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NEW INTERACTIVE WEB SITE FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR/WAR OF 1812 STUDY

By Danielle Berman and Tanya Gossett

The National Park Service has launched a new web site with an interactive component to facilitate public participation in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study. The web site's two main features include lists of potentially historic sites and battlefield survey information. Through the web site, users will be able to help the NPS determine which sites will be surveyed and studied in depth. Once the surveys begin, the web site will provide centrally located assistance to surveyors in the field.

The interactive web site allows scholars, professional historians and preservationists, members of patriotic societies, and the interested public to inspect the battle site and associated properties lists, add information directly to the ABPP database, and comment on the significance of the properties. Visitors can review information about those properties they are most familiar with by searching the database alphabetically, by state, by county, by campaign, and by historical theme. The methodologies used to develop the lists are posted in addition to information about the thematic structure used to categorize the associated historic properties.

With assistance from state and private partners, the NPS study team, which includes staff from the American Battlefield Protection Program and the Cultural Resources Geographic Information Systems program, is compiling the military and associated property lists in an effort to define a universe of historic properties from which to select the most significant for further study. The NPS study team has identified more than 700 known military actions and more than 500 other important events associated with the Revolutionary War (April 19, 1775 to September 3, 1783) and the War of 1812 (June 18, 1812 to February 17, 1815).

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE DATES REVISED

The American Battlefield Protection Program invites readers of *Battlefield Update* to attend the Fifth National Conference on Battlefield Preservation. The event will be held at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland on November 18 – 21, 2000. This is the only conference that brings together all professions involved in the many facets of battlefield protection to discuss, exchange, and present ideas that lead to the long-term preservation and protection of our nation's historic battlefields. It will include workshops, lectures, tours and more

Originally scheduled for December 2-6, the ABPP recently decided to reschedule its National Conference. This was done to accommodate a large portion of the speakers and attendees who would have been facing a conflict in the scheduling of two related events, the ABPP's conference and the National Park Service's Cultural Resources 2000 conference, which is scheduled for December 4-8, 2000, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Rural landscape of the Brandywine Battlefield in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

HAWKE NAMED NEW ABPP CHIEF

In February 2000, Paul Hawke joined the American Battlefield Protection Program as its new full-time Chief. Hawke holds degrees in history, preservation, and has nearly 20 years of experience within the National Park Service, most recently as Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management at Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee.

Hawke's background in battlefield preservation began at Mary Washington College, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he majored in Geography, American History, and Historic Preservation. His Park Service career began with seasonal work at Petersburg National Battlefield as well as at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. After earning his bachelor's degree, he served as an interpreter and staff historian at Independence National Historic Park and Pea Ridge National Military Park. He continued his education in American History while attending graduate school at Temple University and later, at the University of Arkansas.

In 1985, Hawke broadened his preservation efforts by taking a position as a historian in the National Park Service's Southeast Regional Office. His duties included coordinating the National Historic Landmark Program, the Historic American Building Survey/ Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), and Section 106/110 mitigation casework for that region. Already advocating for battlefield preservation through the National Historic Landmarks program, Hawke supported the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and the American Battlefield

Protection Program as the southeast coordinator beginning in 1991. During this time, Hawke also completed his Master's degree in Historic Preservation at Georgia State University.

Hawke left Atlanta for Shiloh in 1995 and for the past five years has managed the park's cultural and natural resources, interpretation program, fee collection program, history program, and protection and emergency services programs.

Hawke comes to the ABPP just as the National Park Service swings into full gear on its Revolutionary War and War of 1812 National Historic Preservation Study.

I greatly enjoyed working with the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and the ABPP on Civil War sites in the southeast. There is a wonderful feeling associated with seeing the tangible results community efforts to preserve historic resources. I have also enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie associated with the evolving partnerships as we work toward the common goal of preservation. I see exciting challenges ahead as the ABPP reaches out to battlefields associated with other wars. We must continue to cultivate local preservation efforts and partnerships, and nurture those already established. Most importantly, we must help the American people understand the importance of battlefields. If our diverse population does not understand a battlefield's relevance, we will not be able to preserve it for future generations.

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The 5th National Conference on Battlefield Preservation will be different from ABPP conferences of the past. For the first time, the ABPP has opened the conference to any topic relating to the protection of battlefields or their associated sites. Additionally, for the first time, the ABPP sought proposals for workshops and papers through a Call for Papers. Advertised on several listserves, web sites and through mailings, the Call for Papers asked that proposals provide technical information and/or innovative ideas in battlefield protection. Approximately 50 proposals were received, covering a vast array of topics, wars, and points of view. The ABPP will make final decisions about conference presenters in June.

