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**A WALK BACK IN TIME: CHESHIRE CT IN THE YEAR 1862**

**TITUS MOSS, CHESHIRE FARMER JOINS THE CIVIL WAR**

The Cheshire Historical Society, 43 Church Drive, and The Cheshire Historic District Commission, 84 South Main Street • Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

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CHESHIRE CT - The Cheshire Historical Society and Historic District Commission invite the public to a Walk Back In Time on May 7. About 25 re-enactors in Victorian period costume will present the momentous decision made by a local Cheshire man to join the Civil War in 1862. This young man left behind his farm at the height of the harvest, his wife and two small children to respond to President Lincoln's second call for volunteers to join the Union Army.

The Walk Back In Time will begin at the Cheshire Town Hall, continue on South Main Street to Cornwall Avenue and then to the Cheshire Historical Society located at the Church Green. Along the way, costumed re-enactors will speak as they might have on that very day, discussing local politics and issues current in Cheshire almost 150 years.

Corporal Titus Moss' granddaughter donated her grandfather's Civil War letters to the Cheshire Historical Society. These letters were written from the many battle campgrounds where Titus Moss stayed, often in very trying conditions such as sleeping in thin tents in the winter. Titus Moss' words are compelling. The Cheshire Historical Society and Historic District Commission will bring to life this man's decision to join the Civil War. Information about the event and the transcribed letters written by Titus Moss are at [www.cheshirehistory.org](http://www.cheshirehistory.org). The actual letters are on display at the Historical Society.

This Preservation Month activity is a free event and concludes with a Civil War period Dessert Reception at the Cheshire Historical Society. The Walk Back In Time begins at 2 PM on Sunday, May 7 at the Town Hall, 84 South Main Street. Individuals unable or unwilling to walk along with the re-enactors can join the group at the Cheshire Historical Society located at 43 Church Drive on the Church Green where the final scenes will take place. In the event of rain, all activities will be at the Council Chambers at the Cheshire Town Hall.

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