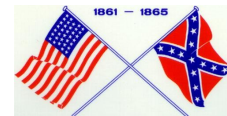


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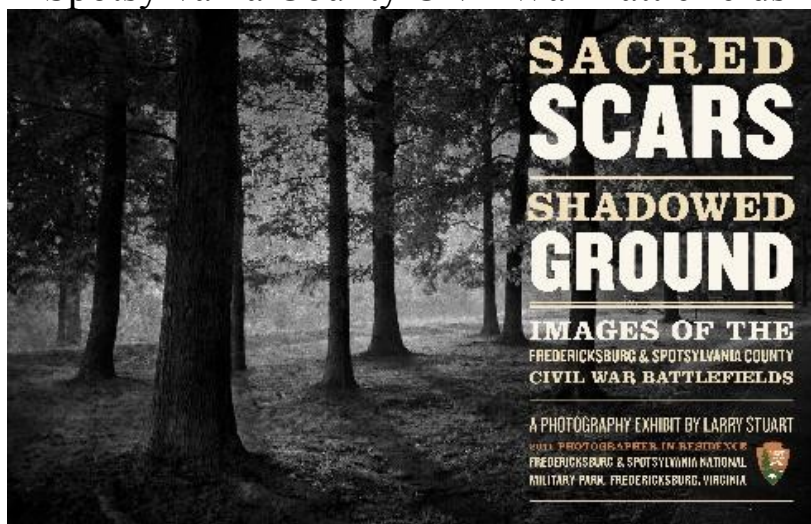
June 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indian Lake Country Club

10502 E 75th Street

The Plan of the Day

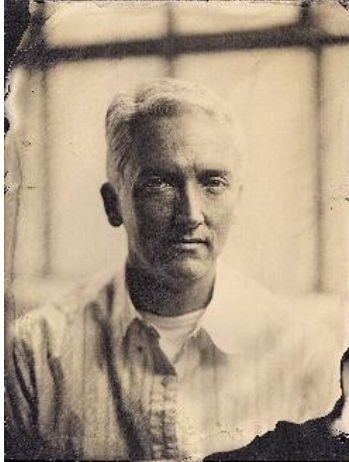
Sacred Scars, Shadowed Ground: Images of the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Civil War Battlefields



This photography exhibit by Larry Stuart will present images of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Civil War Battlefields. Twenty of his photographs were chosen by the park. The Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park encompasses four major Civil War battlefields: Battle of Fredericksburg, Battle of Chancellorsville, Battle of the Wilderness, and Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. The area is located almost equally distant from Washington, D.C. and Richmond (the Confederate capitol); consequently, it became the most contested ground of the war. It is difficult today to see the absolute devastation caused by these four battles fought within eighteen months. It's not an overstatement to say that this is the bloodiest soil in America.

*** Directions to Indian Lake Country Club:** From I-465: Take the 56th Street exit. Go east to Pendleton Pike and turn left. Turn left (north) on to Sunnyside Road. At the stop light at 75th Street, turn left to the entrance on your right. *** From Castleton: Come east on 82nd Street, which becomes 79th Street at Fall Creek Road. Continue east to the stoplight at Sunnyside Road. Turn right (south) to the stoplight at 75th Street. Turn right to the club entrance on your right. *** From the Southeast: Come north on German Church Road, which becomes Sunnyside Road at Pendleton Pike. Continue north to the stoplight at 75th Street. Turn left to the club entrance on your right.

Our Guest Speaker



Larry Stuart is a photographer and graphic designer in central Indiana. Originally from Oklahoma, Larry has grown to enjoy the patina of rural Indiana, and spends time wandering back roads looking for the historic and the well-worn to photograph. He's married and has two children, and has extended family all over the U.S. Traveling, reading history and Alan Furst novels, music, and not cooking are some of the activities he enjoys.

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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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2013-2014 Campaign Plans

Sept. 9, 2013

Jon Austin – Embalming in the Civil War

Oct. 14, 2013

Professor & Mrs. Jim Barnes – Wabash grads in the Civil War

Nov. 11, 2013

Kevin & Cindy Rushton – U.S. Christian Commission

Dec. 9, 2013	Dan Moll – Edmund Ruffin
Jan. 13, 2014	Dennis Haskett – Sutler Tokens
Feb. 10, 2014	Dave Sutherland – Six Cannons, a Painting, and a Parapet: Some Civil War Reflections on VMI
Mar. 10, 2014	Justin Ellison – Civil War in popular culture
Apr. 14, 2014	Gail Stephens – The Shadow of Shiloh: Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War
May 12, 2014	Fred Leickly – The Battle of Cedar Creek, by Col. W.H. Polhamus
June 9, 2014	Anita Morgan – State & County Governments providing material & financial relief for soldiers’ families

