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-Scenic Hudson
Supporting Soldiers All Day Every Day!

Outline of N.Y. highlighting Putnam

RR Tracks in Putnam

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History of Putnam County

• Formed in 1812 when detached from Dutchess County

• Located in the lower Hudson River Valley

• Named in honor of Israel Putnam

• Settled slowly

• Mostly hilly and rocky land

• Loyalists and immigrants
Increasing population

Transportation provided by the Hudson River

Railroad (Putnam line) connected Putnam County with NYC

Gail Borden responsible for milk processing plant (located in Brewster, NY)
History of Putnam County: Putnam County in the Civil War

- Political divisions about whether to preserve the Union and end slavery
- West Point Foundry supplied Parrott Guns credited for winning the war
- Took a toll on the county’s industry and agriculture
- Reservoirs created to supply drinking water
- Improved roads (Taconic)
• **Putnam County:**
  – “Lack of military organization”
  – “Sparseness of population”
  – “Small population size”
  – All made contribution difficult

• Contributed troops to make up Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineer Units
• 6th Artillery Regiment
  • Authority to recruit in Putnam County August 14, 1862
  • Colonel W.H. Morris & Lieutenant-Colonel J. Howard Kitching
  • 10 companies
  • Mustered in October 3, 1862
  • Left New York on September 5, 1862
  • Travelled to Virginia to fight in key battles
  • Battles of Manassas Gap, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Cedar Creek
  • Mustered out August 24, 1865
  • 6 officers, 130 enlisted men died
38th Infantry Regiment

- Authority to recruit men from Putnam County
- Colonel J.H. Hobart Ward & Colonel James C. Strong
- 6 original companies, another 4 formed from transfers
- Mustered in June 3, 1861
- Left New York on June 19, 1861
- Served in Washington D.C., then Virginia
- Battles of Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fredericksburg
- Mustered out June 22, 1863
- 7 officers, 114 enlisted men died
Infantry Unit:
- 38th, 59th, 65th, 95th, 154th, and 194th regiments

Cavalry Unit:
- 1st Mounted Rifles regiment

Artillery Unit:
- 4th, 6th, 13th, and 14th regiments

Engineers Unit:
- 1st Engineer regiment
Volunteer troops from Putnam County did have an important impact on the war

Contributed as many of their men as possible to form these key regiments

“It was of her best, and freely given”
**Industrial Sites**

- **West Point Foundry**
  - Guarded by New York Military Academy at West Point, which is located directly across the Hudson River, which also provided a means for transportation and shipping of produced products.
  - Under supervision of Robert Parrott, produced its famous Parrott rifle in 1860, manufactured the first rifled cannon and the first iron ship built in the U.S., the USS Spencer.

- **New York Milk Condensery**
  - Biggest and most superior milk factory with over 200 dairy farmers supplying 20,000 gallons of milk daily to the Brewster plant as demand was driven by the Civil War soldiers
Key Training

• 4th and 6th Regiment derived from many Putnam County residents

• Parrott Rifle used at the West Point training grounds
Civil War Monuments & Key Sites

• The West Point Foundry Preserve in Cold Spring
  – The iron mines in Putnam Valley thrived with a steady market for iron at the WP Foundry.

• The New York Milk Condensery in Brewster

• The Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel & the Brewster Veterans Memorial in Brewster
West Point Foundry

Produced Parrott rifles and other munitions during the Civil War

Take Next Exit
Highway marker for WP Foundry would be placed on Route 9D near the exit for Main Street.
NEW YORK MILK CONDENSERY

Supplied condensed milk to soldiers as a field ration during the Civil War

Take Next Exit

Civil War Site
Highway marker for NY Milk Condensery would be placed on I-84 near the exit for U.S. Route 6
PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Dedicated to those from Putnam County who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. during time of conflict

Take Next Exit

Civil War Site
Highway marker for Veterans Memorial Park would be placed on State Highway 41, near Gipsy Trail Rd.
BREWSTER VETERANS MEMORIAL

Dedicated to those from Brewster who served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. during time of conflict

Take Next Exit
Highway marker for Brewster Veterans Memorial would be placed on N.Y. Route 22 near the exit for U.S. Route 6.
West Point Foundry

This is the site of the West Point Foundry. The site was guarded by the New York Military Academy at West Point during the Civil War. It was located directly across the Hudson River and also provided a means for transportation and shipping of produced products. Under the advisement of Superintendent, Robert Parrott, West Point Foundry produced its famous Parrott Rifle in 1860. Under his supervision the foundry also manufactured the first rifled cannon and the first iron ship built in the U.S. The West Point Foundry was a significant site of Putnam County, producing abundant artillery and projectiles during the Civil War.
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Location of the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park
Brewster Veterans Memorial

Dedicated to all those from Brewster / Southeast Who Served in the Armed Forces Of the United States of America During Time of Conflict

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Map of all Key Sites

- West Point Foundry
- Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park
- New York Milk Condensery
- Brewster Veterans Memorial
Lesson Plan

• **Trip to West Point Foundry**
  – Students will visit the West Point Foundry and understand its important contribution and significance during the Civil War.

