

Southwest Virginia

Civil War Battlefields Preservation Workshop

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources invites you to attend a Southwest Virginia Civil War battlefields' "friends raising" workshop at the **Museum of the Middle Appalachians** in **Saltville**, on **Saturday, February 28, 2015**. Titled "Southwest Virginia's Civil War Battlefields and Sites — A Preservation Opportunity, A Preservation Challenge," the workshop will explore the vital role that not-for-profit preservation organizations and regional cooperation can play in the preservation, interpretation and stewardship of Southwest Virginia's Civil War battlefields and sites.



The gap through Cloyd's Mountain, Pulaski Co.

Who should attend?

The workshop is open to citizens, organizations, or jurisdictions interested in taking meaningful action to preserve, interpret and promote Southwest Virginia's legacy of Civil War battlefields and sites in their communities and in the region. It will be especially interesting to members of local historical societies, historical museums, members of Civil War sesquicentennial committees and Civil War roundtables, local officials, tourism leaders, conservation organizations and other community leaders in Southwest Virginia.

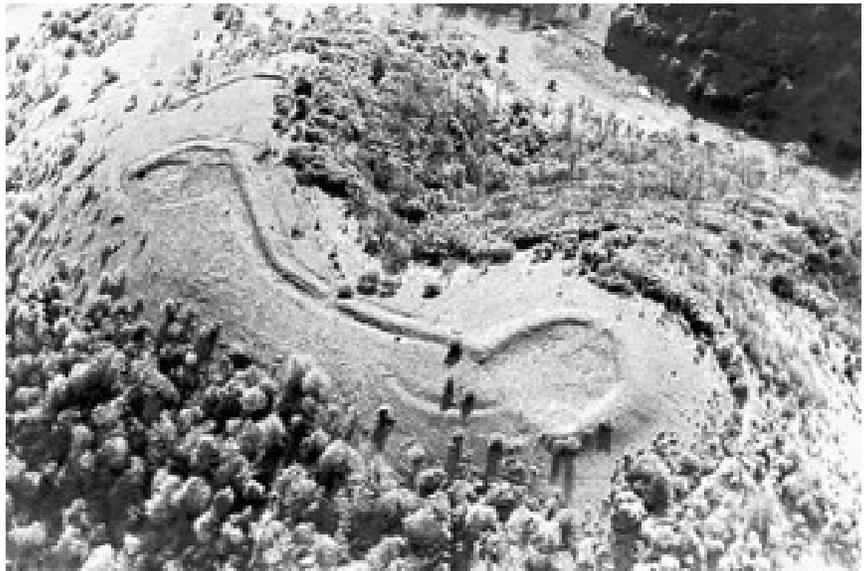
What will you learn?

Presentations by experts and collaborative work sessions will engage participants in addressing these vital questions and more:

- *What is the state of Civil War battlefield preservation in Virginia?*
- *What are the benefits of being a friend of battlefield preservation?*
- *What types of private organizations support battlefield preservation, interpretation and stewardship?*
- *What tools and resources are available to them from state and national public and private partners?*
- *What are the notable accomplishments, lessons learned and best practices of these volunteer organizations?*
- *How can public and private funding and resources be leveraged to document, interpret, preserve and steward battlefield land?*
- *What are the opportunities and challenges for battlefield preservation and promotion in SW Virginia?*
- *How could a regional strategy offer the best approach to preservation success in SW Virginia?*

Where is the workshop?

The workshop will convene at the Museum of the Middle Appalachians on **Saturday February 28**, from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The Museum is located in the Town of Saltville, eight miles north of I-81 in the southwestern part of Virginia. Take exit 35 via Route 107 or Exit 29 via Route 91 for the short and scenic drive into Saltville. Follow well-marked signs to the Museum. For directions and a map visit the Museum's website at <http://www.museum-mid-app.org/museum-directions.htm>



An aerial view of the historical site of Ft. Hatton in Saltville's Civil War battlefields.

What does the workshop cost? What is included?

Workshop **registration fee** is **\$20** and includes all workshop sessions, refreshments, lunch, admission to the Museum and a guided tour to the Saltville Civil War Battlefield Overlook.

How can I register?

DHR urges people to register early because the workshop is limited to 75 participants. The deadline for registration is **Tuesday, February 24, 2015**.

You can register by completing the attached registration form and mailing it with your payment of \$20.00 to the Museum of the Middle Appalachians, P.O. Box 910, Saltville, VA 24370. Please indicate your preferred payment option by checking the appropriate box on the registration form. Your registration form and payment must be received and in the Museum's hand by **Tuesday, February 24, 2015**.

