

Visit Appomattox County and the Joel Sweeney Birthplace and Gravesite

Joel Sweeney
lived in this
cabin owned by
cousin Charles
Sweeney

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The Joel Sweeney Birthplace and Gravesite Hwy 24 Appomattox, VA 24522

The home place and grave site of Joel Walker Sweeney, credited by many as the inventor of the five-string banjo, by others as the one who brought the five-string banjo into prominence.

The Sweeney brothers are a recognized piece of Civil War History, and their restored cabin still stands on the property. A national historic marker denotes the site of both his birth and burial, located on Hwy 24 east of the [Appomattox Court House National Historical Park](#).

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