



Fort Tejon Historical Association

A D J U T A N T ' S J O U R N A L

Calendar of Events

- April 20-21—Costa Mesa Civil War event
- May 4- Dragoon Living History and SLHP parent/teacher training at Fort Tejon
- May 11- Fort Tejon Volunteer Work Day
- June 1- Victorian Tea Party and Dragoons Living History at fort

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E L E M E N T P O W E R D O N A T I O N

On March 20, 2013, a donor agreement was signed by California State Parks representative, Kathy Weatherman, FTHA board chair, Linda Bosley and FTHA Treasurer, Mike Presswood. The document acknowledged a \$100,000 donation made by Element Power (Antelope Valley) to the FTHA to fund the Student Living History Program (SLHP) at Fort Tejon for 2013 and 2014. The State of California matched the \$100,000 donation with an additional \$100,000 in compliance with AB 1478.

Element Power is a global renewable energy company that develops, acquires, builds and operates utility scale-wind and solar projects. Element Power came forward last summer with the donation when Fort Tejon was on the State's Park closure list. The company wanted to ensure that the Student Living History Program would continue if Fort Tejon closed. The hard work of former board chair, Lana Bailey and board member, Karina Mooradian should also be

recognized for their commitment to the negotiations during the arduous process.

The State Parks Department will administer \$89,500 of the donation for staffing and materials costs for the Student Living History Program. The FTHA will retain the balance of \$10,500 in a special account and plans to use some of the funds for bus scholarships for schools that otherwise might not be able to attend the program.

C H E C K O U T F O R T T E J O N O N F A C E B O O K !

Social media is the biggest thing since sliced bread and the FTHA wants to get the word out to all our members and the public to visit our Facebook page.

We can be found on Facebook at Fort Tejon State Historic Park—accept no imitations. Members will find out the latest events and trends at

Fort Tejon. Also, our new T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for viewing on our Facebook page.

Be sure to “like” us , share your stories, memories and photos of Fort Tejon. Proudly tell everyone your know—via social media—that Fort Tejon is open for business and the FTHA is alive and well

sponsoring upcoming events—Victorian Tea Party (June), Dragoon Days (first Saturday of each month), Civil War Program (June and August), September Timeline event and Ghost Walk Tours in October.



The New York Times

April 15, 1865

President Lincoln Shot by Assassin

The Deed Done at Ford's Theatre Last Night

THE ACT OF A DESPERATE REBEL

DETAILS OF THE DREADFUL TRAGEDY



Edwin Stanton

Official - War Department, Washington April 15, 1:30 A.M.—Maj. Gen. Dis.: This evening at about 9:30 P.M. at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Harris and Major Rathburn, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and appeared behind the President.

The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theatre. The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal. The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying.

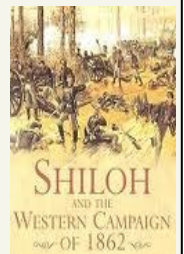
About the same hour an assassin, whether the same or not, entered Mr. Seward's apartments, and under pretence of having a prescription, was shown to the Secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three stabs on the throat and two on the face. It is hoped the wounds may not be mortal. My apprehension is that they will prove fatal. The nurse alarmed Mr. Frederick Seward, who was in the adjourning room, and hastened to the door of his father's room, when he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds. The recovery of Frederick Seward is doubtful.

It is not probable that the President will live throughout the night. General Grant and wife were advertised to be at the theatre this evening, but he started to Burlington at 6 o'clock this evening. At the Cabinet meeting at which Gen. Grant was present, the subject of the state of the country and the prospect of a speedy peace was discussed. The President was very cheerful and hopeful, and spoke very kindly of Gen. Lee and others of the Confederacy, and of the establishment of government in Virginia. All the members of the Cabinet except Mr. Seward are now in attendance upon the President. I have seen Mr. Seward, but he and Frederick were both unconscious. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War.

BATTLE OF SHILOH

The Battle of Shiloh was fought from April 6 to April 7, 1862 in Tennessee. Confederate commanders included Generals Johnston and Beauregard with over 40,000 troops. General Grant led the winning Union army of over 62,000 men. The Battle of Shiloh has been ranked by historians as the ninth costliest battle of the Civil War based on total casualties (killed, wounded, missing and captured). A total of 19,455 casualties are recorded—2,832 Union and 16,623 Confederate. Other interesting facts about the Battle of Shiloh:

- Ulysses S. Grant was eating breakfast at a house in nearby Savannah, Tennessee when the early morning surprise Confederate attack occurred.
- At Shiloh, an excited Union officer said, "The Rebels are out there thicker than fleas on a dog's back!" to report the advance of Confederate forces.
- Confederates of the 2nd Texas wondered, "Do the generals expect us to be killed and wear our burial shrouds?"



