



Trail News

National Conference to be Held in Springfield, MO

by Jerra Quinton

The 11th Annual Trail of Tears Association Conference and Symposium will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, October 9 - 12, 2006. The hotel has arranged a special conference room rate for conference attendees for \$61 for a single or double room, \$109 for a parlor suite, and \$129 for a jacuzzi suite. Call 1-800-756-7318 to make your reservations and ask for the Trail of Tears Association room block to get the special room rate. The deadline for these special rates is Friday, September 22, 2006.

Keynote speakers and special guests include Principal Chief Chad Smith of the Cherokee Nation, Dr. Daniel Littlefield of the Sequoyah Research Center in Little Rock, and Miss Missouri Sarah French, who is also a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Presentations include "Research at the Sequoyah Research Center" by Dan Littlefield and his research team of the Sequoyah Research Center; "All in the Family" by Dan Littlefield; "Research in Missouri" by Dr. Neal Lopinot of Southwest Missouri State University and



Photo courtesy of NPS

Tour attendees to Pea Ridge National Military Park will have the opportunity to walk along a segment of this pristine Trail of Tears site.

chapter members Darrell Latch and Deloris Wood; "Delaware Removal" by Holly Jones of Southwest Missouri State University; "Trail of Tears Animation" by Roy Boney of the Sequoyah Research Center; "Andrew Jackson" by Tim Garrison of Portland State University; "Honorable Men, Shameful Duty" by Terence Brennan of Loyola Academy; and "Creek Removal" by Ray Fogelson of the University of Chicago. Others are still being confirmed.

The Dye and Bell Tavern site is one of the campsite locations on the Trail of Tears in southwest Missouri. It is here, too, that one or more Cherokees died and may be buried in a nearby small, unmarked cemetery along the trail. Archaeological investigations have been undertaken during three summers in the campsite area, mainly in an effort to document an earlier Delaware period occupation (1822-1831) by James Wilson, who had a trading post at this site.

There will be a local tour by presenters Neal Lopinot and Holly Jones of Southwest Missouri State University to Dye and Bell Tavern and Delaware Town, and one formal tour to Pea Ridge National Military Park in Pea Ridge, Arkansas, will be hosted by the Association. These tours both take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 11th.

Delaware Town is located near the Dye and Bell Tavern site but is on the opposite side of the James River and about a mile downstream. It also was situated on the old White River Road, which served as the Trail of Tears during the Cherokee removal. The site includes the location of the houseplace of Chief William Anderson

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Trail of Tears Association President's Message

Once again the state of Arkansas (and particularly, the Department of Arkansas Heritage) is leading the nation in providing interpretation for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. During the week of August 7, five wayside exhibits on the Trail of Tears were dedicated across the state from Pea Ridge in northwestern Arkansas to Helena in the southeast.

The other dedications were at North Little Rock, Cadron, and Village Creek State Park. The site at Helena is the first exhibit along the Mississippi River that is dedicated solely to the water



Jack Baker, President of the Trail of Tears Association

route. No land routes were located in this area.

These exhibits were the result of the Department of Arkansas Heritage partnering with the National Park Service (both Pea Ridge National Battlefield Park and the Long Distance Trails Office), the Arkansas Humanities Council, the State Parks of Arkansas, and the Corps of Engineers. These exhibits have already created discussion on other wayside exhibits across Arkansas. The Corps of Engineers has expressed an interest in providing other interpretative signs along some of its properties on the Arkansas River. It is through working together with various partners, as was done on these projects, that interpretation will be able to be provided all along the Trail.

To further the work in other states, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, in conjunction with the Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service, is planning a workshop with the State Historic Preservation Officers from the nine Trail of Tears states to discuss what has been done in Arkansas and what can be done in the other states. This workshop should both facilitate and expedite the placing of interpretative markers in the other states. The Trail of Tears Association is greatly indebted to Cathie Matthews, Bobbie Heffington and their staff at the Department of Arkansas Heritage for all of their work on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

I hope that each of you will be able to attend the Trail of Tears Association conference in Springfield, Missouri, in October, and I look forward to seeing you there!

National Trails System Office Superintendent's Message

We are approaching the end of the federal fiscal year and looking forward to fiscal year 2007. Here are a few major items of interest.

