

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION UPDATE

BY ROGER E. BOHN

The Preservation of Spring Hill, Tennessee Battlefield was a recent feature article in *Hallowed Ground*, the newsletter of the newly-formed Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT). This was "timely" since our CWRT of Chicago's *50th Annual Tour* will include this battlefield. Our past contributions to the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS), as well as our upcoming efforts, have helped to save this worthwhile site. As usual, once a property is "bought," the mortgage must then be paid off before the site is *truly* saved, and we cannot simply move on to other properties.

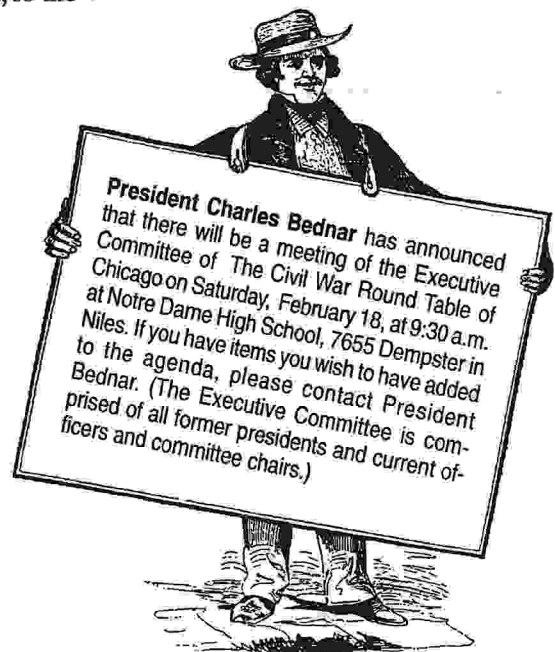
The end of 1999 should mark the final payment, and that will mean that a total of \$810,000 has been paid toward this goal in five years! Several of our members were present at the dedication of Spring Hill Battlefield this past October, and we can confirm that "every little bit *does* matter."

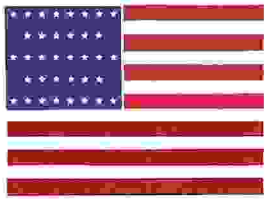
The "notorious" observation *National Tower at Gettysburg* may be in line for condemnation proceedings by the Justice Department, according to *The Civil War News*. At issue has been the appraisal value of the tower, and that means either the cost to replace, a market value based on comparable property sales, or a price based on the income derived from the "business." Up to now, however, the owner has refused to open his books as to income derived, so the valuation has been based on replacement of the tower. Interesting to note that the owner has never been required to hand over to the National Park Service the agreed-to five percent of said income. The answer was that he's "never made a profit." But he still refuses the \$3 million offer and wants the \$6.6 million replacement value which, naturally, the NPS refuses to accept. Condemnation, however, would only come after even *more* long and lengthy negotiations.

On another note, Gettysburg and other Civil War battlefields should stress a broader interpretation than just the battles fought there, according to Jesse

Jackson Jr., D-Illinois, congressman and member of the House Appropriations Committee. Jackson, described as a "Civil War buff," has visited a dozen battlefields and sees slavery and race as "central to American history." The notion that the war was about states' rights is "an ideology that must be defeated," according to Jackson's spokesman. The other side of that coin is preservation advocate Jerry Russell, CWRT Associates, who took NPS Director Katherine Stevenson to task for asserting she was "not really interested in battles" when visiting a park, because she wanted to hear the "larger story of the War." Yet another voice, NPS Chief Historian Dwight Pitcaithley, says: "We study history to understand how we got to where we are today. We need to tell people what happened, why it happened, and answer the question 'so what?'" Which leaves *us* to try to sort out the facts and come to our own conclusions.

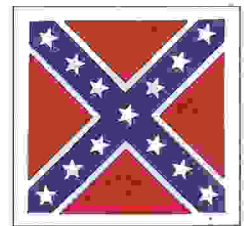
On an encouraging note, the Ralph G. Newman *monthly book auction* has produced more than \$2000 for Battlefield Preservation since Rob Girardi set up shop. If you have any duplicates, done-reading-it books, or *any* Civil War related items that you could contribute to this Preservation effort, please contact the Committee: Abroe, Bohn, Gibbs, Girardi, or Krolick. "We thank you for your support." ☆





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587th REGULAR MEETING

CATHY BEELER ON "THE BATTLE OF MONACACY"

Friday, January 14

HOLIDAY INN MART PLAZA
350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET

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

\$25 - Members \$30 - Nonmembers

Entree: ...
*Chicken Venetian
or Catch of the Day*



PLEASE NOTE

Make your reservation by **MONDAY, January 10**, by calling registrar Carole Le Claire at 847-698-1438. People who attend without having made a reservation will pay a \$5 walk-in charge. If you make a reservation and then find you cannot attend, please call to cancel or you will be billed for a dinner.