The scheduled keynote speaker is Edward Linenthal, Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Dr. Linenthal is author of several books including *History Wars: The Enola Gay and Other Battles for the American Past*, *Sacred Ground: Americans and Their Battlefields*, and *Preserving Memory: The Struggle to Create America's Holocaust Museum*.

A more complete listing of conference topics and events, and a registration form for the conference, will be included in the next *Battlefield Update*. For more information on the conference contact Ginger Carter at 202-343-1210 or ginger_carter@nps.gov.

Revolutionary War & War of 1812 * * * *
* * * * * *Historic Preservation Study Database*

Battlefield	County	State	War	Engagement	Type
Autosse	Tallapoosa	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Raid
Bassett's Creek Massacre	Clarke	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Burnt Corn	Escambia	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Calabee	Macon	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Cato's Fort	Washington	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Destruction of Oakfusky and Genalga	Cherokee	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Econochaca	Lowndes	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Emucfau Creek	Tallapoosa	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Entachopco Creek	Tallapoosa	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Fort Bowyer	Baldwin	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Fort Charlotte Captured	Mobile	AL	Revolutionary War	Land Action	Capture
Fort Mims Massacre	Baldwin	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action
Fort Siquemfield	Clarke	AL	War of 1812	Land Action	Battle/Action

Web visitors can search the database by state, county, war, and historical themes.

The listed events, including lesser known actions in Florida, Missouri, Iowa, and Oregon, occurred in 32 states. Although the NPS lists are extensive, they do not encompass all known sites. The ABPP welcomes all comments on, and additions to, the lists.

The online comment period runs from June 5 to July 14, 2000. Once the online comment period closes, the NPS study team and a group of scholars will weigh the responses and determine which sites to survey based on historical significance, geographic distribution, and budgetary considerations.

The ABPP plans to begin surveys of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 sites this summer. The objective of the site surveys is to gather field-proofed data about the current condition of, and threats to, the battle sites and associated historic properties. Surveyors will also have the opportunity to employ Global Positioning Systems (GPS) equipment to collect spatial reference data for each site and its component resources, such as earthworks, monuments, road traces, and buildings. This digital data is important for future local preservation planning. States and counties will be able to use the spatial data in their own Geographic Information Systems to inform future land use decisions. The ABPP will coordinate the survey with State Historic Preservation Offices, National Park Service units and field offices.

The new web site will include a wealth of information geared to help site surveyors. Survey manuals, forms, and documentation will be available for download in Adobe

Portable Document Format (pdf). Examples of a completed survey forms and survey maps will be posted to illustrate the type and level of documentation required to complete a battle site survey. A "Help Desk" feature will provide surveyors with an easy way to contact the NPS staff person who can best answer their questions. Surveyors can also make online requests for map materials and the digital version of the survey form. Lastly, web links will direct users to helpful resources, such as information about local GPS base stations. Over time, as the survey progresses, the site will expand to include a "Frequently Asked Questions" page. The NPS hopes that by improving access to resources, documentation, and assistance, the web site will be a useful tool for all of the study's participants.

The website address is www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/. If you have questions about the study, please contact the ABPP at (202) 343-3941 or hps-info@nps.gov.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC PROPERTIES IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR/WAR OF 1812 STUDY

By Deidre McCarthy

Although the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study is similar to the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Study in its assessment of battlefield significance and integrity, the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 project will go one step further and investigate associated historic properties. These important resources, only briefly addressed during the Civil War study, will be fully integrated into this study to provide a more complete picture of these two wars.

Clearly, Americans define and understand the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 periods by more than the battlefields themselves. Related properties played important roles in the creation of policies (such as courthouses or meeting houses), the conduct of the war effort (such as commandeered headquarters), supplying materials for troops (such as mills, forges, or farmsteads), and other activities that are sometimes only tangentially associated with the battles themselves. These associated historic properties may or may not be directly tied to specific military

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operations, but they do relate to significant historical themes during the two wars, and they do make important contributions to our overall understanding of the wars.

It may seem like an impossible task to identify the thousands of potential associated historic properties, however a strategy has been developed and is being employed by the NPS study team. It includes cooperation among State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, National Park Service staff, local jurisdictions, and 18th-century scholars and others. The NPS study team has compiled a starter list of properties already documented and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The list is expected to expand as data from state inventories and primary and secondary sources is added through the interactive web site. (See article “New Interactive Website for Revolutionary War/War of 1812 Study”)



The study will evaluate structures, sites, and buildings associated with the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The Hockessin Friends Meeting House in Delaware (shown) housed British troops during the 1777 Philadelphia Campaign.

