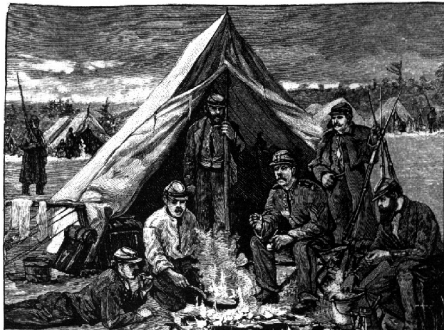


A diverse group of about a dozen local people with an interest in Civil War history formed the Kent Civil War Society in 1991. While some of our members are re-enactors, we are not a re-enactment group, but rather an independent non-profit organization dedicated to all aspects of the conflict. We have no ties with any national groups.



Programs presented at the regular meetings by guest speakers or fellow members cover a variety of Civil War related topics.

The June and December meetings are "members-only". They feature pot-luck dinners, socializing and special activities such as book auctions, period music or living history demonstrations.

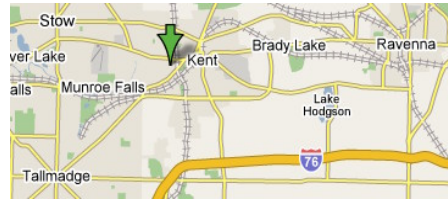
Membership in the society is open to all. Annual dues are \$15 for individuals or \$20 for a family. Prospective members are invited to attend one or two meetings for free before deciding to join.

For more information, go to www.kentcivilwar.org

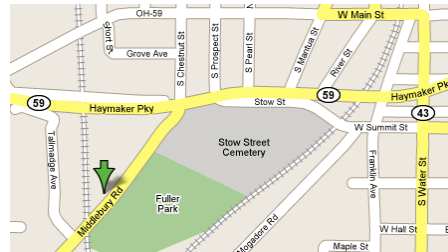
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except August. Meetings are open to members and to the public interested in checking us out or learning about a topic of special interest.

The starting time for meetings is 7:30 pm. Early arrivals are invited to have a cup of coffee and a snack and enjoy informal conversation beginning at 7:10 pm.

Meetings are held at the Roy Smith Shelter House in Fred Fuller Park, at 497 Middlebury Road, Kent.



The park is on the west side of Kent, just south of Route 59.



Kent Civil War Society



Kent, Ohio

"A new organization, the Kent Civil War Society, is being formed in the Tree City and any person interested in facts and historic information about the Civil War is invited to join."

Record-Courier, January 8, 1991

If you are interested in learning about or talking about the Civil War, consider coming to a meeting of the Kent Civil War Society.



To contact the society or to request a copy of our new newsletter, please write to...

Kent Civil War Society
P.O. Box 3671
Kent, OH 44240
Or email info@kentcivilwar.org

Portage County population and enlistments

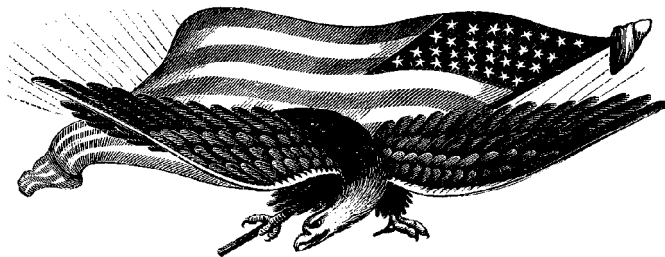
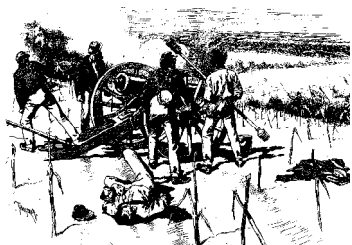
Franklin Township - approximately 160 enlisted, 26 died.

Portage County - over 2000 enlisted, over 300 died.

Population in 1860 was 24,208.

Number of soldiers by township:

Atwater, 107
 Aurora, 82
 Brimfield, 88
 Charlestown, 59
 Deerfield, 113
 Edinburg, 46
 Franklin, 159
 Freedom, 55
 Hiram, 120
 Mantua, 85
 Nelson, 118
 Palmyra, 38
 Paris, 79
 Randolph, 210
 Ravenna, 235
 Rootstown, 61
 Shalersville, 72
 Streetsboro, 96
 Suffield, 132
 Windham, 115.



To the Portage County Volunteers

Dear ones, farewell! With trembling voice, and low
 We bid you hasten at a Nation's call!
 How we shall miss you--He alone can know,
 Who bends from Heaven to watch our tear-drops fall,
 The while with close-clasped hands we kneel and pray,
 God's blessing, and his tender care to be
 The shield of those we love--while far away
 With strong, true hearts--they fight for Liberty!

And yet we hide our pain--and as we take
 Perchance the last sweet meaning from proud eyes,
 We thank our God that for our country's sake,
 Our woman hearts may make such sacrifice!
 And oh! if, where the star-gem'd banners wave--
 Where sword and spear gleam in the noonday sun,
 One--wildly worshiped--finds an early grave,
 And sleeps in death, ere victory is won;

Still--though our lips be white as winter's snow
 Still--though we drink from wasting sorrow's cup
 And die in anguish--not a tear shall flow
 In vain repentance that we gave you up!
 Go! He who rules our Nation's destiny--
 Who whispered
 "Peace" and the wild waves were still,
 Will lead our loved ones on to victory,
 And give us strength to say again--farewell.

Printed in the *Portage County Democrat*, May 1, 1861.



Is it possible that any Soldier can be so foolish as to leave the city without a supply of HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS? Whoever does so will deeply regret it. These medicines are the only certain cure for Bowel Complaints, Fevers, Sores, and Scurvy. Only 25 cents per box or pot.

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The Kent Civil War Society donates to historic preservation. As of late 2009, the society had donated over \$4000 towards the preservation of Civil War and other sites and artifacts.