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: The Carmel-Clay Civil War Roundtable is now the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable. They meet at the Conner Prairie Interactive History Park located at 13400 Allisonville Road. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the program will start at 7:30 in the Lilly Theater on the 2nd floor of their main office building. We will have plenty of free parking, and people should enter through the main entrance where the ticket office is located. Camp coffee and hardtack should be available. Meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

5/15 Donald Parman – “John T. Wilder’s Military Career – Wilder’s Lightning Brigade”

9/18 Scott Trostle – “Lincoln’s Funeral Train”

10/16 Daniel Moll – “A Portrayal of Edmund Ruffin”

11/20 Harvey Warner – “Confederate Finances

Dec. – no meeting

1/15 Brian Dirck – “Lincoln and Civil Liberties”

2/19 Jim Johnson – “Religion During the Civil War”

3/19 Brian McCutcheon – T.B.D.

4/16 Robert May – “Origins of the Confederacy”

5/21 Mark Jaeger – “The 10th Indiana Volunteers”

Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable: They meet on the third Monday each month except July, August and December at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

6/17 Michael Willever – “More on the Bohemian Brigade”

July and August – no meeting

9/16 Donna Schmink – “Indiana’s Battle Flags”

10/21 TBA

11/18 DVD Lecture Series “Border States”

Special Orders

An interview with author Nikki Stoddard Schofield, who recently published her third book: HT: You describe *Treason Afoot* as “a Civil War Romance.” Tell us something about the story. **NSS:** Jay Hadley, the hero, suffers from post traumatic stress

and returns to Indianapolis, after being wounded at Cold Harbor, to open a bookstore. The heroine, Emeline Tanner, comes from Danville to the city to start an independent life away from her domineering father, and works for Jay at the Wise Readers Bookstore. They become involved with the characters connected to the Sons of Liberty, Copperheads who oppose the Lincoln administration, and with the treason trials in the fall of 1864.

HT: Should it appeal to readers of historical non-fiction as well as the romance novel audience? **NSS:** This is not a genre romance, but is fiction true to the actual historic events. An extensive bibliography is given at the end, so readers can pursue their interest in this topic with non-fiction resources. **HT:** The novel includes a number of references to real-life individuals and historical events. How much time do you spend on background research as compared to the actual writing of the novel? **NSS:** I do extensive research before I begin to write, and then I research as I go. I could estimate half and half for researching and writing, but I have never kept track. The research is an integral part of the writing craft. **HT:** Balancing creative storytelling with actual events and characters from the past is an ongoing challenge for writers of historical fiction. Have you ever had to significantly modify a story line as a result of your research? **NSS:** When I wrote *Alas Richmond*, I had to completely change the description of the canal boat trip because later research showed my errors. In *Treason Afoot*, I changed some medical descriptions when research showed the mistakes I had made. Hopefully, I catch these mistakes before they go into print. **HT:** Do you ever take liberties with historical “facts” for the sake of the story? **NSS:** No, but I do eliminate historical facts if they do not fit with the story or if they are not interesting enough to hold my attention. I think if they are not interesting to me, they will not be interesting to the reader. Of course, by having fictional characters interact with historical characters, a writer is “taking liberties.” **HT:** Can we look forward to more Civil War-related fiction from you in the future? **NSS:** Yes. I am currently writing *Savannah Bound*, about an escaped Union prisoner and an English woman in Savannah, Georgia. The three main areas of research are Andersonville, blockade running, Sherman’s March to the Sea, and the city of Savannah during the Civil War. I hope to publish one book a year, as long as the creative writing juices continue to flow. **Treason Afoot: A Civil War Romance** is published by AuthorHouse and is available for purchase in hardback, softcover and e-book formats online at www.authorhouse.com. Her web site is www.treasonfoot.com. Nikki’s prior novels, *Alas Richmond* and *Bondage and Freedom*, are also available from her publisher or your favorite online retailer.

Crown Hill Tours: Nikki Schofield will be doing several walking tours on Saturdays at Crown Hill this year.

