



Sesquicentennial Partnership for Restoration of the General William H. Lytle Monument at Chickamauga Battlefield

American lawyer, orator, legislator, poet and warrior Brigadier General William Haines Lytle was mortally wounded in September 1863 during the Civil War Battle of Chickamauga. Lytle was one of many leaders who died that day. No loss was felt as keenly, however, on both sides of the line. Word of this Union general's death brought Confederate soldiers to what is now known as Lytle Hill to protect his body and pay respects to a man whose works many knew by heart. Lytle was a nationally recognized poet with a tremendous following in both the North and South.

The Lytle Monument



Lytle Hill was marked in 1894 with one of eight identical cannon shell pyramids commemorating commanding officers lost during the two-day Battle of Chickamauga, on land consecrated in 1890 by Civil War veterans of both armies as a major unit America's first National Military Park: Chickamauga and Chattanooga. Sometime after 1936, however, the sheltered Lytle Monument lost the majority of its cannon shells either to more visible monuments in need of repair or, sadly, to human vandalism. Nevertheless, the site remains a special place on the Chickamauga Battlefield and the story of Poet Soldier William Haines Lytle is a beloved one.

The Restoration Partnership



The Cincinnati, Ohio **General William H. Lytle Camp #10, Sons of Union Veterans** and the not-for-profit **Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park** are working together to restore the Lytle Monument as a legacy gift to the nation in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga and Lytle's death. These two partners plan to restore the monument, return the surrounding area closer to its 1863 appearance, renovate the access trail to the spot, and rededicate the Lytle Monument with public ceremonies planned for September 2013. The entire project is estimated to cost \$65,000.

Help Us Return 323 Cannonballs to the Lytle Monument!

The project partners invite the public to share in this legacy gift to the American people through tax-deductible contributions that will return all 323 cannonballs that originally formed the Lytle Monument, and that will underwrite the engineering, construction and public programming associated with the project. Contributions are being accepted through the 501(c)(3) Friends of the Park. All gifts are welcome. A \$200 gift will fund one cannonball. Donors are encouraged to fund as many \$200 cannonballs as they wish. Gifts will be recognized on a project donor plaque installed prominently in the public Visitor Center at Chickamauga. Donors will receive written documentation of the charitable status of their gifts as well as project news updates and an invitation to the 2013 rededication.

*Ah! whereso'er the
closing scene may find me,
'Mid friends or foemen
or in deserts lone,
May there be some of
those I leave behind me
To shed a tear for me
when I am gone.
William Haines Lytle
1826-1863*



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How to Make a Contribution

By Mail: Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Park and mailed to the Friends' address shown to the left. (Include all information needed for acknowledgment.)
Online: Visit the Friends of the Park web site at www.chickchatt.org and use the **Joining & Giving** menu option to make a secure credit card donation to the Lytle Restoration. Use the **Contact Us** menu option if you need help or more information.

Examples of Enhancements Funded by the 501(c)(3) Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

1986

Founded as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in support of America's oldest National Military Park, Chickamauga and Chattanooga, established for its historic role as a pivotal turning point in the Civil War

1989-90

Planned and produced the Park's 12-month centennial celebration, including the \$1.3 million expansion of its main Visitor Center and addition of a state-of-the-art theater and orientation to the Battle of Chickamauga

1997

Renovated the 85-foot Wilder Brigade Monument, one of the Park's most beloved icons, raising \$300,000 and re-opening the tower to the public after years of closure due to structural damage

2000

Staged the public period festival that opened a Georgia highway bypass designed to help preserve the pastoral quality of Chickamauga Battlefield

2002-present

Partnering with the City of Chattanooga and the National Park Service to restore one of the last remaining viewsheds of the Chattanooga Battlefield at Missionary Ridge and replace tablets and cultural resources displaced by freeway construction on the Ridge in the 1960s

2005

With corporate partners and the National Park Foundation, redesigned and relaunched the Junior Ranger program for children of families visiting the Park

2007-present

Facilitating a \$150,000, three-year philanthropic partnership to provide a salary for the Park's first-ever Volunteer Coordinator and help establish a well-managed, effective volunteer program for the Park

2009

Funded a \$45,000 original local film to complement Ken Burns' PBS series on America's National Parks. The film, *From Lookout Mountain To The Valley Below*, aired locally with the Burns series and now lives on in the Park Visitor Centers and as outreach to schools and civic groups

2009-2011

Partnering with the Trust for Public Land and the American Battlefield Protection Program in grant programs totaling \$80,000 that added an 1863 Civil War history layer to Chattanooga's GIS database and educating planners, developers and local government about the new preservation tool

2010

With initial funding to be paid over five years, established the Thomas W. Jewell Memorial Restoration Fund to help the Park with its estimated \$18 million restoration backlog toward preservation of the 120 year-old historic monuments, structures and landscapes that grace its 9,100 acres