

CIVIL WAR TIMES



1861-1865

Kansas/Missouri Border



GENERAL GEORGE DEITZLER

- He first moved to Lawrence, Kansas in 1856.
- Battle of Wilson's Creek was his first battle and he was hurt badly.
- Later served as a general at the Battle of Vicksburg.
- Returned to Kansas after the southern climate made previous injuries worse.
- Fought in the Battle of Westport and helped defeat the Southern Army.

UNION MILITARY SCRIP

This scrip (right) was given to Union army man H. Pratt for his work against William Quantrill who led the raid against Lawrence on August 21, 1863. It could be used as money.



KANSAS CAVALRY

George F. Haas (left) served in the 2nd Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. The cavalry fought from horseback. Notice the crossed sabers on his hat. Sabers are curved swords with one sharp edge. Can you imagine fighting with a heavy saber? Haas lived in Douglas County from 1858 until 1905 when he died at age 62. He survived the war!



Soldier Sights



Cannons were common on the battlefield.



Canteens were important for carrying water.



Soldiers carried a sewing kit to fix their uniforms.



Soldiers on the field often carried Sharps carbines.



Some soldiers would use a revolver.



A plate and utensils were sometimes used at meal time.



Try It!

Hardtack

Hardtack was a common food for soldiers to eat on the go. It was like a cracker but thick and really hard. Most of the time soldiers would have to soak the hardtack in water or coffee. Sometimes they would put it into a soup.

Since the army did not store it well sometimes the hardtack would get worms in it! Eww! Hardtack lasts a long time! The Ft. Harker Guardhouse Museum in Kansas has real hardtack from the war. Would you like to try eating that? If you are interested in trying hardtack have an adult help you with the following recipe. Do NOT use an oven without help! Also, do not try to just bite off pieces. You might break a tooth. 🦷 Just remember hardtack has very little flavor and would be best softened in soup.

Hardtack Recipe

Ingredients

2 cups of flour

½ to ¾ cup of water

1 tablespoon of shortening

6 pinches of salt

Mix into a stiff batter and on a lightly floured surface, roll flat with a rolling pin to 1/3 of an inch thickness. Trim the edges and cut the dough into squares. Use a fork or a nail to poke holes into the squares. Bake on a lightly greased sheet at 350 degrees for twenty to twenty five minutes or until golden brown.

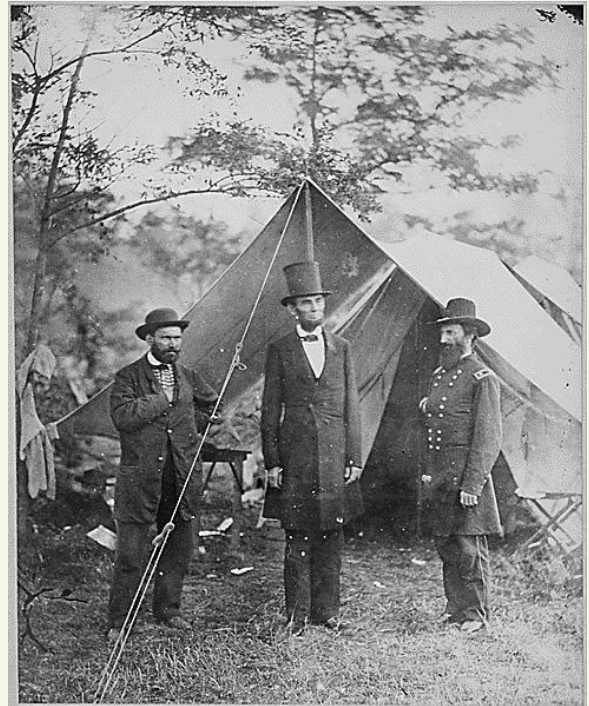
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Activity



Mathew Brady was a famous photographer during the Civil War. You will see some of his pictures below. All of his photos helped tell a story about the war. Your activity is to take 5 photos and write sentences that make up a story. If you or a parent have a phone use the camera. Your story does not have to be about the war. It can have any topic. Some ideas are pets, family, or summer fun. Print your photos and put them on poster board with your story. If you don't have a camera color pictures to tell your story.



Brady photos courtesy of the National Archives.

Bring in your activity to the museum. You may choose your small prize and be entered into the raffle for the bigger prizes at the end of the summer. Your story will be on display in the museum at the party.

Civil War Quiz for Online Users

Send the words Watkins-Civil War and your answers to
cpreut@watkinsmuseum.org.

1. What was the name of the important general from Lawrence?
 - a. James Lane
 - b. George Deitzler
 - c. George F. Haas
 - d. Charles Robinson
2. What did H. Pratt get for his work against Quantrill?
 - a. cash
 - b. dollar
 - c. coins
 - d. scrip
3. What was the name of the food that soldiers could carry with them?
 - a. biscuit
 - b. hardtack
 - c. jerky
 - d. flapjacks
4. Why were canteens so important for soldiers to carry?
 - a. Food was placed in them.
 - b. They contained medicine.
 - c. Water was put in them.
 - d. They had supplies for sewing.
5. Why was Mathew Brady important during the Civil War?
 - a. He made maps for the armies.
 - b. He was President Lincoln's vice president.
 - c. He was a famous southern general.
 - d. He took photographs of the Civil War.

Students missing only one answer or less will receive a prize and be entered
into the raffle.