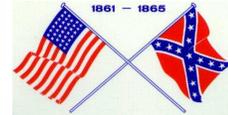




HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



October 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day

“An Irrepressible Conflict”: Civil War Rioting in Cincinnati, 1862



Cincinnati in 1862, lithograph in *Harper's Weekly*

In July of 1862, Irish workers in Cincinnati rioted to keep black workers from laboring on the docks, and attempted to “clean out” African American residential sections of the city. A precursor to the more infamous New York draft riots of 1863, the violence was triggered by the prospect of a draft and the rumored arming of black soldiers. Fearing that their jobs would be threatened by emancipation and an influx of black workers, immigrant laborers tried to establish themselves as true citizens and African Americans as interlopers. During the Civil War, as at other times in the nation’s history, black men staked their claims to citizenship on their loyal labor and their armed service—not just in federal armies, but in defense of their homes and livelihoods. When black workers organized in self-defense, white Cincinnatians quickly formed militia units in response. This wartime rioting followed patterns of antebellum riots, but the emancipation of African Americans and their military service during the war created a clear turning point in black demands for social citizenship.

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.

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.

Our Guest Speaker

Shannon Smith Bennett is a Ph.D. candidate at Indiana University, where she is completing a dissertation entitled “Citizen Soldiers, Citizen Workers, Citizen Rioters: Violence and Manhood in the Ohio Valley, 1862-1886.” She holds a master’s degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, where her thesis focused on the nationwide riots after the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries prizefight in 1910. She holds a B.A. from George Fox University in Oregon. She served three years as an editorial assistant at the Journal of American History and is a Future Faculty Teaching Fellow at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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Schedule of Greeters

Oct: Tony Trimble	Dec: Andy O’Donnell	March: Dave Sutherland
Nov: Frank Bynum	Jan: Nikki Schofield	April: Jerry Thompson
	Feb: Frank Bynum	May: John Wernert

Members are encouraged to wear their badges to the meetings, so people will know who you are.

2012-2013 Campaign Plans

November 12, 2012	Brent Abercrombie – “Camp Morton”
December 10, 2012	Kathi Badertscher – “Civil War and Philanthropy”
January 14, 2013	Meredith Clark-Wiltz – “Unexpected Soldiers: Gender, Duty, and Women’s Experiences in the Civil War”
February 11, 2013	Tom Mason – “The Papers of Lew and Susan Wallace”
March 11, 2013	Bob Bain – “The Armies Gather”
April 8, 2013	Harry Bulkeley – “I Propose to Fight It Out: The Story of Ulysses S. Grant, A One Man Show”
May 13, 2013	Lee Peters – “The Battlefield Growth of Lew Wallace – a study in decision making – from Romney to Monocacy”
June 10, 2013	Phil Tichenor – “Andersonville: A Visual Presentation”

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.

10/17 Jim Goecker – “Two Men and a Photograph”

11/21 Tom Williams – “The Stonewall Brigade”

No December meeting

1/16 James Tremblay – “Railroad Men of the Civil War”

2/20 John Rutherford – “From Riding with Morgan’s Raiders to General Counsel of the L&N Railroad – The Adventures of a Southern Rebel from the Hoosier State”

3/20 Chris Kolakowski – “Tullahoma Campaign”

4/17 Del F. Jarvis – “The Battle at Shiloh Church”

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

Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable: They meet at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11th Street, in Anderson.

10/15 Kevin Stickels – “USS Cairo”

11/19 roundtable study of the war, topic will be First Manassas

No December meeting

Special Orders

“Rediscovering the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass” Symposium: This free public symposium will be held October 4-5, 2012 at the IUPUI Campus Center (420 University Blvd.) in room 450. They will observe and assess the significance of the publication of the first scholarly edition of *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, the third and most inclusive autobiography by the 19th century’s best-known African American. The symposium begins on Thursday evening, October 4 at 6:00 p.m., with Professor David W. Blight who will present a keynote address titled “Did Othello Lose His Voice? Douglass as Revisionist Autobiographer”. Professor Blight is The Class of 1954 Professor of American History and director of the Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University. He is a world renowned scholar of nineteenth century United States history, author of numerous books including *Frederick Douglass' Civil War: Keeping the Faith in Jubilee* (1991) and *Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory & the American Civil War* (2002). A reception will follow Professor Blight's talk. On Friday, scholars from universities around the nation will participate in a series of panels exploring Frederick Douglass' life and influence from a range of perspectives. For more information please visit <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/douglass-symposium>. If have additional questions about the event, please call Kara Peterson at (317) 274-2174.

Whitewater Canal Historic Site Civil War Program: In April of this year, this site was able to have an incredible Civil War program for Franklin County fifth grade school children. Over 200 children and 100 adults were able to participate in this all day, hands-on program. This program was funded through the Franklin County Community Foundation and the Whitewater Valley REMC Foundation. They are hoping to offer this great educational program again in 2013. Both of the groups who helped in 2012 do not make grants for repeat programs. The site is looking for groups who might be able to help fund this program in 2013. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joanne M. Williams, Program Director and Cultural Administrator, (Whitewater Canal State Historic Site, 19083 Clayborn Street, P.O. Box 88, Metamora, IN 47030) at 765-647-6512 or jwilliams@indianamuseum.org.

Official Records

September attendance: 34

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.