Congress has not acted on a new budget for the National Park Service yet, but indications are that the funding for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail will be about the same as fiscal year 2006. We also expect that the amount of funding for the NPS Challenge Cost-Share Program will be about the same overall, but the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail will no longer have its own CCSP funds and thus all the other trails will see a small decrease. This year was a good year for Trail of Tears cost-share projects. Because we did not get many proposals from our other trails, we allocated a total of \$101,382 to Trail of Tears projects with a total partner match of \$136,347.

By now, many of you will be aware that the legislation to add the additional removal routes to the national historic trail has passed the U.S. House of Representatives with 365 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 71 representatives not voting. The House bill has now been referred to the Senate. The Senate bill had already been approved by the Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources and thus all indications are that the legislation will pass the Senate soon.

The National Park Service Harpers Ferry Center is working with the Small Business Administration on completion of a contract with Cherokee CRC, LLC, a Cherokee Nation owned corporation, for the development of a Trail of Tears National Historic Trail interpretive film. In July, Aaron Mahr and I attended a very productive meeting to discuss the film with our Harpers Ferry Center staff, Cheryl Cohenour, the manager of Cherokee CRC, Joseph Erb, the production manager for the film, and Shane Smith, the scriptwriter. Principal Chief Chad Smith was able to spend a couple of hours with us to discuss the vision for the film. We are very excited to get this project moving forward again.

The circa 1837 home on the farm associated with Cherokee Leader James Brown is in imminent danger of collapse. Efforts are underway to provide emergency stabilization to save the house. The owner, Jonathan Smith, paid for some emergency stabilization work last year but was unable to complete all that was recommended by NPS Atlanta Office Historical Architect, Ali

Miri. During a visit to the property in April with NPS historian Aaron Mahr, Ali was convinced that the house would not survive another year or even through October due to the continued structural deterioration. As a result of widespread publicity concerning the condition of the house, many within the NPS and national preservation community became aware of the dire situation of the house and offered suggestions for saving it. The NPS is committing \$20,000 in challenge cost-share funds to the Tennessee Preservation Trust who will work with the Heritage Conservation Network, a nonprofit preservation organization, to conduct a volunteer preservation workshop for emergency stabilization work on the house. The workshop tentatively scheduled for October is dependent on current efforts to find a person to guide the work onsite. Fundraising efforts are underway to raise the additional amount needed to save the house.



Jere Krakow, Superintendent of the National Trails System - Intermountain Region

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Exhibits Unveiled at Arkansas Sites

by Mark Christ

New wayside exhibit panels unveiled in August at North Little Rock's Riverfront Park, Pea Ridge National Military Park, Village Creek State Park, Helena, Lake



Photo by Aaron Mahr

Water route and site specific wayside panels along the Arkansas River at Cadron, Arkansas.

Dardanelle State Park and Cadron Settlement Park interpret the Cherokee Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and its importance in local and state history, Department of Arkansas Heritage Director Cathie Matthews announced recently. "The Trail of Tears was one of the most important events in early Arkansas history, as well as one of the grimmest in United States history," Matthews said. "With these exhibits, we will ensure that visitors will understand and never forget the thousands of Native Americans who passed through here on their way to new homelands in Oklahoma."

The wayside exhibits were created through a partnership of the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH), Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP), the National Park Service National Trails System - Santa Fe, Arkansas State Parks, the Arkansas Humanities Council, the Delta Cultural Center, the North Little Rock History Commission, Pea Ridge National Military Park, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Trail of Tears Association. Two panels - one exploring local connections to the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and one explaining federal Indian Removal policy - were placed at Pea Ridge National Military Park in Benton County,



Photo by Aaron Mahr

Cathie Matthews from the Department of Arkansas Heritage and Paul Austin of the Trail of Tears Association stand beside the newly installed wayside exhibit panels at Helena.

Helena in Phillips County, North Little Rock in Pulaski County, Cadron Settlement Park in Faulkner County, Lake Dardanelle State Park in Pope County and Village Creek State Park in Cross County.



Photo courtesy of Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Cathie Matthews, director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, speaks at the dedication of Trail of Tears wayside exhibits at Cadron Settlement Park near Conway, Arkansas.

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is the agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage responsible for the identification, evaluation, registration and preservation of the state's cultural

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or one of his captains. This site and other nearby Delaware sites have been the scene of intermittent archaeological investigations since 1999.

