

HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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October 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center

The Plan of the Day
Civil War Women of Kentucky



“Leaving Home” by Gilbert Gaul

Torn apart by sectional sympathies, the elite women of border state Kentucky faced the hardships of lost loved ones, battles waged on the front steps of their homes, and the uncertainty of life caught between two warring visions of the future, North and South. Often neglected by historians, the diaries, letters, and reminiscences of these women bring to life the divisive nature of the war within their state. Kentucky women struggled to find where they fit in the design of the rapidly evolving state and tried to reconcile this with their vision for their country. Our discussion will reveal the complexity of Kentucky women’s sectional allegiances and the ways in which these women responded to and affected the course of the war.

Our Guest Speaker

Mrs. Adrian Willett

Mrs. Adrian Willett graduated first in her class from Atherton High School in Louisville, Kentucky, with an International Baccalaureate Diploma. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University, with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She is a Ph.D. candidate in U.S. History at Indiana University. She is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society).

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2007-2008 Campaign Plans

Unless otherwise noted, we meet at the Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street.

Nov. 12, 2007	<i>The Notorious Mrs. Winston</i>	Mrs. Mary Mackey
Dec. 10, 2007	Civil War Politics in Indiana	Chief Justice Randall Shepard
Jan. 14, 2008	Civil War Burial at Crown Hill Cemetery	Tom Davis
Feb. 11, 2008	Galvanized Yankees, the U.S. Volunteers	Jim Goecker
March 10, 2008	Union Cavalry at the Battle of Shelbyville	Greg Biggs
April 14, 2008	Spring Hill Affair & the Battle of Franklin	Eric Jacobson
May 12, 2008	"William C. Oates in War and Peace"	Glenn LaFantasie
June 9, 2008*	<i>Topic to be Announced</i>	Peter Carmichael

*meeting at Primo Banquet & Conference Center, 5649 Lee Road

Other Camp Activities

JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT SHAPIRO'S DELI!

All ICWRT members and guests are invited to join us at 5:30 P.M. at Shapiro's Delicatessen, 808 S. Meridian St. (just south of McCarty Street) before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

17TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR DAYS AND LIVING HISTORY: OCT. 12-14

From Indiana 2007 Festival Guide

At Hartford City, on SR 26 E. across from the 3M plant. Civil War reenactment, battles, skirmish, cavalry, artillery, sutlers, tea and fashion show, ball, demonstrations, presenters, and food. Fri. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, call 765-348-4319 or visit hartfordcitycwdays.com.

Nikki Schofield will portray CSA spy Sarah Slater and Underground Railroad worker Delia Webster on October 13 and 14.

INDIANA HISTORY TRAIN

The Indiana History Train and its "Faces of the Civil War" exhibit will be in Indianapolis Sept. 27-29, in Kokomo Oct. 4-6, in Wabash Oct. 11-13, Valparaiso Oct. 18-20 and Fort Wayne Oct. 25-27. For more information, visit www.indianahistory.org or call (800) 447-1830.

CIVIL WAR IN MONROE COUNTY AND BEYOND

The Monroe County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Monroe County Civil War Roundtable, has recently opened an exhibit on "The Civil War in Monroe County and Beyond". It will be in the upstairs rotating gallery of the Monroe County History Center Museum, 202 E. 6th St. in Bloomington, through most of October. We have included both some very local things, especially those that have to do with our "mascot" veteran, Captain David "Big Dave" van Buskirk of Co. F, 27th Indiana infantry, who was the largest soldier in the Union army during the war and is buried in northeast Monroe County and some things that are broader to the state. Other items included are Big Dave's ceremonial sword, several weapons, uniforms, documents, photos, an artillery shell from a field near Salem, IN, that came from one of the six light artillery pieces that Morgan's Raiders drug through the southern part of the state, a replica battle flag of the 27th (courtesy of Donna Schmink at the War Memorial and the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable...thanks!) and a fascinating display of "Things Struck by Bullets". We also have Big Dave "in person". You will have to come see what this means!

