

OLD RED MUSEUM



OF DALLAS COUNTY HISTORY & CULTURE

New Exhibit – *Lee and Grant* – Opens at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture on June 12

A Rare Comparison of the Lives and Careers of these Two Iconic Civil War Generals Through Their Belongings and Writings

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Dallas, TX - The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture will open *Lee and Grant*, a special temporary exhibit exploring the lives and careers of the two Civil War generals, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant on June 12, 2009. *Lee and Grant* can be seen through August 11 in Old Red's first floor special exhibits gallery.

The exhibit *Lee and Grant* provides a major reassessment of the lives, careers, and historical impact of Civil War generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. It also encourages audiences to move beyond the traditional mythology of both men and rediscover them within the context of their own time—based on their own words and those of their contemporaries. *Lee and Grant* presents photographs, paintings, prints, coins, reproduction clothing, accoutrements owned by the two men, documents written in their own hands, and biographical and historical records to reveal each man in his historical and cultural context, allowing audiences to compare the ways each has been remembered for almost 150 years. During what is arguably the most tragic time in United States history, the Civil War, *Lee and Grant* examines what duty, honor, and love of country meant to both the North and the South and what legacy grew out of that conflict that has helped to shape the America we know today.

"Visitors will enjoy discovering similarities and differences between Lee and Grant that are rarely pointed out," said Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen, exhibition co-curator and the Lora M.

Robins Curator of Art at the Virginia Historical Society. "These generals have been explored by historians for decades, but *Lee and Grant* is the first exhibition to present the two men together so that visitors can make decisions about them, side by side, based on facts. We hope that after they view *Lee and Grant*, visitors will give more thought to the legacies of both generals."

Lee and Grant has been made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit was originally developed by the Virginia Historical Society, and co-curated by Dr. William M. S. Rasmussen, Lora M. Robins Curator of Art at the Virginia Historical Society and Dr. Robert S. Tilton, Chairman of the Department of English, University of Connecticut, Storrs. This exhibit is toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance through NEH on the Road.

On Saturday, June 13, the Old Red Museum will host a *Civil War Family Day*, with special general admission pricing at \$4 per person on June 13 only and includes performances, talks, demonstrations, and crafts for the whole family.

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture is located in the West End of downtown Dallas at 100 South Houston Street in the beautifully restored Old Red Courthouse built in 1892. Dedicated to inspire and educate visitors about the rich and varied cultural, economic, political and social history of the Dallas County area, the 2nd floor of Old Red is filled with interactive exhibits, an educational learning center, and four mini theaters. The special exhibits gallery is located on the first floor. Admission to *Lee and Grant* is included in general admission. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for children ages three to sixteen. Admission to *Lee and Grant* without general admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. The Museum is open seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Bird admission pricing of \$5 is offered on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For group reservations, corporate meetings/outings or weddings call 214-745-1100. For more information, visit www.oldred.org.