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## September 2022 Newsletter

Major John C. Hutto Camp Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Major John C. Hutto Camp  
in Jasper, Alabama will be

**Sunday, 18 September 2022 at 2:00PM**

Meeting will be at the  
First United Methodist Church's Adult Center  
behind the church sanctuary.

Speaker - Adjutant John McGraw

Family, friends & guest are welcome



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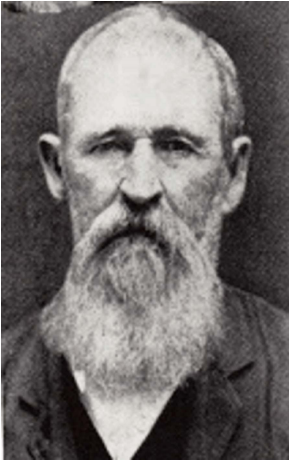


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# John Wisdom Rides into History

By Norman Daisinger



John Wisdom |  
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John Wisdom—the Paul Revere of the South—is considered one of the most well-known local heroes of the Civil War. At 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 2, 1863, Wisdom was returning to Gadsden, Alabama, after delivering some mail and selling some corn he had milled. The Wisdom family operated a ferry crossing of the Coosa River near present-day downtown Gadsden, and he arrived there to learn that Yankee colonel Abel Streight and over 2,000 of his mounted soldiers had just exited the town.

Wisdom also learned that Streight's raiders were headed for Rome, Georgia, where his mother lived, and he felt she might be in danger. So, he decided to ride from Gadsden to Rome—67 miles—to warn the citizens of the town and save his mother.

He did not know, however, that Confederate general Nathan B. Forrest and almost 400 of his best cavalry were hot on Streight's trail.

Wisdom began his journey using his one-horse delivery buggy, and that lasted for 22 miles when the horse gave out between present-day Hoke's Bluff and Piedmont, Alabama. Despite her objection, Wisdom borrowed a lame pony from Mrs. Hanks and then continued into the community of Goshen. Simpson Johnson then gave Wisdom a fresh horse and rode with him for 11 miles to the Rev. Joel Weems home near Spring Garden. Johnson rode with Wisdom not only to help but also to insure he would get his horse back. Next, John saddled a mule for the 11-mile trip into Cave Spring, Georgia. There, John Baker loaned him a horse and, finally, 6 miles from Rome, a man named Jones provided the last mount he needed to enter the city where he found most everyone asleep.

Arriving in Rome around midnight, he alerted the militia commander, George Black, of the impending Yankee raiders. Then, exhausted, he found his mother's house, woke her up, and then went to bed.

Streight and all his men were captured later that day—May 3—by Forrest's troopers near Cedar Bluff, Alabama. Due to the combination of an alerted Rome, thanks to Wisdom's ride, and the aggressiveness of Forrest, Colonel Streight and his men managed to enter Rome—but as POWs.





## HUTTO CAMP OFFICERS

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| Commander                        | James R. Blackston |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Cmd. . . . . | Trent Harris       |
| 2nd Lt. Cmd. . . . .             | Jeremy Jackson     |
| Adjutant . . . . .               | John McGraw        |
| Chaplain . . . . .               | Barry Cook         |
| Judge Advocate. . . . .          | Cherokee Brasher   |
| Communications. . . . .          | Gene Herren        |
| Facebook . . . . .               | Brandon Prescott   |
| . . . . .                        | Jeremy Jackson     |
| Quartermaster . . . . .          | Barry Cook         |
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