The admission charge is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, 17 and under. For more information, please contact Steve Rolfe, at (h) 812-336-0757, (w) 812-855-3578 or (m) 812-322-0628, or e-mail him at srolfe@indiana.edu. The History Center phone is 812-332-2517. The MCCWR website is <http://mypage.iu.edu/~rawatson/roundtable/>. The Historical Society website is www.monroehistory.org.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) is currently working on bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, the primary source of federal matching grants to nonprofit groups for battlefield preservation, which has been used to save 14,000 acres in 15 states. In the summer of 2007, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to reauthorize this successful land conservation program. In the House, Congressmen Gary Miller (R-CA) and Bart Gordon (D-TN) introduced the CW Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007 (H.R. 2933) with the support of 22 original cosponsors, including Mark Souder (R-IN). In the Senate, Senators Jim Webb (D-VA) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) introduced a similar bill (S.1921) with 17 original cosponsors. Both bills reauthorize funding up to \$10 million a year for five years, through FY2013. Please contact your US Senators and Representatives to ask them to cosponsor these bills. For more information, visit www.battlefieldactivist.com.

Special Orders

MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY UPDATE

Information taken from *Roanoke Times* (September 5, 2007) and *Richmond Times* September 5, 6, and 21, 2007)

Lexington, Virginia will not be one of the three places chosen by the Museum of Confederacy for a new location of the museum's Civil War artifacts. The Museum has chosen the Appomattox Court House National Park, the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center and Fort Monroe. An 8,000-square-foot museum will be constructed at each site, with about 5,000 square feet of exhibit space, along with a gift shop, educational rooms and offices at the cost of \$5 million per site. "Each site will exhibit artifacts relevant to that area." Appomattox and Chancellorsville will open in 2011. "The museum headquarters, including the library and research center, collections storage, administration and a small exhibit space, will remain in Richmond at a yet undetermined site." The White House of the Confederacy will remain at its current location in downtown Richmond.

U.S. SANITARY COMMISSION

According to the Wall Street Journal (June 22, 2007), "after the Civil War, the Sanitary Commission, a forerunner to the Red Cross, gave all its records -- tens of thousands of letter, logs and photos -- to the Astor Library, a precursor to the New York Public Library." This collection sits in locked stacks in the midtown Manhattan library. The library has recently started preparing the archives for public use. A few years ago, the library began preserving the Hospital Directory inquiries by using a \$250,000 matching federal grant. They are now seeking \$3 million in federal funding to create an online Civil War correspondence center "to liberate the entire collection."

Official Records

JUNE 2008 TRIP

Our annual trip in June 2008 will be to Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Frederick, Antietam, Monacacy, and will end with Appomattox. We will stay in Hagerstown, Maryland, and will make day trips to the various battlefields and museums. Dates and cost will be in the flyer to be distributed in February.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A youth scholarship fund has been established to pay the cost of any person, aged 18 or younger, to come on the Civil War annual trip. Preference will be given to a relative of an Indianapolis Civil War Round Table member. Second preference will be given to a relative of a member of any Indiana Civil War Round Table. Three members of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table will form the Youth Scholarship Committee, to decide on the scholarship winner(s). The committee members should be regular attendees on the annual trip, and must include the tour director. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Nikki Schofield. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship fund, please see Peg Bertelli.

OLIVER P. MORTON CERTIFICATE

Oliver P. Morton certificates will be given to those whose visitors become members of the ICWRT. A special gift will be given the end of the year to the one who brings in the most members this year.

Test Your Civil War Knowledge (with Trimble's Trivia)

1. After the war, Gen. Sherman was asked which battle was the "bloodiest and most horrible?" What was his reply?
2. Who said, "Our failure is entirely due to a want of discipline and a want of officers. Universal suffrage, furloughs and whiskey have ruined us." To what lost battle did he refer?
3. To whom did the term "katydid" apply?
4. Who or what were "Hovey's Babies"?
5. On what battlefield would you find the Dead Angle?

