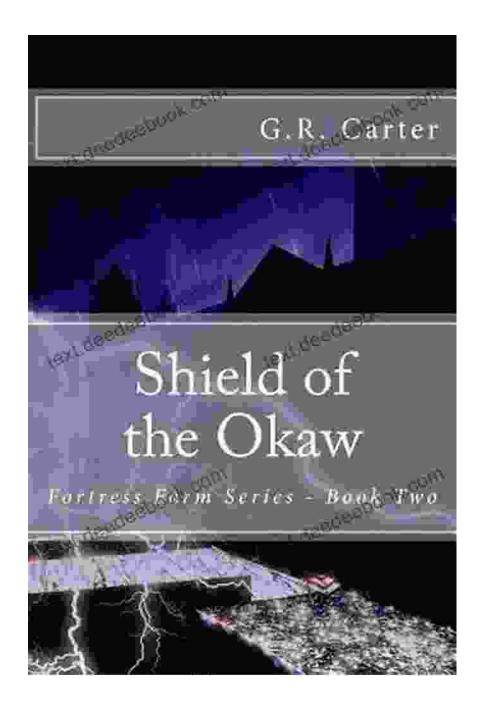
Shield of the Okaw: Fortress Farm Part Two



Shield of the Okaw: Fortress Farm is a National Historic Landmark located in southwestern Illinois. The site was once a thriving military post and trading center, and it played a major role in the history of the American frontier.



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In the first part of this article, we discussed the early history of Shield of the Okaw, from its founding in 1815 to its abandonment in 1836. In this article, we will explore the site's later history, from its rediscovery in the early 20th century to its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1960.

Rediscovery and Preservation

Shield of the Okaw was rediscovered in the early 20th century by local historian William Woodruff. Woodruff was intrigued by the site's ruins, and he began to research its history. In 1927, Woodruff published a book about Shield of the Okaw, which helped to raise awareness of the site's importance.

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began to work on preserving Shield of the Okaw. The CCC workers cleared away brush and debris, and they rebuilt some of the site's structures. In 1940, Shield of the Okaw was designated as a state historical site.

National Historic Landmark

In 1960, Shield of the Okaw was designated as a National Historic Landmark. This designation recognizes the site's national significance, and it ensures that the site will be protected for future generations.

Since its designation as a National Historic Landmark, Shield of the Okaw has been the subject of extensive archaeological research. This research has helped to shed light on the site's history, and it has made Shield of the Okaw one of the most well-documented archaeological sites in Illinois.

Tours and Events

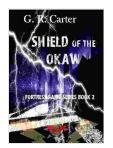
Shield of the Okaw is open to the public for tours. The site's visitor center has exhibits on the site's history, and there are guided tours of the site's ruins.

Shield of the Okaw also hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

These events include living history demonstrations, concerts, and historical reenactments.

Shield of the Okaw: Fortress Farm is a significant historical site that played a major role in the history of the American frontier. The site has been preserved and interpreted for future generations, and it is open to the public for tours and events.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of the American frontier, then I encourage you to visit Shield of the Okaw. The site is a fascinating glimpse into the past, and it is a reminder of the importance of preserving our history.



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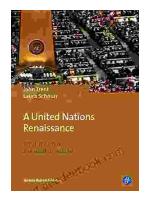
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