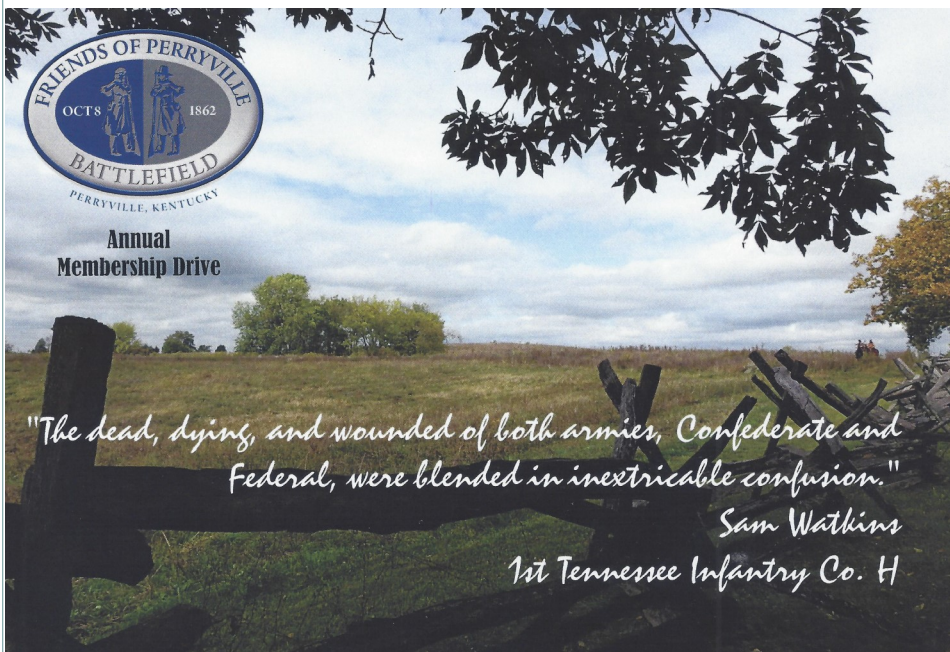


ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Become a Friend of Perryville Battlefield

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It is easy to join! Visit our website at www.friendsofperryville.org for a full list of membership benefits! You may mail in your membership as well! The membership form is on the last page of the newsletter. Please be sure to include your email information! We send out newsletters and updates via Constant Contact. This saves postage and lets your money go directly to preservation and conservation!



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By Don Rightmyer

The following article is re-printed with Mr. Rightmyer's permission. It was originally

published in Kentucky Ancestors in 2008. As we are now rapidly approaching the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville we thought this might be of interest. Although it is specific to Kentucky the information contained in the article should help your research no matter where your Civil War ancestor came from.



Captain Cuthbert Slocomb 5th Co. Washington Artillery

Slocomb was a New Orleans native. In Nov. 1861, he resigned from the 2nd Co. and reenlisted as a Private in the 5th Co. Shortly afterwards, he was promoted to Lt. Slocomb was wounded at Shiloh. He was promoted to Captain and given command of the company on June 13, 1862. Slocomb was in command of the battery at Perryville. He was seriously wounded at Jonesboro. He returned to the regiment in December 1864 and remained with the battery until the end of the war. Slocomb remained in New Orleans until his death.

The Civil War and family history are two areas that are very popular for research and reading among Kentuckians. With the rapid approach of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011-15, this is a great time to discover where your Kentucky ancestors were and what they were doing in the war years 1861-65. With the plentiful research materials available here in Kentucky and on the World Wide Web, the time is right to find out if your family tree contains any Civil War veterans.

Where to Start

The first step in discovering if you have ancestors who served during the Civil War is to work on your own family tree back to and even earlier than the Civil War. The “earlier” part is crucial because you need to know the names and as much as you can about the identification of your Civil War period ancestors. There are numerous resources that identify Kentucky’s Civil War veterans, but you have also got to make the connection between you and them to determine which veteran is yours.

Once you’ve managed to lay out your family history through the Civil War period, then you can turn to research materials available to help you narrow down the possibilities. A primary reference for Kentuckians’ documented service in the Civil War are the four volumes of the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky (most states have this report or something very like it.) Two volumes for Kentucky Union volunteers were compiled and published in 1866/67 and two additional volumes were printed in 1915/1918 for Kentucky men who served in the Confederate army. The Adjutant General’s Report include short capsule histories for individual army units and lists of the muster rolls for each Kentucky unit serving in both Union and Confederate armies. Volume II in the Union volunteers set contains listings of the African American men who enlisted in the Union army in Kentucky.

