

New map directs history buffs to smaller Civil War sites

Three Greenville places offer views of wartime life

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A new 13-state map released Thursday points tourists to 150 lesser-known Civil War destinations, including three in Greenville, to help states cash in on the growing popularity of cultural heritage tourism and to get those tourists beyond such well-trod battlefields as Gettysburg, Pa.

"Our story here is that there are a lot of jewels in Appalachia, and a lot of great stories about families and communities that we should stop and take a look at," said Earl F. Gohl, co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

In Greenville, tourists can learn how James Clement Furman opened his

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Learn more about the stories of those affected by the Civil War 150 years after the conflict began at GreenvilleOnline.com/CivilWar.

Greenville college to women when the men went off to war. They paid their tuition with bacon, sugar and lard.

They also can visit the restored Reedy River Industrial Complex where T.G. Gower's wife, Elizabeth, and daughter Cordelia took over management of the family's carriage business to make caissons and wagons for the Confederate army.

A third site on the map is the Museum and Library of Confederate History in the Pettigru Historic District.

The map and guide are being released at Inde-



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pendence Hall in Wheeling, Va., where some Virginians were so horrified by talk of secession when the war erupted in 1861 that they held their own constitutional convention and formed the breakaway state of West Virginia two years later.

Cherrydale, the summer home of James Clement Furman, the university's first president, is one of three sites on a new Civil War tourism map.

"It's a story that is often missed," Gohl says.

The guide will be a free

insert in the spring issue of American Heritage magazine, and copies have been distributed to tourism agencies in West Virginia and other Appalachian states — Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee.