



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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September 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at The Orchard School (see below for directions)

## *The Plan of the Day*

## The Life and Career of Dr. Ephraim McDowell



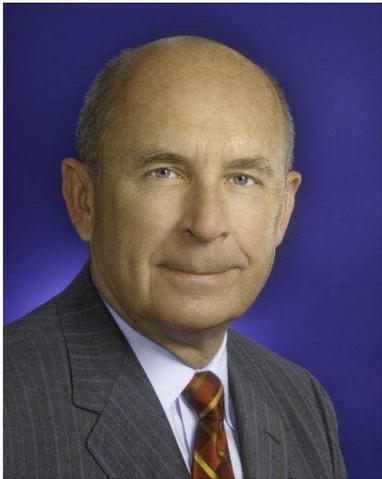
“The Dawn of Abdominal Surgery” by Dean Cornell, N.A.  
From <http://www.mcdowellhouse.com>

On December 13, 1809, Dr. McDowell was called to see Jane Todd Crawford, who was thought to be beyond term of her pregnancy. Dr. McDowell diagnosed an ovarian tumor. Mrs. Crawford begged him to keep her from a slow and painful death. An operation to remove such a tumor was thought impossible, but he promised to remove the tumor if she came to his home in Danville, Kentucky. A few days later, Mrs. Crawford rode sixty miles on horseback to his home. Dr. McDowell performed surgery on Christmas morning, removing a 22 ½ -pound ovarian cyst through a nine-inch incision in 25 minutes without the benefit of anesthetic or antisepsis, neither of which was known to the medical profession at that time. The surgery was successful. Mrs. Crawford returned home 25 days later, and lived another 32 years. This was the first successful removal of an ovarian tumor in the world. Surgeons during the Civil War used the techniques pioneered by Dr. McDowell.

**THE ORCHARD SCHOOL DIRECTIONS:** The Orchard School is located at 615 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260. From Meridian Street, go west on Kessler Blvd. West Drive to Spring Mill Road (second stop light). Go north on Spring Mill to 64<sup>th</sup> Street (a 4-way stop). Go west on 64<sup>th</sup> Street to The Orchard School. Turn left into the school and you cannot miss the parking. If coming from 465, take 56<sup>th</sup> Street to Kessler

to Spring Mill. If coming from 65, get off downtown and head up Meridian to Kessler or head up Illinois to Kessler, then turn left (west) and proceed to Spring Mill. You can get a map online from MapQuest or Yahoo Maps. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Dean at (317) 345-4648.

**JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT MCL**, at Township Line Road and 86<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 p.m. After the meal, go south on Township Line Road to 79<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left (east) on 79<sup>th</sup> Street and go to where it “T’s” into Spring Mill Road. Turn right (south) on Spring Mill Road and go to 64<sup>th</sup> Street (first 4-way stop after light at 71<sup>st</sup> and Spring Mill Road). Turn right (west) on 64<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the school.



### *Our Guest Speaker*

Philip N. Eskew, Jr., M.D. is a graduate of DePauw University and Indiana University School of Medicine. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 33 years at St. Vincent Hospital. As a Chief Resident and a Captain in the 337<sup>th</sup> General Hospital US Army Reserve Unit, Dr. Eskew was in charge of the move of St. Vincent Hospital from their old Fall Creek location to their current location on 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Dr. Eskew started Carmel Ob/Gyn and was President of the St. Vincent Carmel Board for 10 years as he led the movement to build a hospital in Carmel. In 1994, he became the Ob/Gyn Residency Director and the Medical Director of Women’s and Children’s Services.

