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Robert W. Waitt, Jr. - 'Sin and the Civil War' - Thursday, April 11

Robert W. Waitt, Jr., a Virginian of bubbling personality, will speak to our meeting Thursday, April 11, on a subject that rarely gets on a Civil War Round Table rostrum. It is "Sin and the Civil War, or The Kinsey Report of the War."



Robert W. Waitt, Jr.

Bob has been executive secretary of the Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee since its organization in 1959. He was the third president of the Richmond Civil War Round Table, author of its constitution, and active in its doings at all times.

About his talk to Chicago CWRT, Bob says, "It will feature that heretofore little discussed, but entertaining pastime of Civil War soldiers, sex. It will include quotes from soldier letters, diaries of prostitutes, and newspaper accounts. It will not go into combat details, but will describe the armies involved and the battlefields they used."

Waitt has had a part in the arrangements for all three of Chicago CWRT's battlefield tours to Richmond - in 1953, 1960 and 1963. Thus, many of our members know his boundless energy.

Bob is a Republican in a Democratic state and has a long record in party activity. He was president of the Young Republican federation and Republican candidate for lieutenant governor in 1952. He received almost 200,000 votes - the third highest in Virginia history.

He is a native and longtime resident of Richmond. He was graduated from Columbia university and took his master's degree at the University of Chicago. He has lectured on historical subjects at a number of universities, including Chicago.

Bob is vice-president of the International Manuscript society, associate editor of the Manuscript Journal and in 1955 received the society's award for outstanding research from original manuscripts. He was state chairman of the Virginia Heritage Day committee, of the Alexander Hamilton bicentennial committee, and the Abraham Lincoln Sesquicentennial committee. He is a past secretary and director of Richmond Rotary Club.

In other varied activities he has been connected with the New York and San Francisco World Fairs, was administrative assistant to Rep. Harold Knutson (Minn.) and liaison to the House of Representatives Ways and Means committee.

Bob is president of Waitt Publications, Inc., author of numerous publications and editor since 1939 of the Richmond Directory and Guide.

DR. R. GERALD McMURTRY, director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation of Fort Wayne, and member of Chicago CWRT, will speak to Salt Creek CWRT in the Glen Ellyn Public Library at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, on "Ben Hardin Helm, Lincoln's Confederate Brother-in-Law". We recommend this meeting to our members who are unable to go on our Richmond battlefield tour.



220th REGULAR MEETING

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Robert W. Waitt, Jr.

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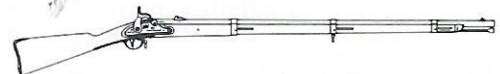
"Sin and the Civil War, or
The Kinsey Report of the War"

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1963

St. Clair Hotel
162 East Ohio Street

Cocktails at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



VISITS TO AREAS administered by the National Park Service reached an all-time high of 88,457,100 in 1962. This was an 11 per cent increase over 1961. Since the service was founded in 1916, more than one billion visitors have made use of the parks.

In 1962, Blue Ridge Parkway led all facilities. Colonial Williamsburg was highest of the parks. Other historic site leaders were Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., and Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

Among the battlefield parks, sites and monuments, there were these places and attendance: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace (315,800), Antietam (176,000), Appomattox Court House (152,200), Brice's Cross Roads (2,000), Chickamauga and Chattanooga (1,068,000), Cumberland Gap (151,900), Custis-Lee Mansion (446,500), Fort Donelson (590,800), Fort Jefferson, Fla. (7,700), Fort Pulaski, Ga. (161,600), Fort Sumter (60,300), Fort Union, N.M. (11,800), Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania (522,300), Gettysburg (1,893,300), Harpers Ferry (658,000), House Where Lincoln Died (163,900), Kennesaw Mountain (287,800), Lincoln Museum, D.C. (261,500), Manassas (201,600), Petersburg (848,400), Pea Ridge, Ark. (36,600), Richmond (157,300), Shiloh (803,200), Stones River, Tenn. (46,700), Tupelo, Miss. (800), and Vicksburg (933,700).

