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## CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

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1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.

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- Thank You Type of Memorial \_\_ Monument with Sculpture Monument without Sculpture Monument with Cannon ✓ Historical Marker ✓ Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.) Affiliation G.A.R. (Post Name & No. SUVCW (Camp Name & No.\_\_\_\_ M.O.L.L.U.S \_\_\_WRC (Corps Name & No.\_\_\_\_ (Please describe below) \_\_ ASUVCW (Aux Name & No.\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_DUVCW (Tent Name & No.\_\_\_\_ \_\_ LGAR (Circle Name & No. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ Other Original Dedication Date

Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you. Location The Memorial is currently located at: N34°47'02.74" / W-91°27'31.89

Street/Road address or site location RHODYS DARK - CONTR OF MAIN + PRAIRIST. City/Village Dy Ads Bluff Township \_\_\_\_ County PRAIRIZ CO. State ARKANSA I The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_ South \_\_ East \_\_ West NOT KNOW N Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in) Dept./Div. Street Address Contact Person Telephone ( ) If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s). >This form may be photocopied.<

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CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

# War on the White River

The Most Important Waterway in Civil War Arkansas

With a swift current and deep channel that allowed deeper-draft vessels to use it reliably as far north as Batesville, the White River was the most important river in Civil War Arkansas and was used extensively by both sides.

The Confederate gunboats Pontchartrain and Maurepas moved up the White following the defeat of the Confederate fleet at Memphis on the Mississippi River on June 6, 1862. The Maurepas remains in the White River, scuttled at St. Charles.

The Union navy patrolled the White River from the fall of 1863 until the end of the war. Using DeValls Bluff as a base, they often engaged in cat-and-mouse operations against Confederate troops and guerrillas in the area.



The Queen City was the only Union gunboat destroyed by enemy troops in Arkansas during the Civil War Courtesy U.S. Naval Historical Center



The USS Fawn, a 174-ton stern-wheel "tinclad" river gunboat, was built in 1863. Commissioned in May 1863 under the name Fanny Barker, she was renamed Fawn the following month. She was active on the White River during the Civil War and is shown here at DeValls Bluff in December 1863. Courtesy, Arkansas History Commission.

Brig. Gen. J.O. Shelby captured and sank the U.S.S. Queen City at Clarendon on June 24, 1864. Courtesy Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

The count wong the bank Lof the white River I the wildest that I ever saw, being lowland covered with heavy forest of timber with otton wood and some underbrush I know not how circumscribed the limits of civilization in our enlightened land are, but I am inclined to believe from all manifestations that this part of Art, is not found within her borders" Sqt. Asa E. Sample, 49th Indiana Infantry Regiment

"My feeble power of description is not capable of describing the autuil scenes that met my eyes upon boarding the ill fated vessel - I immediately sent all the medical assistance at my command who did everything in their power to relieve the wounded, still so died with in 4 hours after the accident

Lt. George M. Blodgett, U.S.S. Conestoga, describing the U.S.S. Mound City at St. Charles.

In twenty minutes, after all that was valuable had been taken off, the earth reeled and trees trembled under the shock of the final destruction of the Queen City, and the waters closed over the remains of what had been two hours before a gallant mailclad vessel."

Pvt. Joseph Pollock, 6th Missouri Caralry (C.5)



The day after a Union expedition crushed the Confederate garrison at Arkansas Post in January 1863, a task force moved up the White River in pursuit of Rebel steamboats. Courtesy Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.

### Major Activities Along the White River

APRIL 12 War Begins

On June 13, 1862, a Union fleet left Memphis to bring supplies to Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis's Army of the Southwest via the White River. On June 17, 1862, they encountered Confederate batteries at St. Charles, where a Rebel shell pierced the steam drurn of the U.S.S. Mound City, scalding dozens of sailors to death. That artillery shell, called "the single deadliest shot of the Civil War," caused 7 percent of the total fatal casualties suffered by the Union navy in the entire war. Falling water levels forced the flotilla to fall back without

A Union fleet used the White River Cutoff to enter the Arkansas River and crush the Confederate base at Arkansas Post January 9-11, 1863. On January 12, a joint Army-Navy expedition headed up the White River in pursuit of Confederate steamboats. They captured and partially burned St. Charles, destroyed Rebel supplies at paroled 39 sick Confederates at Des Arc before returning downriver on the 19th.