Answers to the September Quiz:

1. Who was Mary Elizabeth Bowser?
A spy in the Confederate White House
2. By what nickname was the 3rd Indiana Cavalry known?
Hooker's Horse Marines
3. On what battlefield would you find Priest Cap?
Port Hudson
4. By what name was Camp Sumter known unofficially?
Andersonville
5. What is a "Marquedant"?
A method of reproducing maps without a camera

The Soldiers Speak

ABOUT THE WOMEN AND KENTUCKY:

Quoted from Sam R. Watkins' *Co. Aytch*: (before the Battle of Perryville)

"I remember how gladly the citizens of Kentucky received us. I thought they had the prettiest girls that God ever made. They could not do too much for us. They had heaps and stacks of cooked rations along our route, with wine and cider everywhere, and the glad shouts of 'Hurrah for our Southern boys!' greeted and welcomed us at every house. Ah, the boys felt like soldiers again. The bands played merrier and livelier tunes. It was

the patient convalescing; the fever had left him, he was getting fat and strong; the old fire was seen to illuminate his eyes; his step was buoyant and proud; he felt ashamed that he had ever been 'hacked'; he could fight now. It was the same old proud soldier of yore. The bands played 'Dixie' and the 'Bonnie Blue Flag,' the citizens cheered and the ladies waved their handkerchiefs and threw bouquets."

Kirby Smith, quoted in Charles P. Roland's *An American Iliad: The Story of the Civil War*:

"Their hearts are evidently with us, but their blue-grass and fat grass [cattle] are against us."

James B. Fry, quoted in *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Volume I, Part I*:

"The Southerners having left the Union and set up the Confederacy upon the principle of State rights, in violation of that principle invaded the State of Kentucky in opposition to her apparent purpose of armed neutrality. That made Kentucky a field of early hostilities and helped to anchor her to the Union."

Joseph Wheeler, quoted in *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Volume III, Part I*:

"The proud old families – descendants of the pioneers of the Commonwealth – each sent sons to do battle in the opposing armies. Friends, neighbors, kinsmen, and even brothers bade each other adieu – one to the Northern army, the other to the Confederate."

Quoted from W.H.H. Terrell's *Indiana in the War of the Rebellion: Report of the Adjutant General, Volume I*:

"The rebels made free use of Kentucky, and during the whole war, that State was a favorite recruiting rendezvous for the Southern army, and was infested with guerrilla parties, and bands of marauders, always intent, and ready to pounce upon and plunder unprotected communities of Unionists, north or south."

The Women Speak

ABOUT KENTUCKY AND THE WAR:

Quoted from *Mary Chestnut's Civil War*, edited by E. Vann Woodward:
(September 1861)

"Kentucky does not mean to come to us. Neither does she mean to free her slaves. And they will let her keep what she will if she keeps the peace. She means to keep her slaves, at any rate, but already they are barking and snapping at McClellan's way of snubbing fugitives from over the border."

A Kentucky slave who tried to spirit her children away, but was stopped by the master's son-in-law, quoted in Catherine Clinton's *Life in Civil War America*:

"who told me that if I did not go back with him he would shoot me. He drew a pistol on me as he made this threat. I could offer no resistance as he constantly kept the pistol pointed on me."

A woman watching the troops departing, quoted in *Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865*, edited by Jerlene Rose:

“I saw Brother pass by without being able even to shake hands & when he disappeared amid the dust, noise & confusion...I felt as if I would never see him again. I put my face down on the gate & cried with all my heart.”

A mother's reported words to her son as he left for his post in the Confederate army:

“I want you to fight like a tiger, and if you die, die game!”

A wife writing to her spouse:

“Even as I write my eyes are blinded by tears and every breath I draw, every throb of my heart is a passionate prayer for your safety.”

Civilian of the Month

ELIZABETH PENDLETON HARDIN

Information taken from *Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865*, edited by Jerlene Rose:

Lizzie was born in Harrodsburg on February 5, 1839. She was 22 at the outbreak of the Civil War. Men from her mother and father's families fought for both the Union and Confederacy. One cousin, Christopher Chinn joined Morgan's troops and another cousin, Confederate General Benjamin Hardin, was married to Mary Todd Lincoln's half sister, Emilie Todd. Lizzie, her sister Jamesetta and her mother were put on trial in Harrodsburg for disloyalty to the U.S., and were briefly confined in a federal prison then sent below the Confederate lines when they refused to sign an Oath of Loyalty.