At each of these two sites, a presentation and a show of period artifacts will be given. Sign-up for this tour will be at the conference registration table at the hotel. This tour will meet at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Visitor's Center at 2:00 PM, and will return there by 5:30 PM. The sites will require a little hiking in tall grass and perhaps a little brush, so people should dress accordingly. Limited 4-wheel-drive seating will be available. Pooling of people and the use of 4-wheel drive vehicles is recommended.

The formal tour to Pea Ridge National Military Park will leave from the hotel Wednesday afternoon via tour buses at 2:00 PM. Buses will drive along part of the Northern Route, with a quick stop at the Star City Ranch trail site. Attendees will have the opportunity to walk a portion of this unique example of the Trail at the Park as it existed during Removal. Dinner will be provided before returning and will include remarks by the Park's officials.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a registration form for the conference. If you have any questions about this form, or about the conference in general, please call the Trail of Tears Association office at (501) 666-9032. And don't forget to make your hotel arrangements by Friday, September 22nd, to get the special hotel room rate!

Trail of Tears Association State Chapter News

Alabama

The Alabama chapter has had two board meetings in 2006, one on January 14th and the other on July 8, 2006. A general membership meeting was held on April 15th, 2006. All of these meetings were held at the Birmingham Museum of Art, who graciously provided free meeting space to the chapter.

The results of the chapter's election to establish a permanent board were announced at the general membership meeting on April 15th and were as follows: Sharon Freeman, Gail King, Hunter Johnson, Ellen Mussleman, Larry Smith, Robert Thrower, and Patty Tucker. During the board meeting on July 8th, officers were elected and are as follows: Gail King, president; Robert Thrower, vice-president; Sharon Freeman, secretary; and Patty Tucker, treasurer. However, due to Patty's workload with the DeKalb County Tourist Association, she has resigned from the board and as treasurer. The chapter board will miss her being such a vital part of the board as treasurer. Lamar Marshall, according to the election results, is next to serve on the board, and the chapter appreciates his acceptance.

The past seven months have been very busy for the chapter. It has focused on four Trail of Tears sites (Tuscumbia Landing, Fort Payne, Gunters Landing, and Fort Likens) thought to be associated with the Bengé Detachment. These sites were nominated in 2002 by the University of Alabama's Office of Archaeological Research to the National Register of Historic Places through the NPS Challenge Cost-Share Program. The nominations were submitted but appear to have been caught in the bureaucracy of the nominating process. Members of the Alabama chapter, mayor of the City of Sheffield, and other interested parties met with Dr. Bob Clouse of the University of Alabama early in 2006 to identify avenues to complete the nominations. Aaron Mahr and Steve Burns of the National Trails System – Santa Fe joined in via phone. The completion of the nominations by the University of Alabama has since bogged down, and members of the chapter are putting their efforts on completing the Tuscumbia Landing nomination.

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Chapter member Lamar Marshall discovered a segment of the 1830 roadbed which currently is a part of Guntersville State Park. He invited chapter members Larry Smith, Marty King, and Gail King, along with Talmadge Butler, Director of Guntersville State Park, to see the roadbed. While exploring the park, other segments of the roadbed were discovered.

The chapter's next meeting will be held in Tuscumbia on September 9th, at 7:00 PM. This will be the weekend of the Oka Kapassa festival, which includes a memorial walk from Tuscumbia Landing signifying a reversal of the Removal.

Georgia

The Georgia chapter has been busy working on its assignment from the national board for the Association's Strategic Plan and is almost finished. The chapter is working to get a more complete inventory listing as there are so many sites in northern Georgia that could be certified.

The chapter is in its final processes to obtain certification proposals on four sites and signage for four sites. Member Jeff Bishop has stepped up to assume this responsibility, and chapter members are happy with his results. He is utilizing Dr. Sarah Hill and National Park Service historian Aaron Mahr for guides and is also working with an archaeologist.

Plans for the proposed 2007 association conference location is moving forward with Rome appearing to be an appropriate site. Association Coordinator Jerra Quinton visited Rome in July to review the accommodations. Rome is located in a beautiful valley at the confluence of the Etowah and Oostanaula Rivers to form the Coosa River. Rome's existence began on December 20, 1834. Ongoing Indian residences and towns were located here at the junction of these rivers with various names then eventually being known as the Head of the Coosa. The community was the home of the Cherokee Nation leaders John Ross and Major Ridge, who owned ferries and had

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large plantation homes. Rome offers many interesting and historical sites as well as many other unique characteristics of a small town setting. The chapter is excited about hosting the meeting in 2007!