How can I get more information?

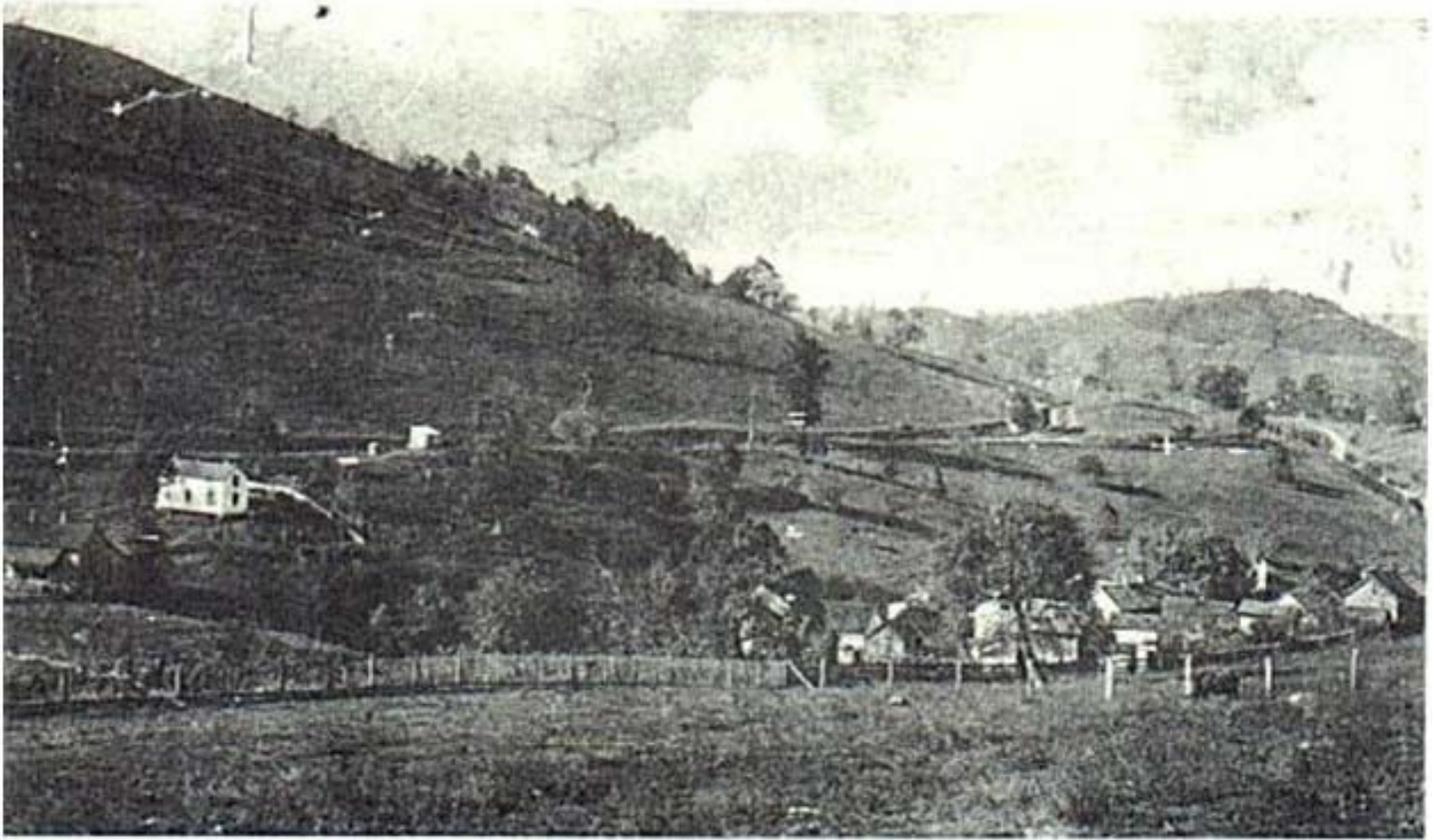
Additional information, the workshop agenda, and regular updates about the workshop will be posted to the homepage of DHR's Website (www.dhr.virginia.gov) and the agency's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Department-of-Historic-Resources/383005701837393>)

You can also contact our workshop facilitator Glenn Stach at Glenn.Stach@dhr.virginia.gov.

Thanks to Our Many Supporters, Partners and Sponsors!

This event is made possible in part by a planning grant awarded to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources through the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service (<http://www.nps.gov/abpp/>).

Special thanks to the Saltville Foundation, and the board and staff of the Museum of the Middle Appalachians for hosting this workshop.



Saltville Battle-field, Oct. 2nd, 1864.