Ladies' Corner

Cider Cake

1 1/2 lb flour
 1/2 lb. sugar
 1/4 lb. butter
 1/2 pint cider
 1 tsp. baking powder
 Spices as desired
 Cider cake is very good, to be baked in small loaves. One pound and a half of flour, half a pound of sugar, quarter of a pound of butter, half a pint of cider, one teaspoon of pearlash; spice to your taste. Bake till it turns easily in the pans. I should think about half an hour.

Pork Chops With Fried Apples

Wipe chops, sprinkle with salt and pepper, place in a hot frying-pan, and cook slowly until tender and well browned on each side. Arrange pork chops on a platter, and surround with slices of apples cut one half inch thick, fried in the fat remaining in pan.



Wine Chocolate

Take a pint of Sherry, or a pint and a half of red Port, four ounces and a half of chocolate, six ounces of fine sugar, and half an ounce of starch, or fine flour. Mix, dissolve and boil all these as before (ten to twelve minutes). But, if your chocolate be with sugar, take double the quantity of chocolate and half the quantity sugar, and so in all.

The Feminine Touch

Approximately 250 female Civil War soldiers have been documented by historians, and there were undoubtedly more. They took part in every major battle; at the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862, for example, at least six women fought, including Confederate Loretta Velazquez. Most female soldiers joined up with a male relative or fiancé. Like male soldiers, women were motivated by a variety of factors. In addition to the thirst for adventure and the desire to accompany their loved ones, women served out of dedication to a cause and out of the need to earn money for their families. Most female soldiers remained undetected as women unless they were wounded or killed.

Not all women at the battle front were disguised as men. "Daughters of the regiment" engaged in quasi-military work, usually for regiments in which one of their male relatives was serving. Disparaged as "camp followers" in some post-war histories, these women did everything from cooking meals to helping out on hospital ships. Other women were attached to regiments more formally. Susie King Taylor, a former slave who officially served as a laundress for her husband's regiment, ended up doing just a little washing in addition to tending the sick, cleaning guns, and teaching soldiers to read.



Susie King
Taylor

Promise by Ophelia Forward

Do you know, sweetheart, that under the snow a million roses lie?
 That over the clouds that hang below, the stars are in the sky?

That a rainbow shone, ere the day was gone, over the darkest place?
 That the pretty new moon goes rounding on to the fullness of her face?

That our garden-brook so small and slow, is widening away to the river?
 That under the ice its restless flow makes music, sweet as ever?

That the naked trees are all a-throb with the quick blood in their veins?
 And blindly reaching, yearn and sob for the blessed April rains?

That the precious seeds of life are pressed under the frozen sod,
 Till the great earth warms, through her fruitful breast, with the spirit of her God?

That the beautiful dead that we laid away, with a broken heart,
 Was only to us the cast in clay of a deathless counterpart?



Kady
Brownell

Kady Brownell, South African-born daughter of a British soldier, accompanied her husband Robert when he went into battle with Rhode Island troops at First Bull Run and New Berne. She eventually received a discharge for Major General Ambrose E. Burnside.



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Adjutant's Journal

EDITORS' NOTES

Kind Readers,

Thank you for your encouragement and positive reviews of our new look for the AJ. We are always in need of new ideas for stories and articles from the FTHA membership for future editions of the AJ newsletter. We can be reached day or night at the email address listed below.

Be sure to check out the Bits and Pieces section below for concise and important information regarding the FTHA.

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BITS AND PIECES

What's New at the Post Store

The Post Store at Fort Tejon has joined the modern age. Post Mistress, Linda Bosley recently announced that the store can now accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover) and ATM cards using a secure card reader. Of course, cash is always welcome.

Visitors to the Post Store can use their card for purchases, to pay their annual membership dues and make donations to the FTHA.

Volunteer Work Party

The next FTHA sponsored Work Party will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the fort. Volunteers will gather at the front entrance at 9 am to organize into groups that will manage specific projects that may include painting and repairs.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear comfortable, sturdy work clothes and bring work gloves if you have them. Lunch and water will be provided by the FTHA.

Board Meetings

FTHA members who wish to speak at board meetings must submit their topic to board chair, Linda Bosley at lindabosley66@gmail.com a minimum of three days before the board meeting.

FTHA members are always welcome to attend and observe board meetings and can contact the board chair for date, time and location of the next monthly meeting.



*Steam rises from a cup of tea and we are wrapped in history,
inhaling ancient times and lands, comfort of ages in our hands.*

FORT TEJON Historical Association



*is cordially hosting a
Victorian Tea Party
for adults and children seven years and older
On Saturday
June the 1st, Two Thousand Thirteen
at twelve o'clock
at Fort Tejon State Historic Park
Lebec, California*

Tea party attire encouraged
Gloves, Hats & Lace

Fine teas will be brewed
Delicate finger sandwiches with delectable desserts and more
shall be enjoyed

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children
For reservation and questions, please contact Linda Bosley at
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