After starting the Children’s Hospital, he developed the 24-hour coverage in the NICU and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Department. He has served as the National Vice President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 12 years on the Carmel School Board, President of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Colonel in the Indiana National Guard Reserve, and 10 years on the AMA CPT Editorial Panel. He now lectures nationally on CPT coding and documentation and is starting his second three-year term as a member of the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2009-2010 Campaign*

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### *2009-2010 Campaign Plans*

October 12, 2009	“Hood’s Disobedience at Gettysburg”	Morris Penny
November 9, 2009	“Cade’s Cove: A Community at War”	Tony Trimble
December 14, 2009	<i>Lt. Gen. James Longstreet: The Confederacy’s Most Modern General</i>	Harold Knudsen
January 11, 2010	“The Affective Struggles of Abraham Lincoln”	John Wernert, M.D.
February 8, 2010	“If Not for the Ladies: Ladies’ Memorial Associations and the Lost Cause”	Carolyn Janney
March 8, 2010	“Who Lost the Lost Order?”	Dave Klinestiver
April 12, 2010	“Mary Surratt – Innocent or Guilty?”	Nikki Schofield
May 10, 2010	“Lincoln, Terrorism Abroad & the Coming of the Civil War”	Robert May
June 14, 2010	<i>A Dark and Bloody Ground: Sowing the Wind</i>	Michael Willever

### *Other Camp Activities*

**Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra Concert:** This event will be held September 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Amphitheatre inside Lincoln State Park. This patriotic themed tribute to Abraham Lincoln will include a performance of Aaron Copeland’s “A Lincoln Portrait.” For more information, call 812-544-2596.

#### **Carmel Civil War Round Table:**

- September 16 – Tony Trimble, “Lewis Addison Armistead, Genl. CSA 1817-1863”
- October 21 – TBA
- November 18 – Dr. Wesley Hanson, “Rare and Unusual Music of the Civil War”
- January 20 – Al Harris, “June 25, 1862 - The Day the War Could Have Been Won”

We meet at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Carmel Clay Historical Society's Monon Depot Museum at 221 First St. SW in Carmel.

**Third annual Civil War event at Fort Harrison:** This event, “The Sunken Road at Shiloh”, will be held at Fort Harrison on September 19-20, 2009.

**Crown Hill tour:** Civil War – Learn about CW veterans and others, September 19 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (see the sunset). Meet at the 34<sup>th</sup> St. Gate (34<sup>th</sup> and Blvd.) \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, \$3 students, reservations not required. For more information, contact Nikki Schofield at 328-8782.

**Portraits of Lincoln: The Robert Lang Collection:** This special exhibit will be on display until January 2, 2010 at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market Street, Wabash, IN. Hours: Tues – Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5 Adults; \$3 Seniors (60+); \$3 Children (6-12). For more information, visit [www.wabashmuseum.org](http://www.wabashmuseum.org) or call 260-563-9070.

**Pioneer Day:** This event will be held October 3, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rockport Lincoln Pioneer Village. Step back in time as you tour 14 replica cabins from the Lincoln Era in Spencer County. Costumed interpreters will be demonstrating life in

the village and trade techniques commonly used during the period when Lincoln grew up in Southern Indiana. Also include in your visit the museum where a cabinet built by Thomas Lincoln and a dress worn by Sarah Grisby are on display along with many other artifacts. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more information, visit <http://www.lincolnpioneermuseum.org> or call 812-649-9147 or 812-686-2553.

**Buffalo & Mistletoe:** This event will be held December 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Buffalo Run Farm, Grill & Gifts in Spencer County. See pioneers, frontiersmen and Native Americans demonstrating the life skills of the Lincoln Era. For more information visit <http://www.legendaryplaces.org/buffalorun/> or call 812-937-2799.

### *Special Orders*

**Civil War Round Table Fundraising Program:** Savas Beatie LLC invites readers to visit their website at [www.savasbeatie.com](http://www.savasbeatie.com). Almost all of their books are either signed by the author or shipped with a customized signed bookplate. When you purchase any book from their website, and enter the coupon code – CWRT Indianapolis – when making your PayPal purchase, they will donate 30% of the cost of the book back to ICWRT. Once a quarter, they will write a check directly to ICWRT. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hall at [tammy@savasbeatie.com](mailto:tammy@savasbeatie.com) or call 916-941-6896.

**Camp Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table speaker invitation:** Robert May, as the 2009-2010 program chair, is looking for speakers/programs for this year. They meet on the second Tuesday night of every month September-May, in downtown Lafayette, at 7 p.m. If you have any interest in presenting to their group (attendance is generally 10-20), please let him know by email [mayr@purdue.edu](mailto:mayr@purdue.edu). They do not offer an honorarium to in-town speakers, but can offer a modest honorarium of \$50-100 to out-of-town speakers.

**Vote for charity and help save Franklin battlefield:** The Christie Cookie Company has a “vote for your favorite charity” web site, where you can log on, vote for the charity, and if that charity gets enough votes, they get money from Christie Cookies. Franklin’s Charge, a save the Franklin Battlefield group, is trying to buy the property where the Carter House Cotton Gin was located during the war. It is currently occupied by a house and is across the street where the famous Pizza Hut used to stand. A big installment is due in September. Christie’s Cookies is giving away \$10,000 (max) to the most nominated charity. Go to <http://www.ilovechristiecookies.com/contest/form.asp>. Follow the easy directions and vote for Franklin’s Charge as the charity. It only takes a few minutes and costs nothing, unless you buy some cookies from them.

### *Official Records*

**Alan T. Nolan Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund:** The Executive Board of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table has established this fund to provide membership dues, annual tour expenses or other worthwhile purpose for any full-time student of any age. Please see Tony Roscetti to donate to this fund.

**Book Raffle list:**

*The United States Infantry: An Illustrated History 1775-1918*, by Gregory J.W. Urwin

*Gettysburg: The Long Encampment*, by Jack McLaughlin

*Robert E. Lee: An Album*, by Emory M. Thomas

*They Fought for the Union: A Complete Reference Work on the Federal Fighting Men*, by Francis A. Lord

*The Bloodiest Day: The Battle of Antietam*, by Ronald H. Bailey

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the September meeting or contact him to make arrangements for pick up.**

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

1. Who or what were the "Secret Six"?
2. Who were Privates Daniel Hough & Edward Galloway?
3. In military parlance, what is a "marker"?
4. Where was the Horseshoe Ridge?
5. What was the Emerald Light Infantry?

*The Soldiers Speak*

**Sick Call**

A regimental surgeon describing a typical day's work during a peaceful interval at an encampment following the Battle of Antietam, quoted in Alfred Jay Bollett, M.D.'s *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs*:

"I was up at Surgeon's Call and before breakfast prescribed for eighty-six patients at the door of my tent. After meal I visited the hospitals and a barn where our sick are lying, and dealt in medicines and write [sic] prescriptions for one hundred more; in all visited and prescribed for one hundred and eighty-six men. I had no dinner. At four o'clock this labor was completed and a cold bite was eaten. After this, in the rain, I started for Sharpsburg, four miles distant, for medical supplies from the Medical Purveyor at that place."

Another surgeon describing his daily tasks, quoted in Alfred Jay Bollett, M.D.'s *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs*:

"The surgeon's regular daily duty began with the morning sick call. Every morning, whether in camp or on the march, the bugler sounded this call. The orderly sergeant of each company brought to the surgeon's quarters those reporting sick. He gave a list to the surgeon, who examined each man and prescribed; the hospital steward entered the prescription on the hospital record, and if possible gave the man his medicine then and there. The surgeon on the surgeon's book reported the men according to their condition; as 'to hospital,' 'to duty,' 'excused from duty,' 'light duty,' etc."