Another helpful reference in uncovering an ancestor’s Civil War history is Frederick H. Dyer’s A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion (1959) which contains a detailed chronological history for each Union army unit’s war service. There are also a number of places where lists of men have been documented such as the pages of Kentucky Ancestors, The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Filson Club History Quarterly (now entitled Ohio Valley History), and various statewide and regional historical/genealogical publications and newsletters published throughout the state, such as the Kentucky Genealogy Society’s Bluegrass Roots.

General History of the Civil War in Kentucky

Understanding your Civil War ancestor’s experience during the war will probably require searching through a variety of sources. One resource which will be helpful for the general background reading is a history of the Civil War within Kentucky’s borders. Historian E. Merton Coulter’s The Civil War and Readjustment in Kentucky (1926) and Lowell H Harrison’s The Civil War in Kentucky (1975) provide concise accounts of what went on in the state. Most Kentucky

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The Famed Washington Artillery of New Orleans

The 5th Company Washington Battalion Volunteer Artillery was formed in Lafayette Square, New Orleans, Louisiana and entered Confederate service on March 6, 1862. The battery had two 6-pound smoothbore guns, two 6-pound rifled guns, and two 12-pound howitzers. Captain Cuthbert Slocomb became battery commander on June 13, 1862. By October, he would be in the Battle of Perryville fighting around the H.P. Bottom House.

Throughout the afternoon of October 8, fighting at Perryville intensified. The melee around the H.P. Bottom House grew bloodier and confusing. Captain Slocomb and his men recovered from the initial confusion, even warding off a charge from Confederate infantry. The Washington Artillery advanced uphill past the Bottom House, passing a burning barn which its shells had ignited. Dozens of wounded Union soldiers sheltered in the barn burned to death. The battery ended its advance within a half mile of the Dixville Crossroads, where the Union line finally held.

The majority of the Washington Artillery served in the Army of Northern Virginia, under Robert E. Lee. However, the 5th Company served in the West fighting at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, The Atlanta Campaign, and Mobile. The battery surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama on May 4, 1865. Approximately 382 men served in the battery and of that number, 43 were killed in battle, one died in an accident, and six died of disease.



Image showing deterioration around jacket collar. Restoration of this rare artifact is now underway.

Make sure to check out Gerard's coat on exhibit this fall at the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site Museum.



WASHINGTON ARTILLERY

Confederate Shell Jacket Belonging to Private Philibert Gerard, 3rd Company, Washington Artillery, New Orleans, Louisiana. Restoration made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Order of the Southern Cross and the Friends of Perryville Battlefield.



THE HOMEFRONT

Greetings Friends! The year is flying by and the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville is rapidly approaching! It has been a busy year for the FOP and we are busily preparing for the upcoming anniversary.

We want to express our appreciation in your support! You've made possible several projects which are currently in the works. The landscape restoration at the Steedman's Advance tract, recently purchased by the American Battlefield Trust, is underway. We are in the process of removing non-historic fence lines as well as modern structures. We hope to have this project completed before 2023. We are working on an exhibit in Perryville on historic Merchant's Row and Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. We are partnering with the Civil War in the Western Theater folks to bring a great tour and symposium this fall. Our dance card is really full!

At a recent board meeting we came to realize that our mission really does cover a lot more than the state park boundaries. We initially started out helping the Kentucky State Park, but more recently we've worked continuously with the American Battlefield Trust in the landscape restoration of nearly 300 acres of battlefield.



Board Members and Volunteers Installing Split Rail Fences!

We've recently entered into a new partnership with Main Street Perryville to help interpret the Battle within the town of Perryville. The town of Perryville was the scene of some of the Civil War's first street fighting. We are pleased to make this new partnership a prosperous one.

In honor of the upcoming 160th Anniversary and a realization that our mission is ever expanding we've adopted a new mission statement which can be seen on page 10. The important part is, "The purpose of the Friends of Perryville Battlefield shall be to sustain, foster, promote and further the interests of the Perryville Battlefield." The board felt it better reflected our working relationships with our many partners. I also feel it is incredibly important to continue our outreach efforts and educate future historians about the importance of history. Our future plans include more outreach and education about the importance of history and Kentucky's Civil War history in particular.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships and we need you to help us preserve and conserve the Perryville Battlefield landscape and educate our current and future leaders about the importance of Perryville Battlefield! Please consider joining these efforts. Our organization is only as strong as its members and we are counting on you!

