



New Website Focuses on the Archeology of Battlefields

Missouri Civil War Conflicts are the Subject of mobattlefields.com

ST. LOUIS, MO. November 4, 2015. Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation announced today the launch of mobattlefields.com, a web resource developed in conjunction with the National Park Service. The site chronicles the work of a team of archeologists who have studied important Missouri Civil War battlefields since 2005, most recently a survey of the 1862 Battle of Moore's Mill in Callaway County.

The development of the website was made possible by a grant of the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service, which also funded a field survey of the Moore' Mill battlefield and the nomination of that battlefield to the National Register of Historic Places. The grant was obtained in 2012 and administered by Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation.

The new website currently focuses on the campaign of Confederate Colonel Joseph C. Porter, which covered a large area in northeast Missouri from June to October, 1862. The Battle of Moore's Mill, east of Fulton, Missouri, was fought on July 28, 1862, and was an important part of Porter's campaign. In addition to an extensive history of Porter's campaign, the website offers site visitors the opportunity to download and print a technical report prepared by archeologists and historians involved in the Moore's Mill survey. Also accessible is a technical report of a survey of the 1863 Battle of Marshall, Missouri, prepared by the same team.

Dr. Doug Scott, who heads the American Institute of Battlefield Archeology (an affiliate of Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation), led the Moore's Mill survey along with Dr. Steve Dasovich of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. Dr. Scott noted that the website will expand to cover other archeology sites in Missouri, and will include access to survey reports for field work done on the battlefields of Centralia and Boonville, and others. "We're grateful to the American Battlefield Protection Program for the confidence it has shown in our team," said Scott. "This repository will provide free access to scholars, students and the public to important research that expands the scope of knowledge of Missouri's Civil War," he added.

The survey of the battle of Moore's Mill was a collaborative effort of students and faculty of Lindenwood University, Westminster College of Fulton, and Missouri Valley College of Marshall, Missouri.

About Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation:

Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational organization and was founded in 2001 to assist Missouri communities in interpreting and preserving their important Civil War heritage sites, and in marketing Missouri's vast Civil War resources to visitors.

About the American Battlefield Protection Program:

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