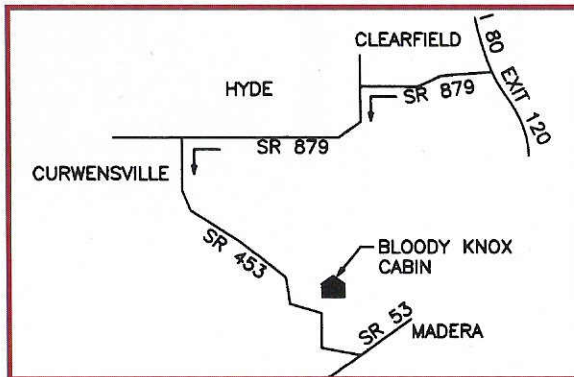
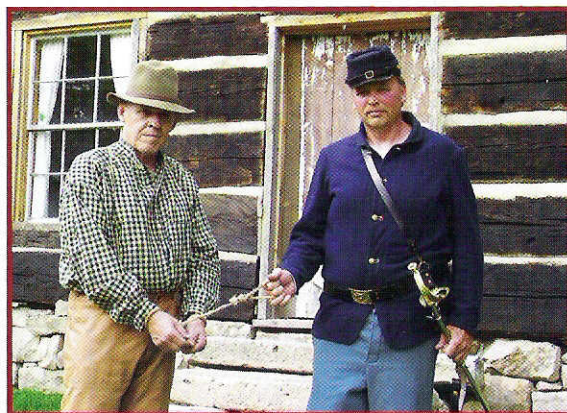


BLOODY KNOX SHOOT OUT



Capt. Southworth marched troops from Philipsburg to Knox Township. On the night of December 13, 1864, Co. C 16th VRC of the Union Army surrounded the Adams' log house at this site and requested the surrender of deserters and draft dodgers. Deserter Tom Adams fired and killed Union Soldier Edgar Reed of New Hampshire. Shots were fired killing deserter Adams in this yard. 18 men were arrested that night at this place, and within a month 150 more were incarcerated. Only New York City had more civil violence than Clearfield County during the war.



KELLYTOWN, KNOX TOWNSHIP – 14 MILES FROM INTERSTATE 80, CLEARFIELD EXIT # 120. LOCATED ALONG SR 453, 7 MILES FROM CURWENSVILLE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Clearfield County Historical Society, organized in 1955, is a non-profit organization manned totally by volunteers dedicated to the preservation of county history.

Both the museum and log cabin grounds are open to the public free of charge. The museum is open from the first Sunday in May through the last Sunday in October each Thursday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call for cabin building hours.

We encourage group tours at both properties year round; call for an appointment.

A 32-page booklet on the Bloody Knox Saga is available for sale at the museum for \$5.

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“BLOODY KNOX”

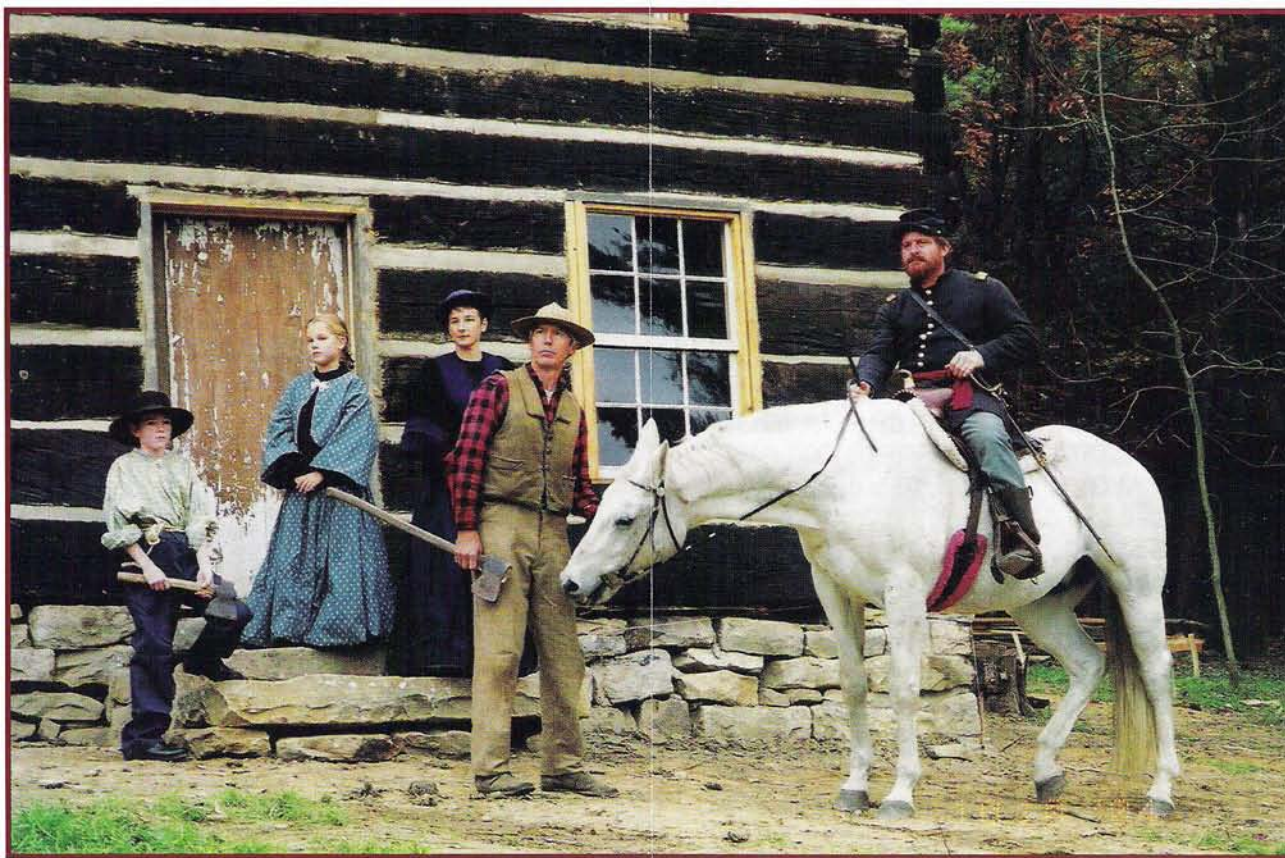


**Authentic 1860s Furnished
Log Cabin**

**On the historic site of
Bloody Conflict –
2 Killed, 18 Arrested**

**War Resistance in County
Culminated Here**

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RESISTANCE

The county draft roll of August 1864 had over 600 names, and only 150 men answered the call. In June 1863 assistant marshal David Cathcart was shot in Knox Township by draft dodgers working as loggers. Secret societies were formed to resist the draft and gather slaves.



Col. Cyrus Butler

In October 1864 recruitment officer Col. Cyrus Butler was killed in Lawrence Township, and provost marshal John McKiernan of Janesville resigned for fear of his life. Former Gov. William Bigler, who was anti-Lincoln, was living in this county and was a sympathizer to these woodsmen.

CABIN

Tom Adams built his log cabin on this site in Kellytown, Knox Twp. in 1861. He lived here with his wife, son and daughter. Adams enlisted in 1862 and deserted from the 149th "Bucktails" in 1863. A party was being held by known deserters at this site in December 1864. Soldiers were tipped off and marched to Kellytown to make arrests. After Adams was killed, the family sold the cabin to the Barnett family.

The present 1860s cabin, originally from this township, in 2004 was moved and rebuilt on the exact location of the Adams' cabin. The one-acre site also contains an outhouse, spring house and a shed housing a period wagon, sleigh, buggy and thrashing machine.

