



## **Dedication Service for Whites Creek Civil War Trails Marker at Fontanel Will be Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM**

**Nashville, TN** – (March 1, 2017) ...The Whites Creek Historical Society in partnership with Fontanel will hold a dedication ceremony for the Civil War Trails marker that has been installed on the grounds of Fontanel. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2017, 5:30 at Fontanel at the marker location in the main parking area at Fontanel. The public is invited to attend.

A slate of dignitaries are scheduled to speak during the dedication service including Mayor Megan Barry, State Historian Dr. Carroll Van West, State Representative Brenda Gilmore, Council Lady Brenda Haywood and Councilman Nick Leonardo.

During the Civil War, Confederate Captain John H. Earthman (a descendant of one of the earliest Whites Creek settlers) raised a company of soldiers. Accepted into service at Whites Creek on April 25, 1861, the company mustered in at Nashville on May 6 as Co. G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry. Serving under the command of both Col. William B. Bate, and Gen. Leonidas E. Polk, they fought in numerous battles including the First Battle of Manassas and the battles of Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Franklin and Nashville. The company surrendered in North Carolina after the Battle of Bentonville in March 1865.

The Civil War Trails program interprets the lesser known sites and connects the physical and intellectual dots of America's Civil War stories, allowing visitors to literally follow in the footsteps of soldiers and citizens whose lives were dramatically changed as they once knew. This trails program brings visitors also to the downtowns, main streets, tourist attractions and museums across five states therefore creating a source of revenue for local businesses, municipalities, and each participating state as visitors look for equally unique dining, shopping and lodging experiences. To date, the Tennessee Department of Tourist development, in partnership with the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, has installed almost 400 markers across the state of Tennessee in every county and is the most downloaded brochure in the five state program.

## **About Fontanel**

Fontanel is one of Nashville's premier destinations situated on 220 acres nestled in the rolling hills of the Whites Creek Valley, just 15 minutes North of downtown Nashville. Property activities include tours of the Fontanel Mansion, a 33,000 square foot log cabin and former home of Country Music Hall of Fame member Barbara Mandrell, concerts at the Carl Black Chevy Woods Amphitheater, Adventureworks Ziplines, and three miles of public walking trails provided by Metro Parks and Greenway. Handcrafted small batch fine wines are available at Natchez Hills Winery, where you can enjoy a personalized tasting and take your favorite bottle home. Cafe Fontanella is the property's award-winning restaurant, and is open seven days a week featuring Italian/American cuisine and live music. Accommodations are available on-site at the luxurious Inn at Fontanel, a boutique Bed and Breakfast. Shopping is available at the Stone House Gift Shoppe (which also serves as the box office). For more information or to book a private event in one of many incredible venues, visit [www.fontanel.com](http://www.fontanel.com) or call 615-724-1600.

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