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Leaving a Legacy: *Stewardship 150*

The nonprofit Gettysburg Foundation has launched an important legacy effort, called Stewardship 150, to assist the National Park Service in preserving and interpreting Gettysburg National Military Park for this and future generations. Projects will help lay the groundwork for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and advance the Foundation's mission to "...enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg."

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"The legacy projects in Stewardship 150 will require the best of our partnership with Gettysburg National Military Park," said Joanne Hanley, President of the Gettysburg Foundation. "With the continued commitment of the Friends of Gettysburg and the investment of Americans from all walks of life, we can accomplish these projects and ensure that the lessons of honor, courage, and sacrifice at Gettysburg will remain forever accessible to generations yet to come."

"The Foundation's Stewardship 150 initiative lays the groundwork to support the park's sesquicentennial programs, from scholarly seminars, to special events and ceremonies. More importantly, it leaves a legacy of improved preservation and enhanced education programs for



The George Spangler barn in 2008, shortly after the Foundation purchased it. It has since been cleaned out and partly stabilized. Under *Stewardship 150*, historic buildings at the Spangler farm will be rehabilitated and the barn will be used for education programs.

the future," said Bob Kirby, superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park. "These efforts will transcend the special programs and events that will take place in 2013 on the battlefield, in the classrooms and in the museum because they will last for generations."

For Stewardship 150, the Gettysburg Foundation will raise funds for:

The George Spangler Farm: This farm and its surrounding 80 acres is perhaps the most well preserved site of a Gettysburg field hospital still standing. Over one thousand men were treated here including Confederate General Lewis

A. Armistead and George Nixon (great-grandfather of President Richard Nixon). The Spangler Farm offers a rare opportunity to interpret the role of medicine at Gettysburg and in the American Civil War, and the impact of the battle upon the civilian population. Built in the early 1800s, the farm consists of a main house, a summer kitchen, and a bank barn.

The Foundation has completed the Historic Structures Report (HSR) which will guide the rehabilitation of the historic farm and its buildings. Work will begin in December 2011 and will move forward as quickly as funding will allow.

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Upcoming Gettysburg Events

Winter Lecture Series – 1862: War in Earnest & Perspectives on the Gettysburg Campaign and Battle

On weekends from January 7 through March 11, this FREE park lecture series will examine the great battles and campaigns of 1862, such as Shiloh, Antietam, the Monitor and Merrimac and others, as well as people and events that shaped the war. Speakers include special guest Dr. Allen Guelzo, the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era at Gettysburg College, who will speak on the Emancipation Proclamation, and National Park Rangers. Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. and take place in the park Museum and Visitor Center, in one of the film theaters through February 26 and in the Ford Motor Company Fund Education Center on March 4, 10, and 11.

“Gettysburg in History and Memory” Seminar to be Held April 13 - 15

Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation are presenting “Gettysburg in History and Memory,” a seminar on April 13 – 15. Throughout the weekend, historians, National Park Service Rangers and Licensed Battlefield Guides will present lectures and guided field walks and bus tours.

A Holiday Tribute to the Fallen -

Superintendent Bob Kirby lays a wreath at the grave of a World War II veteran during the Sgt. Mac Foundation’s annual donation of wreaths, which volunteers place at more than 500 graves in the Soldiers’ National Cemetery at Gettysburg National Military Park.



Lecture topics include: the changing history of Gettysburg; the memory of James Longstreet; Daniel Sickles and the New York Monument Commission; Hollywood and the Civil War; poetry as remembrance and history; and treasures of the museum collection. **Tours include:** the Harman Farm; memory and symbolism along Cemetery Ridge; the changing history at Gettysburg; the Civilian Conservation Corps and the African American experience; the experience of the wounded

from the battlefield to the field hospital; the attack of Early’s Division; and how Meade prevailed in stopping Longstreet on July 2.

Registration is required. There is a fee.

For more information about the lecture series and the seminar go to: www.nps.gov/gett or call 717/334-1124 x 8023.



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Gettysburg National Military Park, established in 1895, is the site of the great Civil War battle that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The mission of the National Park Service at Gettysburg is to preserve and protect the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers’ National Cemetery and provide an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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4th New York Battery Monument Reset at Devil’s Den

The Gettysburg National Military Park monument preservation staff reset the bronze figure of an artilleryman onto the pedestal of the 4th New York Battery monument, also known as “Smith’s Battery,” on November 28, 2011. The monument had been vandalized in February 2006 when the bronze figure was pulled from the base, and the bronze head of the artilleryman was stolen along with parts of the rammer. Earlier in 2011 park staff created a new bronze head for the artilleryman, allowing the park to return the figure to its pedestal at Devil’s Den after more than five years.



