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2009 Living History Weekend great success!

This years Living History Weekend was hot and humid. But that didn't stop many curious visitors from attending our event this June. Thank you to all those who came out and

supported us. We had a great turn out from spectators and re-enactors. Thank you to the re-enactors of the 4th Kentucky, CS, the 12th Kentucky, US, and the 5th Indiana, US

for joining us for yet another fun filled weekend. Many of the re-enactors came from all over the states of Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois to volunteer for the Living History event. Also we would like to say thanks to the Somernites Cruise participants to drove out visit us with all of their beautiful cars.



The Living History Weekend Event is an annual event held on the last weekend in June. It is intended to promote education of the Battle of Mill Springs through the interaction with the re-enactors. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions and engage in the activity. Please join us for next years' event on June 26 and 27, 2010.

Steady visitor attendance for Summer 2009!

They came from all corners of the country to visit. Some were just passing through, some were staying in the Lake Cumberland area and many locals visited the battlefield looking for something fun to do. This summer visitor attendance has been steady at the battlefield. Over 2000 people have visited the Mill Springs Battlefield since Memorial Day

this year. Thank you to all who have visited this summer. We appreciated your continual support.

The Visitor Center, Museum and Battlefield are open year 'round. So, stop in and visit us.



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Visitor Center & Museum • Zollicoffer Park • Mill Springs Info Center • Historic Brown-Lanier House & B&B • West-Metcalf House

Joining or Renewing is Easy!

It's time to renew your membership for 2009. For \$25, you get unlimited free access to our visitor's center, all exhibits, all tours, and the following events: Cornbread Festival, Memorial Day Services, Living History weekend, the Ghostwalk, and our Christmas Open House at the Brown-Lanier House. Members also receive 15% off all merchandise in our gift shop, some that has been recently discounted. You will also receive a complimentary Passport.

Simply Complete this form and mail it to the Mill Springs Battlefield Association,
PO Box 282, Nancy, KY 42544 along with your annual dues:

Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership	\$5.00
Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Membership	\$25.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership	\$140.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Membership	\$480.00
Phone	Make check or money order payable to MSBA.	
E-mail		

Memberships are due annually from the date of last payment. We will remind you of your renewal date.

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2009 Upcoming Events

- **OSHER Lifelong Learning Program** for Seniors - Sept. 2009, Old West & Gilded Age
- **Ghostwalk**-Nov. 7, 6-9pm Zollicoffer Park; \$3 per person
- **Christmas Open House**-Dec. 12, 5-8pm Brown-Lanier House

2010 Upcoming Events

- Anniversary Observance - January
- Meet Mr. Lincoln - March

Many visitors gathered to celebrate on Memorial Day



Memorial Day dawned as a beautiful day over the fields and woods of the small com-

munity of Nancy, Kentucky. The services for Memorial Day began at Zollicoffer Park at 9:00 a.m.. Bill Neikirk opened the services with remarks about the importance of remembering the young men buried in the mass graves both in and close to Zollicoffer Park. A wreath was placed near the memorial plaque at one of the mass graves by re-enactors and members of the

descendants of Dorothea Burton Hudson.

At 11:00 a.m. the services started at the Mill Springs National Cemetery were 500 people had gathered to honor the veterans buried there. Honor Guard carried the colors of the Civil War period. The guest speaker was Glenn Madderom, the chief engineer for the National Cemetery Administra-

tion Memorial Service Network.

After the ceremony, everyone was invited to come to the Mill Springs Battlefield Visitor Center for a picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips. Those attending the picnic were treated to a free tour of the museum and movie. The MSBA sold over 150 hamburgers and hotdogs.

Dorothea Burton's family makes donation to Museum

The Association would like to express its gratitude to the family of Dorothea Burton Hudson for donating many valuable pictures and research materials of the family's about Dorothea and Zollicoffer Park.

Dorothea was young girl when she first started her interest in Zollicoffer and the Battle of Mill Springs. Her passion for preservation and dedication to commemorating not only Union, but Confederate war he-

roes was recognized locally and nationally. Dorothea Burton Hudson decorated the Zollie Tree every year on Memorial Day with flowers to honor those who lost their lives on this Battlefield. Her family carries on her legacy every Memorial Day.