VICKSBURG MEDAL, in the official Civil War Commemorative series, is available in bronze for \$5 postpaid from Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, Miss. It is \$30 for silver, numbered serially, and \$2,500 for platinum, serially to 10. The face has "Battle of Vicksburg - Gibraltar of the Confederacy" and bas-relief busts of Ulysses S. Grant and John C. Pemberton. The obverse has crossed flags above a field piece and "Civil War Centennial - 1863-1963".

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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and Hal Hixson.



RAWLINS, Wyoming, and Galena, Ill., want the statue
of Gen. John A. Rawlins which stands between the Gen-
eral Services administration and Interior department
buildings in Washington, D. C. Charles D. Rawlins, of
Columbus, Ind., a grand-nephew of the general, is pro-
testing any move of the statue. He is backed by Sen.
Vance Hartke (D., Ind.), who says he also has the sup-
port of our CWRT member, Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.)
On the other hand, Sen. Everett Dirksen (R. Ill.) intro-
duced a bill to move the statue to Galena.

MAJ. GEN. U. S. GRANT III was named an honorary
president of the New York CWRT recently. John C. Pem-
berton III, grandson of the general who surrendered
Vicksburg, presented Grant with a specially prepared
plaque. Among those present at the ceremony were J. E.
B. Stuart III; Miss Julia McAfee, grand-niece of Stone-
wall Jackson; Robert E. Lee IV; William Boyd McCabe,
a descendant of Belle Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman
Beecher Stowe. J. E. B. Stuart IV is a lieutenant at Fort
Lee, Va., and father of the recently born J. E. B. Stuart V.

COLLECTORS of artifacts from steamboats who have
something to trade should get in touch with Mrs. Edwin
C. Bearss, 1116 Crawford street, Vicksburg, Miss. She
has a number of items to trade from the Charm and Paul
Jones which were sunk in the Big Black river during the
Vicksburg campaign.

*from the
Editor's pen*



Joseph E. Johnston could not have held Snake Creek
Gap with a corps, let alone a division, Col. Allen P. (Ned)
Julian contended to the 80 members and guests attending
the March meeting. That was how Schofield tried to hold
the gap against John B. Hood, but could not get away with
it, Julian said.

James B. McPherson went beyond Snake Creek Gap
and down through Ship's Gap. In this case, Johnston lost
security - one of the principles of war - by lack of knowl-
edge of McPherson's movement. However, McPherson
also failed, not gaining his objective of disrupting com-
munications and rail connections.

Nathan Bedford Forrest was an example of a general
who made use of all the principles of war, though he was
an unschooled man as contrasted to the West Pointers,
Julian said.

As an example of disobedience of the principles of
war, Ned cited Robert E. Lee who disregarded the prin-
ciple of mass at Chancellorsville. He split his forces,
but gained a victory. On the other side, Joe Hooker
neglected the principle of security, not being informed
of his foe's movements and he lost the initiative.

Johnston was an example of generals blighted by
political interference. Generals had to bear responsi-
bility for their subordinates in spite of shortcomings.
In many cases historians have judged by what politicians
said, rather than what happened, Julian said.

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An executive committee meeting was held prior to the
regular meeting. Finances and requests for donations
from worthy projects were discussed. A raise in annual
dues to \$15 beginning July 1 was voted. President War-
ren Reeder was authorized to appoint a three man com-
mittee to judge requests for donations to projects. Trus-
tee Morton B. Feigen proposed inviting promising young
men interested in the Civil War to our meetings. It was
decided to appoint a four man committee, including Feigen
and educators within our board to make a study and re-
port. Reeder announced the resignation of Dr. G. P.
Clausius as a member of the nominating committee. Hal
Hixson was named to replace him and C. Robert Douglas
was named chairman. Brooks Davis and Charles Bourn-
stine were named to represent our Round Table at the
wreath laying at Lincoln's tomb on April 15.

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Honorary Award Member Abe Geldhof will be a patient
in Edgewater Hospital, 5700 N. Ashland Ave., for several
weeks after April 5. We know he'll be pleased to have a
card, a call, or a visit from old friends.