PARKING: If you are driving and coming from the south, turn left into the Mart Plaza lot just after crossing the river on Orleans. From the north, turn right from Orleans on Hubbard, left on Kingsbury, right on Kinzie, and left into the Mart Plaza lot. **Parking is \$3 with a validated parking sticker.**

CATHY BEELER

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"The Battle of Monacacy"

THE BATTLE TO SAVE WASHINGTON

BY BARBARA HUGHETT

Confederate General Jubal Early and the 14,000 soldiers of his Army of the Valley were on the move during the second week of July in 1864. Early had received orders from General Robert E. Lee to clear the Shenandoah Valley of Union forces, menace Washington and Baltimore, and compel Union General Ulysses S. Grant to counter his movements, thereby weakening the Army of the Potomac.

On the morning of July 9, Early's army was near Frederick, Maryland. A Union force of about 5,800 soldiers,

under General Lew Wallace, awaited the Confederates on the east bank of the Monocacy River, just below Frederick. "The Battle of Monocacy" (sometimes called "the battle to save Washington") will be the topic of Cathy Beeler's address to The Round Table on January 14.

As chief of resource education and visitor services at Monocacy National



Cathy Beeler

Battlefield, Ms. Beeler is responsible for park interpretive and educational programs and visitor services activities. Her interest in the American Civil War came early. She shares the same birthday as Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson (January 21) and was raised in a house just across the street from where he and Robert E. Lee held a council of war on the eve of the Battle of Antietam. Beeler attended public schools in Washington County and later obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Shepherd

College in near-by West Virginia.

During college, she worked seasonally at the C & O National Historical Park and at Antietam National Battlefield. For several years, Beeler worked as an el-

ementary school teacher. In 1988, she returned to Antietam National Battlefield and was employed there until the opening of Monocacy National Battlefield in 1991.



DECEMBER MEETING

BY LARRY GIBBS

"From Court House to White House: The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln" was the topic of Cullom Davis on December 10, when he addressed 98 members and guests at the 586th regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table. Dr. Davis is the director and senior editor of *The Lincoln Legal Papers*, which documents over 5,000 cases and legal transactions undertaken by Lincoln and his three successive partners.

"One of the enduring mysteries of the Civil War era was how an uneducated westerner, such as Abraham Lincoln, could lead a divided nation through it's greatest crisis in American history," stated Davis. "Most historians base their study on the

early political career of Lincoln while his law practice is downplayed or ignored, to a large degree." Davis effectively argued that Lincoln's legal career was as important—perhaps more important—than his political career.

Inescapable truths developed from Lincoln, the prairie lawyer. He devoted more time and energy to the law than to politics. Lincoln was a very successful attorney who experienced great personal and professional growth in that capacity.

Lincoln believed one of the great promises of America was the economic opportunity it provided, which in turn led to the possibility of social mobility. He used this philosophy in his own life when he tried several occupations in the village of New Salem from 1831 to 1837, deciding ultimately on the profession of law. He was extremely ambitious; as Lincoln's law partner William Herndon once noted, "Lincoln's ambition was a little engine that knew no rest."

In the legal profession Lincoln could gain financial security, a prominence in politics, and professional recognition. He once said, "My ambition is to be truly esteemed by my fellow citizens."

By any measure, Lincoln was a very successful lawyer. He tried 340 cases with partners on federal lawsuits and over 400 cases before the Illinois Supreme Court. His forte as an attorney was in litigation. One observer suggested that "Lincoln split legal hairs as well as he split rails." His case load dealt primarily with estate and bankruptcy cases, not criminal law. He honed his skills as a debater while practicing law.

"By 1860 Lincoln's position on slavery, secession, and presidential authority were tempered and amplified by his legal training," explained Davis. As president, Lincoln's legal background helped him develop good questions about a myriad of prob-

lems. His perceptive questions concerning key Civil War events resembled the interrogatories that he had mastered as a lawyer. He was able to make pivotal points very succinctly in legal practice and in political speeches, often with the use of simple language, metaphors, and parables.