A Union flotilla met Maj Gen. Frederick Steele's army at Clarendon on August 9, 1863, during Steele's drive to capture Little Rock. Part of the fleet advanced up the White River on August 12 to burn a warehouse full of Confederate supplies at Des Arc and briefly occupy Augusta, while the remainder moved up the Little DeValls Bluff, and captured and Red River to capture a pair of

Confederate General J.O. Shelby operated in the area along the White River throughout the summer of 1864. On June 24, 1864 his cavalrymen slipped into Clarendon and found the U.S.S. Queen City at anchor. Shelby attacked and captured the vessel, sinking her after seizing supplies and weapons. A punitive expedition steamed down the White the next day, but the elusive Shelby slipped away.

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5 Union gunboats escorted Yankee infantrymen up the White on August 30, 1864, in pursuit of Shelby's Confederates, They advanced as far as Augusta, facing frequent sniping from gunmen along the shore, before returning to DeValls Bluff on September 6.

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# DeValls Bluff Under Fire Blue and Gray Fight on the Grand Prairie

DeValls Bluff's status as an excellent riverport and the head of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad made it an important base for both Confederate and Union forces. Hoping to block Federal ships from moving up the White River, Major Gen. Thomas C. Hindman fortified the site in June 1862 with two 8-inch guns, 1,000 infantrymen and 250 cavalry. Union troops skirmished with Confederate norsemen near DeValls Bluff on July 6, but did not enter the town.

After the pattle of Arkansas Post in January 1863, a joint Army-Navy expedition steamed up the White River to attack Confederate positions. They arrived at DeValls Bluff on January 16 and captured the two 8-inch guns, 25 prisoners, dozens of new Enfield rifles, and other Confederate equipment. The Union troops burned the depot, several railroad cars and two railroad bridges.

On August 10, 1863, another Union flotilla approached DeValls Bluff. surprising 12 Confederates who fled, leaving their equipment behind. Major General Frederick Steele's Union army occupied the town on August 23, and DeValls Bluff remained under Federal control for the rest of the war. Because of the concentration of Union troops there and on the adjacent prairie, Confederate cavalrymen would continue to attack Union targets - including the railroad well into 1864.



Frederic E. Davis was a young sallor aboard the U.S.S. Cincinnati and participated in the January 1863 raid up the White River. On January 19, he wrote home from DeValls Bluff:

"We arrived here on Friday last, and found that the Rebeis had fled. As soon as they saw our smoke coming up the river the[y] ran, leaving behind them two 8 inch guns, 200 muskets; 4 railroad cars and several [illegible] we took prisoner. ... Our Army have all left this morning, and we are here alone. Our Engineers and men are ashore now destroying the cars, burning the buildings &c."

Courtesy, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory

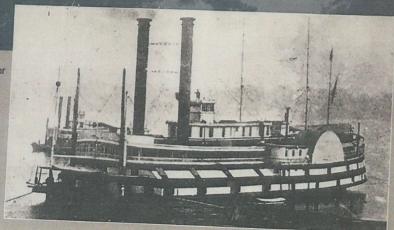


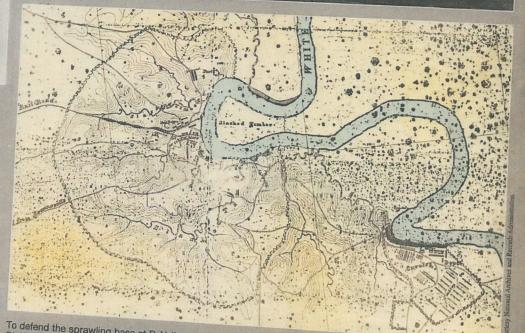
Brig. Gen. Willis A. Gorman, a former territorial governor of Minnesota, proposed the raid up the White River and led the army troops during the expedition. "I should have gone direct to Little Rock if it had been practicable to cross the sea of mud and water intervening between that place and DeVall's Bluff, but this is impossible at present," he reported.