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Remember the autographing party for Founder Otto
Eisenschiml at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop at 3 p.m.
on April 11 when his new book O.E.: Historian Without an
Armchair will be introduced. A date in May will be an-
nounced for an autographing party for Bruce Catton and
The Terrible Swift Sword, Vol. II of the centennial his-
tory series. Charles L. (Pie) Dufour, of New Orleans,
will be our speaker in June.

"NOW THEN MY HEARTIES," said a gallant captain,
"you have a tough battle before you. Fight like heroes
till your powder's gone, then run! I'm a little lame, and
I'll start now!" - Harpers Weekly, Jan. 11, 1862.

Visits to Richmond Shrines

Our Richmond hosts on the April 24-28 battlefield tour have drawn a program for Friday, April 26, that will take us to three principal historic centers and to as many other places as can be fitted into the day.

One visit is to Centennial Center, the circular building near downtown Richmond which was erected to tell the story of Virginia's participation in the Civil War. A feature is a movie narrated by Joseph Cotten, a native son. It is projected in segments as viewers walk around the circular concourse.

Then there is the White House of the Confederacy which was the home of the Jefferson Davises during the war. For many years the mansion has served as the Confederate Museum.

The third place is Battle Abbey and Virginia Historical society which has the historic treasures and paintings of Virginia.

Some places will be viewed on a bus tour, with stops as time permits. The drive in Monument avenue will present the statues of Confederate heroes. The route will take in St. Paul's, Chimborazo hill, the site of Libby Prison, and the Capitol, which was designed by Thomas Jefferson.

Richmond ladies will be present at our Wednesday night meeting to explain the features of Richmond's Garden Week tour. Ladies of our party will have the option of taking this tour or the Thursday tour of the Seven Days' battlefields.

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Hon. Joseph W. Crovenay, who will be with us on part of our tour and is scheduled as speaker on Saturday, April 27, has a distinguished ancestry. Dr. Loyal Davis, president of the Crovenay Society in America, has assisted in providing this data:

CROVENAY, Alastair Louis Antoine Francois, Saint-Remy, 1st duc de Brillig (1686-1751), French philologist, classical scholar, historian, author of numerous books, including his famous *Le Tresor a Histoire Orientale* (1707); lord of bedchamber (1709), privy counselor (1735). His only son Charles (1701-1760), 2nd duc de Brillig et Aubigny, was a lieutenant general and attended the duke of Cumberland in his expedition against the rebels. The 2nd duc's third son, Charles (1735-1806), 3rd duc, diplomat, graduate of Leyden (1753), was minister at London (1765), master general of ordnance with seat in cabinet (1784). Alastair Joseph, 4th duc, nephew of 3rd duc (1763-1840), general, member of Constituent Assembly (1827), Legislative Assembly (1835). Joseph Charles (1808-1874), 5th duc, nephew of 4th duc, opposed Louis Napoleon's coup d'etat and left France for America (1851), journalist, war correspondent, writer, later professor of history, Princeton. His son, Charles Louis (1853-1924), industrialist, collector of Americana, Civil War and Confederate manuscripts and books, philanthropist. His son, Joseph W. Crovenay (1903-), author, collector, philologist, collector of Americana, Civil War enthusiast.

KITTRIDGE A. WING has been named superintendent of Gettysburg National Military park. He succeeds James B. Myers, who is now superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina. Wing has had previous service at Shenandoah National park, San Juan National Historic site, and Fort Union National monument.

NEW YORK CWRT is making its annual battlefield tour by bus May 16-18 to Gettysburg. Historians Fred Tilberg and Harry Pfanz will be the guides. Members on the tour are given a choice of blue or gray hats. Headquarters will be at Hotel Gettysburg.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Civil War Centennial Commissions of Chicago and Illinois, with the support of other organizations, including the Civil War Round Table and the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, will commemorate the 150th birthday anniversary of Stephen Arnold Douglas with a ceremony at the Douglas tomb, at the east end of 35th street, at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 23. Mayor Richard J. Daley, Gov. Otto Kerner, and others will participate in the event. Member Ralph G. Newman is chairman of the Chicago CWC commission. A number from our Round Table are members of the Chicago and Illinois commissions. The event should be well supported.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: J. B. Reavley to: 4034 Joliet Ave., Lyons, Ill.; Lester N. Selig to: 844 Mission Road, Palm Springs, Cal.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢.