Illinois

The Illinois chapter is happy to announce the addition of two new board members, Mr. Gary Hacker, resident of the Johnson County Historical Society, and Mr. Joe Crabb of Golconda, the site along the Ohio where the Trail of Tears began in Illinois.

The chapter is contacting legislators to support its efforts in getting Illinois State Highway 146 designated as the historic road the Cherokees took on their way through the southern tip of Illinois. Bridges Tavern, a site along the highway, has already been noted by the Illinois legislature as one of ten endangered sites for the year 2006.

The next chapter meeting will be held Sunday, September 24, 2006. Details on this meeting are forthcoming to members. If you are not a member and would like information on this meeting, contact Rowena McClinton at rmcclin@siue.edu, or Darrell Latch at sonlight@netcare-il.com.

Missouri

The Missouri chapter continues to locate Trail of Tears segments and campsites along the Northern and Hildebrand Routes. The National Park Service and the chapter are working with the City of Waynesville to certify portions of the park. The NPS is working on signage at the Star City Ranch site that was certified earlier this year.

On June 27, 2006, the film crew headed by producer/director Rik Brown of Rusty Dog Films from Chicago, Illinois, passed through this southern Missouri region in the making of the upcoming documentary, "The Trail." The project is spearheaded by leading researcher Dr. Darrell Latch, who also serves as the film's executive producer. Filming has also been conducted in North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

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Oklahoma

The Oklahoma chapter continues to research the round-up, the detachment routes, and the disembarking depots regarding removal of the Cherokees. In July, four members of the chapter traveled to the Military and Treasury Branch of the National Archives located in College Park, Maryland. TOTA President Jack Baker, Marybelle Chase, Ed Henshaw, and Chapter President Curtis Rohr researched the various payment records and other documents of the Cherokee Nation and the federal government concerning Removal. With the help and direction of Dr. Dan Littlefield and Jack Baker, the research trip was very successful. The research group found payment records for fodder, grain and food supplies purchased at various locations on the trail by the individual detachments. Also found were lists for coffins and burial costs and lists of Cherokees receiving tents, blankets, etc. These pieces of information help to identify and track the location of the detachments and the route they followed across the various states. Copies will be made for Dr. Littlefield's Sequoyah Research Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, so other state chapters will have access.

Research of the disembarking depots is ongoing by the Oklahoma chapter. Three of the five depot sites have been located and identified. Two sites have been submitted and approved by the National Park Service as certified sites. Signage artwork is currently being considered for each of these sites. These are the Woodall's or Bushyhead site near Westville, and Mrs. Webber's or Colonel Adair's site at Stilwell. The location of signage for the Beattie's Prairie site is still under consideration.

The Oklahoma chapter's fall meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2006, at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, to coincide with the celebration of Sequoyah's log cabin. Confirmation and schedules will be sent to each chapter member shortly.

Tennessee

NPS Historian Aaron Mahr recently visited Trail of Tears sites in Georgia and Tennessee. On June 19th, Aaron inspected the recently certified James Brown House in Ooltewah, Tennessee, along with chapter members Shirley Lawrence and Johnathan Smith, owner of the house. The house, which is situated on property that once belonged to Trail of Tears detachment conductor James Brown, is in need of immediate stabilization. Members of the Tennessee chapter have recently been in contact and in meetings with the NPS, Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, and Johnathan Smith in an effort to come up with funding for saving the house, built around 1830. It could possibly be lost if funding does not come through soon. Brown was a Cherokee Supreme Court judge. It is believed that he never lived in the house but, instead, left it to his step granddaughter upon his relocation. His detachment camped across the stream of the property. The family of Mrs. Johnathan Smith, who have owned it since 1945, have done all of the emergency stabilization to date. The estimate for complete restoration is between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. Contributions should be directed to the NPS at (505) 988-6737.

The next day, Aaron met chapter members in Monteagle. The group traveled to Martin Springs, a campsite in Marion County used by the Bell Detachment, and viewed roads believed to have been used by



Photo by Aaron Mahr

The James Brown House is being temporarily supported to keep it from collapsing.

the detachment. The group then toured the Bell Route through Franklin, Lincoln, and Giles Counties to Pulaski, where Chapter Vice-president Vicky Garland and Giles County Tourism Coordinator Diana Steelman led a tour of the Giles County Trail of Tears Memorial Park site and presented plans for the park's future develop-

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ment. The group then attended a board meeting of the Giles County Tourism Foundation, where Aaron offered suggestions for the Foundation's consideration.

