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Key Piece of Land Preserved at Gettysburg

Gettysburg Foundation receives land donation



(April 8, 2009) — The Gettysburg Foundation today announced the donation of a 45-acre tract of land adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park and within the Battlefield Historic District. The land, donated by Gettysburg residents Wayne and Susan Hill, sits near the eastern base of Big Round Top at the southern end of the battlefield. Hill is president of Gettysburg Construction Company.

“The Gettysburg Foundation is honored to receive this donation to ensure that another key piece of land associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and within the Battlefield Historic District will be preserved for future generations,” said Barbara J. Finfrock, Vice Chair of the Board of the Gettysburg Foundation.

“I have a great affinity for the park and the Foundation,” said Mr. Hill, “so I’m happy we were able to make this donation. The land is a natural, beautiful spot, and now we’re sure it will stay that way.” Mr. Hill is a former board member of the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg.

On July 2, 1863, Union skirmishers would have been in this area, and on July 3, the final day of the battle, Union Cavalry units were in this area as they participated in the final conflicts of the three-day battle.

“This is a win-win for everybody because there was battle action in this area, but the real significance is environmental,” said Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent Dr. John Latschar. “It’s Plum Run, which is a famous name on the battlefield as well as critical wetlands and wildlife habitat.”

To date, the Gettysburg Foundation has helped Gettysburg National Military Park preserve more than 600 acres of land. Last year, the Foundation was able to purchase the 80-acre George Spangler Farm, a privately owned parcel within the park boundary.

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Gettysburg Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened April 2008. For information about the Foundation, including making a donation or about visiting Gettysburg, visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org or call the administrative offices at 717-338-1243. Advance tickets for the Cyclorama, Film and Museum Experience at the Museum and Visitor Center are available at <https://tickets.gettysburgfoundation.org> or by calling 877-874-2478.

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Photo: From left to right, Wayne Hill (president of Gettysburg Construction Company), Susan Hill, Barbara Finfrock (vice chair of the board of the Gettysburg Foundation) and Dr. John Latschar (superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park) announce the donation of land to the Gettysburg Foundation at a media briefing on Wednesday, April 8. (Photo: Michael Vyskocil/Gettysburg Foundation)

