



JOIN THE SEARCH FOR VERMONT'S CIVIL WAR SITES!

CELEBRATE VERMONT'S CIVIL WAR HISTORY

In 2011, the United States will begin to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. To learn more about Vermont's role in the Civil War, the Vermont Humanities Council (VHC), with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has initiated a statewide search for Vermont's Civil War sites: the public and private places where people mobilized, worked, argued, worried, and mourned. The Civil War affected all Vermonters--not only those who went to war--and home front history can be found in the churches where abolitionists lectured, the factories that made guns and uniforms, the farms run by women and children in the absence of men, and the monuments, GAR halls, and cemeteries throughout the state.

FINDING CIVIL WAR SITES

With undiscovered Civil War sites in every town, the VHC invites Vermonters to locate them, research their history, and share their stories. You don't need to be a trained historian to discover Civil War sites, and the VHC has created a free **research kit** to help you search. Among the sites already found are a church in Braintree where William Lloyd Garrison spoke, the Constitution House in Windsor where Vermont's state constitution outlawed slavery in 1777, a cave in Barnard where a man hid to avoid the draft, a home where women met to sew necessities for soldiers, and the house of the last surviving Civil War veteran in Jay.

SHARE YOUR CIVIL WAR RESEARCH

Share your findings through a brochure or essay, a walking or driving tour, or an exhibit or event. The VHC has created **walking tour and brochure templates**, and sample projects, such as our **Civil War walking tour of Burlington**. Be sure to use our **Civil War Places logo** to mark your projects as part of this exciting, statewide effort. Collaborating historian Howard Coffin is working on a guidebook that will profile Civil War sites in every Vermont town. He is available for research workshops, and would like to know about any sites you have found.

To download useful resources and more, visit www.vermonthumanities.org. Contact Howard Coffin at hjcoffin@comcast.net, or 802-223-1909.

Join the search for Civil War places, and help write Vermont History!

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