

Donations from this 1865 fundraiser will go towards a marker fund. There are 3 markers being planned for the years 2020-2021.



1. Headstone/marker for Rhoda Jones, being placed at Hazelwood Cemetery. Cost of marker \$1,200. Dedication projected to take place spring/summer 2020.

Rhoda and her 4 children lived with John and Roxanna Ray family (with 10 children) helped to tend the farm. Shortly before the The Battle of Wilson's Creek began on August 10, 1861 on the Rays land, Rhoda and Roxanna took all the children to the cellar for safety. After the battle, the Ray's home became a field hospital. Roxanna and Rhoda tended the wounded over the next several weeks.

Rhoda married John Jones in 1868 and moved to Springfield, Missouri. She died November 3, 1897 and was buried in Hazelwood- but she never had a marker. Our DUV Tent No. 22 will finally give Rhoda a headstone 123 years after her death.

2. New headstone for John and Roxanna Ray at the Lindsey Cemetery in Republic Missouri. Estimated cost of \$1,500. Marker dedication projected to take place by the end of 2020.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek was fought on the Ray's farm. John died in 1875 and Roxanna in 1876 and are buried in Lindsey Cemetery, Republic, MO. The headstones, now 145 years old, are in poor condition. There is a space of 45" between their 2 headstones. Our tent will place a new headstone in between their original headstones. Headstone will be inscribed with their names/dates of both as given on the old stones. Information will also be given about their role in the Battle of Wilson's creek.

3. Wayside marker for Private George Kirkland to be placed along a trail on the Battle of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. George Kirkland was the son of Elizabeth Keckly, seamstress for Mary Todd Lincoln. Kirkland joined the Union army in 1861. He died on August 10, 1861 at the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Kirkland along with over 500 other Union soldiers were placed in mass graves and later moved to Springfield's National Cemetery. He is placed among the many headstones that are marked as "unknown." Wilson's Creek and the Foundation will begin placing Wayside signs along the trail on the battlefield. Our tent will work in cooperation with the National Parks Service and Wilson's Battle Creek Foundation on the sign for Pvt. George Kirkland. This project is expected to take up to 2 years to complete. Cost is pending. Placement/dedication projected for 2021 or 2022. Information on this project will be updated as new details are learned.