

Town of Thompson's Station  
Parks Board  
Meeting Agenda  
November 13, 2018

**Meeting Called To Order**

**New Business:**

**1. Approval Of Minutes**

Documents:

[OCTOBER 2 2018 MINUTES.PDF](#)

**2. Preservation Park Improvements**

Update on the under grounding of electricity and bathroom construction.

**3. Preservation Park Signage**

Heritage Foundation grant for signage through the park.

Documents:

[PRESERVATION PARK SIGNAGE.PDF](#)  
[TRAILS ROI DRAFT PDF.PDF](#)  
[WHA\\_LYNCHBURG - DESMOND DOSS 2\\_PROOF.PDF](#)  
[ALEXANDRIA 2018.PDF](#)  
[FORT GRANGER - WALKING TOUR.PDF](#)  
[FORT GRANGER 4.PDF](#)  
[HAMPTON KATHERINE JOHNSON.PDF](#)

**4. TAP Grant**

Application submitted for an east-west greenway/trail through Canterbury.

**5. Budget Report**

Documents:

[2018 PARKS BUDGET NOV MTG.PDF](#)

**Adjourn**

*This meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center*

*1555 Thompson's Station Road West*

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**of the Municipal Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**of the Town of Thompson 's Station, Tennessee**  
**October 2 , 2018**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018 at the Thompson's Station Community Center with the required quorum. Members, aldermen and staff in attendance were: Chairman Jim VanVleet; Vice Chairman David Coleman; Board Member Sheila Shipman; Board Member Layla Bell. Alderman Brian Stover and Board Member Kreis White were unable to attend.

**New Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting were presented.

**After discussion, Commissioner Coleman moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by all.**

**2. Quotes for undergrounding electricity.** Mrs. Deats presented the quotes for the undergrounding and recommended the lowest quote.

**Board Member Bell made a motion to approve the quote. The motion was seconded and carried by all present.**

**3. Quotes for Bathroom Construction.** Mrs. Deats presented approval of low quote for the bathroom construction at Preservation Park.

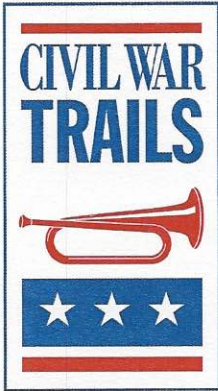
**Board Member Coleman made a motion to approve the lowest quote for bathroom construction. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote by all.**

**Adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Jim Van Vleet, Chairman



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September 5, 2018

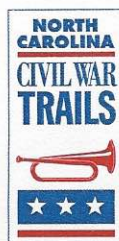
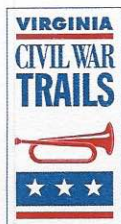
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Chairman, Parks Board  
Town of Thompson's Station

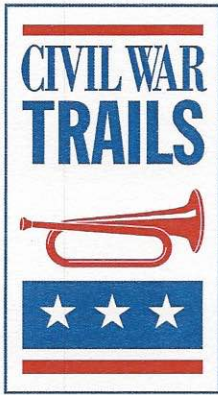
Thank you for allowing Civil War Trails, Inc. an opportunity to bid on your new interpretive efforts at Preservation Park. This estimate is a companion to the accompanying packet which details the Civil War Trails program, its initiative and sustaining costs, perks and other parameters.

One completed Civil War Trails, branded sign package; \$2,600.00 Ea.  
One complete 24x36 Civil War Trails branded interpretive sign including the design, fabrication, and installation. A set of confirmatory D.O.T. 'trailblazers' and any additional 'trailblazers' as required. Placement in the print and digital media map-guides, and consumer fulfillment information.

Please review the packet and do not hesitate to call upon me with any additional questions or comments. Please note each branded Civil War Trails sign requires the annual membership fee.

[http://www.civilwartrails.org/docs/CWT\\_new-sign-packet.pdf](http://www.civilwartrails.org/docs/CWT_new-sign-packet.pdf)





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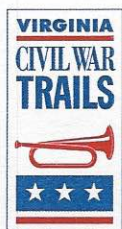
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Thank you for allowing Civil War Trails, Inc. an opportunity to bid on your new interpretive efforts in Thompson's Station. After twenty years of research, development, and experience our products and services have been finely tuned to reduce long-term costs, improve accessibility and create an attractive resource for residents and visitors. As a non-profit educational organization we are providing our most competitive rate for this project.