• **Learning Styles**: Auditory, Visual, & Kinesthetic

• **New York State Standards:**
  – **Social Studies Standards:**
    • Standard 1: History of the United States and New York
    • Standard 3: Geography
    • Standard 4: Economics
  – **English Language Arts Standards**
    • Standard 1: Language for information and understanding
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  - Notebook to record thoughts and information to add in portfolio

- **Teacher Resources:**
  - http://www.scenichudson.org/parks/westpointfoundrypreserve
  - http://www.hudsonvalleyruins.org/yasinsac/foundry/foundry.html

Village of Cold Spring, Putnam County
Lesson Plan

- **Procedure:**
  - 1. Students will identify the historic location of various shops such as the machine shop.
  - 2. Students will visit the house of William Kemble.
  - 3. Students will hear a story about a day in the life of a foundry worker and take up a role in the foundry process during the Civil War to learn how iron was forged and delivered to the military.
  - 4. Students will listen to a story about Governor Kemble, one of the Company’s founders.
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- **Evaluation:** Students will be assessed on their level of engagement and participation throughout the role-playing and discussion. They will also be evaluated on their portfolios in which they write responses to the trip and add pictures they took throughout the trip.
Itinerary Summary

- **Stops Include:**
  - The Garrison Hotel & Valley Restaurant
  - The Boscobel House & Gardens
  - Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry School Museum
  - Foundry Café
  - Putnam Symphony Orchestra
  - The Kittleman House Hotel

- Croton Falls Trout Streams
- Constitution Marsh Nature Preserve
- The Garden Gate Café
- Sarabeck Antiques
- The Country Touch
- The Riverview Restaurant
**Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York**

1860 Population by Sex & Race*

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Putnam County, New York
1860 Population of White Males by Age*

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Useful Websites

- http://dmna.state.ny.us/
- http://www.putnamcountyny.com/historian/our history.htm
- http://sites.google.com/site/putnamcivilwar/
- http://www.scenichudson.org/whatyoucando/visitourparks/westpointfoundrypreserve
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A look at Putnam County during the Civil War as compiled by Tyler A. Archer, the current curator of the Putnam County Museum. Includes history and photos of the museum’s exhibits.

This essay is chronicles the use of canons in the Hudson River Valley from the time of the Civil War on. It provided me with necessary information on the amount of Parrott rifles produced at the West Point Foundry.


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This site gave a list of all of the regiments from Putnam County, including Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineer Units.

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Explains the significance of and events that occurred throughout Putnam County during the Civil War. The history of Putnam County from its beginnings to present day as researched and compiled by the Putnam County government.

Historian and librarian explained the importance of the West Point Foundry during the Civil War, and its assist to the triumph of the Union.


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Social Studies Field Trip Lesson Plan: The West Point Foundry

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Putnam County in the Civil War

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When the President called for 75,000 men to fight during the Civil War, Putnam County did its very best to contribute (Third Annual, 1866). Under the Infantry Unit included 38th, 59th, 65th, 95th, 154th, and 194th regiments. The Cavalry Unit included the
1st Mounted Rifles regiment, and the Artillery Unit consisted of the 4th, 6th, 13th, and 14th regiments. The Engineers Unit was the last of the county’s contributions, which included just the 1st Engineer Regiment. Putnam County did not necessarily make up entire regiments, but did volunteer troops to many of the regiments that fought in the war. The 6th Artillery Regiment and the 38th Infantry Regiment from Putnam County were especially important. The 6th Artillery Regiment officially mustered in on October 3, 1862, and mustered out on August 24, 1865. Colonel W.H. Morris and Colonel J. Howard Kitching helped lead the Regiment in battles fought in Virginia (6th Heavy Artillery, 2010). The 38th Infantry Regiment mustered in during June of 1861, and mustered out on June 22, 1863. Colonel J.H. Hobart Ward began recruiting for the Infantry Regiment on May 25, 1861. The 38th Infantry Regiment left New York on June 19, 1861, and made its way to Washington D.C. and then to Virginia to fight in several key battles (38th Infantry Regiment, 2009). The troops that were recruited from Putnam County undoubtedly had an impact on the outcome of the war. Without the contributions of these men, the regiments may not have had the successes that they did.