Arkansas

The Arkansas Chapter now has a northwest Arkansas research team to focus on the routes in that area. Members of the team are John McLarty of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, Glen Jones of the Lowell Historical Museum, Susan Young of the Shiloh Museum, and others.

The annual chapter meeting was held at Historic Arkansas Museum July 22, 2006. New officers were elected: Pat Proctor, president; John McClarty, vice-president; Carolyn Kent, secretary; and Mary Russell-Evans, Treasurer. Sarah Keating was elected for a four-year term on the TOTA national board. Daniel Littlefield will continue as the other Arkansas representative.

Shirley Willard of the Fulton County, Indiana, Historical Society made a presentation about the Potawatomi Trail of Death, a removal operation occurring in 1838. Due to Willard and her group's efforts, the Potawatomi Trail of Death has been officially recognized by the legislatures of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas, as a Regional Historic Trail linking 48 camp sites along the 660-mile removal route. Willard's group has erected markers in 24 counties along the Trail.

Daniel Littlefield presented some of Roy Boney's work on animated native language films. A preview was presented of a work in progress on the Georgia Guard removing the Cherokee from their homes. Bill Leach presented his research identifying sites along the Southwest Trail (SWT) north of the Arkansas River. A portion of the SWT was traveled by the Bengé group after they crossed into Arkansas. Clinton Pumphey presented his work on portions of the SWT in Clark County, Arkansas. The SWT in Clark County was traveled by parties of Choctaw and Chickasaw as they proceeded south from Little Rock when they were being removed in the 1830's.

TOTA President Elected to Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

Two at-large tribal councilors were sworn-in during the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council meeting July 10, one of which was TOTA President Jack Baker. Councilor Baker will represent Cherokee Nation citizens residing outside the CN 14-county jurisdiction. The two councilors were elected from a slate of 42 candidates.

The CN recently implemented a new constitution, which provided for two additional councilors to represent citizens living outside the CN. For the first time, Cherokee citizens living outside the CN can be elected to the Tribal Council. The constitution provided that these two positions be elected by

the current Tribal Council to fill the terms until the next general election, at which time they will be elected by those Cherokee citizens living outside the CN. The next general election will be in June 2007.

In addition to being TOTA president, Councilor Baker is treasurer of the Cherokee National Historical Society, president of Goingsnake District Heritage Association, and board member of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Previous to his election to the Council, he also served on the Cherokee Nation registration committee and as president of the Cherokee Nation Education Corporation.



Photo by Will Chavez

CN Supreme Court Justice Stacy Leeds swears in at-large Councilor Jack Baker (left). Assisting with the ceremony is Baker's brother Ken Crittenden.

Vision Becoming Reality - Using Partnerships to Develop the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

In 1987, Congress acknowledged the significance of this tragic event in our Nation's history by establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The National Park Service administers the Trail in cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies; the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; interested groups; and private landowners.

The Trail of Tears Association and the National Park Service National Trails System Office-Santa Fe have been working with Trail partners to increase visibility for the Trail and to develop it for visitor use. Old traces, historic buildings, and other resources are being preserved. Many sites have been certified and numerous on-the-ground projects have been completed, such as route signing, visitor-use development, interpretive wayside exhibits, and interior museum exhibits at existing facilities.

Newly Certified Sites

Major Ridge Ferry Site and Farm Fields, GA
Coke Ovens Museum Trail Segments, TN
City of Nashville trail routes, TN
Fort Gibson, OK
Running Waters John Ridge Property, GA
Waynesville Cherokee Encampment, Roubidoux Spring, Waynesville, MO

Certified Sites

Audubon Acres, TN
Brainerd Mission Cemetery, TN
Browns Ferry Tavern, TN
Campground Cemetery, IL
Chattanooga Regional History Museum, TN
Cherokee County Historical Museum, NC
Cherokee Heritage Center, OK