Design services will seek to replicate the font sizes, margins and layout similar to the industry standards. It will utilize your unique brand, logo and colors. Content including text, media, and artwork inspirations must be provided before we can begin the editing, vetting, and design process. Our installation services do not include any environmental, cultural, architectural review or compliance required by zoning, state code, easements, or other encumbrances.

One completed 'turn key' sign package; \$2,000.00 Ea.  
Panel design utilizing text and media provided, customer review, 24x36 UV resistant acrylic panel with three year warranty, powder-coated brown pedestal, professional in-ground installation and storage of the design files.

This estimate is valid for 90 days due to fluctuations in aluminum prices. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or comments. This estimate is unique to your office and this specific project.



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## **Civil War Trails: *By the Numbers***

### *About Us*

- Civil War Trails, Inc., is a non-profit initiative founded in 1994 offering more than 1,550 sites in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.
- More than 750 of our sites are being interpreted for the first time.
- More than 800 partners (state tourism offices, DOTs, destination marketing organizations, chambers, businesses, museums, etc.) support and promote the program on a daily basis.
- Civil War Trails is governed by a board of directors from from each state.
- We publish 15 map/guide brochures that are distributed directly to consumers and at state and local welcome centers, attractions, and amenities.

### *About Our Visitors*

- Travelers who visit Civil War sites stay longer and spend more than average travelers.
- An average travel party size is between two and three.
- Our average guest stays 50% longer than other travelers averaging between 2-5 days.
- More than 30% spent between \$250-\$750 during their trip with 20% spending over \$1,000
- Our average guest spent 1/4 of their budget on food and beverage, and 1/3 on lodgings.
- More than 75% of our guests also enjoyed a state park, beach, camping, hiking, etc.
- More than 30% of our guests also enjoyed fine dining, wineries, breweries, etc.

### *About 2017*

- We welcomed 196 new partners and sites to the program.
- We launched our new website with 15 printer ready maps for hoteliers.
- We maintained, repainted, repaired, or replaced over 175 interpretive and directional signs.
- We promoted Civil War Trails at 23 consumer trade shows resulting in 1,467 individual leads.
- We distributed over a quarter million pieces of Trails literature both domestically and abroad.
- Wrote or contributed to over a dozen articles, blogs, and periodicals including a regular column in *America's Civil War* magazine.

### *About 2018 (So Far!)*

- We are in talks with stakeholders about expanding the program into additional states.
- We have 44 new sites under development and review across all five states.
- We have led discussions about linking together Revolutionary War and Civil Rights sites.
- We are designing new marketing campaigns that will be launched in 2018.

# LYNCHBURG HISTORY



## PFC DESMOND THOMAS DOSS

**D**esmond T. Doss was born in Lynchburg in 1919 and grew up in the Fairview Heights neighborhood. A Seventh Day Adventist and a pacifist, Doss was working at the Newport News Shipyard when WWII began. He was eligible for a deferment as a defense industry employee, but when drafted he reported to the Lynchburg Armory for induction in April 1942. A conscientious objector, he became a medic. During boot camp at Fort Jackson, S.C., officers and soldiers alike mistreated him for his religious beliefs, such as celebrating the Sabbath on Saturday.

Doss served in combat on Guam and Leyte and was awarded two Bronze Stars for bravery while treating the wounded. With the 77th Infantry Division during the Battle of Maeda Escarpment (Hacksaw Ridge) on Okinawa, he saved more than 75 men on May 5, 1945, by lowering them down a cliff one by one under intense fire using a rope knot he devised. Doss was wounded several times during the night of May 21–22. Carried off the battlefield on a stretcher, he gave up his place to another wounded soldier. Doss received the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman on October 12, 1945. He was the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor, and the only conscientious objector of WWII so honored.

When Doss returned to Lynchburg, his home town greeted him with a parade attended by thousands. He spent six years in hospitals recovering from his wounds. Doss died at his home in Piedmont, Alabama, on March 23, 2006, and is buried in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, National Cemetery.

### From the Medal of Honor Citation

"Private First Class Doss was a company aid man when the 1st Battalion assaulted a jagged escarpment 400 feet high. As our troops gained the summit, a heavy concentration of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire crashed into them inflicting approximately 75 casualties and driving the others back. Pfc. Doss refused to seek cover and remained in the fire-swept area with the many stricken, carrying all 75 casualties one-by-one to the edge of the escarpment and there lowering them on a rope-supported litter down the face of a cliff to friendly hands. ... On May 21, in a night attack on high ground near Shuri, he remained in exposed territory giving aid to the injured until he was himself seriously wounded in the legs by a grenade. ... He

waited 5 hours before litter bearers reached him and started carrying him to cover. ... Doss, seeing a more critically wounded man nearby, crawled off the litter; and directed the bearers to give their first attention to the other man. Through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions Pfc. Doss saved the lives of many soldiers. His name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty."