Davis concluded, "Now that we have access to the entire legal record of Lincoln, we know that Lincoln was the accomplished leader of lawyers in the western United States." His political circle widened so that he was in the process of becoming a major force in law before the famous debates with Stephen A. Douglas in 1858. The practice of law was extremely influential in the life of the most famous and most fateful president in or nation's history.

The new membership brochure for The Civil War Round Table of Chicago is hot-off-the-presses, thanks to the hard work of dedicated team of volunteer professionals. We hope YOU like it. You may pick up a copy at the January meeting. To have one sent to you, contact Chuck Bednar (616 Iowa Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302 or phone 708-524-1161) or Barbara Hughett (e-mail: linbarb@aol.com)

New Round Table rosters are ready. Pick one up at a meeting, or contact Carole LeClaire (8417 Johanna, Niles, Illinois 60714, or call 847-698-1438) to have one sent to you.



The twenty-seventh annual Abraham Lincoln Symposium will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 12, at the Old State Capitol in Springfield. Speakers and participants in a panel discussion will include Hans Trefousse, Bruce Tap, Bryon Anderson, John Sellers, Michael Burlingame, Allen Guelzo, Mark Reinhart, and Thomas F. Schwartz. Admission is free. For information, call 217-782-2118.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, historian, media commentator, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will address the annual Abraham Lincoln Association banquet on Saturday evening, February 12, at the National City Bank Atrium in Springfield. Also on the program is the presentation of the prestigious Lincoln the Lawyer Award to Round Table founding member Elmer Gertz. The cost of the banquet is \$40 per person; to make reservations, contact Linda Culver, Illinois National Bank, 322 East Capitol Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217-747-5501).

The first of a series of Ralph G. Newman Lectures at Lincoln College, in Lincoln, Illinois, was given in November by Dr. Michael Burlingame. The second lecture will be delivered in March by Dr. Cullom Davis. For additional information, call Brooks Davis at 312-944-5082.

The Union League Club Civil War Round Table has rescheduled its second annual Ralph G. Newman Holiday Party. It will take place at the group's regular Monday luncheon meeting on Monday, January 31. A special program is being planned by Marshall Krolick and Frank Patton. A reception begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon. The cost is \$15 per person. For reservations, call 312-435-5000.

THE NEW BOOKS

Compiled by C. Robert Douglas



- Moore, Mark A., *Moore's Historical Guide to the Wilmington Campaign and the Battle of Fort Fisher*. Savis Publ. 1999. \$14.95 (1-800-732-3669)
- Franklin, John Hope and Loren Schweningen. *Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation - 1790-1860*. Oxford U. Press. 1999. \$35.00.
- Freeman, Frank R. *Gangrene and Glory: Medical Care During the Civil War*. Fairleigh Dickinson U. Press. \$52.50.
- Fullenkamp, Leonard, Stephen Bowman and Jay Luvaas, eds. *The U. S. Army War College Guide to the Vicksburg Campaign*. U. Press of Kansas. 1998. \$39.95; pbk. \$17.95.
- Gannon, James P. *Irish Rebels, Confederate Tigers—A History of the 6th Louisiana Volunteers, 1861-1865*. Savas Publ. Co. 1998. \$32.95.
- Gleeson, Ed. *Erin Go Gray! An Irish Rebel Trilogy*. Guild Press of Indiana. 1997. \$19.95.
- Gleeson, Ed. *Illinois Rebels: A Civil War Unit History of G Company, 15th Tennessee Regiment Volunteer Infantry*. Guild Press of Indiana. 1996. \$22.95.
- Gordon, Lesley J. *General George E. Pickett in Life and Legend*. U. of N. Carolina Press. 1998. \$29.95.
- Harwell, Richard B., ed. *Kate: The Journal of a Confederate Nurse by Kate Cumming*. LSU Press. 1998. Pbk. \$16.95. Original of 1866.
- Hearn, Chester. *Admiral David Glasgow Farragut: The Civil War Years*. Naval Institute Press. 1998. \$37.50.
- Heller, J. Roderick, III and Carolyn Ayres Heller, eds. *The Confederacy Is on Her Way Up the Spout: Letters to South Carolina, 1861-1864*. U. of South Carolina Press. 1998. Pbk. \$14.95. Original of 1992.
- Hess, Earl J. *Liberty, Virtue and Progress: Northerners and Their War for the Union*. Fordham U. Press. 1997. \$24.95. Original of 1988.
- Hinds, John. *Invasion and Conquest of North Carolina: Anatomy of a Gunboat War*. White Mane Publ. Co. 1998. \$29.95.