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, GA
City of North Little Rock Riverfront Park, AR
Delta Cultural Center, AR
Gray's Inn, KY
The Hermitage, TN
Historic Road from Ross to Ridge's, GA
James Brown Cherokee Plantation, TN
John Ross House, GA
Junaluska Memorial and Museum, NC
Lake Dardanelle State Park, AR
Mantle Rock, KY
Mount Nebo State Park, AR
Murrell Home, OK
Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC
New Echota State Historic Site, GA
Petit Jean State Park, AR
Pinnacle Mountain State Park, AR
Red Clay State Historic Area, TN
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, TN
Star City Ranch Trail Segment, MO
Tennessee River Museum, TN
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park, KY
Trail of Tears State Forest, IL
Vann House Historic Site, GA
VC/Moccasin Springs Road/NancyHildebrand's Gravesite-Trail of Tears State Park, MO

Federal Protection Components and Interpretive Sites

Arkansas Post National Memorial, AR
Berry Ferry, KY
Cadron Settlement Park, AR
Cherokee Memorial Park-Blythe Ferry, TN
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR
Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN
Mark Twain National Forest, MO
Moccasin Bend, TN
Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR
Shawnee National Forest, MO
Stones River National Battlefield, TN

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Friends of Moccasin Bend National Park Host Three Fall Lectures

by Shelley Andrews

A series of three lectures is being presented by the Friends of Moccasin Bend National Park. Three nationally recognized experts will speak in Chattanooga beginning in September. All lectures are free and open to the public and will take place on Monday evenings.

Monday, September 18 – 7:00PM Tennessee Aquarium Auditorium

DUANE H. KING is Executive Director of the Southwest Museum of the Autry



Photo courtesy of FOMB

Duane H. King

National Center in Los Angeles and a board member of the Trail of Tears Association. Prior to joining the Southwest Museum in 1995, he was the Assistant Director of the Smithsonian Institution's George Gustav Heye Center, National Museum of the American Indian, in New York City. Dr. King also previously served as Executive Director of the Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society, Warm Springs, Oregon, the Cherokee National Historical Society, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and Director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina. Dr. King has taught at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Chattanooga, Cleveland State College, Northeastern State University, and held the first endowed chair in Cherokee Studies at Western Carolina University.

Dr. King received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia. His Ph.D. dissertation was *A Grammar and Dictionary of the Cherokee Language*. He has participated as writer and/or consultant in the production of nine film and video documentaries including the

Discovery Channel's "How the West was Lost" series. He has authored more than sixty scholarly publications on various aspects of Native American culture and history. He was the founding editor of the *Journal of Cherokee Studies* and edited *The Cherokee Indian Nation: A Troubled History* (University of Tennessee Press). He recently authored *Cherokee in the West* for the Smithsonian Institution's *Handbook of North American Indians*, Volume 14.

Monday, October 16 – 7:00PM Tennessee Aquarium Auditorium

BRIAN O'NEILL is the National Park Service Superintendent of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) which encompasses 76,000 acres of land within Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties. It is the most visited unit of the National Park System in America receiving over 20 million visitors annually and is one of the largest national park area adjacent to any major city in the world.

As Superintendent, Mr. O'Neill oversees an annual operating budget of \$25 million, a staff of 425 employees, a volunteer force of over 15,000 and over 30 major facility and program partners. Mr. O'Neill also provides direction and management of a large resource and visitor facility improvement program at Golden Gate, estimated to be \$250 million over the next few years. In his capacity as Superintendent, Mr. O'Neill has been a prominent figure over the past several years in the transitioning of the Presidio



Photo courtesy of FOMB

Brian O'Neill

of San Francisco (a unit within the GGNRA) from a military installation to national park.

Mr. O'Neill is active with many other organizations including the Bay Area Open Space Council, the San Francisco Planning

and Urban Research Association, the Association for the Central California Biosphere Reserve, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council.

He has been the recipient of many awards over the years, recently receiving the Silver Cable Car Award from the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau (2005), the national Pugsley Medal from the American Academy of Park and Recreation (2004), and two Secretary of the Interior Special Awards for leadership in the Partners in Stewardship Conference and the Partnership and Collaboration Action Team (2004).

Monday, November 13 – 7:00PM Tennessee Aquarium Auditorium

DOUGLAS R. CUBBISON is the Command Historian with the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. Previously, he was the Cultural Resources Manager for the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York for five years. He is a 1980 Distinguished Military Graduate of Indiana University of



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Douglas R. Cubbison

Pennsylvania and served ten years of active and active reserve military duty. Mr. Cubbison has four years experience serving as a test engineer with Department of Defense strategic and tactical weapons systems and has over fifteen years experience performing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and Cultural Resources Management regulatory compliance. Mr. Cubbison is widely published and his areas of particular interest are 18th and 19th Century American Military and Social History.

