

Faulkner Heritage Festival November 2-3, 2012

Ripley, MS

A celebration of William Faulkner's Tippah County Heritage

http://www.mainstreet.ripley.ms/Faulkner Heritage Festival.html

2012 - Faulkner the Soldier



Friday, November 2

6:30 pm – The festival begins with a showing of William Faulkner's <u>Two Soldiers</u> at the Dixie Theatre (106 S. Main Street).

7:30 pm – We invite you to take a stroll up Main Street to the MS Gold, Silver and Coin Exchange (109 N. Main Street) for a reception hosted by Kirby Carpenter and Amanda Leonard.



Saturday, November 3

8:30 am – Registration at the Ripley Public Library (308 N. Commerce), followed by an orientation session and tour of the library's Fa(u)lkner collection.

10:00 am – Tour of the "War Rooms" at the Tippah County Museum (106 N. Siddall Steet) followed by a lecture at 10:30 am of Tippah County's Civil War history hosted by Tippah Tigers Camp #868. While at the museum, you are invited to a book signing by Allen Wildmon, author of <u>Death on the Courthouse Square</u>.

11:30 am – Tour of the Hindman Cemetery at the intersection of Highway 4 and Dumas Road. Look for signs to get you to the cemetery.

12:00 pm – (\$20) Luncheon at the historic home of Joey and Wanda Stroupe (102 S. Jackson Street). The luncheon will be followed by a lecture by Dr. Ted Atkinson of Mississippi State University. The topic of his lecture will be "The Found Cause: Faulkner's Citizen Soldiers and the Democratic Revival." After the lecture, the winners of the Festival's Fiction Contest will be announced by Sherrell Settlemires.



2:00 pm – A Faulkner Primer by amateur historian, author and story teller, Bruce Smith. Bruce will tell the story of Colonel William Clark Falkner's extraordinary life and sensational death on the west side of the Tippah County Courthouse.

3:00 pm – Walking tour of the historic district of Ripley that highlights the sites where the Falkner saga played out. Your tour guide will be Bruce Smith. The tour will begin at the Tippah County Courthouse.

5:30 – **7:30** pm – Take a guided tour of the Spirits of Falkner that inhabit the Ripley Cemetery and stand at the base of the statue that inspired a fictional dynasty. Your tour guides will be honor students from Ripley High School and their teacher, Jennifer Huddleston.



7:00 pm –You are invited to complete your day in Tippah County at Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium in the Administration Building on the campus of Blue Mountain College where a portion of Handel's Messiah will be performed by the combined musical forces of Blue Mountain College Chorale and a special select community chorus from the surrounding area.