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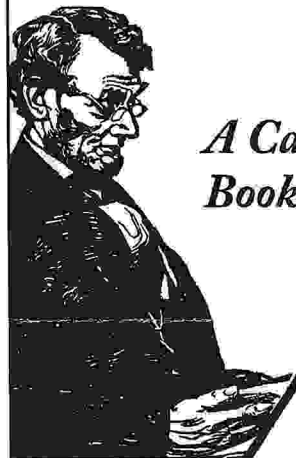
The history of The Round Table, *The Civil War Round Table: Fifty Years of Scholarship and Fellowship*, by Barbara Hughett, is available for \$30 per copy. You may purchase the book at the monthly meeting or order it from Morningside Bookshop, 260 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio 45401 (1-800-648-9710). Add \$2.50 for postage and handling.

In addition to The Round Table history and *The Continuing Civil War*, the essays from the Fiftieth Anniversary Proceedings, the following items are available at each monthly meeting: Lapel pins, Mugs, Meeting Tapes, Civil War Buff posters and T-Shirts, CWRT T-shirts, polos, and sweatshirts.

Proceeds from the sale of these items go to support the programs of The Civil War Round Table.

SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction is held at each monthly dinner meeting, for books donated by late Round Table founding member Ralph G. Newman. The minimum bid is \$5 per book, with a minimum rise of \$1 per bid. Five minutes after the conclusion of the speaker's presentation, bidding will close and the last highest bid is the winner of each book. Proceeds go to benefit battlefield preservation.



A Call for Books!

We need books on topics related to the Civil War for use in the monthly raffle which supports battlefield preservation efforts. Any donations would be most appreciated. Contact President Bednar, at 708-524-1161.



Bulletin Board



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, the second Friday of each month, unless otherwise indicated.

January 14: Cathy Beeler, "The Battle of Monacacy"

February 11: Thomas Cartwright, "Stones River"

March 10: Craig Symonds, "The Battle of Mobile Bay"

April 14: Herbert Mitgang, "Lincoln and the Press"

May 3-7: Annual Battlefield Tour (50th Annual Tour), Middle Tennessee

May 12: Robert Zeller, "The Civil War in Depth: Stereoptic Views of the Conflict"

June 9: John Y. Simon, topic to be announced

NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Bohn, 2 S 644 Devonshire Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, 630-858-2956

Kay and Ned C. Frazee, 201 N. Elizabeth, Yates City, IL, 309-358-1644

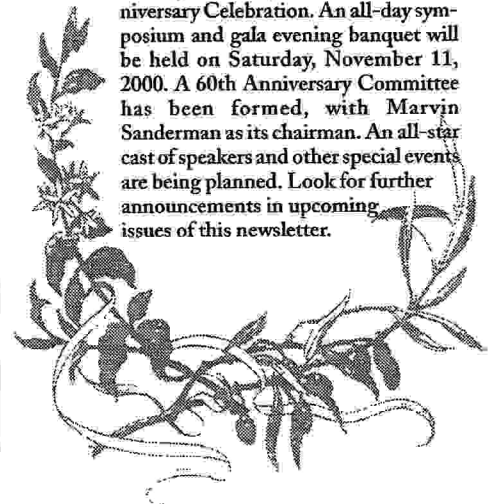
Stephanie Frazee, 1015 W. 32nd Street, Chicago, IL 60608, 773-869-0472

Marilyn Gale Phipps, 12602 Mistletoe Trail, Manchaca, TX 78652

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Lisa Bathey, 1 S 243 Ingersoll, Villa Park, IL 60181, (work) 312-467-3090

The Civil War Round Table of Chicago has begun making plans for a 60th Anniversary Celebration. An all-day symposium and gala evening banquet will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2000. A 60th Anniversary Committee has been formed, with Marvin Sanderman as its chairman. An all-star cast of speakers and other special events are being planned. Look for further announcements in upcoming issues of this newsletter.