Lizzie kept a journal during the war, which described her feelings about events in the Civil War. She was “a ‘true believer’ in the motto of the state of Kentucky, ‘United We Stand, Divided We Fall.’ For her, the Civil War was a ‘war of independence.’ Initially she understood that her ‘...love for the Union arose only from an idea that it was beneficial to the South.’ As war approached, she came to believe in ‘the will and the power of the North to injure us.’” Her book, *The private war of Lizzie Hardin: A Kentucky Confederate girl's diary of the Civil War in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia*, is no longer in print.

Historic Sites of the Month

WOMEN OF THE CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

From Premier Kentucky – Historic Bardstown, 2007 Issue Two

The often over-looked story of nurses, spies, workers and wives find a unique showcase here. “Better a soldier's widow than a coward's wife,” was a common phrase uttered by women during the Civil War era.

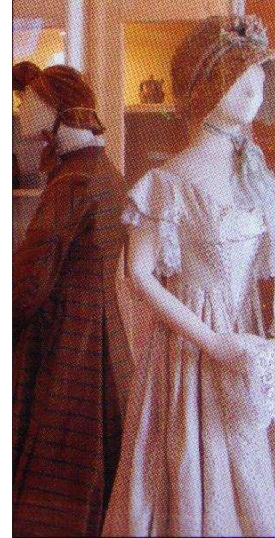
While the men were out dodging bullets and firing rifles, the women were keeping everything sane at home, nursing the wounded soldiers and disguising themselves as soldiers.

The Women of Civil War Museum pays tribute to these housewives, nurses, soldiers in disguise, spies and factory workers who endured bullets in their own ways.

The two-story museum, located inside the War Memorial of America building at the corner of Broadway and First Street in Bardstown, consists of four rooms portraying the lives of the Civil War women often overshadowed by the courage of their husbands, brothers, sons and fathers. The museum has the feel of a home during this war-torn time with carpeted floors, window treatments and wall decorations resembling the mid 1800s.

One room displays the dresses, shoes and handbags used by the women at this time. In one corner, kitchenware such as teakettles and spoons are displayed in a case.

Portraits of famous women are also displayed throughout the museum. A picture of Mary Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's wife, is displayed above the fireplace on the first floor. Other heroic women such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Harriet Tubman have portraits displayed throughout the museum as well.



Hours: Daily, 10am to 5pm, March through mid-December; closed mid-December through mid-January; and Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm, mid-January and February. **Group rates available for adults, seniors and children**, reservations required.

For more information or reservations, call **502-349-0291**, write to Old Bardstown Village, 310 E. Broadway, Bardstown, Kentucky 40004 or visit www.civil-war-museum.org.

If you have a short article, book review, or some other item that may be of interest to our members, please submit it via email to the editor at jkt60@earthlink.net by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting. Please list **HARDTACK** in the subject line and include your email address in case I need to contact you.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2007-2008 Campaign

Membership dues for the 2007-2008 campaign of The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has increased by \$5.00 effective July 1, 2007 due to the increased expense of renting our facility.

All ICWRT members may continue to receive the monthly newsletter, HARDTACK, via email at no additional charge. Members who prefer to receive the HARDTACK by U.S. Mail are asked to pay an additional \$12.00 to help cover printing and mailing costs.



Please bring your completed re-enlistment form (below) together with your payment to Peg Bertelli, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

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Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2007 thru June 2008

Please print legibly!

Name..... Date

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We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!

(please specify Membership Level):

_____ \$30 Individual _____ \$35 Family _____ \$15 Student

_____ **I wish to receive the newsletter via U.S. Mail for an additional \$12**

In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____
to the ICWRT general operating account (This donation is not tax deductible)

If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

Kentucky delegates in May 27, 1861 proclamation to the people of Kentucky, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“Let these hostile armies meet on our soil, and it will matter but little to us which may succeed, for destruction to us will be the inevitable result. Our fields will be laid waste, our houses and cities will be burned, our people will be slain, and this goodly land be rebaptized ‘the land of blood;’ and even the institution, to preserve and control which this wretched war was undertaken, will be exterminated in the general ruin. Such is the evil that others will bring upon us, no matter which side we take, if this is to be the battle-field.”

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