Courtesy, Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division.

Lieutenant-Commander John G. Walker led the naval component of the January 1863 expedition up the White River aboard the U.S.S. Black Hawk.

Courtesy, U.S. Naval Historical Center.





To defend the sprawling base at DeValls Bluff from Confederate attack, Union troops constructed strong defenses including three large redoubts like the one pictured here.

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Military Activity around DeValls Bluff J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J

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# Common Ground for Many Soldiers

Many Troops Pass Through DeValls Bluff

With the possible exception of Helena, it is unlikely that any place in Arkansas had as many Union troops pass through it as did DeValls Bluff. Some saw the town when it was first occupied in September 1863. others stood garrison duty there, while still others visited DeValls Bluff before embarking on raids and expeditions into other parts of Arkansas or Missouri. Thanks to Frederick Dyer's Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, we can compile a list of Union units that might have, however briefly, called DeValls Bluff home.

#### Confederates in DeValls Bluff

Confederate units that used DeValls Bluff are moredifficult to identify since their records are sketchier and there is no Dyer's Compendium for the Confederacy. Still, it is likely that many Regiments passed through the town during 1861 and 1862, heading east to fight with Confederate armies on the far side of the Mississippi River. As many as 6,000 Confederate troops assembled around DeValls Bluff in June and July of 1862 to oppose Union troops moving up the White River. Still others passed through in the months before it became a permanent, strategic Union base.

Several Texas units occupied DeValls Bluff. These include the 9th Field Artillery Battery, 9th Texas Infantry Regiment, 10th Texas Infantry Regiment, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 17th Cavalry Regiment, and 18th Infantry Regiment.

Howell "Doc" Rayburn was serving with the 12th Texas Cavalry, a regiment that served in DeValls Bluff in 1862, when he fell ill. After 1862, when he fell ill. After 1864, 20th Texas left the serving the 12th Texas left the area, Rayburn stayed, regained his health, and led guerrilla operations in Prairie and White counties for the remainder of the war. He is reputed to have attended a Christmas dance in DeValls Bluff in 1864 dressed as a woman - after a few dances with Federal officers laybum snuck out and stole ourtesy of the Arkansas





Private John Graff served with the 77th Ohio Infantry Regiment, which passed through DeValls Bluff in August 1863. Courtesy of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.



Benjamin Fullager served with the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment in DeValls Bluff during the summer of 1864. Courtesy of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.



served as a lieutenant in Company K, were captured at the battle of Marks' Mills' in April 1864, After their release from Confederate prison 1865. Courtesy of the Butter Center for Arkansas Studies



served in the 54th Illinois Infantry Regiment, a unit that ost most of its men as prisoners in the battle of Ashley's Station on August 24 1864. The 54th was stationed at DeValls Birth in the summer of 1864. Courtesy of the Butter Center for Arkansas Studies.



Regiment, in which Charles T. Scammon served as a captain, was part of an expedition that briefly occupied DeValls Bluff in January 1863. Courtesy of the Butler Center for Arkansas Stanles.



The 43rd Indiana Infantry Regiment was part of Maj. Gen. Frederick Steele's Union army that captured Little Rock on September 10, 1863, passing through DeValls Bluff on their long march from Helena. Capt. Joseph Lane served in the 43rd Indiana. Courtesy of the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies.

Christopher Columbus Andrews entered Arkansas at the head of the 3rd Minnesota Infantry Regiment, stationed at DeValls Bluff from October 10, 1864, to May 13, 1865. base at DeValls Bluff and ended the war as a brevet major general.

Elements of Sgt. L. Smith Cogswell's 18th Illinois Infantry Regiment served in DeValls Bluff from 1863 through December 1865. Courtesy of the Butler Center Courtesy of the Arkansas History Commission.



