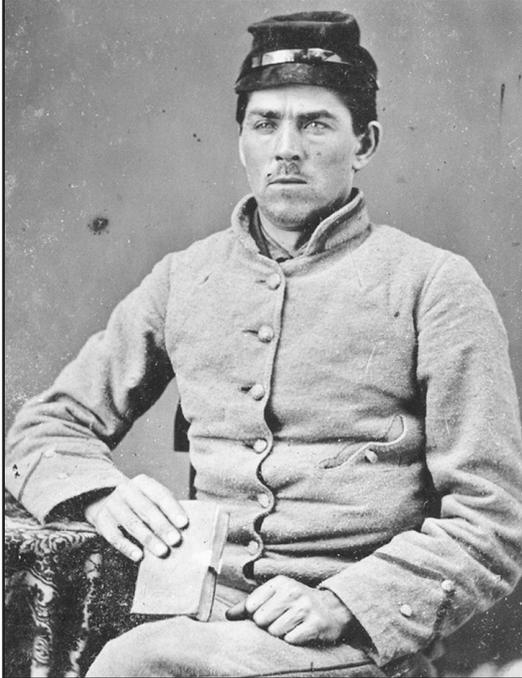




Civil War Trading Card Program

Chattahoochee River
National Recreation Area



Samuel Wesley Power A Family Torn Apart by War

Samuel Wesley Power grew up on a farm along the Chattahoochee River, helping to operate the family ferry. He joined the Confederate Army and found himself far from home. He endured the hardships, sufferings, and dangers of war, as did his family on the farm. With the battle at Kennesaw Mountain, the family could only wonder about their son's safety and his whereabouts. Union troops came through the farm and commandeered the strategic river crossing of Powers Ferry.

To learn more, visit: www.nps.gov/chat

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FIELD INVESTIGATION

Visit Powers Island and Interstate North, two Chattahoochee River NRA units located across the river from each other near Exit 22 on Interstate 285. Read the historical markers at Interstate North. Why did the Union troops cross the river here? What was Powers Ferry like in 1864? Come to the Visitors Center at Island Ford. Bring a photo of your trip to the Powers Ferry area and explain what you learned to claim your card.

OR

Come along on a Walk or Run with a Ranger program weekdays at noon, starting from Interstate North! Rangers carry this card for visitors who want to learn about the Powers Family and the Civil War crossing here.

RAINY DAY ACTIVITY (AT HOME)

Imagine you are Samuel W. Power, and write a letter home from the war. What questions would you have for your family back home? What would you want to tell them about your experiences in the war? Send or bring your letter to the Visitors Center at Island Ford to claim your card.

OR

Imagine you are a relative of Samuel W. Power, living back home on the farm. Write a letter to Sam about what is happening in July of 1864.

Send or bring your letter to the Visitor Center at Island Ford to get your card.