Thank You,
Chad Greene
President

North or South: Finding Your Civil War Ancestor (Cont. from page 2)

men served in the western theater of the war (fighting campaigns west of the Allegheny Mountains). There are also several books in print that will help guide you through your Civil War ancestor's research. These are: *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor* (Bertram H. Groene, 1995), *The Civil War Research Guide* (Stephen McManus, Donald Thompson, and Thomas Churchill, 2003), *How to do Civil War Research* (Richard A. Sauer, 2003), and *Civil War Genealogy* (George Schweitzer, 2003).

Unique Situation in Kentucky

There are several aspects of the Civil War years in Kentucky that made the Commonwealth's experience unusual compared to any other state that had men serving in the war. In the spring of 1861, as the nation became divided, many Kentucky men left the state to join either the Union or Confederate army even though Kentucky itself had not taken a stand with either side. In May 1861, Governor Beriah Magoffin notified both sides in the conflict that Kentucky was taking a neutral stance between the two belligerents. During the period of neutrality, recruiting and training military units was forbidden for either side and most men wishing to join the Confederate army went to Camp Boone and Camp Trousdale, Tennessee. Men in Kentucky wanting to join a Union regiment went across the Ohio River to Camp Clay (near Cincinnati) or Camp Holt (near Jeffersonville, Indiana). The period of armed neutrality existed until September 1861 when Confederate forces invaded Kentucky and occupied the city of Columbus on Kentucky's Mississippi River border. The Kentucky legislature quickly asserted its intention to support the Union cause. With the official end to neutrality, Kentucky men rallied and were mustered into the armies of both sides at locations throughout the state.

After neutrality ended, the Kentucky legislature passed a series of laws to discourage Kentucky's men from leaving the state to serve in Confederate forces. Several indictments were brought against various Kentuckians during the war years for violating those laws although very few were ever brought to trial.

Where to Research a Civil War Ancestor

The Kentucky Historical Society's Martin F. Schmidt Research Library and the Society's Special Collections are excellent location for learning about your Civil War ancestors. The KHS Library has a variety of sources where material can be discovered about Kentucky Civil War ancestors. The microfilm collection, vertical files (surnames, county, subject, and biography), and family histories in the General Stacks contain a wealth of information on Kentucky men and the Civil War. The individual Kentucky county section of books (call number 976.902) often has individual county histories, cemetery listing, and books written about that county's Civil War participation that can be extremely helpful and informative. A search to find which materials are held in either the library or Special Collections can be done with the online card catalog on the Kentucky Historical Society's website (<http://www.history.ky.gov>).

The Kentucky Department of Library and Archives (<http://www.kdla.ky.gov>) on 300 Coffee Tree Road in Frankfort, Kentucky, also has the following sources for research:

Confederate Pension Applications

Confederate Home records

Compiled Service Records (Union and Confederate)

Louisville Military Prison Register

McLeans Barracks Prison Register

Petitions for Amnesty by Kentuckians Submitted to President Andrew Johnson

Petitions for Pardon Submitted to Wartime Kentucky Governors



One of the most helpful sources of Civil War information on Kentucky men is the Compiled Service Records which can be found on microfilm at KDLA.

Other locations where worthwhile Civil War research can be conducted in Kentucky are: the Filson Club (Louisville), local historical and genealogical societies, college and university libraries, and public libraries through the state.

Potential Sources for Civil War Research

Some of the most interesting and potentially rewarding sources of material on your Civil War ancestor may be personal or family materials that you have in your possession. You may find personal papers in some of the most unlikely locations (attic, basement, barn, chicken coop, other outbuildings) if you look hard enough. If there's a member of your family or relative who has accumulated a lot of family historical material, check with them. You may also find information on your community and your ancestor's Civil War story in newspaper accounts, published or unpublished family histories, and family papers. Many unit histories also contain information such as unit rosters, details of soldiers' Civil War service, and details of what your ancestor's unit did and where it moved during the war.

Other Places to Research

You can contact the National Archives and request copies of the files on a specific Civil War soldier (<http://archives.gov>). The records on individual soldiers can be found in the compiled service records. There are a wide range of Civil War subjects covered by materials in the archives. Two significant published resources on the holding of the National Archives will help you in either planning a research trip to the Washington, D.C. area or in shaping your request to the National Archives by mail: Kenneth W. Munden et al., *The Union: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War* (revised ed., 1986) and Henry P. Beers, *The Confederacy: A Guide to the Government of the Confederate States of America* (revised ed., 1986). *If you contact the National Archives, please be aware that since Covid, the Archives are extremely behind on records request. In addition, if you plan to make a trip to the National Archives it is advised that you contact the for closures or Covid protocols.

