National Historic Landmark on the Little Missouri River in both Clark and Nevada Counties, Prairie D' Ane—a National Historic Landmark near Prescott and the turning point of the Camden Expedition, and Moscow Church and Cemetery—site of a rearguard action after Prairie D' Ane and interpreted with a wayside marker. All are important Civil War sites in upper Nevada County and in the vicinity of Prescott. Max Phillips, a volunteer at the Depot Museum, conducted the Upper County Tour.

The Lower County Tour included Ephesus Cemetery near Emmet, the Emmet United Methodist Church (both sites are on the National Register. Peggy Lloyd recently nominated the Methodist Church to the Register and Mrs. Gene Ross, mother of Congressman Mike Ross, nominated Ephesus), Nicholas Trammel site (antebellum Arkansas), Sutton (late 19th century country town), Falcon (early Arkansas and Civil War settlement), Nevada County Road 9 (the 1827 Military road from Fort Towson in Indian Territory via Washington, AR, to the Louisiana line), the Watts Cemetery (associated with Civil War), Carolina Church and Nevada County Road 10 (troops marching from Washington to Poison Spring used County Road 10, which was then the Old Camden to Washington Road. Carolina dates from 1868. Both are on the National Register), Oak Grove School (the site of one of the largest black school districts in the South in the 20th century), Mt. Moriah Church and cemetery (antebellum settlement and first county seat of Nevada County in 1871) and

Sarepta Springs (site of a long-standing religious campground). Peggy Lloyd, former curator of the Depot Museum and current board member, conducted this tour.

Both tours started and ended at the Depot Museum and were well-received. The museum staff is considering running the tours again in the fall. Research is on-going to identify other Civil War sites in the vicinity and include them on the tours. Visitors from Ouachita County have also expressed an interest in organizing similar tours in that county for sesquicentennial activities.

Tom Beam reports that he has consulted with Richard Boyes, the superintendent of Lake Catherine State Park, regarding the upkeep of the Jenkins' Ferry site. Lake Catherine State Park is responsible for that site but is far away and a busy campground in the summer months. Tom and others volunteered to mow, weed eat and pick up the trash at the site in order to help the park staff. Tom will also offer interpretation for the site.

Tom is also asking for information and/or pictures on any old homes from the Civil War period in the vicinity of Jenkins' Ferry between Leola and the site where the Union Army escaped from the Confederate Army that was in pursuit. He can be reached at (501) 609-5600.

Tom is also requesting information from charter members of SWACWHT who were present at the initial meeting in Arkadelphia in order to confirm the details of that first meeting.

One of those members was Bobby Downs of Arkadelphia who was reported ill in the last issue of *Battlefield Update*. We are happy to report that Bobby is back home and is doing well. Bobby has been responsible for the installation of many historic markers in Clark County in recent years.

# Devil's Backbone familiarization event set; Scott County group cites work on Civil War

By Larry Puckett  
WCACWHT Chair

Friends of Devil's Backbone Ridge will have a familiarization tour and picnic at the site's entrance on Nickletown Road just outside Greenwood. Come join us on August 28 at 10 a.m. and on September 1 at 6 p.m. Contact Larry Puckett at (479) 996-0383 or (479) 769-4738 for more information.

On May 15 the Board of Fort Smith's Oak Cemetery and the Sons of Confederate Veterans dedicated 17 new headstones at the cemetery. The Sons made this a good day by honoring these soldiers that had not previously been listed as Confederate soldiers

The Scott County committee spent 30 hours on Civil War projects. According to Gary Blythe of Blythe Scott County Museum on Highway 71B



*The Devil's Backbone Battlefield is marked by rugged terrain.*

in Waldron there were at least two skirmishes in Scott County that are not marked. There are 12 graves purported to be Union soldiers located near a

creek on the Vander Hughes farm outside of Waldron. The other site is twenty miles away on what is known as Union Hill just off East 80.

## NEACWHT members hold numerous programs, work on marker for L'Anguille River battle

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gatherings. Both men were grandfathers of Civil War soldiers.

On April 20 Jay Kaffka of Mountain View give our group a talk on the Battle at Arkansas Post and how the battle developed and its outcome.

On May 15 we had a recruiting table at Armed Forces day for the NEACWHTC. We handed out pamphlets and shared information about our group.

Honnoll presented a program as a part of Memorial Day events to the Trinity Methodist Church near Bono, Arkansas, on May 23. He also presented a program on the Battle of Jonesboro to the Classic Catholics.

Trustee M. Ray Jones presented a program on the Battle of Vicksburg to a gathering at the Fishboat Restaurant on June 15. He showed a DVD and talked about the battle that took place on the muddy Mississippi River in 1863.

Our group is working toward helping Lee County raise monies for a ACWSC marker for the battle of L' Anguille River. This battle took place just north of Marianna on August 3, 1863.

Anyone wanting to help with the new Southern Confederate Heritage Park in Jonesboro can send their donations to NEASHF, P.O. Box 16876, Jonesboro, AR 72401. The NEASHF has a 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt

status. The NEASHF, SCV, UDC and the NEACWHTC are planning a day at the park later this summer to help raise awareness in the new park in Jonesboro.

You can email me at [danny@honnoll.com](mailto:danny@honnoll.com), call me at (870)926-2985 or write me at 216 Hillpoint Cove, Jonesboro, AR 72401-5992, if you have any information on any Civil War happenings that you would like the NEACWHTC to help with.

The next meeting of the NEACWHTC will be on August 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fishboat Restaurant in Jonesboro. See you there!

# Lonoke, Cabot, DeValls Bluff see progress

By Rick Meadows  
CACWHT Chairman

The new Grand Prairie Civil War Roundtable has been meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Lonoke County Museum. Last month, Brian Brown from Little Rock brought an outstanding program on the Battles of Fort Donelson and Fort Henry in Tennessee. Brian brought the same program to the Civil War Roundtable of Arkansas on Tuesday, July 20 at the Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

Work continues on producing a driving tour brochure from Hicks' Station in Lonoke along Highway 70 to DeValls Bluff that depicts the Battle of Ashley's and Jones' Stations.

Camp Nelson Confederate Cemetery in Cabot has approved partial



funding for a new fence. We hope to secure additional funding to complete the project. A community task force is being organized to establish a master plan for the cemetery and for adjoining Schmidt Park.

The third sesquicentennial marker in the state was dedicated in

DeValls Bluff on Saturday, May 29. The marker program is funded in part through the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Local support from the Bill and Sharon Arnold Family Foundation and the City of DeValls Bluff made this marker possible. Other

supporters were Judge and Mrs. Jim Rhodes, Mayor Brooks Castleberry, Bill Sayger of the Delta Depot Museum in Brinkley, and Robin Cohen.

The marker is located at Rhodes Park on Highway 70 in downtown DeValls Bluff.



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