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SPECIAL EXHIBIT FEATURING BATTLE ARTIFACTS PART OF ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

Saturday, October 25th, 2008 – 144th anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek

PLEASANTON, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that a special archeological exhibit at Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site will officially open Saturday, October 25, 2008, the 144th anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. The exhibit includes a variety of bullets, artillery fragments, and other objects used in the battle. All artifacts were located and recovered during several archeological investigations conducted by the Kansas Historical Society in the 1980s and early 1990s. Anyone wishing to have their own military objects identified is invited to bring them to the battlefield visitor center. No appraisals will be given.

Visitors on the 25th may also take part in a guided tour of the Mine Creek Battlefield from 1 – 3 p.m. Tours are held Saturdays in the fall through November 1. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and includes the guided tour of the battlefield and admission to the exhibits located in the visitor center. Children five and under are free. The trail is one and a half miles long with portions passing near wooded areas. Visitors are advised to wear comfortable shoes and clothing, take precautions to avoid ticks, and bring their own drinking water. The tours are sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, Inc.

The Battle of Mine Creek was one of the largest cavalry battles in the Civil War and the largest battle in Kansas. Approximately 2,800 Union troops attacked and defeated nearly 8,000 Confederates along the banks of Mine Creek. After the battle, Federal forces pursued the Confederates in Missouri as they attempted to return to Arkansas, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and eventually Texas.

Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site is located one-half mile west of the intersection of U.S. 69 and K-52, three miles south of Pleasanton. The visitor center is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. For information call 913-352-8890 or visit kshs.org/places/minecreek.

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