

# VERMONT CIVIL WAR PROJECT

The Monkton Museum and Historical Society has joined the Vermont Civil War Project. The project is to identify sites in all Vermont towns related to the War effort. A description of the project follows below from the Vermont Humanities Council. If you have Civil War information related to Monkton or Monkton soldiers, please contact Clarke Thibault at (802) 453-4247.

As part of the effort, a listing of soldiers who were identified as Monkton residents has been created and is available in pdf format on this web site.

## VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL:

The Vermont Humanities Council (VHC) has begun a wide-ranging effort to identify sites throughout Vermont related to the home front of the Civil War, interpreting their history for the public, helping heritage tourists locate these sites, and enabling educators to make use of the sites in the teaching of history.

VHC has undertaken the project in anticipation of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which begins in 2011.

Although a search for Vermont Civil War home front sites has only begun, it is clear that Vermont contains a rich collection of such sites. Some relate to important events or entire towns, others capture the eccentricity of history and humanity.

Examples include soldiers' homes, Underground Railroad stops, drill fields, monuments, hospitals, factories that made war materials, cemeteries, and halls where war meetings were held and abolitionists spoke. Information about such sites and assistance in identifying and researching them is needed.

Vermont is an ideal state to undertake such a project for a number of reasons, including its manageable size, rich Civil War history, well-preserved natural and man-made landscape, and excellent archival resources. The project will spur myriad community projects related to specific sites and to the Civil War generally.