Facebook: The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table is on Facebook. We invite you to join our group. Feel free to post Civil War related messages on our site.

Charitable Sponsors: In an effort to upgrade our speakers and programs, the board of ICWRT is asking members and organizations with which they are involved (companies or charitable organizations) to consider sponsoring one or more speakers. This could be done as a gift now, or a person could opt to make a bequest in a will for that purpose. Because of our limited membership, we can't bring in as many national speakers as we would like to. If you are interested or want more info, call Chris Smith at 450-7430.

Manuscript Publication: The Indianapolis Civil War Round Table board has agreed to sponsor the publication of Lieutenant Edward Schofield Scott's manuscript about his successful escape from Libby Prison. We are asking for donations from members to sponsor the publication. The names of contributors will be listed on the acknowledgement page, without the amounts being given. If not enough contributions are received, the manuscript will not be published. Nikki Schofield will serve as editor, using resources about Libby Prison from her personal library and will enlist volunteer proofreaders from the club. The publisher will be Author House in Bloomington, which is the publisher of our 50 year history. The cost will be determined in the future, based on the length of the completed manuscript. If you would like to donate, please contact Nikki Schofield. No money will be collected until the book is ready to go to press.

2013-2014 Possible Changes: We are considering moving to a different location for our meetings in 2013-2014, or we may have to raise dues to cover expenses of meeting at the Indiana History Center. Our monthly cost is \$190. If you would like to continue meeting

at the Indiana History Center, would you be willing to donate money to cover the cost of a monthly meeting? If so, please contact Tony Roscetti.

Book Raffle:

No book raffle this month.

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

1. What famous general changed the name of his horse because of an incident during the war?
2. How many "dead men" was the typical Civil War soldier expected to carry?
3. What did General John Bell Hood always take with him, along with a spare, when he went into battle?
4. What figure is featured on the Great Seal of the Confederacy?
5. What was "Long Tom" and where would you find it?

Answers to the September quiz:

1. Name the Confederate soldier whose hanging for murder became the subject of a hit folk song. *** Tom Dooley
2. What other president shares the same middle name as Ulysses S. Grant? *** Harry S. Truman
3. Who ordered the largest mass execution of the Civil War? *** Abraham Lincoln (38 Sioux Indians)
4. What prompted the question, "Can't we at least progress another few centuries and get bows and arrows? *** Lack of proper arms for the 54th Massachusetts
5. What was "The Campaign Planned by a Woman?" Who was she? *** Forts Henry and Donelson; Anna Mary Carroll

The Civilians Speak

First two quotes from: Carter G. Woodson, "The Negroes of Cincinnati Prior to the Civil War," *The Journal of Negro History* 1, no. 1 (January 1916). Third quote from: Pam Peters, "Gateway to Freedom: New Albany-Floyd County, Indiana," accessed May 15, 2012, www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/newalbany.pdf.

D. B. Warden in 1819, described Cincinnati blacks as "good-natured, garrulous, and profligate, generally disinclined to laborious occupations, and prone to the performance of light and menial drudgery....Some few...exercise the humbler trades, and some appear to have formed a correct conception of the objects and value of property, and are both laborious and economical. A large proportion of them are reputed, and perhaps correctly, to be habituated to petit larceny."

Mr. James H. Perkins in 1840: “There is no question, I presume, that the colored population of Cincinnati, oppressed as it has been by our state laws as well as by prejudice, has risen more rapidly than almost any other people in any part of the world.”

Tension mounted against Negroes as more crossed the Ohio River. After Negroes shot two white men in New Albany, Indiana, the *New Albany Daily Ledger* on July 22, 1862, reported: “The number of colored persons whose lawful home is in this city is not large, and we do not believe, as a general thing, they are vicious. There are a number of negroes here, however, -- who do not belong here; who are in the State in violation of law. These can be removed peaceably and effectually, without a resort to violence, and this should be done. The man who killed Locke and shot at Lansford, we doubt not, will be arrested and punished. But, even in a moment of just resentment, and when the whole community is justly incensed at the atrocious murder, let us sincerely hope the innocent will not be punished for the deeds of the guilty.” Crowds searched through New Albany for Blacks, and several were beaten.

Civilian of the Month

George Hatch was the mayor of Cincinnati during 1861-1863. He is one of the city’s most controversial mayors. When the city was in danger of Confederate attack, he organized the Black Brigade of Cincinnati and appointed William Martin Dickson as Acting Colonel of the brigade. These Black men were not allowed to join the volunteer militia, but many were rounded up by police on September 2, 1862, and impressed until September 20 to help construct defenses and earthenworks on the hills of Northern Kentucky to protect the city. Most of these men later joined the 5th and 27th USCT regiments.

Historic Site of the Month



National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, 50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, Ohio, is open Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:00. Permanent Exhibits include: Invisible: Slavery Today; Brothers of the Borderland; The Slave Pen; Escape; From Slavery to Freedom; and The Struggle Continues. Ticket prices are \$12 adults; \$10 for seniors, educators and students with ID; \$8 children (6-12); and free for children 5 and under. Parking is available at The Banks Parking Garage at \$1 every half hour (daily maximum of \$8. Parking during Cincinnati Reds home day games increases to \$17.50 at 7:30 a.m. until one hour after start of game.

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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 Tony Roscetti, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

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(please specify Membership Level):

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_____ **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 \$ _____
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