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga., a town of 1,500 population, has a \$15,000,000 park development as a memorial to the Confederacy. The greatest attraction, of course, is the mountain itself, the largest exposed granite outcropping in the world, with an unfinished carving of the head of Robert E. Lee and a rough general outline of his horse, and of Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson. The new Stone Mountain Memorial association was set up by the state and authorized to sell revenue certificates to develop a 3,000 acre park and memorial. The park has one of the world's largest skylifts, a scenic railroad that will encircle the mountain, a 7 story observation tower and restaurant on the mountain top, a 475 acre lake, 25 lake-side cottages, a marina, a museum, a children's zoo, picnic areas, camping grounds, a motel with two swimming pools, bridle paths and an authentic restoration of a Civil War southern plantation. Two glass enclosed cars on the skylift will carry 50 passengers each along the 2,800 foot cables to the mountain top.

THE OKLAHOMA Civil War Centennial Commission announces the publication of a full color map of the Civil War in Indian Territory, early-day Oklahoma. Twenty-nine combat sites are located, along with forty-nine related installations, mostly identified for the first time. Combat drawings, photographs, and a sketch of the war in Indian Territory are included.

The map is the work of Muriel H. Wright, editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, and LeRoy H. Fischer, professor of history in Oklahoma State University. Copies are available without cost from the Planning Division, Oklahoma Department of Highways, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City 5, Oklahoma. Flat copies for display purposes will be sent when specified.

Civil War Round Tables are urged to request enough copies for each of their members.

NEW ALBANY (Ind.) CWRT continues on the plan of reporting the war 100 years ago at each monthly meeting - "The War in April 1863" and so on.

THE NEW BOOKS



TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD, by Bruce Catton, E. B. Long, director of research (Doubleday, \$7.50 - pre-pub, \$5.95). Vol. II in Centennial History of the Civil War.

HISTORIAN WITHOUT AN ARMCHAIR, by Otto Eisen-schimi (Bobbs, Merrill, 224pp, \$4).

NINE MEN IN GRAY, by Charles L. Dufour (Double-day, \$4.95). Biographies of nine Confederate heroes.

LINCOLN IN PHOTOGRAPHS, by Charles Hamilton and Lloyd Ostendorf (Oklahoma U., 208pp, \$19.50).

WISCONSIN AND THE CIVIL WAR, by Frank L. Klement (State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 112pp paper, 75¢).

THE CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTIONS, by Charles Robert Lee, Jr. (U. of North Carolina, 256pp, \$6).

WE WERE THERE WITH LINCOLN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, by Earl Schenck Miers (Grosset, 192pp, paper \$1.95). Historical novel as told by Lincoln's son Tad.

JUDAH P. BENJAMIN, by S. I. Neiman, intro by Otto Eisenschimi (Bobbs, Merrill, 224pp, \$3.95).

BEDFORD FORREST, HORSEBACK BOY, by Aileen Wells Parks, illus. by Gray Morrow (Bobbs, Merrill, 200pp, \$2.25). Juvenile.

THE RECONSTRUCTION: A Documentary History of the South After the War, edited by James P. Shenton (Putman, \$5.95).

MEDICINES FOR THE UNION ARMY: The U.S. Army Laboratories During the Civil War, by George Winston Smith (Madison, Wis., 119pp, \$2.75).

THE INDIAN WAR OF 1864, by Eugene F. Ware, edited by Clyde C. Walton (U. of Nebraska, 484pp, \$1.65). Paper reprint.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF STATE PARTICIPATION IN THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1866, War Department (Government Printing Office, 1140pp, \$25). Third printing.

BOOKS RELATING TO THE CIVIL WAR, by John Mebane (Yoseloff, \$10). An inventory of current book values.

THE CIVIL WAR IN THE UNITED STATES, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels (Citadel, paper, \$1.95). Authors' writings for New York Tribune, Vienna Presse, and letters.

MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY, SCIENTIST OF THE SEA, by Frances Leigh Williams (Rutgers, 640pp, \$10).

THE ALABAMA CONFEDERATE READER, by Malcolm C. McMillan (U. of Alabama, \$7.75). Alabama's years in the Confederacy.

A JOHNNY REB BAND: The Pride of Tarheelia (North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission). Story of the 26th infantry; **DIXIE GEOGRAPHY**, reprint of an 1864 Confederate textbook.

AN END TO BUGLING, by Edmund G. Love (Harper & Row, 150pp, \$3.50). A spoof of the Civil War Centennial.

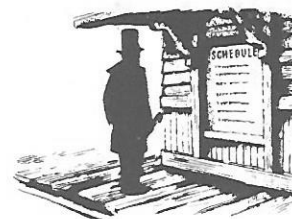
A VERY SMALL REMNANT, by Michael Straight (Knopf, 232pp, \$4). Novel based on the Civil War battle at Fort Lyon, Col.

THE CIVIL WAR BOOK SWAP of the New York CWRT, listing items for trade and sale; wanted, etc. Leaflet free from Charles O. Johnson, Box 78, Route 1, Bricktown, N. J.

MAP (16-1/2 x 25) showing locations of 70 ships wrecked on North Carolina coast, \$1. A. L. Honeycutt, Jr., Fort Fisher Restoration Committee, Box 342, Carolina Beach, N. C.

NAVAL CHRONOLOGY, 1863, No. 3 of series, by Rear Adm. E. M. Eller, Division of Naval History, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.

FUTURE MEETINGS



April 23 - Stephen A. Douglas tomb, Chicago, 150th birthday anniversary.

April 24-28 - Chicago CWRT 13th Annual Battlefield Tour to Richmond, Va., "Seven Days Battles" and Grant's 1864 Campaign.

Friday, May 17 - "Antietam", James V. Murfin, business manager, CIVIL WAR TIMES illustrated.

Friday, June 14 - Charles L. (Pie) Dufour, on Confederate Heroes.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 6-7 - 101st Anniversary of Battle, Shiloh, Tenn.

April 7 - Mansfield, La., Commemoration of the battle; Honors to living sons and daughters of Confederate and Union veterans.

April 9 - Open House, Appomattox Court House, 98th Anniversary of Surrender.

April 18 - Fayetteville, Ark., Centennial of Battle.

April 26 - Confederate Memorial Day.

April 24 - Newton, Miss., Pageant re-enacting Grierson's raid on Newton.

April 27 - Columbus, Ohio, U. S. Grant Birthday dinner, Ohio Historical society and U. S. Grant association.

May 1 - Richmond, Va., Public dinner in memory of Stonewall Jackson; speaker Lenoir Chambers; Release of new film, "Stonewall Jackson's Way".

May 1 - Petersburg, Va., Opening of Crater road.

May 5 - Chancellorsville, Va., Dedication of new Visitor Center.

May 5 - Port Gibson, Miss., Commemoration, Battle of Port Gibson. Dedication of Grant's route markers and ferry.

May 10 - Lexington, Va., Stonewall Jackson ceremonies at Virginia Military Institute.

May 11 - Raymond, Miss., Centennial Ball; May 12, Commemoration of the Battle of Raymond; Restoration of Waverly (Peyton home), Grant's headquarters.

May 16-19 - New York CWRT Battlefield Tour to Gettysburg.

May 22-24 - Boston, Parker House, 6th National Assembly of Civil War Centennial Commissions.

May and June - Special Jackson exhibit at Centennial Center, Richmond.



DR. JAMES I. (Bud) ROBERTSON, Jr., executive director of the National Civil War Centennial Commission received the Truman award of Kansas City CWRT at its February meeting. Other Truman award winners are Bruce Catton, Allan Nevins, and Edwin Bearss.

REGIMENTAL PUBLICATIONS & PERSONAL NARRATIVES OF THE CIVIL WAR, a Checklist, Part V, Indiana and Ohio, by C. E. Dornbusch (New York Public Library).