

Civil War 150 Years Ago August 1861

Aug 2 First national income tax passed by the United States Congress

Aug 3 Balloon ascension by John LaMountain at Hampton Roads, Virginia

Aug 10 Battle of Wilson's Creek (Oak Hill), Missouri. The first major Civil War battle fought west of the Mississippi River, and the site of the death of Nathaniel Lyon, the first Union general killed in action. The costly Southern victory on August 10, 1861, focused national attention on the war in Missouri. Wilson's Creek NB commemorates and interprets the battle within the context of the war in the Trans-Mississippi West.



The Battle of Wilson's Creek

Aug 12 Confederates ambushed by Mescalero Apaches in Big Bend country south of Ft. Davis TX

Aug 14 Soldiers of the 79th New York mutiny near Washington, D.C.

Aug 28 Capture of Forts Hatteras and Clark, North Carolina

Aug 30 John Charles Fremont issues unofficial Emancipation Proclamation in Missouri