50TH ANNUAL BATTLEFIELD TOUR MIDDLE TENNESSEE

MAY 3-7, 2000



The Civil War Round Table of Chicago's historic *50th Annual Battlefield Tour* will take us to Middle Tennessee.

- ★ *Wednesday, May 3*, we *rendezvous* at the Days Inn-Briley Parkway, Nashville, TN, conveniently near Nashville's Airport. From that hub, we head out each day.
- ★ *Thursday, May 4*, northwest to *Ft. Henry*, to the earthworks guarding the land approaches to the fort ... CWRT's *first tour* of this area. Then, to *Ft. Donelson* for a tour of the battlefield and the *Dover* surrender site.
- ★ *Friday, May 5*, southeast to *Stones River*, including a stop at newly reconstructed *Ft. Rosecrans*. We will also cover Forrest's raid at *Murfreesboro*.
- ★ *Saturday, May 6*, south to *Columbia*, then retrace the "retreat route" north to *Spring Hill*. Lunch at *Rippavilla*. On to *Franklin*, with stops at Winstead Hill, Carter House, and Carnton. Then a stroll through a Confederate "encampment" and across the street for Fun Night and a buffet dinner.
- ★ *Sunday, May 7*, tour Nashville's sites at *Ft. Negley*, the *Stone Wall*, *Shy's Hill*, and the *Travelers Rest* area. *Optional* tour to the *Hermitage* is available.

50th Annual Battlefield Tour ends with a "farewell" buffet lunch at Days Inn. *Please schedule your flights accordingly.*

Chief Tour Guide, Ed Bearss; Tour Guides, Wiley Sword & Tom Cartwright.

NOTE: See reverse side for costs. More complete information will be in the February 2000 Newsletter.

REGISTRATION FORM

50TH ANNUAL TOUR, MAY 3-7, 2000
MIDDLE TENNESSEE



Deposit of \$25 per person is due immediately, the balance by March 15, 2000. *Registration cut-off is April 1, 2000.* Payment in full with return of reservation form would be appreciated. Based on transportation and cost requirements, a limited number of reservations are available. CWRT of Chicago members have first priority.

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s).....

Address.....

City/State/Zip.....

Home phone (.....)..... Work phone (.....).....

Plan to share a room? Yes..... No..... Your roommate

★ *Special Optional tour:* The Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home, Sunday, May 7: Additional cost of \$25 per person includes transportation and entrance fees: Yes..... Total..... Please include the \$25 per person in your reservation check if you choose to take this optional tour. Space is limited to the *first 45* registered.

NOTE: Send this registration form *with your check* payable to the CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE of Chicago (or just "CWRT of Chicago") to: Carole LeClaire, Tour Registrar, 8417 Johanna, Niles, IL 60714.

COST OF THE TOUR

\$ 399 per person, double occupancy

\$ 525 per person, single occupancy

Non-members add \$25 per person to the above prices. Please indicate on your registration form the person with whom you wish to share a room.

Tour costs include accommodations at the Days Inn-Briley Parkway, *Wednesday evening May 3 through Sunday morning, May 7*; modern motor coach service for all tour activities; lunches and dinners; refreshments on the buses; tour guides; admission fees; tour kits; group service gratuities; and evening programs. *Breakfasts are not included.* A cash bar will be available during the evening Command Posts.

Note: We reserve the right to change scheduled arrangements, if necessary.

Air transportation: *As of October, 1999*, the suggested "best deal" is SouthWest Airlines at \$78.00, round-trip, out of Midway Airport, Chicago. You must book 7-days in advance. This may change at a later date, so *consult your own travel agent.*

Bus boarding policy: Boarding and seating on specific buses will be accommodated on a first-come, day-to-day policy. Once seated for the day on a specific bus and seat, "squatter's rights" will prevail for the remainder of the day to insure a viable *head-count* after each stop. For each subsequent day, the choice of bus and seat selection will continue on a first-come basis.

Shuttle services will be available to/from close-by Nashville International Airport. The Days Inn has a *courtesy van* (call on the courtesy phone in the baggage area); or a *limo* service or *taxi* can be arranged, at the baggage area, for an approximate fee of \$15 per person. A tour bus will be available Sunday, after the buffet, to make *one trip only* to the airport.

Motel accommodations are:

Days Inn, Briley Parkway, #1 International Plaza
Nashville, TN 37217
615-361-7666; FAX 615-399-0283