- July 27, 9:30 a.m. - **NEW! "Treason in Indianapolis"** walking tour August 17, 11:30 a.m. - **"President Harrison & Heritage"** walking tour (follows the **Pres. Harrison Wreath Laying at 10:30 a.m.** and will last approximately one hour. FREE. Follow the WHITE LINE on the road to the Harrison Memorial.)
- August 24, 9:30 a.m. - **"Civil War Personalities"** walking tour
- October 5, 9:30 a.m. - **NEW! "Treason in Indianapolis"** walking tour
- October 19, 9:30 a.m. - **"Tombstones & Trees"** walking tour

Civil War veterans honored: A special ceremony to honor Lt. Zuinglius McCormack and his brother, Private Lycurgus McCormack, was held May 7, 2013 at Washington Park East Ceremony. Zuingluis enlisted in Co. H, 99th Ind. Inf., in August 1862 and was discharged in May of 1865. After the war, he practiced law in Indianapolis. He was cremated in 1908. Lycurgus enlisted in Co. D, 103rd Ind. Inf., in July 1863 to repel Morgan's Raid and was discharged eight days later. He was cremated in 1912. After the war, he attended Asbury College in Greencastle and became a printer. Neither of the brothers married and their remains were never claimed. Accompanied by Civil War re-enactors, Legion Riders carried their remains to the waiting hearse heading to Arlington Cemetery, where their remains were buried in a special garden.

Flag preservation update: The governor signed the budget bill on May 8, 2013, which provides the following amounts to the War Memorials Commission: Preventive Maintenance - \$1,234,000; Repair and Rehabilitation - \$1,100,000; and Civil War Battle Flags Restoration - \$300,000.

Tennessee passes Heritage Protection Act: This law, effective April 1, 2013 and recently signed by the governor, prohibits the renaming, removal, or relocating of any military monument or item (statue, flag display, or park). It also includes street and school names or any other item that honors a military unit or person from the French and Indian War through the Mid-East wars and all wars in between, including the Civil War. This law will assist with the Memphis issue about renaming Forrest Park and protect the Forrest and Jefferson Davis statues and Confederate cannons.

National Civil War Museum: The museum received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award in May for maintaining an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers on TripAdvisor. Only the top-performing 10% of businesses listed on TripAdvisor receive this award.

Re-dedication of Colonel Richard Owen bust: The bust of Colonel Richard Owen will be re-dedicated on Monday, June 10 at noon in front of the bust, located on the second (main floor) of the Indiana State House. Re-enactors will be a vital part of this event, which will probably last about thirty minutes.

“Objects of Valor: Commemorating the Civil War in Pennsylvania”: This new permanent exhibit is now on display at the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Some of the items now on display include: a regimental drum from the Logan Guards, one of the first units to answer Lincoln's call to arms; a chair from Meade's Gettysburg headquarters; civilian John Burns' musket used to defend Gettysburg; Peter F. Rothermel's "Battle of Gettysburg: Pickett's Charge" painting, which was first displayed in 1870, and four other paintings by him.

Official Records

May attendance: 45

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.

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Sponsor a Meeting: Our monthly cost is \$190. Would you be willing to donate money to cover the cost of a monthly meeting? If so, please contact Tony Roscetti.

Special Raffle: We are having the special raffle drawing for the winner of the DVD box-set, *The Untold Secrets of the Civil War*. This 6 disc-set includes the following: *Civil War Minutes – Union*, *Civil War Minutes – Confederate*, *Gettysburg and Stories of Valor*, *Civil War Life*, *Horses of Gettysburg*, *Lincoln and Lee at Antietam*, and *Great Campaigns of the Civil War*. The winner needs not to be present at the June meeting to win the raffle.

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

Answers to the May quiz:

1. By what name was the 1st North Carolina popularly known? *** Bethel Regiment (First at Bethel, Farthest at Gettysburg, and Last at Appomattox)
2. What are "Number Ones?" *** Member of a gun crew who loads the weapon
3. Name the battle known as the "Thermopylae of the Civil War." *** Sabine Pass
4. What famous Confederate unit included Company Darling? Who commanded the unit? *** Confederate Partisan Rangers; John S. Mosby
5. Who said, "We cannot change the hearts of those people...but we can make war so terrible...and make them so sick of war that generations would pass away before they would again appeal to it.?" *** William T. Sherman

The Soldiers Speak

Quotes from: John D. Wright, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006).

Major Edwin Sumner's proclamation to the mayor and common council of Fredericksburg on November 21, 1862, prior to the battle:

"Under cover of the houses of your city, shots have been fired upon the troops of my command. Your mills and manufactories are furnishing provisions and the material for clothing for armed bodies in rebellion against the Government of the United States. Your

railroads and other means of transportation are removing supplies to the depots of such troops. This condition of things must terminate, and by direction of General Burnside I accordingly demand the surrender of your city into my hands, as the representative of the Government of the United States, at or before 5 o'clock this afternoon. Failing in an affirmative reply to this demand by the hour indicated, sixteen hours will be permitted to elapse for the removal from the city of women and children, the sick and wounded and aged, etc., which period having expired I shall proceed to shell the town." – Wright, 400.