Doss receiving the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman, Oct. 12, 1945

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and generous citizens of Central Virginia.

Desmond T. Doss appeared on the television program, *This Is Your Life*, in 1959. Terry Benedict completed a documentary film, *The Conscientious Objector*, about Doss in 2004. On November 4, 2016, the movie *Hacksaw Ridge* was released. Directed by Mel Gibson, the film is based on Doss's life and heroic acts.



All photos courtesy Desmond Doss Council



PFC Desmond Doss atop Maeda Escarpment, May 5, 1945. The ropes he used to lower the wounded men are hanging down the cliff face.

# ALEXANDRIA IN THE CIVIL WAR



*“Alexandria is ours!”*



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“Alexandria is ours,” declared Col. Orlando Wilcox of the 1st Michigan Infantry as his regiment captured the city on the morning of May 24, 1861, one day after Virginia officially left the Union. Due to its strategic location on the Potomac River just south of Washington, D.C., Alexandria and the commanding heights around you were quickly seized, fortified, and would remain under Union control through late 1865.

Alexandria’s transformation from a small seaport town to military garrison took its toll on the city. Two-thirds of the population fled. Large private homes, churches, and other public buildings were “requisitioned” to support the Union military operations. The city became headquarters for

the U.S. Military Railroad and one of the largest Union army hospital centers. Alexandria also became a safe haven for those escaping from slavery, resulting in a refugee crisis.

Today, many buildings of the Civil War era remain standing. To begin exploring Old Town Alexandria, turn right and march down King Street towards the Visitors Center.

