



Foundation acquires vintage Army reg book

THE CAMP NELSON Restoration and Preservation Foundation has acquired an edition of the "Revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861." The hardback book is in excellent condition and has intriguing inscriptions. Inside the front cover of the book is the autograph of William D. Carpenter, with a notation that he was Adjutant of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry. A second inscription on the front endpaper is written by H.A. Eastman on February 28th 1866 and states, "This book is a remnant of the once famous but now ransacked Camp Nelson, Ky., presented by a plunderer." Further

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- 1866 Inscription

Abandoned Lands in the 1860s.

The 1,676 numbered paragraphs of the U.S. Army Regulations governed the actions of regimental commanders. The Regulations provided guidance for virtually every aspect of military life. The provi-

sions concerning Army organization and tactics were archaic in most cases despite efforts in 1857 by then Secretary of the Army Jefferson Davis to update the Regulations to reflect the experience of the Mexican War. During the Civil War the Regulations were slightly modified to incorporate the military laws passed by two wartime Congresses.

Annual meeting March 19th

THE CAMP NELSON Restoration and Preservation Foundation Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, March 19th at the nearly completed Interpretative Center on the Camp Nelson grounds, from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Other upcoming events:
The Central Kentucky Heritage Tour of significant Civil War sites stops at Camp Nelson on July 22.
Camp Nelson Civil War Days, September 10 & 11.



PROMOTING TOURISM – Representatives from the Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park joined Congressman Hal Rogers at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset on November 22 for the Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association (SEKTDA) Annual Caucus. SEKTDA was formed in 1987 to promote, expand, develop and market the existing and potential tourism industry throughout a 46-county area in an effort to contribute to the economic and cultural growth of the region. From left to right are: Jeff McDaniel, Alice Hamilton, Congressman Hal Rogers, Mary Kozak, Margaret Morgan. Kaye Anderson also attended the conference, but is not pictured here.



Camp Nelson Soldier Stories

Born in 1845, Hosea “Hosey” Ausbrooks Peden was one of thousands of young soldiers that passed through Camp Nelson. His official army discharge papers reveal much...

“To all whom it may Concern: Know ye, that *Hosey A. Peden, Private Company G, 13th Regiment of Kentucky Cavalry VOLUNTEERS* who was enrolled on the *Twentieth* day of *August* one thousand eight hundred and *Sixty Two* to serve *one* year or during the war, is hereby DISCHARGED from the service of the United States, this *Tenth* day of *January*, 1865 at *Camp Nelson, Kentucky* by reason of *Expiration of his term of Service*.

Said *Hosey A. Peden* was born in *Simpson County* in the State of *Kentucky*, is *eighteen* years of age, *five* feet *six* inches high, *fair* complexion, *Blue* eyes, *light* hair and by occupation when enrolled, a *Farmer*.

<signed> *Samuel M. Crandell*,
Captain Company G, 13th Kentucky Cavalry”

He married Mary Angeline “Mollie” Bryant in 1873. At some point, Hosea and Mollie moved from Franklin, Kentucky to El Dorado Springs, Missouri. The move probably preceded the birth of their daughter Stella in 1882. According to Henry Peden’s book “*Genealogy of the Pedens in Kentucky*,” Hosea also owned a farm in Carrollton, Carroll County, Arkansas and by 1892, he was building houses in El Dorado Springs.



Hosea “Hosey” Ausbrooks Peden
Born in 1845, Simpson County, Kentucky.
Private, Company G, 13th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry.
Tintype from the collection of Mark DiVecchio.
www.silologic.com/peden/peden.htm

Many of Hosea’s personal possessions survive thanks to the efforts of Mark DiVecchio. Mark’s wife was the trustee of the Estate of the late Fred B. Churchill, the last person to descend from Hosea Ausbrooks Peden. “The line died with Fred,” Mark says. “He saved all the stuff I now have that was originally saved by his sister Billee and mother Stella. My fiancé and I are trying to find an appropriate person to inherit all the photos and other memorabilia. Billee died in 1997 and Fred in 2000.”

If you are a relative of Hosea or have further information to share, send it to: Mark DiVecchio, 10435 Mountain Glen Terrace, San Diego, CA 92131 or email: markd@san.rr.com

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Camp Nelson was established along the Kentucky River in 1863 by the Union Army; serving first as a 4000 acre supply and training camp for the Army of the Ohio and District of Kentucky; and later becoming a recruitment point for black soldiers and a refugee camp for freed slaves. Today the story continues to be told at the Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park.

