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## International Conference Set for 2005!



*Grab your boots  
and  
kick up your heels  
at the*

**International Heritage  
Development Conference**

**Nashville, Tennessee, June 5–8, 2005**

## New National Grants for Heritage Area

This summer, the Tennessee Civil War NHA received two additional grants totaling \$30,000 from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and the Challenge Cost Share grant program of the National Park Service (NPS). Both grants will help us fund and enhance the Heritage Development Institute (HDI), which is a professional training program for the ANHA. Staff from the Tennessee Civil War NHA held the first workshop, in partnership with the NPS, at the Denver meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation early in October.

Since our last newsletter, the Tennessee Civil War NHA and Middle Tennessee State University’s Center for Historic Preservation have worked closely with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) to bring the 2005 International Heritage Development Conference to Nashville. We will host the leading professionals in heritage tourism, heritage education, and historical administration at a four-day conference that will celebrate successes and set new agendas for the field.

Mark your calendars now! The conference will take place at the Downtown Sheraton June 5–8, 2005. We are already planning conference excursions to many mid-south venues so that we can show the heritage profession that we are much more than just Music City, USA. We offer a slice of southern history, culture, and hospitality unrivaled by any other region. The first two Heritage Development conferences were in Charleston, South Carolina, and Pittsburgh—let’s set a new standard in Nashville. There will be more on this exciting development, of course, in the next newsletter.

On February 19, 2004, we will hold the next HDI workshop at the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in Augusta, Georgia. Both workshops focus on the basics of heritage development and feature a nationally prominent faculty. The grants also enable us to fund two MTSU graduate students, Sarah Jackson and Jaime Woodcock, to assist with heritage development programs (see page 4).

The institute is another useful way that the Tennessee Civil War NHA is joining with partners nationwide to improve our ability to tell the *whole* story of America’s greatest challenge—the years of Civil War and Reconstruction. To reserve your spot at Augusta in February 2004, please e-mail Sarah at [spj2d@mtsu.edu](mailto:spj2d@mtsu.edu).

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The Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area (TCWNHA) is a statewide program dedicated to the interpretation and preservation of Tennessee's Civil War and Reconstruction legacies. Partially funded by the National Park Service, the TCWNHA is one of several projects administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

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## 2004 Legacy of Stones River Symposium: Slavery and the Civil War in Tennessee

Telling the *whole* story is never more important than when we consider the impact of slavery on the coming of the Civil War and the fighting that ensued.

The second Legacy of Stones River Symposium will address this key issue on March 6, 2004, with morning sessions at Middle Tennessee State University and afternoon events at Stones River National Battlefield.

The featured speaker will be Charles Dew of Williams College, a Virginia native who wrote the path-breaking book *Apostles of Disunion: Southern Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War* (University Press of Virginia, 2001). Other speakers are Gary Edwards of the University of Memphis, who will discuss slavery in West Tennessee and how slavery differed across the state; Linda Wynn of the Tennessee Historical Commission and Fisk University, who will convey how the enslaved experienced slavery; and Robert Gudmestad of Southwest Baptist University, who will talk about Isaac Franklin, a nationally important slave trader who lived in Sumner County.

The day will conclude with demonstrations and tours at Fortress Rosecrans and Stones River National Battlefield.

The conference is sponsored by the Stones River National Battlefield, the Tennessee Civil War NHA, Eastern National, the MTSU History Department, and the Teaching American History/Cumberland River Valley Consortium Project. To get a registration form, go to our Web site at <http://histpres.mtsu.edu/tncivwar>, call 615-898-2637, or e-mail [tgodbey@mtsu.edu](mailto:tgodbey@mtsu.edu).



*Southern Cornfield, Nashville, Tennessee (1861), by Thomas W. Wood, T. W. Wood Art Gallery, Montpelier, Vermont. Slaves' work will be one topic discussed at the Legacy of Stones River Symposium on March 6, 2004.*

### The GAO Pays a Visit to Tennessee

Late in August, a program review team from the United States General Accounting Office (GAO) visited the Tennessee Civil War NHA as part of its research for a congressional report on the future of the national heritage areas program. We began an eventful day here in Murfreesboro, and we want to thank Stuart Johnson, superintendent at Stones River National Battlefield, for giving the GAO team a tour of the battlefield. We also took the group to the Murfreesboro square and Rutherford County Courthouse (and lunch, naturally, at the City Café) and to Franklin to visit a new project, the Williams-Hilbreth-House property, and an old partner, Carnton Plantation.

The GAO left with positive words about our cost-effectiveness and ability to leverage few federal dollars into meaningful

projects; our commitment to partnering; our involvement of a wide range of groups and heritage strategies; and, most important, our nationally significant resources. The GAO will release its full report in February, and we will pass on the results in our spring 2004 newsletter.

### Moving Forward on Federal Planning

Consultant Phil Walker has been busy drafting the Environmental Assessment and Draft Management Plan (DMP) for the Heritage Area. These basic planning documents are not only federal legal requirements but are basically blueprints for our activities over the next several years. Phil expects to have the DMP completed by the end of the year, and we will be sending out copies for your evaluation and comments early in 2004.