To comment on or request more information about the associated historic property portion of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study, please consult the ABPP website at www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/ or contact Deidre McCarthy at (202) 343-9548 or by email at deidre_mccarthy@nps.gov.

WAR ON THE WATERS **Civil War Naval Operations**

Symposium & Reenactment

Chicago Historical Society
Saturday, September 23, 2000

Sponsoring Organizations

National Archives and Records
Administration—Great Lakes Region
Chicago Historical Society
Chicago Civil War Round Table
Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
Public History Program at Loyola University
National Park Service

When Civil War navies are mentioned, most people think of the traditional battle between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack*. However, very few people consider the myriad significant Union and Confederate naval operations and developments that influenced and altered the war's course.

This September the Chicago Historical Society will host a symposium that addresses topics about the protracted conflict between Union and Confederate naval and land forces over Charleston Harbor; the struggle for Island No. 10; Union naval attacks and raids along the Atlantic Coast and inland waterways; the war on western waters; the common sailor's life; African-American seamen; the covert naval intelligence war; and the efforts to preserve underwater historical sites. The event will also include a reenactment, an authors signing session, and a closing reception.

For registration information, contact Ms. Amy Woodward, Visitor Services, Chicago Historical Society, 1601 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 642-4600. Registration began on June 1, 2000.

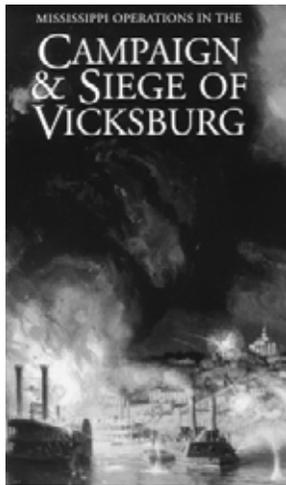
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The following are recently completed ABPP grant funded projects. For information about the individual projects, please contact the organization listed with the project. Where noted, copies of the reports or final materials are available to the public.

Atlanta Campaign Historic Resources Survey, Phase I

A field survey of selected Civil War sites associated with the Atlanta Campaign of 1864 including Tunnel Hill and Rocky Face Ridge, Dug Gap, Resaca, Adairsville, Cassville, Allatoona Pass, New Hope Church, and Dallas. The project report includes recommendations for the preservation of the sites surveyed. Produced by The Jaeger Company, Gainesville, Georgia. For more information contact the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 57 Forsyth Street, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303, (404) 656-2840.



Mississippi Operations in the Campaign & Siege of Vicksburg

Updated and revised, full-color driving-tour brochure on the Campaign and Siege of Vicksburg. Joint project of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Friends of the Vicksburg Campaign and Historic Trail. For more information, or to receive copies, contact the Friends of the Vicksburg Campaign and Historic Trail, P.O. Box 3026, Jackson, Mississippi, 39207-3026, (800) 639-8745.

Ball's Bluff Battlefield Interpreter's Manual

A resource packet of materials developed to assist in training new volunteer interpreters at the Ball's Bluff battlefield. The packet includes research on the battle of Ball's Bluff and model tours of the battlefield itself. Produced by Dr. John M. Coski, Consultant. For more information contact the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Virginia, 22039, (703) 352-5900.

Columbia Avenue Design Standards

Design guidelines for use in the redevelopment or new construction of sites along Columbia Avenue, in the City of Franklin, Tennessee. The design standards address the portion of Columbia Avenue that connects the Five Points area, located on the southern edge of the historic downtown commercial core, with the Mack Hatcher Parkway. This was a route used by both Union and

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Confederate soldiers and the site of significant action related to the battle of Franklin. Produced by Looney/Ricks/Kiss, Inc. For more information, or to receive copies of the guidelines, contact the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, P.O. Box 723, Franklin, Tennessee, 37065, (615) 591-8500.

Last Chance Canyon 1869 Apache/Cavalry Battle Site Survey

Archeological survey of the Last Chance Canyon 1869 battle site of the Apache and Third Cavalry. A joint project by the Lincoln National Forest and the Mescalero Apache. Report produced by Lincoln National Forest archeologists Christopher D. Adams, Diane E. White, and David M. Johnson. For more information contact the Lincoln

National Forest Heritage Program, Federal Building, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310-6622, (505) 434-7200.

Mapping the Defenses of the Charleston to Savannah Railroad

Survey and mapping of the Civil War earthworks related to the defenses of the Charleston to Savannah Railroad in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, South Carolina. Prepared by Christopher Ohm Clement, Steven D. Smith, and Romona Gunden of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology Research Program. For more information contact the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology Research Program, 1321 Pendelton Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29208, (803) 377-7093.