White House Tours:
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

Camp Nelson Heritage Park is located along US 27 about 20 miles south of Lexington (6 miles south of Nicholasville) on US 27. The Park entrance is on KY 3026, which runs parallel to US 27, one mile north of the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

The Camp Nelson Restoration and Preservation Foundation meets the first Monday of every month at the White House at the Camp Nelson Heritage Park at 7:00 p.m.

Many thanks to photographer Tom Herndon.

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CAMP NELSON DISPATCH WINTER 2005

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hosea Peden from previous page



Membership badge: Hosea was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The badges were fashioned from captured Confederate cannon metal.

treasures are Hosea's Woodmen of the World Pin, a Union Veterans' Union Pin, and a Grand Army of the Republic Badge. The GAR Badge was forged from metal from captured Confederate cannons.

Obituary: Death of H. A. Peden
Oct 27, 1903. H.A. Peden, an old and well known citizen of this place, died at his home in the south part of the city Tuesday morning after an illness of about three weeks, of dropsy of the heart. Mr. Peden was 58 years of age and was one of El Dorado's pioneer citizens having moved here when the town was first started. He was a deacon of the El Dorado South Methodist Episcopal Church, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.



Membership pin: Hosey was a member of the Union Veterans' Union, which was founded in 1886.

New textbook to include Elijah Marrs. In the spring of 2005, the University Press of Kentucky will publish a new history textbook for fourth graders; this forthcoming title is Faces of Kentucky, by James and Freda Klotter. The book will include information about political and religious leader Elijah Marrs, who spent the Civil War in the 12th U.S.C.H.A at Camp Nelson.

Interpretive center update. Construction on Camp Nelson's new 6,800 sq.ft. interpretive center and administrative offices is nearing completion. The design of the museum is being handled by 1220 Exhibits of Nashville, Tennessee. Their portfolio includes the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and the Museum of Natural History in the Smithsonian. A National Endowment for the Humanities

\$350K matching grant has been submitted by the county to offset the cost of construction.

Be a volunteer. Join the Camp Nelson staff of great volunteers. Choose to be a Tour Guide or Trail Guide. The hours can be adjusted to suit your schedules and in turn you will be telling the history of the Camp Nelson Civil War Supply Depot and Recruitment Camp. Interested persons should call Alice Hamilton at the White House (859) 881-5716.

Hinton Family Reunion. For the second year in a row, we salute Audrey Hinton and the Hinton Family for taking advantage of Camp Nelson's Civil War Days in September to hold a family reunion. Look for more information about the Hinton family's ties to Camp Nelson in a future newsletter issue.



USCT 140th Anniversary Poster Available

A commemorative poster celebrating the 140th anniversary of the recruitment of African American soldiers in Kentucky is now available from the Camp Nelson Restoration and Preservation Foundation. The poster features a dramatic photograph of the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery silhouetted with a cannon. A limited supply of the posters is available from the Camp Nelson Foundation, P.O. Box 1170, Nicholasville, KY 40356 for \$10.00 which includes shipping. You can also call (859) 881-9126.

Lexington to host Civil War Preservation Trust Teacher's Institute

KENTUCKY TEACHERS are invited to take part in a national conference featuring hands-on and practical methods for teaching the Civil War to students, during the fourth annual Civil War Teacher Institute August 5-7 in Lexington. Registration is free but attendance is limited.

Sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust, this is the first time the teacher institute will take place in Kentucky, with workshops and field sessions to focus on Kentucky Civil War sites and heritage.

Education professionals who work with students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to attend, as are professors who teach at the community college and survey course levels.

Kentucky State Historian James Klotter will be the keynote speaker. Other historians on the agenda are Richard McMurry, James I. Robertson, Jr., and William C. Davis.

Participants will be able to select their choice of workshop sessions plus several optional activities. In addition, experienced living historians will demonstrate various aspects of soldier and civilian life, a field trip is planned to Perryville battlefield with a side trip to Camp Nelson. Period entertainment will be presented by Olde Towne Brass.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Kentucky teachers to learn about teaching the Civil War in an authentic manner, as well as for our state to showcase important Civil War sites," said David L. Morgan, Heritage Council Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer.

More information: 888-606-1400, www.civilwar.org, or email tom.fugate@ky.gov

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