Online Civil War Sources

Increasingly online genealogical research sources provide quick access to more and more Civil War information. In the Kentucky Historical Society's Research Library, you can use both Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.com free of charge (the only charge is for printed copies). You can also access those genealogical research databases from your home computer for a subscription fee or your local public library may provide free access to the database.

Individual Civil War soldiers and unit histories can be found on the National Park Service's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>). You can search this database to help narrow down those who might be your Civil War ancestors by running a surname search or by looking for a specific individual with a more detailed search.

Another website that can provide valuable Civil War genealogical information is "Guide to Genealogical Research on Kentucky Ancestors in the Civil War" (<http://www.geocities.com/drightmyer>). This website contains a large number of both books and articles that touch on the topic of Kentucky Civil War (also known as the Official Records or OR) can be accessed online free of charge as well: (<http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/browse.monographs/waro.html>)

*At the time of republishing this article there are several more online sources for Civil War research. One of the most helpful is fold3 and that can be accessed at (<http://www.go.fold3.com>) This is part of Ancestry and can be accessed through that subscription.

National History Day Award Winners

Students throughout Kentucky gathered to compete in this statewide competition. Statewide winners will go on to compete in the National Championships. The Friends of Perryville were proud to support this effort and sponsored a two-hundred dollar special award for 19th Century History. The young ladies that won it are pictured here! Their project was entitled “Young Americans Walk the Plank”. The project detailed America’s diplomatic response to the Barbary Pirates! We are proud to support our next generation of historians!



North or South? Finding Your Civil War Ancestor

Fleshing Out Your Ancestor’s Civil War History

Identifying your specific Civil War ancestor is just the beginning. There are several questions you will want to find answers for when you have determined that you actually have an ancestor who served in the war.

What time period did your ancestor serve in?

Where did your ancestor serve in the war?

What unit was your ancestor assigned to?

What happened to your ancestor or to his immediate friends and acquaintances during his Civil War service?

Did your ancestor survive the war? If not, where is he buried? Can you identify his grave?

If your ancestor became a casualty, did he die or recover from his wounds?

What happened to your Civil War ancestor after the war and how did his wartime experience affect his life?

As you pursue your search for your Civil War ancestor, be ready for some unexpected surprises. Researching family history often results in learning new things about your family that you would never have otherwise known. “North or South?” is the title of this article because family tradition has sometimes said that “great-grandfather Turpin or Reynolds” was wearing the gray” and digging into your family historical records might result in asking “Great-grandfather was a WHAT?”

Finding A Civil War Ancestor Who Disappears

Your Civil War ancestor might have disappeared during the war. There were many Kentucky men who left home to join the army and served during the Civil War but for many of them the trail came to a dead end somewhere during the war years. Your ancestor may have been killed or died of illness and his death was not adequately documented. An under-age ancestor may have changed his name in order to gain entry into the army. If something happened to a young soldier who was serving under an assumed name, it would often be nearly impossible to locate the soldier if he was killed or died of illness. His fellow soldiers would bury him and try to identify his grave by the name they knew him by. Sometimes battle casualties had to be recovered and buried by civilians remaining in (continued on page 8)



Perryville's newest Monarch Waystation!

Community volunteers are working on Perryville's newest Monarch Waystation. Unfortunately Monarch Butterflies are now listed as an endangered species! These iconic butterflies have been present on Kentucky's landscape for hundreds of years and we are helping to ensure they remain! You can find this garden next to Dr. Polk's House on Merchants Row in downtown Perryville!



Honey is Ready! The bees have been working hard and we have a good supply of Battlefield Honey! It won't last long so contact us now for your bottle! You can email us at info@friendsofperryville.org

North or South? Finding Your Civil War Ancestor

the area when an army moved out of the immediate vicinity.

***Sharing Your Family's Story**

One of the goals we'd like to achieve in the sesquicentennial of the Civil War is a better understanding of Kentuckians' wartime experience. Whether you're already aware of your ancestor's Civil War History or just discovering it for the first time, we would love to share in what you have learned about your family during the Civil War. Please send your information to Martin F. Schmidt Research Library, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40602.

If you find that your ancestor fought at the Battle of Perryville whether he was from Kentucky or not, please let us know at info@friendsofperryville.org we are always looking for those stories and images.

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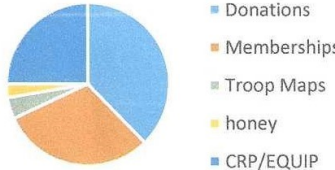
HOW WE SPENT YOUR MONEY

The fiscal year is over and we are providing you an accounting of how we spent the funds. It has been a tough year. Covid and the skyrocketing cost of living has certainly hurt our ability to raise funds. However, we did a lot with a little! Included below is a breakdown of what money came in and how we utilized it.

