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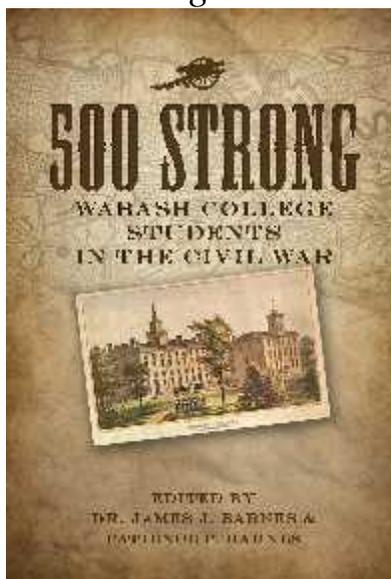


October 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day

500 Strong: Wabash College Students in the Civil War



As Professor of History at Wabash College, I began a project with my senior history majors in 1981 that continued for 25 years. I asked them to trace the lives of early Wabash students, with special emphasis on those who served in the Civil War. There was precious little information about these former students, but fortunately the annual college catalogues listed their names, hometown or county, and the course they chose: Preparatory, Normal (teacher training), Classics, or Science.

Our early investigations took us to the Archives Division of the Indiana State Library which had the original muster roll cards indicating the company and regiment assigned to each volunteer, plus his age and sometimes his physical description. Not all served in Indiana regiments, but many did. We then poured over census and pension records trying to coordinate the information we had learned about their military and personal histories.

In our presentation, we will go into more detail about how we traced the Wabash veterans and found more than 200 of whom the college was unaware. The final count rose from 307 to 529. Their brief biographies, edited by Patience P. Barnes, have just been published by the Hawthorne Press (August 2013): *500 Strong: Wabash College Students in the Civil War*.

Our Guest Speakers



James J. Barnes was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University from 1954-56, and received his PhD. in History from Harvard University in 1960. He has been awarded honorary degrees from the College of Wooster and Amherst College. He taught at Wabash College from 1962-2006.

Patience P. Barnes graduated from Smith College in 1954, and has been a Research Associate at Wabash College since 1988.

They are the authors and editors of numerous publications dealing with the English book trade, Anglo-American copyright, Nazis in London, several biographies, and the recent three-volume *The American Civil War through British Eyes*. Their latest collaboration will appear this year in two volumes: *The American Revolution through British Eyes*.

Books for Sale: Our speakers will be bringing copies of their new book *500 Strong: Wabash College Students in the Civil War* with them. The books are \$30 each.

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.

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

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.

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2013-2014 Campaign Plans

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 – VMI's Civil War Legacy
Mar. 10, 2014	Justin Ellison – Civil War in popular culture
Apr. 14, 2014	Gail Stephens – <i>The Shadow of Shiloh: Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War</i>
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.

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 – “Ft. Donaldson”

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.

10/21 TBA

11/18 DVD Lecture Series "Border States"

Special Orders

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

- October 19, 9:30 a.m. - "**Tombstones & Trees**" walking tour

Summary of *Tennessee Preacher, Tennessee Soldier, the Civil War Career of Captain John D. Kirkpatrick, CSA, One of Morgan's Men* by Tom Stevens: In early 1861, young Cumberland Presbyterian minister John D. Kirkpatrick, following in his grandfather and great-grandfather's footsteps, was preaching at his first church near Nashville, Tennessee. At that time, war fever was raging in the South, and even before Tennessee seceded, John heeded the call to arms and joined the First Tennessee Volunteers. It was no surprise that John would enlist in the Confederate Army; like many in the South, his family had a long tradition of military service to their country. A year later, he became a Captain in the Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, which soon was attached to Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's Cavalry Brigade. He was with Morgan at the Battle of Hartsville and on the Christmas Raid into Kentucky. Captured in Gallatin, Tennessee, he was able to escape. At the battle of Vaught's Hill, near Milton, Tennessee, he commanded his regiment. On Morgan's famous Indiana-Ohio raid, John was with the first troops that crossed the Ohio River at Brandenburg, Kentucky. When the Union forces finally defeated Morgan on the banks of the Ohio River at Buffington Island, John narrowly avoided capture because he had been sent across the river just before the battle to secure the east bank. He then led 110 men to safety through the mountains of West Virginia, arriving in Confederate territory in time to fight under Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest at Chickamauga. He commanded a battalion of Morgan's men on General Joseph Wheeler's raid through Middle Tennessee, and, as Wheeler retreated into Alabama, commanded the rear guard at a bloody fight at Sugar Creek. John fought at Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap, and again under Wheeler at Charleston, Tennessee. He rejoined Morgan after his escape from prison, and commanded a battalion at the Battle of Cove Gap, and on Morgan's Last Kentucky Raid. Although severely wounded at Cynthiana, Kentucky on that raid, he miraculously escaped capture and, with his right arm disabled, made his way back to Wytheville, Virginia, a two hundred mile trip through the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Undaunted, he spent the last few months of the war trying to get authorization from Richmond to raise a regiment of cavalry to fight under Forrest. After Lee's surrender at Appomattox, he appears to have been a part of General Basil Duke's force that escorted Confederate President Jefferson Davis into Georgia. When Duke dismissed his troops near Washington, Georgia, John headed west. He surrendered at Marion, Alabama, five weeks after Appomattox, and then headed home. After the war, he successfully led several churches in Nashville, taught theology at Cumberland University in Lebanon, and published a newspaper. When General Morgan's daughter, Johnnie Hunt Morgan Campbell, died, he helped officiate at her

funeral at the Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On his death, Cumberland University named their new home Kirkpatrick Memorial Hall. The book can be purchased at Amazon or Barnes & Noble. To learn more about this book, visit <http://tennesseepreachertennesseesoldier.com/>.