The materials from this donation will be used to add to our Museum and Research Library in Nancy.

This picture of Dorothea, age 12, was taken during a trip to Louisville with her father. The trip was paid for by Bennett H. Young, a Confederate Veteran of the Civil War who was inspired by the little girls' dedication to preserving the memory of all those who lost their lives for their country. Dorothea Burton started decorating the Zollie Tree when she was about 10 to honor the Confederates that died at the Battle of Mill Springs.



OSHER Life Long Learning - 2009 Fall Program



Are you a senior (55+)? Do you enjoy learning about history? Then we invite you to join us again for our OSHER Life Long Learning program this Fall. The class is taught by our Executive Director, Gilbert Wilson. Gilbert has been a history teacher, principal and coach for over 20 years with the Pulaski County Schools.

Our topic for this 5 week class is the history of the Old West and the Gilded Age. The class will begin by studying the

mountain men followed by the consequences of manifest destiny (Texas Revolt, Mexican War, and Mormons). Then we will study the cattle industry, Indian Wars, miners, and farmers. Finally, the course will cover the Gilded Age: politics, industrialization, farmer's revolt, reformers, Populism, growth of cities, and the election of 1896. An organizational meeting will take place September 16th at the Pulaski County Library at 1:00 p.m..

For more information or to sign up for this class please contact:

Diana Lockridge
Program Director Morehead & Somerset,
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
at UK
1-866-602-5862.

President's Message:

So far, 2009 has been a busy year at the Battlefield. Gilbert Wilson, our Exec. Dir., and his staff have conducted several tours to school kids and other organizations, including the Chicago Roundtable. Our maintenance staff has had a busy summer converting the property across the road into rentable office space. They have also cleared some of the buildings off the property, so the view the battlefield is unobstructed.

We were awarded \$509,790

from the American Battlefield Protection Program for a new interpretive plan. Mudpuppy & Waterdog, a consulting firm, has been hired to develop the plan. This will help us map out the future of interpreting the Battlefield.

Too many times people tell me they haven't been out to see the Visitor Center & Museum yet. Why wait? The Visitor Center is free & it only costs \$5 for a Passport to enter the museum. Plus, the Passport gives you a season pass to all

of our other events.

Our next big event is the Ghost Walk on November 8th. It's not about ghosts jumping out at you, it's an after-dark tour of the Battlefield, lit by torches. There are several stops on the tour where re-enactors will come out of the shadows, recreate a scene from the Battle of Mill Springs, and fade back into the dark. The tour starts at dark and runs until 9:00. Admission is \$3.00 per person- free with the Passport.



Bill Neikirk, President of the MSBA.

In Memory Of That January Day in 1862

Poem by Rev. Laura
Lee Odegard

My Great-great Grandfather was Corporal Wesley Graham;
Dying at the Battle of Mill Springs is his claim to fame...

Friendly Fire killed him and many,
Along with General Zollie...

TRULY a heartbreaking folly.

YES; he was a Southerner from Tennessee...

So far away that seems to me...

I'm a Californian born and raised,
And Iowan now, but STILL amazed

At the Civil strife

That took Wesley's life.

Committed he truly was

To the Confederate Cause.

Mill Springs in 1862 was his Destiny...

Now Scared Ground to even me,

His Northern Great-Granddaughter, Laura Lee.

I'd LOVE to hug you, Corporal Graham...

I'm proud to CLAIM your cherished name!

Dedicated to the memory of Corporal Wesley Graham

Notes from the Director

I especially like the part of my job when I get to follow folks around and tell them about the Battle of Mill Springs. Last week five youngsters from my church visited. We started our tour with the video in the Hal Rogers room and then we explored the Museum. Next we went to Timmy's Branch and finally to Zollicoffer Park. One of the parents took 33 pictures and posted them all on Facebook. On the Sunday following I was given a picture of myself with the young people standing on front of the river cane at Timmy's Branch. Giving tours to young people is wonderful.



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