Major General Joshua Chamberlain describing the sounds after the battle:

"But out of that silence rose new sounds more appalling still; a strange ventriloquism, of which you could not locate the source, a smothered moan, as if a thousand discords were flowing together into a key-note weird, unearthly, terrible to hear and bear, yet startling with its nearness; the writhing concord broken by cries for help, some begging for a drop of water, some calling on God for pity; and some on friendly hands to finish what the enemy had so horribly begun; some with delirious, dreamy voices murmuring loved names, as if the dearest were bending over them; and underneath, all the time, the deep bass note from closed lips too hopeless, or too heroic to articulate their agony." – Wright, 42.

Abraham Lincoln's message to the Army of the Potomac on December 22, 1862:

"I have just read your general's report of the battle of Fredericksburg. Although you were not successful, the attempt was not in error, nor the failure other than accident. The courage with which you, in an open field, maintained the contest against an entrenched foe, and the consummate skill and success with which you crossed and recrossed the river in the face of the enemy, show that you possess all the qualities of a great army, which will yet give victory to the cause of the country and of popular government." – Wright, 248-249.

Major General Joseph Hooker's remark on April 12, 1863, prior to the Battle of Chancellorsville:

"My plans are perfect, and when I start to carry them out, may God have mercy on Bobby Lee, for I shall have none." – Wright, 153.

Captain Asa Bartlett talking about the attack of Jackson's regiment on May 2, 1863:

"It was the last blast of the cyclone that swept the Eleventh Corps from its position on the right of the Union line like chaff from a threshing floor." – Wright, 21.

New York Herald correspondent Thomas Cook describing the Union retreat and panic on May 2, 1863 after Jackson's attack:

"On the one hand was a solid column of infantry retreating in double quick from the face of the enemy; on the other was a dense mass of being who had lost their reasoning faculties, and were flying from a thousand fancied dangers." – Wright, 53.

Abraham Lincoln's response after learning of the Union defeat at Chancellorsville:

"My God! My God! What will the country say?" – Wright, 252.

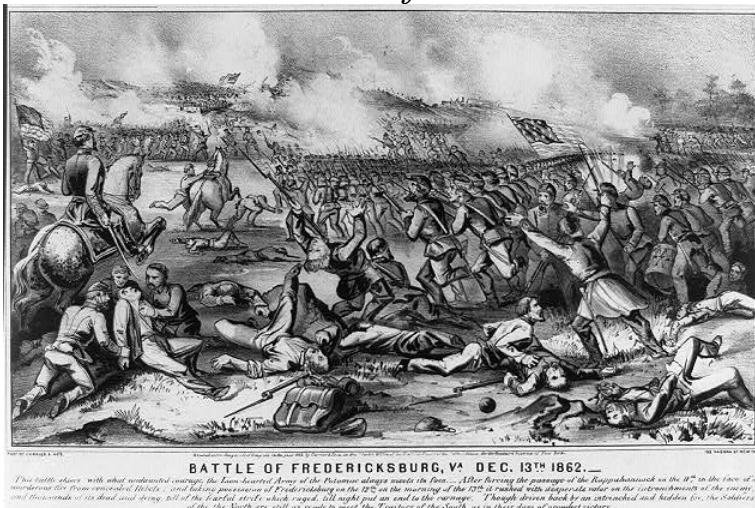
Officer of the Month



Photo from and information from Find a Grave

Brevet Major General Charles Henry Tucky Collis was the colonel of the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry at Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862. He “gallantly led his regiment in battle at a critical moment” and received the Medal of Honor for these actions on March 10, 1893. He is buried in Gettysburg National Cemetery.

Historic Site of the Month



Currier & Ives photo from the Library of Congress, information from National Park Service

Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park is the place where our speaker took the photographs he is sharing in his program. Entrance to the park and all buildings is free, but the park does charge fees for the 22 minute movies offered at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center and Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center. Each movie focuses on that specific battlefield. Children under 10 and school groups (to 12th grade are free; ages 10-61: \$2; and seniors: \$1.00. If you cannot visit the battlefield in person, you can see photos or take a virtual tour by visiting the photos & multimedia link on the park website: <http://www.nps.gov/frsp/index.htm>.

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