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AgDay Television Documents Agriculture's Role in the Battle of Gettysburg

South Bend, Ind. (July 8, 2013)—This past Friday, Farm Journal Broadcast proudly presented “Gettysburg: Battle on the Family Farm,” a special edition of “AgDay” that commemorated the 150th anniversary of this historic battle. Host Clinton Griffiths traveled to the farm fields of Pennsylvania where 160,000 soldiers fought July 1-3, 1863. At that time, the 6,000-acre battlefield belonged to farmers and their families. The program told the story of what happened on that hallowed ground from the farmer’s perspective.

"There's something reverent about standing on the battlefield at sunrise imagining what those soldiers must have experienced," said Griffiths. "When you couple that with what these farmers went through as their homes and lives were ripped apart, it's a powerful story, and I was happy to share it with rural America during this time in which we celebrate our Independence."

The special edition featured Tom Vossler, a retired Army Colonel, tour guide, author, and now farmer in the Gettysburg area. "This battle was fought on about 38 different farms," Vossler noted. "It's not just about the soldiers. It's about the people who lived here and their livelihood."

Through research of pension and tax records and damage claims, Vossler helped “AgDay” viewers understand the plight of these farm families. "This is back in the days where there was no crop insurance. If you get your wheat field trampled by the army, if you get your barn emptied of the hay for the soldier's horses, guess what—too bad," Vossler explained.

You can watch "Gettysburg: Battle on the Family Farm" and view an online photo album from Gettysburg at <http://www.agweb.com/gettysburg.aspx>.

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