From the left, Joe Catchings, Brian Griffin, Lucas Flickinger, and Michael Wright with the newly restored 4th New York Battery monument. Photo courtesy of Michael Waricher.

Stewardship 150, continued



The New York State Memorial's Excelsior figure high atop the Soldiers' National Cemetery, before, during, and after its recent restoration. Through Stewardship 150, the Foundation provided funds to rent a crane and for materials. In the center photo, Brian Griffin attaches the Liberty Cap to the top of the staff. The cap had fallen in the 1950s and was reset on the monument after 60 years in storage!

Treasures of the Civil War: This exhibit will be installed in the museum's Gilder Lehrman Special Exhibits Gallery in 2013, showcasing objects related to famous personalities of the war -- President Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses S. Grant, General George G. Meade, General John Reynolds, Colonel Joshua L. Chamberlain, and others -- as well as the belongings of ordinary soldiers and civilians. One example is the silver pocket watch of Captain John O. Foering, which was struck by a bullet and saved his life. Artifacts and displays will draw attention to the war experience of both great leaders and common people, and what they tell us about the war.

Soldiers' National Cemetery: Stewardship 150 funds four projects in the national cemetery: rehabilitation of the New York State Monument (recently completed); rehabilitation of the Soldiers' National Monument; rehabilitation of the Speaker's Rostrum; and preparation of a Historic Structures Report for the Cemetery Lodge. The lodge is located just inside the Baltimore Street gate of the Cemetery and would eventually be developed into a visitor information center. The Foundation has already raised funds needed for the Speaker's Rostrum project, which will begin in 2012.

The Gettysburg Lincoln Experience: The Foundation is exploring technology opportunities (smart phones, apps, etc.)

to allow visitors to better understand the sites that were important to Abraham Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg -- from the Train Station to the David Wills House, south on Baltimore Street, past civilian homes such as the Rupp House toward the Soldiers' National Cemetery and back. Through technology, new interpretive opportunities would bring Lincoln's brief but momentous visit to Gettysburg alive for visitors of all ages. At this time, the Foundation has raised the funds for the planning for this project.

Education 150: The educational value of Gettysburg is paramount. The Gettysburg Foundation has launched a program to improve educational opportunities for middle school students -- our future leaders. In partnership with the park, the Student Conservation Association, Gettysburg College, and others, the Foundation is completing plans for a program designed for teachers to participate in a four-day immersion and experiential workshop at Gettysburg. The project targets Title 1 schools in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Workshops will emphasize the development and use of creative curricula for teaching all students about the Civil War -- with a particular emphasis on assisting underserved and under-resourced schools.

When teachers return to their classrooms to use their new teaching tools, they will identify students whose overall

educational growth would benefit from a direct experience on the battlefield. Selected students will then be introduced to leadership lessons on the Gettysburg battlefield and an up-close experience on a college campus.

This overall cycle of teacher/student leadership education will be refined and expanded as the program develops. This program will also include a component which facilitates a greater number of field trips from schools currently unable to fund visits to Gettysburg National Military Park.

America's Volunteer Program: Friends Rebuild History: As an outgrowth of the Foundation's existing, and monumentally successful, annual volunteer workday, Stewardship 150 will create opportunities for volunteer vacations, add volunteer work components to Friends' spring and fall muster events; and add various workday opportunities for visitors to Gettysburg throughout the year. Projects would include building fences, painting buildings, cleaning headstones, and more. Implementation will begin in 2012.

To learn more about and support Stewardship 150, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org or call 717-338-1243.

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Freedom Transit is now Free

Veterans Day marked the launch of FREE Freedom Transit transportation on all three routes, including the popular Lincoln Line which links the park Museum and Visitor Center with the David Wills House and other attractions in the town of Gettysburg. Thanks to funding from the Gettysburg Foundation all rides on Freedom Transit will remain free to all through 2013.

"We recognize that this is part of an economic engine that supports the local economy, to connect people to the attractions and the charm that the town of Gettysburg has to offer," said Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley. "This is history on the move."

Freedom Transit provides public transportation on three routes serving the Gettysburg area: the Blue line, the Gray line and the Lincoln line. All lines connect residents and visitors to major destinations throughout the community. Schedules are available at the website: ridethetrolley.com or by calling 1-800-632-9063. The service is a collaborative effort of the Borough of Gettysburg, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg National Military Park, Main Street Gettysburg, Penn DOT and York Adams Transportation Authority.



Park visitors and members of the community can now ride trolleys and buses on all three Freedom Transit lines are now free, thanks to funding from the Gettysburg Foundation.