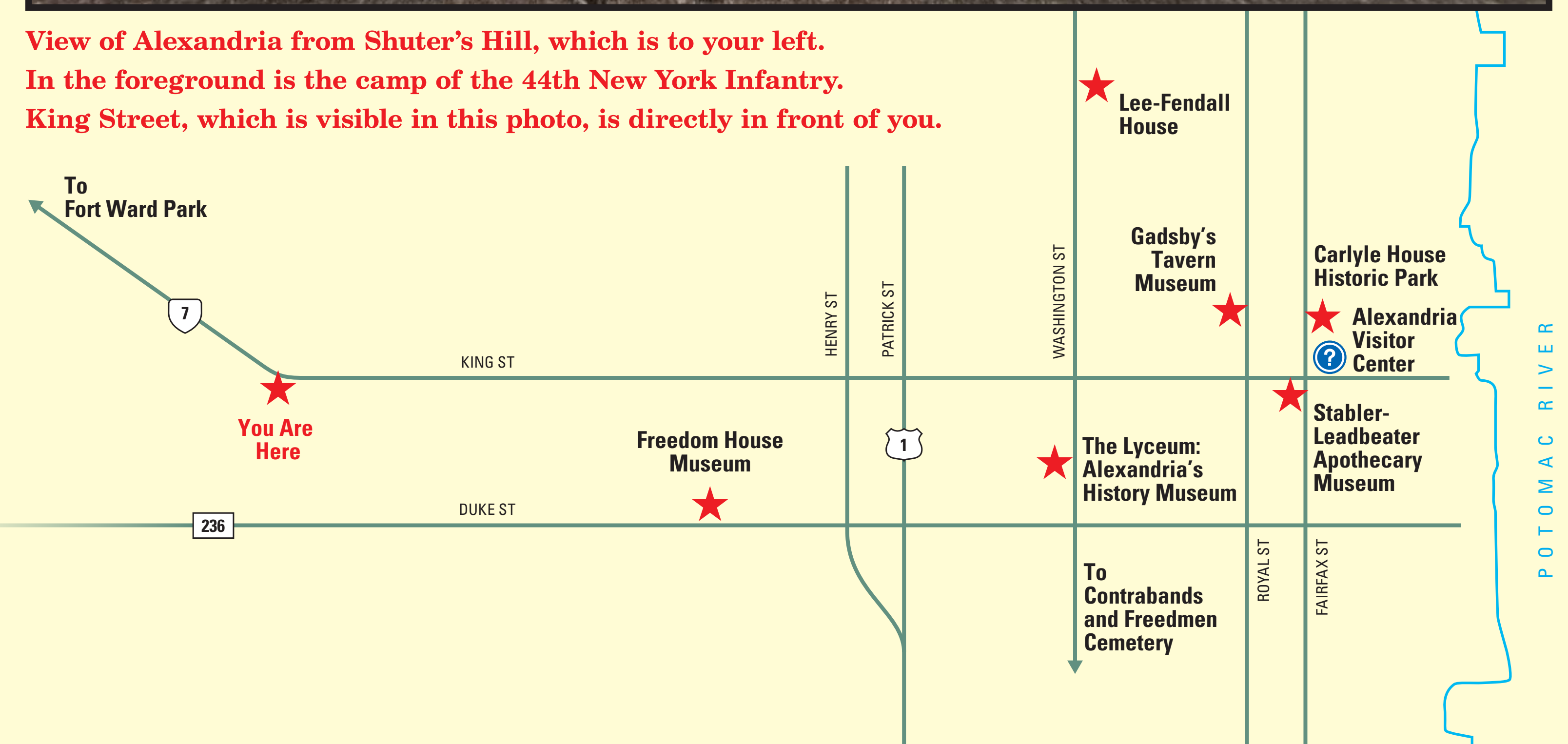


**Union officers pose in front of Gadsby’s Tavern. Can you find this site? Stand in their footsteps, snap a photo, and create some history of your own.**

*All photographs courtesy Library of Congress*



**View of Alexandria from Shuter’s Hill, which is to your left. In the foreground is the camp of the 44th New York Infantry. King Street, which is visible in this photo, is directly in front of you.**