ARKANSAS CIVIL WAR

### Union Regiments Entering DeValls Bluff

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24th 8th Indiana Infantry Regt. 34th Indiana Infantry Regt. 43rd Indiana Infantry Regt. 46th Indiana Infantry Regt. 93rd Indiana Infantry Regt. KANSAS

6th Kansas Cavalry Regt. 9th Kansas Cavalry Regt. 7th Kansas Infantry Regt. KENRICKY

7th Kentucky Infantry Regt. 19th Kentucky Infantry Regt. 22nd Kentucky Infantry Regt.

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Light Artillery Battery

10th Minnesota Infantry Regt.

Battery "D," 2nd Missouri

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Ist Nebraska Cavalry Regt. 42nd Ohio Infantry Regt. 72nd Ohio Infantry Regt.

77th Ohio Infantry Regt. 99th Ohio Infantry Regt. 120th Ohio Infantry Regt. U.S. REGULARS

3rd United States Cavalry Regt. "Ist Mounted Rifles" U.S. COLORID TROOPS

6th USCT Cavalry Regt. 57th USCT Infantry Regt. 60th USCT Infantry Regt 69th USCT Infantry Regt.

Wisconsin Cavalry Regt. Wisconsin Infantry Regt. 33rd Wisconsin Infantry Regt. 35th Wisconsin Infantry Regt.

# DeValls Bluff: A Key Union Base DeValls Bluff Was A Major Union Supply Depot

DEVALL'S BLUFF, ARKANSAS August 23, 1863

GENERAL Having reconnectered the different rocales. I have decided to commence my line of operations at this point, and have moved the depot and hospital here to-day. The site choicens a plateau look opening), high buff on the over, and sloping on both sides, on one side a deep raine. The two gunboats which are to remain here can defend the flanks, and an interchment can be thrown up in rear which will make the place tolerably secure against any force that will be likely to annow us while we are pushing the enemy to the front. The buildings here do not amount to much, but there is considerable lumber, and, by sending to Clarendon for more, we can exect tolerable shelter for the sick and the supplies.

-Major General Frederick Steele

With this report, DeValls Bluff began its role as a major Union base of operations. Steele's men soon built fortifications, a hospital, and a supply depot to support the Union army's drive to capture Little Rock.

Once Union troops occupied the Arkansas capital, they had to be supplied – army regulations specified that Steele's men should be issued 20 tons of rations every day, in addition to the 120 tons of fodder his 24,000 horses and mules would need daily. The best way to bring these mountains of supplies to the U.S. soldiers was via the White River, where they could be stored in warehouses constructed in DeValls Bluff before the railroad would take them to Little Rock. Dozens of storehouses, hospitals, and other government buildings were soon built, some using lumber taken from buildings in Des Arc.

As the war progressed, thousands of Union soldiers were stationed in DeValls Bluff to protect those supplies and the railroad that carried them, as well as to conduct operations against Confederate troops and guerrillas in the surrounding area.



Civilians opened businesses in DeValls Bluff to serve the hundreds of Union troops stationed here. R.H. White opened a photography studio in 1863 and made cartes de visite of many of the soldiers before opening a studio in Little Rock in 1864.

Courtesy, Arkansas History Commission.

The quartermaster's stables (right) at the remount camp adjacent to DeValls Bluff helped serve the thousands of horses and mules used by the Union army in Arkansas.

Courtesy, National Archives and Records Administration.



Among the benefits of garrison duty at DeValls Bluff was the return of such amenities as musical performances. This photo shows the Third Michigan Cavalry Regiment band, stationed here in the winter of 1864-65.

Courtesy, Arkansas History Commission.



Most of the buildings in DeValls Bluff had been destroyed before Maj. Gen. Frederick Steele's Union army occupied the town in August 1863, but new structures were quickly built as the White River port became a major supply depot. Courtesy, Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock.



The Ordnance and Provost Marshall's offices were built to serve the sprawling Union base at DeValls Bluff. Courtesy, Arkansas History Commission.

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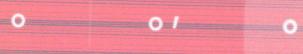


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