## Telling Our Story and Discovering New Places across Tennessee

The Tennessee Civil War NHA tells the whole story of the Civil War and Reconstruction era by assisting local communities and institutions and by providing funding on a 50/50 matching basis. One of the projects funded through our Collaborative Partnership program has come to fruition this fall. The Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum in **Harrogate** has opened a traveling exhibition entitled "In the Shadow of the Pinnacle: Actions at the Cumberland Gap." Designed by Owen Design, the exhibition consists of two panels that can be used together or separately. Curator Steven Wilson is scheduling the exhibition for venues across the state.

Through our Professional Services and Outreach Partnership program, we have completed an educational programming guide for Rose Mont, a circa-1836 historic house in **Gallatin** owned by Judge Josephus Conn Guild during the Civil War. The guide, which introduces young people to the plantation era and the changes that took place at Rose Mont as a result of Union occupation, is geared toward school groups in grades 4 through 6.

The Williams-Hilbreth-House property is one of the oldest African-American properties in downtown **Franklin** and a place where the town's Reconstruction story began in the late 1860s. We are working with a broad coalition of public and private interests to identify new futures for this significant site and are finding that it has a compelling story to tell about race and Reconstruction in post-war Tennessee.

Collins Farm Battlefield is another Franklin project. We are working with Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc., the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County, and other groups to list Collins Farm—an intact piece of the disappearing Franklin Battlefield—in the National Register of Historic Places.

The McDonald Craig Farm in **Perry County** will be the subject of a National Register nomination this fall. Founded in 1871 by former slave Tapp Craig, this Tennessee Century Farm is owned today by McDonald Craig. Mr. Craig is a recording artist known for his interpretation of the music of Jimmie Rodgers.



*Curator Steven Wilson of the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum introduces children to a new traveling exhibition supported by the TCWNHA.*

The Heritage Area is working with the Buffalo-Duck River Resource Conservation and Development District to enhance sites associated with Tennessee's nineteenth-century iron industry. One goal of this partnership is to discuss the development of the industry before the Civil War and the important role of slaves as ironworkers. In Perry County, for example, is the Cedar Grove Furnace, a National Register property that has already been the focus of a feasibility study by the Heritage Area.

In **Collierville**, we are working with Main Street Collierville and local heritage groups to develop a brochure on the Battle of Collierville. In **Maynardville**, at the other end of the state, we are collaborating with local historian Bonnie Peters on a historical marker for Unionist Horace Maynard and on a brochure about Union County during the war and Reconstruction.

Heritage Area staff members take our message to groups across the state. Recent presentations have been given to the West Tennessee Historical Society in **Memphis**, the Tennessee Conference of Historians in **Nashville**, and Leadership Franklin in Franklin. Let us know when we can present public programs in your community by contacting us at 615-898-2637 or [tgodbey@mtsu.edu](mailto:tgodbey@mtsu.edu).

**We are always looking for new partners. Please contact us with your project ideas.**

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## MTSU Graduate Assistants Stay Busy

Over the years, numerous students pursuing graduate degrees in MTSU's History Department have completed assistantships at the Center for Historic Preservation. This year, two graduate research assistants are working on the Tennessee Civil War NHA and two on the Heritage Development Institute, a partnership between the Heritage Area and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.

**Sarah Jackson** is supported by grants from the ANHA and the National Park Service to work on the Heritage Development Institute. A native of Abilene, Kansas, Sarah earned her B.A. in history from the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Sarah has worked on National Register assessments along the Trail of Tears, supported by funds from the NPS Long Distance Trails program. Sarah will be assisting the HDI workshops in Denver and Augusta and maintaining the HDI electronic newsletter.

**Marian Scott Norris** is working on the Tennessee Civil War NHA's interpretive programs. A native of McMinnville, Marian is a graduate of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where she earned a B.A. in history. She also finished a one-year internship at Kentucky's Perryville Enhancement Project. Marian is working on Heritage Area brochures, developing Heritage Area displays, and preparing a National Register nomination of the Rock Martin House in Warren County.

**Steve Smith** began working on the Heritage Area's preservation programs last summer. A native of East Providence, Rhode Island, Steve earned his B.A. in history from Austin Peay State University. This semester, Steve has accompanied Preservation Specialist Michael Gavin on several site visits, and he has also conducted research on the Civil War-era iron industry. In addition, he is working with Marian on Heritage Area displays.

**Jaime Woodcock** is working with Sarah on the Heritage Development Institute. A native of Athens, Jaime earned her B.A. in history from MTSU. For the past two summers, Jaime has worked on the Cumberland Trail State Park for Tennessee State Parks. During the fall semester, she is working on a development plan for the HDI and participating in the Denver workshop.



*This fall we welcomed graduate assistants (l to r) Sarah Jackson, Steve Smith, Marian Norris, and Jaime Woodcock.*

Please HELP us get our message out! Send addresses or e-mails of interested citizens to [tgodbey@mtsu.edu](mailto:tgodbey@mtsu.edu).



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