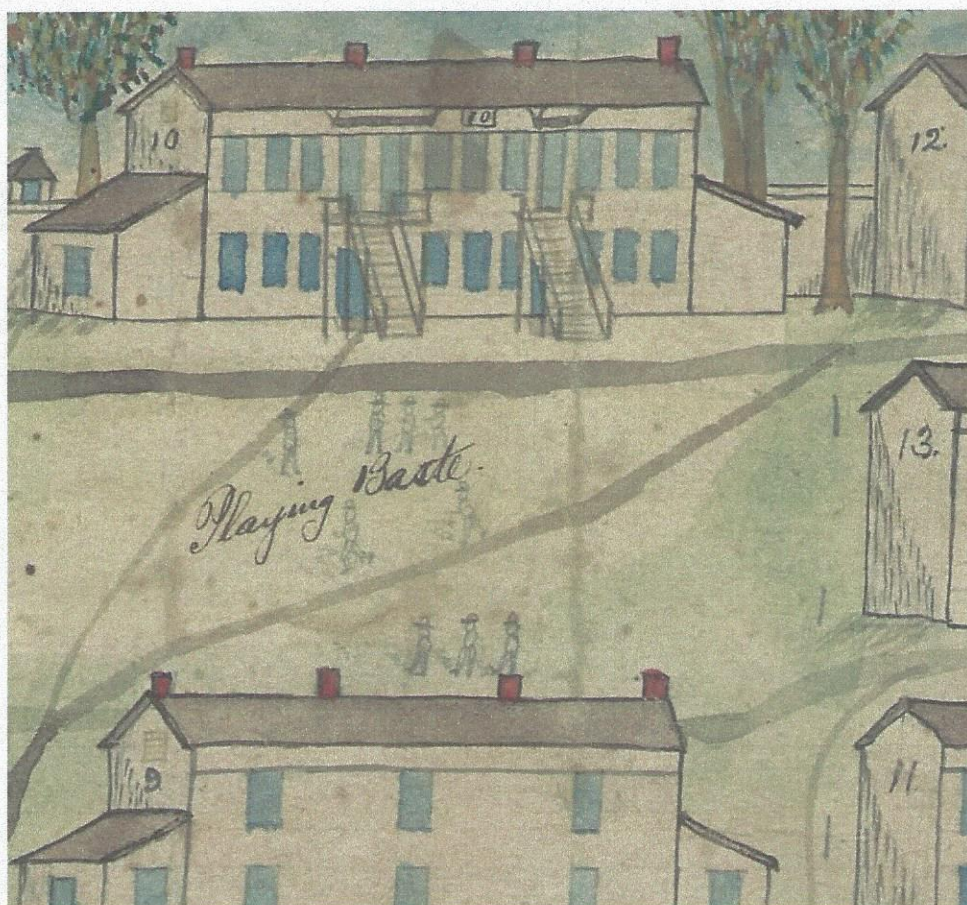


RE-CREATION OF THE AUGUST 27, 1864 JOHNSON'S ISLAND BASE BALL GAME IS TO BE PLAYED AUGUST 24, 2014 ON JOHNSON'S ISLAND

On August 27, 1864 Confederate Officer prisoners-of-war played what may be the first inter-team baseball game in Ohio. The site for the well-attended and well-documented match was the Johnson's Island Prisoner Of War Depot located on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie offshore of Sandusky, Ohio. Many of the participants were members of established ante-bellum baseball clubs that played in New Orleans. The Southern gentlemen taught a thing or two about the national pastime to their Northern captors that day.

The match will be recreated 150 years later, Sunday, August 24, 2014 on the site of the original, now a National Historic Landmark. The re-enactors will be members of two veteran vintage baseball clubs, The Great Black Swamp Frogs Base Ball Club of Sylvania, Ohio and The Ohio Village Muffins representing the Ohio Historical Society of Columbus, Ohio. Every effort will be made to present a game as historically accurate as possible.

The event is sponsored by Friends and Descendants of Johnson's Island Civil War Prison, David R. Bush, Ph.D., Chair. Other events to be held in conjunction with the 150th anniversary celebration game are in the planning stages.



1863 Johnson's Island Prison Site Drawing. From the Joseph Mason Kern Papers, Southern Historical Collections, Wilson Library, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
"Playing Baste"-between Blocks 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13