A soldier who rose to the rank of major describing a typical sick call, quoted in Alfred Jay Bollett, M.D.'s *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs*:  
 “The regular prescriptions were numbered six, nine, and eleven, which were blue-pill, quinine, and vinum. We soon learned that ‘vinum’ meant either wine or brandy. I have seen men count from right to left, ‘six, nine, eleven – six, nine, eleven,’ and step into the line just where ‘eleven’ would strike. It was a sure thing, since the surgeon gave in regular order, as the men filed past him, something as follows: ‘Well, what’s the matter with you?’ ‘I don’t know, Doctor, I’ve an awful pain in my bowels; guess I’ve got the chronic diarrhoea [sic].’ ‘Let’s see your tongue! Give him number six! Next, what’s the matter with you?’ ‘I was took with an awful griping pain in my bowels – guess I’ve got the chronic diarrhea [sic].’ ‘Give him number nine! Next, what ails you?’ ‘I’ve g-g-got an almighty b-b-bellyache, g-g-guess I’ve got the chronic d-d-diarrhoea [sic].’ ‘Run out your tongue! Give him number eleven!’”

### **Sickness**

James E. Hall, CS Corporal, November 19, 1861 entry, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“Sickness is more to be dreaded by far in the army, than the bullets. No bravery can achieve anything against it. The soldier may sicken and die, without receiving any attention but from the rough hands of his fellow soldiers. When buried he is as soon forgotten. Not a stone is raised to tell his living name, age or face. But many a bitter tear is shed over his melancholy fate by kind friends far away.”

### **Malingering**

An episode of malingering that was described in the *Army and Navy Journal* of 1863, quoted in Alfred Jay Bollett, M.D.'s *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs*:  
 “A surgeon of a New York regiment in General Davidson’s brigade was much puzzled during the winter of 1861, to account for so many of the men having coated tongues. It was almost a distemper in the regiment. After much diligent inquiry, he discovered that among the privates was a druggist who furnished for a trifle his comrades with a white mixture, which they applied to their tongues whenever desirous of getting off from duty. The discovery was not made, however, until nearly the whole regiment had deceived him at one time or another.”

### **Military Hospitals**

James Kendall Hosmer, US nurse, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“God pity the world if it has sights in it more melancholy than a military hospital!”

Belle Reynolds, US nurse, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“At night I lived over the horrors of the field hospital and the amputating table. If I but closed my eyes, I saw such horrible sights that I would spring from my bed; and not until fairly awakened could I be convinced of my remoteness from the sickening scene. Those groans were in my ears! I saw again the quivering limbs, the spouting arteries, and the pinched and ghastly faces of the sufferers.”

Charles Todd Quintard, CS physician and chaplain, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“After half past five in the morning of the ninth, I dropped – I could do no more. I went out by myself and leaning against a fence, I wept like a child. And all that day I was so unnerved that if anyone asked me about the regiment, I could make no reply without tears. Having taken off my shirt to make bandages, I took a severe cold.”

### **Keeping Specimens in the Army Medical Museum**

Dr. John H. Brinton, reminiscing in an 1896 commencement address at the Army Medical School, quoted in Alfred Jay Bollett, M.D.’s *Civil War Medicine: Challenges and Triumphs*:

“On one occasion a man from the ranks demanded the return of a limb, an arm I think. He was informed that the member in question could not be given up. ‘But it is mine,’ said he, ‘part of myself,’ earnestly enforcing his claim, and his demand to the lay mind seemed reasonable. Yet to surrender a specimen was very much like yielding a principle. ‘Stop,’ said the quick-witted young assistant curator to the claimant, ‘For how long have you enlisted?’ ‘For three years or the war.’ ‘Then,’ replied the official, ‘the contract is not yet terminated, come back at the end of the war or at the end of your three years’ service and you can have your bone. In the meantime, one detachment of you is stationed at this Museum on government duty, the other wherever you may be ordered. Such is the opinion of the Attorney General.’ The reply and its reason seemed conclusive, and the bone remained in its place.”