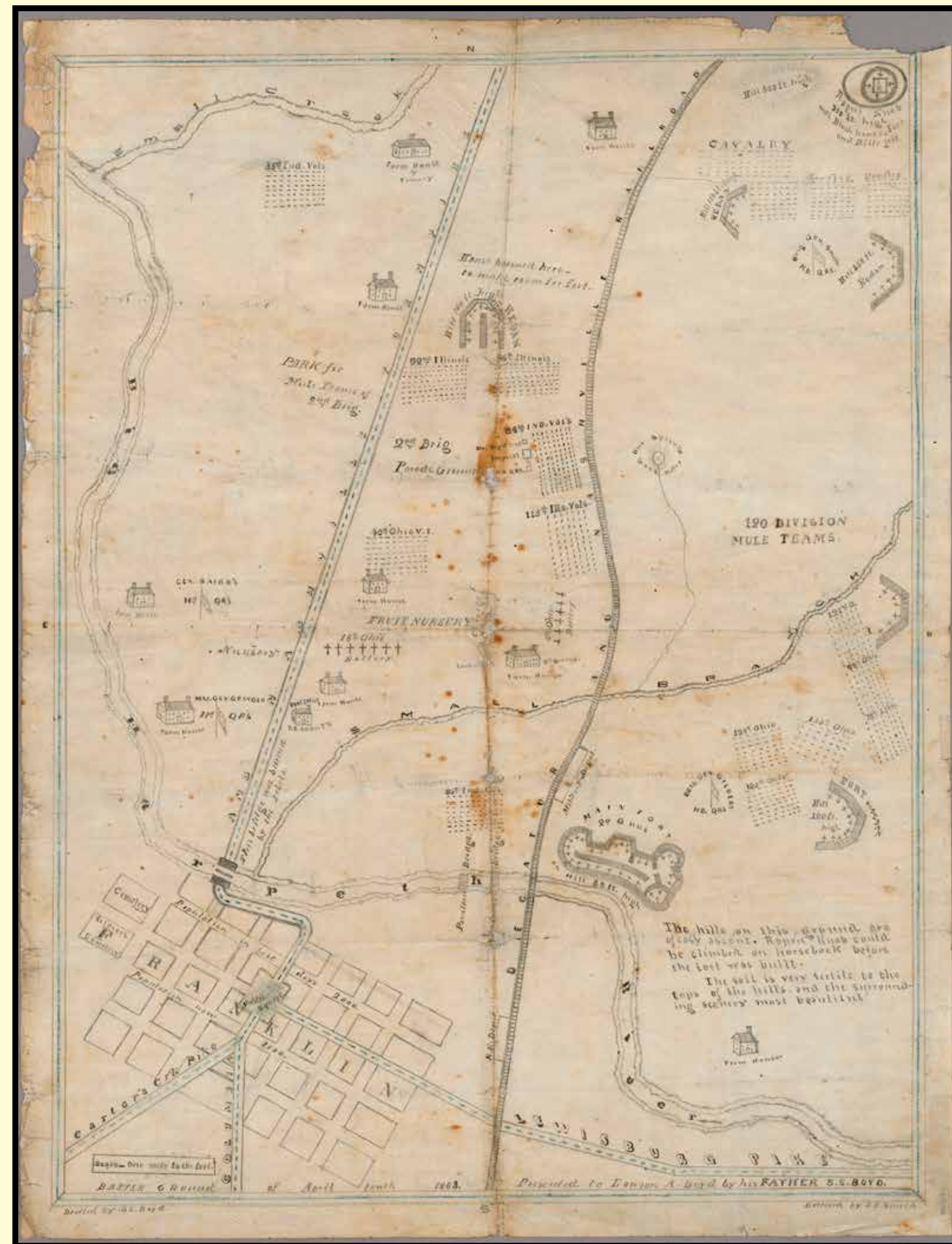
# FORT GRANGER



## *Walking Tour Introduction*



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Map of Franklin, Ft. Granger, and army camps, by Samuel S. Boyd

Images courtesy Boyd Family Papers, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

Welcome to Fort Granger. The fort's position atop Figuers Bluff allowed the Union army to command the town of Franklin as well as the road and railroad that served Nashville. The 84th Indiana Infantry was among the regiments that improved and manned the fort. The unit arrived here from Nashville early in March 1863 and camped beyond the fort and railroad. The following month, Dr. Samuel S. Boyd, the regimental surgeon, drew this invaluable map. It shows the locations of headquarters, military and "contraband" camps, and other nearby earthworks. Boyd resigned on March 23, 1865.

Within a few weeks of the 84th's arrival, it lost men to sickness. The healthier soldiers patrolled the countryside, guarding crossroads and skirmishing with Confederate raiders. By June, the 84th had been transferred south to

campaign around Tullahoma. This photograph of Co. C was taken before May 9, 1864. Maj. William A. Boyd, who is in the photograph, died soon after being wounded on May 9 in the fighting north of Atlanta, Georgia. Surgeon Samuel S. Boyd, his brother, survived him.

The City acquired the property from private owners to save it from development, and Fort Granger was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. Enjoy the 14-acre park, interpretive signs, sites, and sounds. Please stay on the path to help us preserve these fragile earthworks.