Cincinnati in the Civil War speaker series: On Saturday, October 12, Dr. Charles Dillard, a direct descendant of a Black Brigade member, will discuss his genealogical research and provide little known facts about the Brigade. If the weather is nice, you might want to visit the Black Brigade Monument at nearby Smale Riverfront Park afterwards. On Saturday, October 19, local historian, Jack Simon, will talk about Cincinnati's Civil War hospitals. Most of these were located within walking distance of the library. The programs are free and begin at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the South Building of the Main Downtown Public Library. The best place to park is the Garfield Parking Garage on the left hand side of 9th Street right after the Vine Street intersection (\$2 for all day Saturday).

Official Records

Attendance: 36

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.

Book Raffle:

The Fall of Richmond, by Rembert W. Patrick

Lee and Grant, by Gene Smith

Diary of a Union Lady, 1861-1865, edited by Harold Earl Hammond

By Antietam Creek: A Novel of the Civil War, by Don Robertson

The Great Secession Winter of 1860-1861 and Other Essays by Henry Adams, edited by George Hochfield

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

Help Sponsor a Meeting: We are accepting donations in increments of fifty dollars to help pay the cost of our monthly rental: \$50 (Brigadier General); \$100 (Major General); \$150 (Lieutenant General); and \$200 (General). Those who donate \$200 will be given the honor of leading the pledge to the flag before the meeting. Checks should be written to the Indiana Historical Society with “ICWRT” noted in the memo line and given to treasurer Tony Roscetti, so we can keep a record of the donations.

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

1. Who commanded the prison at Ft. Delaware? What was his nickname?
2. What state fielded the Emerald Light Infantry? How did it get its name?
3. Name the Confederate general who reported, “Our condition is horrible. Troops utterly demoralized. Road almost impassable. No provisions and no forage.” He was describing the aftermath of what battle?
4. What is a “ladle”?
5. Name three battles that prominently featured “the stone wall.”

Answer to the September quiz:

1. Name the only regiment in the Union army to have two future presidents in its ranks. Who were they? *** 23rd Ohio; Hayes & McKinley
2. What was Gratiot St.? *** Address of a three-story prison in St. Louis used to process and assign prisoners to other facilities
3. Name the general who rode Lexington in the Grand Review. *** William T. Sherman
4. What is a “shoupade”? For whom was it named? *** A three-sided fort named for Gen. Francis A. Shoup
5. Who sent a telegram to Lincoln reading, “I have the plans of the rebels, and will catch them in their own trap.”? What battle followed? ***

The Citations Speak

Citations from <http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/civwaral.html>

Two of the men mentioned in our speaker’s book received the Medal of Honor. Here are their citations:

John Charles Black, Jr.: “Rank and organization: Lieutenant Colonel, 37th Illinois Infantry. Place and date: At Prairie Grove, Ark., 7 December 1862. Entered service at: Danville, Ill. Born: 27 January 1839, Lexington, Holmes County, Miss. Date of issue: 31 October 1893. Citation: Gallantly charged the position of the enemy at the head of his regiment, after 2 other regiments had been repulsed and driven down the hill, and captured a battery; was severely wounded.”

William Perkins Black: “Rank and organization: Captain, Company K, 37th Illinois Infantry. Place and date: At Pea Ridge, Ark., 7 March 1862. Entered service at: Danville, Ill. Born: 11 November 1842, Woodford, Ky. Date of issue: 2 October 1893. Citation:

Single-handedly confronted the enemy, firing a rifle at them and thus checking their advance within 100 yards of the lines.”

Civilian of the Month



Photo from <http://blogs.wabash.edu/dear-old-wabash/2011/07/22/white-hall/>
Information and quotation from *Bachelor*, January 25, 2007, accessed 25 April 2013,
www.wabash.edu/bachelor/issues/2007s/inaugfull1.pdf and from Find a Grave

Charles White served as president of Wabash College from 1841-1861. His ancestor signed the Mayflower Compact and he was a graduate of Dartmouth. At his inauguration, he said, “I am not unconscious, I trust, of the high responsibilities which I have now assumed, in undertaking the duty of a literary teacher and moral guide in this institution. Whoever exerts an influence here exerts an influence upon many individuals and upon great interests elsewhere.” The students who graduated during his time as president became ministers, lawyers, doctors and teachers. His sudden death on the evening of October 29, 1861, caused great sorrow in Crawfordsville. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2013-2014 Campaign

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

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In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____
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If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from www.wabash.edu/news/docs/WabashCampusTour2011.pdf

Forest Hall was the first building constructed for Wabash College, founded in 1832. Caleb Mills taught the first class of twelve students in this building. This building was the only campus building for five years for classes, chapel, and boarding. Caleb bought the building in 1850 and moved it to the present campus, but a plaque on the southeast corner of Blair Street and Lane Avenue marks the location of the original building.

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