### *Civilian of the Month*

#### **Jane Todd Crawford**

Source: [www.mcdowellhouse.com](http://www.mcdowellhouse.com)

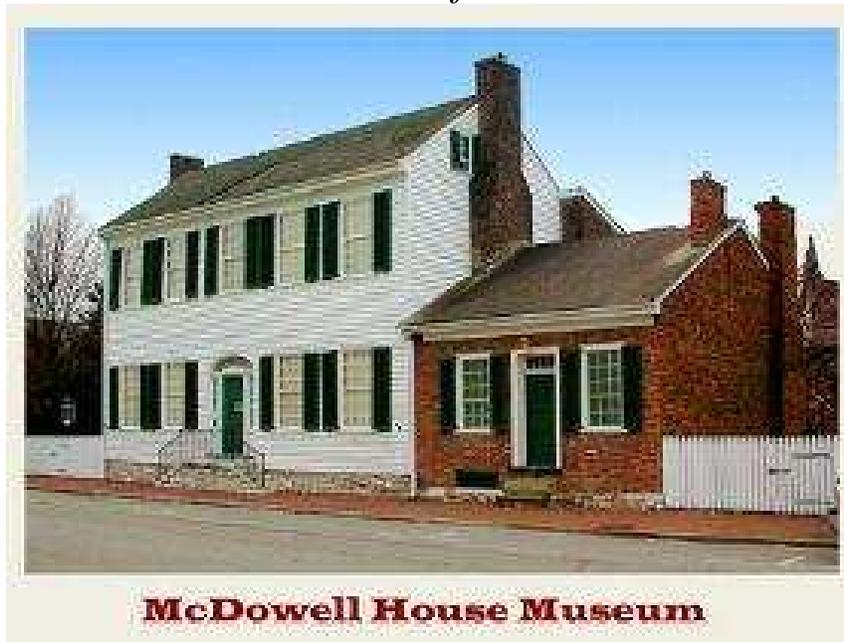


Jane was born in 1763 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. In 1794, she married Thomas Crawford. In 1805, they moved with their four children to Kentucky and built a log cabin on the Blue Spring Branch of Caney Fork (9 miles south of Greensburg and 60 miles from Danville). This is where she was living when she had her surgery. In 1810, they sold their land and moved to northern Kentucky. In 1817, they moved to Madison, Indiana, where Tom became a substantial landowner. He represented Jefferson County (Madison) in the Indiana Legislature (1820-1821). In 1821, Thomas fell down the cellar

steps on his farm and died. Jane may have lived with one of her daughters for a time, but she eventually moved to her son’s home in Graysville, Indiana. She died there in 1842 and is buried in the Johnson Cemetery in Graysville. A monument to her can be found in the McDowell House garden.



## *Historic Site of the Month*



### **McDowell House Museum**

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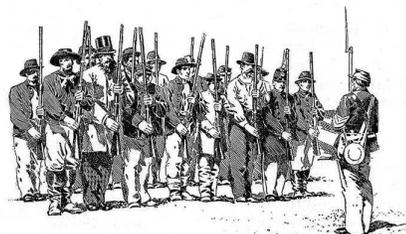
The McDowell House in Danville, Kentucky is the place where on Christmas morning 1809 Dr. Ephraim McDowell performed surgery on Jane Todd Crawford in an upstairs bedroom. It has been restored and furnished to its early nineteenth century elegance. His apothecary shop next door is furnished with a large collection of late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century apothecary ware. The House overlooks Constitution Square State Park, where Kentucky's first state constitution was written in the 1780's. The house is open Monday – Saturday 10am - 12pm, 1pm- 4pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm. Tours last approximately 45 minutes. Last tour starts each day at 11:30 and 3:30. They are closed Mondays from November 1 – March 1, New Years Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is \$7.00 Adults; \$5.00 Seniors (62 and older), \$3.00 Students (13-20), \$2.00 Children (5-12), and free Children under 5.

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@att.net](mailto:jkt60@att.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.

**Message from the editor: The deadline to submit articles for the October Hardtack will be September 20. I will send out the October Hardtack during that week.**

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### Amputations

Anonymous soldier, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright:

“Lord! What a scramble there’ll be for arms and legs, when we old boys come out of our graves, on Judgment Day: wonder if we shall get our own again? If we do, my leg will have to tramp from Fredericksburg, my arm from here, I suppose, and meet my body, wherever it may be.”

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