A number of key Civil War sites still exist in Putnam County today, along with monuments honoring those who served. The West Point Foundry in Cold Spring manufactured, produced, and supplied the Parrott rifle and other military supplies during the Civil War. “The cannon is credited with providing the Union Army and Navy with the military advantage necessary to emerge triumphant at the war's end” (Scenic Hudson). The WP Foundry also manufactured a variety of iron products for civilian use with the help of the iron mines in Putnam Valley. In addition, the New York Milk Condensery in Brewster was constructed by Gail Borden in 1864 for the production of his Eagle Brand Consolidated Milk. This condensery was the largest and most advanced milk factory of the time. Due to its storage and transportation benefits,
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Putnam was able to function as a separate county due to its increasing population and its easy transportation provided by the Hudson River. In the winter, when the river froze, fewer goods could be brought into the county. Transportation improved again when the Harlem Line on the railroad was created, connecting Putnam to New York City. Gail Borden built his new milk processing plant in Brewster, where he could ship his condensed milk to market by rail. His operation required nearly 90,000 quarts of milk each day from the farmers in eastern Putnam County. Transportation of raw milk to Brewster encouraged the development of a network of good roads in the area. Infrastructure was enhanced and improved. Putnam County played a crucially important role in the Civil War. There were intense political divisions in the County.
about whether or not war should be waged to preserve the Union and end African American slavery. Despite these divisions, those at home worked to support soldiers as well as their families and looked forward to the end of wartime divisions and the restoration of peace. The West Point Foundry, which was found and still exists today in Putnam County, was a technological powerhouse that manufactured Parrott guns. Approximately 600 guns were purchased during the Civil War. These guns were credited for winning the Civil War helping the North. By the end of the Civil War both sides were using Parrott guns. It also manufactured a variety of iron products. In addition to the iron goods and weapons supplied by the West Point Foundry, and the condensed milk sold by Borden's, Putnam also contributed to the cause by feeding troops and civilians. Declining sheep farming received a boost by a renewed wartime demand for woolen clothing when Southern cotton was unavailable.

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When the President called for 75,000 men to fight during the Civil War, Putnam County did its very best to contribute. However, the lack of military organization in this rather small county, as well as the sparseness of population, made the contribution difficult. Despite these hardships, Putnam Country was able to gather a solid number of men to volunteer to go to war. Although the amount of men willing to fight paled in comparison to other counties, “it was of her best, and freely given” (Third Annual, 1866).

Putnam County’s volunteer troops helped to make up the Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineer Units. Under the Infantry Unit included 38th, 59th, 65th, 95th, 154th, and 194th regiments. The Cavalry Unit included the 1st Mounted Rifles regiment, and the Artillery Unit consisted of the 4th, 6th, 13th, and 14th regiments. The Engineers unit was the last of the county’s troops, which included just the 1st Engineer Regiment. Putnam County did not necessarily make up entire Regiments, but did volunteer troops to many of the Regiments that fought in the war. Each and every one of these regiments made vital contributions to the war, but some had more of an impact than others.

Overall, the Artillery Unit was the one with the most men enlisted. The 6th Artillery Regiment was especially important to the outcome of the war, as well as the 38th Infantry Regiment from Putnam County. Companies H and L from the 6th Artillery Regiment and Companies G, H, I, and K in the 38th Infantry Regiment were volunteers recruited from
various towns in Putnam County. These towns primarily included Carmel, Cold Spring, and Kent (Long Island, 2010).

The 6th Artillery Regiment officially mustered in on October 3, 1862, and mustered out on August 24, 1865. Colonel W.H Morris and Lieutenant-Colonel J. Howard Kitching led the regiment, being granted authority to organize it on August 14, 1862. Companies were recruited from several towns across the state of New York, including Yonkers, Peekskill, White Plains, Mt. Pleasant, and Cold Spring from Putnam County. This regiment included ten total companies, and left the state of New York on September 5, 1862. Some of the key battles in Virginia that this regiment fought in included ones at Manassas Gap, North Anna, Totopotomoy, Cold Harbor, and Cedar Creek. The Regiment lost the most people at the battle in Totopotomoy from May 27th to the 31st, losing 16 enlisted men. All battles included, 1 officer and 62 enlisted men died in action from the 6th Artillery Regiment during the battles fought in Virginia. 5 officers and 68 men died due to injuries from being wounded, and 9 officers and 344 men recovered from their injuries received on the battlefield. (6th Heavy Artillery, 2010)

The 38th Infantry Regiment was also critical during the Civil War. This troop mustered in during June of 1861, and mustered out on June 22, 1863. Colonel J.H. Hobart Ward began recruiting the Infantry Regiment on May 25, 1861. In December of 1862, the Regiment was split into six different companies, A, B, C, D, and F. Volunteers who transferred into the 38th Infantry Regiment made up new companies, G, H, I, and K. Some of the towns that the companies were recruited from included several places in New York City and Westchester County, as well as Carmel and Kent of Putnam County. Leaving New York on June 19, 1861, the Regiment served in Washington D.C., followed
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The volunteer troops that emerged from Putnam County undoubtedly had an important impact on the Civil War. The 6th Artillery Regiment and the 38th Infantry Regiment were two that were especially important, contributing many men who were willing to risk their lives for what they believed in. The turnout of the war might not have been the same without the efforts of these brave troops that helped make up key regiments during the Civil War.

The 38th Infantry Regiment

“Battle of Fredericksburg”
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