Co. C, 84th Indiana Infantry, with Maj. William Boyd, standing, far right





# DR. KATHERINE G. JOHNSON

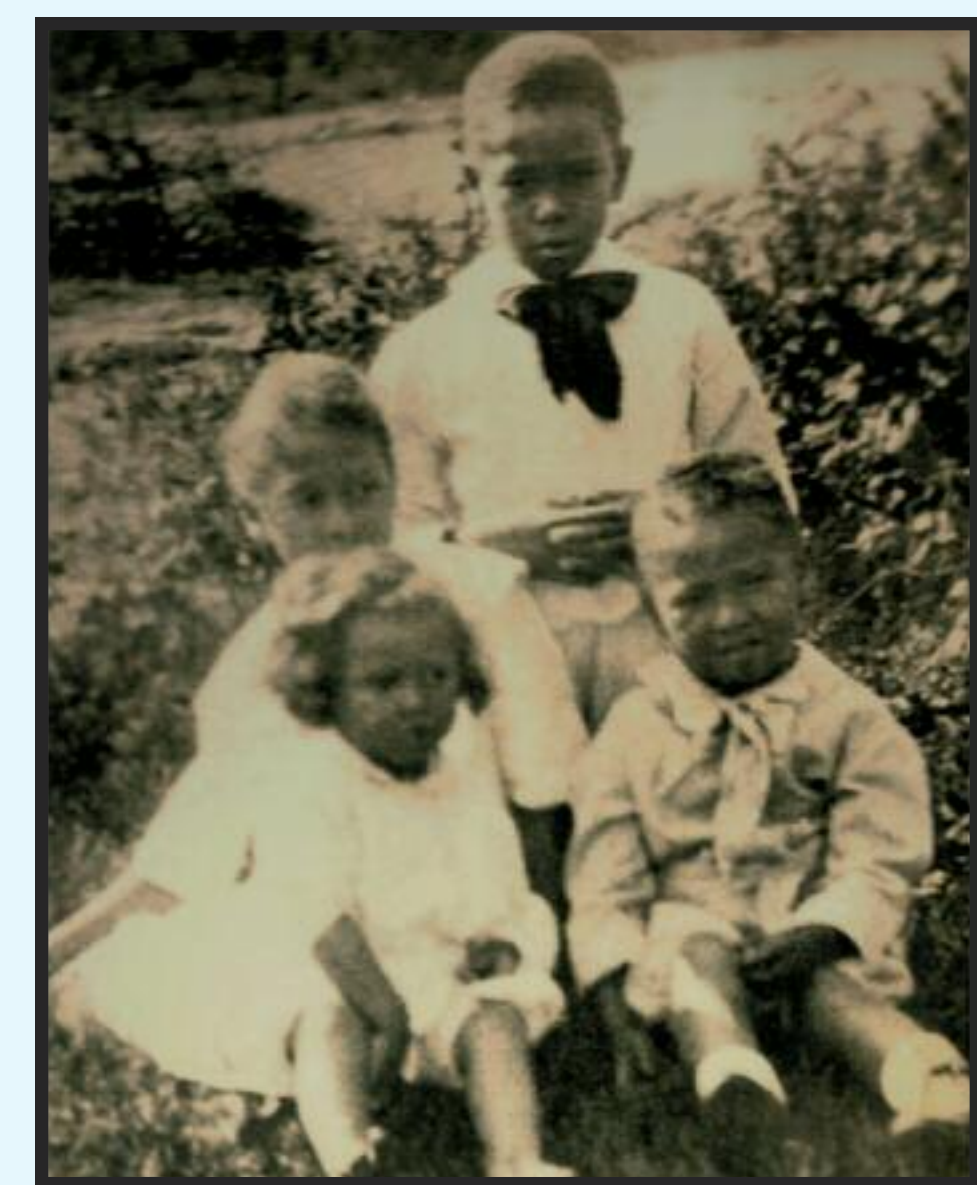
*“When Computers Wore Skirts”*



**D**r. Katherine G. Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on August 26, 1918, the youngest of four siblings. She began school in the second grade when she was four, and loved to learn and “counted everything.” At fourteen, she entered West Virginia State College, where a professor suggested that she become a research



Johnson, graduation day, West Virginia State College  
Courtesy Johnson Family



Johnson and siblings  
Courtesy Johnson Family

mathematician. She graduated Magna Cum Laude at eighteen with degrees in mathematics and French, then broke gender and racial barriers as one of three African American graduate students who integrated West Virginia University.

In 1953, Johnson joined NACA/NASA, where she worked as a “human computer” in an all-female group performing calculations for space flights. As a Principal Research Mathematician, she calculated precise orbits and trajectories for the historic orbits of Alan Sheppard and the first flights to and from the moon. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and John Glenn were said to have requested her calculations to verify those of early computers. Her math skills were legendary. As a computer “when computers wore skirts,” Johnson’s assertiveness led her to ask to sit in meetings with the male engineers. Her mathematical ability and trademark precision



Johnson at NASA – Courtesy NASA

secured her position in design meetings that previously had been all-white and all-male.

A Hampton resident since 1957, Johnson is a wife, mother of three daughters,



Johnson after receiving Presidential Medal of Freedom – Courtesy NASA

and active in church, community, and civic organizations. She is a life member of the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Johnson retired from NASA in 1986. She has received several honorary doctorate degrees and many honors. On November 24, 2015, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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*Town of Thompson's Station  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
FY2018-2019*

**Summary of Parks Revenue and Expenditures**

	FY 2018-19		
	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 91,763	\$ 93,105	\$ 98,323
<b>Revenue</b>			
<u>Description</u>			
Federal Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rentals	\$ 4,692	\$ 5,218	\$ 574
From General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 4,692</b>	<b>\$ 5,218</b>	<b>\$ 574</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<u>Description</u>			
Consulting Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Park Improvements - Benson Park:			
* Trees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* Sign	\$ 3,350	\$ -	\$ -
Park Improvements - Preservation Park:			
* Sign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
* Tables, Benches, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273
* Bathrooms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,292
Cleaning/Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Event Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 3,350</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,565</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 93,105</b>	<b>\$ 98,323</b>	<b>\$ 92,332</b>

Funds encumber as of October 31, 2018	Approved	Remaining
Preservation Park		
Tables, Benches, etc.	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,727
Bathroom	\$ 5,737	\$ -
Electrical - MTEMC	\$ 29,932	\$ 29,932
Amphitheater	\$ 47,300	\$ 47,300
Equestrian Loop (moved to Electrical)		
Sara Benson Park Christmas Tree	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 92,069</b>	<b>\$ 86,059</b>
<b>Unencumbered funds at October 31, 2018</b>		<b>\$ 6,273</b>