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THE YANKEES ARE COMING! ! !

Yes it is true! For the first time in 150 years the 1st Wisconsin Regimental Calvary, which took the town of Centreville, Alabama by storm on April 1st 1865, will once again occupy the court Square of this Historic Bibb County Community – only this time they are not expected to burn the Cahaba River bridge.

On April 21st at 3:30 pm and on the same ground their Great Great Grandfathers stood in April of 1865, two “Yankee” Reenactor Soldiers, on their way to Selma, will be dressed in their full military regalia and will once again occupy the town – at the invitation of David Daniel and the Centreville Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. James Standard of the 1st Wisconsin Regimental Volunteer Calvary along with Tom Prickwinkle, Great Great Grandson of Brevet Colonel Stephen V. Shipman, commanding officer of the original 240 mounted 1st Wisconsin Calvary, will both be in Centreville at 3:30 to meet share their knowledge and expertise regarding the events and historical significance of the North's taking of Centreville. Major Shipman's first-hand accounts are from his diary and letters. These will be presented “in character” by his GG Grandson Tom Preckwinkle for all to experience. Other first-hand accounts from the “Southern” perspective will be presented by The Centreville Historical Preservation Commission and other local historians.

**Upon departing Centreville the two men will continue to follow the path of the 1st Wisconsin Calvary as they travel down to Selma Alabama to participate in the Battle of Selma Reenactment on April 23-26th.
<http://battleofselma.com/>**

“It is a special treat for us to have these men visit and share their knowledge and interest with us. I hope everyone will come out and learn more about the history of our community.” said Mayor Mike Hobson.

Both men are direct descendants of soldiers who participated in the largest Calvary battle ever to occur on American soil. This occurred when Wilson's Union Raiders encountered Southern General Nathan Bedford Forrest at the Battle of Ebenezer Church and the Battle of Selma, some of the final blows of the Civil War.

The public and media are invited and there is no admission charge.

**Event Time: April 21st at 3:30pm
Location Court Square – Centreville, Aabama
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The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission is responsible for the protection of the Centreville Historic Business District which is on the National Register of Historic Places.