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From the Editors:

Welcome to the 2012 edition of the *Old Settlers Gazette*. This is our "Commemorative Civil War Issue." We were asked last year if we were going to do such an issue but waited until this year because it was in June of 1862 that Waynesville and Pulaski County were occupied by Union soldiers of the 13th Missouri State Militia. This issue is mostly concerned with the first year and a half of that Union presence. A future issue will illuminate the final eighteen months. In the intervening 150 years, much has changed in the county but we still have Federal forces present, albeit at a different fort for quite different reasons.

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Cover: Old Stagecoach Stop volunteers portray a skedaddle in the country. Pillaging by both sides sent the citizens looking for safer havens. Some Unionists fled eastward to Illinois and beyond, while southern sympathizers went to Arkansas and farther south. Many refugees sought safety and subsistence around fortifications with a large presence of Federal troops, such as the District Headquarters at Rolla. The group members are (alphabetically): Railan Aistrope, William Aistrope, Richard Banner, Joy Bolduc, Phil Bolduc, Katie Boseke, Connor Howley, Kelly Howley, Shane Howley, Stephanie Nutt, Jeanie Porter, Jan Primas, Terry Primas, Cassandra Silliman, and Julianne Silliman.

Inset pictures (clockwise from upper left) are Lucy Nutt, Anna-Maria Reigle, Glen Felde, and Nicole Burns with baby Nate.

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