For more information call the Friends of Moccasin Bend National Park at (423) 785-3030, or email at fomb@tnaqua.org.

Tennessee Chapter of TOTA Establishes New Trail of Tears Ally

by Deborah Kirk-Rodriguez

The Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation (TP&GF) recently added the development of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail to its priority list. TP&GF is a statewide 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to conserving and protecting Tennessee's rich heritage and natural resources.

The Trail of Tears was brought to the Foundation's attention by TP&GF Director Bob Brown, a legendary trail advocate and leader in conservation and natural heritage preservation in Tennessee. Mr. Brown recognized that through implementation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail 2004 Interpretive Plan, the Trail of Tears routes across Tennessee offered the state "an unparalleled opportunity" to create

statewide cultural/historical greenway corridors, which would contribute significantly to the Mississippi River National Historic Corridor and the proposed Cumberland National Heritage Corridor. At Mr. Brown's request, the Foundation's board adopted a letter, drafted by Mr. Brown, to Governor Bredeben strongly recommending that the state: (1) renew the Trail of Tears memorandum of understanding with the National Park Service, and (2) assign a TDEC staff member (and a TDOT staff member if appropriate) responsibility for implementing the terms of the M.O.U., including (a) working with the N.A.S., the Trail of Tears Association, and local communities along the trail routes to complete an inventory of "high potential" history sites and trail route segments in Tennessee, and (b) working with local counties and communities, local landowners, the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, the Land Trust for Tennessee, and the Trails of Tears

Association to preserve, protect, and certify with the National Park Service such sites and trail route segments and to develop and manage related interpretive features, public use facilities, and programs.

Tennessee representative to the TOTA board Deborah Kirk Rodriguez and fellow chapter member Floyd Ayers represented the Tennessee chapter at the TP&GF board meeting in Nashville on June 26, during which the letter was adopted. The Foundation has requested that chapter board members Bill Jones and Floyd Ayers act as the chapter's advisors to TP&GF. For more information about the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation and a list of their current projects and past accomplishments, visit their website at www.tengreen.org. The TOTA and the Tennessee chapter is delighted to have the support of this most impressive organization, which has accomplished so much for the benefit of present and future generations.

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resources. Other agencies in the department are the Arkansas Arts Council, the Delta Cultural Center, the Old State House Museum, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center and the Historic Arkansas Museum.



Photo by Carolyn Kent

TOTA President Jack Baker speaks at the wayside dedication at North Little Rock's Riverfront Park.

History Museum Debuts Two New Exhibits in August

by Jessica Wiems

A new exhibit, *From the River to the Trail*, will open during August at the Chattanooga Regional History Museum's 400 Chestnut St. Building. This exhibit will be on display from August 15, 2006, to November 15, 2006, in Gallery One of the Museum's Chestnut St. Building. This exhibit will use contemporary and recent Cherokee artwork to detail the daily life of the Cherokees' utilitarian, religious, spiritual and medicinal relationships with the river. Items shown will be on loan from Dr. R.M. Abram's extensive collection of Cherokee Artwork. Dr. Abram, a North Carolinian, is a well renowned lecturer of Cherokee customs and culture who has several exhibits on loan to cultural and historical centers across the country.

"We are so fortunate to have an exhibit like *From the River to the Trail* in Chattanooga," Museum Executive Director Gail Pollock said. "Dr. Abram uses a fascinating concept in his exhibits: he tells a story of the

past with art instead of artifacts, and that's what makes it so unique."



Photo by Bill Hull

R.M. Abram owns an extensive collection of Cherokee artwork and is loaning some of these items to the Chattanooga Regional History Museum for an August exhibit.

Chattanooga Regional History Museum is a funded agency of Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga. Admission is free for Museum members, \$4 for adults and \$3 for children between the ages of 5 and 18. Group rates are available. Family memberships are \$50 for one year, and memberships are available at a variety of other giving levels as well. For more information, contact the Museum at (423) 265-3247.