The biggest jump in our budget this year has been in our operating expenses. We retained a consultant to assist with grants, preservation, educational projects, fund raising and administration. As an all volunteer organization we found that we were in desperate need of assistance. The consultant costs is \$5,000 per year and this includes an additional \$5,000 in donated services. In addition, a significant amount of funds were used to acquire volunteer and liability insurance required by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for events and volunteers working at the state park.

The majority of our funds were spent on our educational mission. We continue to provide outstanding exhibits. Our events provide our members and the general public educational opportunities to learn about the Battle of Perryville and our efforts in preservation and conservation.

Annual Financial report 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

1 July 2021 Beginning Balance: \$49,965.87							
Revenues							Comments
	2021 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	YTD	% of total revenue	
Donations	5,833.85	2,552.53	700.00	815.00	9,901.38	37.7%	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Donations ■ Memberships ■ Troop Maps ■ honey ■ CRP/EQUIP
Memberships	3,176.95	2,330.97	1,295.84	1,182.07	7,985.83	30.4%	
Troop Maps	660.00	300.00	100.00	60.00	1,120.00	4.3%	
Honey	615.00	90.00	0	0	705.00	2.7%	
CRP/Equip	0	3,912.00	2,634.82	0	6,546.82	24.9%	
Total					26,259.03		
Expenses							
	2021 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	YTD		
Education	6,284.98	185.28	1,038.88	1,688.54	9,197.68		Education includes museum exhibits, website, tours, promotions, and educational events.
Operating Expenses	1,882.00	1,861.72	3,115.16	2,194.65	9,053.53		Operating expenses include insurance, consulting fees, attorney fees, printing, promotional materials, and postage.
Habitat/ Grounds/ Land Restoration	435.90	0	100.00	2,487.76	3,675.98		Habitat, grounds, and land restoration includes fuel costs, maintaining road frontage and trails on ABT property. Landscape restoration. Chemicals for invasive species on state park and mowing ABT properties.
Total					21,927.19		
30 June 2022 Ending Balance: \$54,493.54							

**FRIENDS OF
PERRYVILLE
BATTLEFIELD**

Mission Statement:

The purpose of The Friends of Perryville Battlefield shall be to sustain, foster, promote and further the interests of the Perryville Battlefield. The Friends Group shall conduct fund raising and friend raising activities in connection with these purposes. The activities of the group shall be charitable in nature within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Friends of Perryville
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Battlefields are Good for Business!

The statistics below are from an economic impact study done by the Kentucky Civil War Sites Association. Heritage Tourism is an important part of our economy! Supporting your historic sites provides jobs and revenue for your community!

<p>\$7.1 million</p> <p>Out-of-state tourist spending boosts the state's GDP by \$7.1 million.</p>	<p>\$10 million</p> <p>Visitors to Kentucky's battlefields and related historic sites contribute more than \$10 million in spending annually to the state of Kentucky and sites' local communities.</p>	 <p>The sites generate over \$1 million in state and local tax revenue from out-of-state visitors.</p>
 <p>The majority of visitors traveled more than 200 miles to experience one of Kentucky's Civil War or Revolutionary War historic sites.</p>	<p>For more than half of all visitors, visiting the specific historic site was one of the main reasons for coming to the area, including 3 out of 10 visitors who said it was THE PRIMARY reason they came to the area.</p>	 <p>Visitors who participated in the survey came from Kentucky, plus 43 other states and 5 countries.</p>
 <p>More than 6 out of 10 visitors were from outside of Kentucky.</p>	<p>Nearly two-thirds of Kentuckians surveyed (65 percent) strongly support the use of tax dollars being spent to preserve Kentucky's battlefields and related historic sites in the state.</p>	<p>Overall, visitors to sites were well educated, with the majority having at least a four-year college degree, including more than 1 out of 5 having studied beyond college.</p>
<p>Visitors were relatively affluent, with 42 percent having an annual income of \$75,000 or more, including 22 percent with an income in excess of \$100,000.</p>	 <p>98 percent of visitors had a positive experience at the site they visited.</p>	 <p>More than 9 out of 10 would recommend a visit to the site to friends and family.</p>

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Please indicate your contribution level:

- \$20.00 Soldier
- \$10.00 Youth
- \$100.00 Company
- \$250.00 Battalion
- \$500.00 Division
- \$1,000.00 The Preservation Corps

Name(s) to appear on membership cards

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