



# CIVIL WAR COMMITTEES RECEIVE GRANT; CEMETERY TOUR PLANNED

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – The Montgomery County and City of Radford Sesquicentennial Committees for the American Civil War Commission have been awarded a Virginia Tourism Grant to design and install interpretive markers in cooperation with Virginia’s Civil War Trails Program. The Town of Blacksburg and City of Radford are providing matching funds for the markers to be placed at the Westview Cemetery in Blacksburg and Glencoe Museum to reference General Gabriel Wharton.

Numerous Civil War veterans, both Union and Confederate, are buried in the beautiful garden style graveyard just blocks from downtown Blacksburg. The trail markers should be in place to coincide with the signature conference to be held at Virginia Tech in May 2011.

The two local committees are also working on an informative lecture series on how the Civil War impacted the New River Valley. The Montgomery County Committee will hold a tour at Westview Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., which will highlight the service of the Civil War soldiers buried there. The tour, which is free to the public, will be given by April Danner, local historian and committee chairperson.

The Westview Cemetery is located at Roanoke and Owens streets. Parking will be along the right side of the cemetery's one lane road. You may enter the site through the front gate (on the curve between Roanoke Street and Harding Avenue) and follow the road into the cemetery. The tour will begin at the flagpole near the entrance to the site.

For more information on the Westview Cemetery Tour, please contact the Blacksburg Museum at (540) 558-0746.

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