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Principal Chief Chad Smith, Cherokee Nation
Dr. Daniel F. Littlefield, Sequoyah Research Center
Miss Missouri Sarah French, citizen of the Cherokee Nation

Sessions:

Dr. Daniel F. Littlefield & his research team – Research at the Sequoyah Research Center
Roy Boney – Cherokee Trail of Tears Animation
Darrell Latch, Dr. Neal Lopinot, Susan Stevens, & Deloris Wood – Panel – Missouri Trail Research
Holly Jones – Delaware Removal
Ray Fogelson – Reappraising Cherokee Removal
Terrence Brennan – Reconsidering Role of Army in Cherokee Removal
Tim Garrison – Historians, Andrew Jackson, and the Trail of Tears

Tours:

Pea Ridge National Military Park Tour & Dinner: Buses will leave from the hotel to drive along part of the Northern Route (with a quick stop at the Star City Ranch trail site) to Pea Ridge National Military Park. This site has one of the most pristine sections of the Trail. Attendees will have the opportunity to walk a portion of this unique example of the Trail as it existed during Removal. Dinner will be provided before returning and will include remarks by the Park's officials.

Local Tour (sign-up will be at conference registration): The *Dye and Bell Tavern* was a Removal campsite in southwest Missouri. *Delaware Town* is situated on the old White River Road, which served as the Trail of Tears during the Cherokee removal. Meet at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Visitor's Center at 2:00pm. Dress for hiking (1-mi.) in tall grass and a little brush. 2:00 – 5:30pm. Limited 4-wheel-drive seating. This is a free tour.

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- The hotel is located next to Friendly Ford dealership.

	Monday, October 9	Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11	Thursday, October 12
T R A V E L		Morning 8:00 - Noon TOTA Board Meeting 8:00 - 4:00 PM Registration at Hotel	Morning 8:30 - 9:30 AM General Assembly Dr. Dan Littlefield 9:45 - 10:45 AM Concurrent Sessions 7, 8, & 9 11:00 AM - Noon Concurrent Sessions 10, 11, & 12	Morning 8:00 - 8:30 AM Business Meeting 8:30 - 9:30 AM General Assembly NPS Update 9:45 - 10:45 AM Concurrent Sessions 13, 14, & 15 11:00 AM - Noon Concurrent Sessions 16, 17, & 18
		Lunch Noon - 1:15 PM Welcomes – Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith, TOTA President Jack Baker, Missouri Chapter President Deloris Wood, & Miss Missouri Sarah French	Lunch Noon - 1:15 PM ON YOUR OWN	Lunch Noon - 1:15 PM
	Afternoon Noon - 3:00 PM Registration at Hotel 4:00 - 6:00 PM Reception – Wilson Creek National Battlefield	Afternoon 1:30 - 2:30 PM Concurrent Sessions 1, 2, & 3 2:45 - 3:45 PM Concurrent Sessions 4, 5, & 6 5:00 - 6:00 PM Cherokee Nation Community Meeting	Afternoon 2:00 - 8:00 PM Tours – Pea Ridge National Military Park & Local Tours	Afternoon Adjourn



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\$\$\$\$ Challenge Cost-Share Program - 2007 \$\$\$\$

Many of the projects accomplished along the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail have been made possible through funding from the National Park Service Challenge Cost-Share Program. Your project might qualify, too.

Give us a call and we will send you a project proposal form and instructions, or you can find the forms at our website (www.nps.gov/trte). Projects should support the programs and goals of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Challenge Cost-Share is not a grant program. It is a way to fund for mutually-agreed-upon national historic trail projects. Projects require the participation

of both the partner and the NPS trail staff. The National Trails System Office - Santa Fe staff can help you develop the project idea and complete the paperwork.

Projects can be related to resource protection and management, visitor use facilities, interpretation, education, or research. Projects require a 50-50 match of federal and nonfederal funding. However, the nonfederal match can include the value of volunteer time and other in-kind services, donated equipment and supplies, and so forth. The maximum federal share is \$30,000, although most projects are much smaller.

If you have a possible project, even if you are not sure it will qualify, contact John

Conoboy at 505-988-6733 (email john_conoboy@nps.gov).

All CCS funding must be done through a Cooperative Agreement between a partner and the National Park Service. We are expecting that in 2007, we will have to follow new procedures for such agreements that will greatly extend the time we need to get the agreements approved. Therefore, the earlier you send in your proposal, the greater the chance it can be funded.

Project proposals must be received at the National Trails System - Santa Fe by February 2, 2007.