



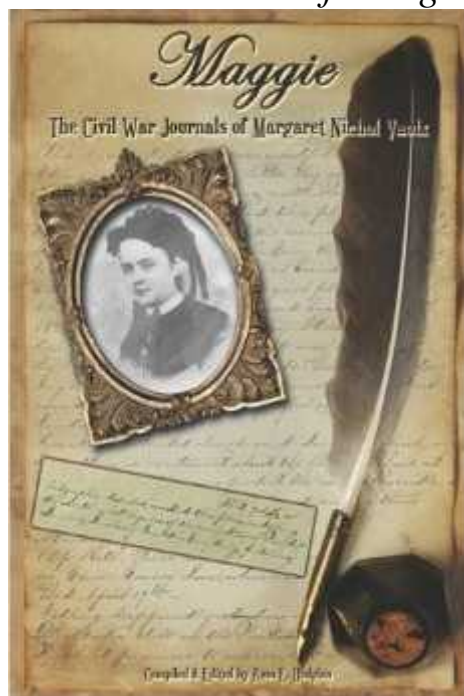
# HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter  
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.  
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
 450 West Ohio Street

*The Plan of the Day*  
*Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Margaret Nichol Vault*



It was 1862 when a 17-year-old Margaret Nichol Vault, growing up during a time of great national strife wrote the words, "that I may be in after years an ornament to society and the delight of my dear parents." She came of age during the American Civil War and has left us writings which are that very ornament which she so prophetically spoke of. Margaret (hereafter known as Maggie) was indeed the delight of her dear parents and of future Vault generations. Maggie's journals have been described as both national and state treasures and as one Belmont University journalism instructor said, "she can be compared to a civil war Anne Frank."

## **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.

### *Our Guest Speaker*

**Ross Hudgins** was born in Nashville, Tennessee on August 2, 1950 to Charles and Claudia Jones Hudgins. At that time, his family was living at the Separation Center located between Radnor Yard and Franklin Pike. His family moved to East Nashville in the early 1950s and subsequently to Williamson County, Tennessee in 1958. There at Old New Hope School while in the second grade, he met Miss Marsha D. Hughes. They were close friends throughout their school years. They dated after graduation and married in 1970. The marriage produced five wonderful children and four beautiful grandchildren. Except for a six-year military service and several years out of the area with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Fairview was his family home from 1973 – 2013. He now lives in Sioux City, Iowa, and his brother Charles lives in Indiana.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2014-2015 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Nikki Schofield

Vice President: Peg Bertelli

Secretary: Frank Bynum

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Dave Klinestiver

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Peg Bertelli, Jenny Thompson, Dave Klinestiver

Publicity: Peg Bertelli, Dave Sutherland & Tony Roscetti

#### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

#### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Jenny Thompson

**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 [jkt60jet@gmail.com](mailto:jkt60jet@gmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

### *2014-2015 Campaign Plans*

May 14, 2015

Khabir Shareef – Maj. Martin Delaney: Highest ranking black Civil War officer

June 8, 2015

Ed Bonekemper – Six Turning Points of the American Civil War

### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

4/15 Dave Walker – Portraying Jeff Davis

5/20 Margaret Hobson – The Iron Men of Indiana’s 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in downtown Anderson.

4/20 – Nancy Baxter – Copperhead Opposition in Indiana

5/18 – James Orr – A Missed Opportunity in the Wilderness

6/15 – Steve Jackson – Remembering the Civil War in Madison County

No meetings in July and August

9/21 – Gerald G. Jones – Part 2, Northern Civil War Prisons

10/19 – Margaret Hobson – Researching the 44<sup>th</sup> Indiana

11/16 – The Kentucky Campaign in 1862

No meeting in December

**“Trials and Tribulations”:** In 1865, Lew Wallace served on two important trials--that of the Lincoln Conspirators and the war crimes trial of Henry Wirz, commandant of Andersonville Prison. Wirz was the only person to be executed for war crimes after the Civil War. Wallace also spent several months of 1865 traveling, first attempting to negotiate a Confederate surrender in Texas and then raising support for the Juaristas in Mexico as they fought the European-installed dictator Maximilian. This new exhibit at the General Lew Wallace Study and Museum, displays items on loan from the Indiana Historical Society, Lane Place, and the Wabash College Ramsey Archives, as well as from their own collection. They are open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### *Special Orders*

**Lincoln Assassination Symposium, April 19, 2015:** Two-part lecture by noted author/historian Robert C. Jones during the sesquicentennial of Lincoln’s death, 1:30-3:30. Hosted by Hope United Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, IN. Spaghetti dinner provided at 12:30. All events are free, with a free will offering for lunch.

For information, [www.hopepresplainfield.org](http://www.hopepresplainfield.org); <http://rcjbooks.com>;

Chris Shelton: [usgrant18642002@yahoo.com](mailto:usgrant18642002@yahoo.com)

Robert C. Jones is President of the Kennesaw Historical Society, as well as a member of the executive board of the Kennesaw Museum Foundation, which helped fund the 40,000 square foot Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA.

Robert has written a number of books on Civil War themes, including *Retracing the Route of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign*; *Conspirators, Assassins, and the Death of Abraham Lincoln*; and *Great Naval Battles of the Civil War*.

**Invitation:** The Jennings County Historical Society is extending a special invitation to all sons and daughters of Civil War Veterans for April 25-26. All descendants will be invited to register each of their Civil War ancestors and will be given an appropriate blue or grey arm band for each ancestor. Descendants will also be invited to participate with

Civil War reenactors in the Peace (Union Victory) parade on April 25 or the Lincoln Funeral Parade on April 26. Not able to attend, but still wish to honor your ancestor? Contact the historical society through their webpage listed below. Highlights of the two days include: \*Two battles \* Blue/Grey Ball \* Recreation of Lee's Surrender to Grant \* Peace (Union Victory) Parade \* Announcement of attempt on Lincoln's life \* All night vigil for Lincoln \* Conspirator reenactors \* Man hunt for conspirators \* Conspirators face Gen Lew Wallace and others \* Swearing in of President Johnson \* Lincoln Funeral parade with horse drawn hearse \* Recreated Lincoln Funeral train car setting on the first elevated train track in the Midwest \* Condolence books to sign for presentation to Lincoln Library \* Overnight encampment \* Long established annual reenactment this year honoring 1865 \* Sassafras Tea Festival \* April 25-26, 2015 \* Vernon, Indiana, an historic village of 320 founded in 1815 with the true feel of an 1865 community. Registration is still open. Contact <[www.jenningscounty.org](http://www.jenningscounty.org)> Vernon is approximately one hour from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville.

**After the War: A One-Day Symposium on the Effects of the Civil War:** This symposium will be held at the historic Old Manassas Courthouse in Virginia on May 16, 2015. Speakers include: Bett Dunkerly on "The Surrender;" George Wunderlich on "Soldiers' Post-war Effects;" Emmanuel Dabney on "The Freedman's Bureau;" Dr. Jane Censer on "Women in Reconstruction;" John Coski on "The Confederate Battle Flag;" and John Hennessy on "Civil War Memory." Registration is \$10. Call 703-792-4754 or email [historicpreservation@pwcgov.org](mailto:historicpreservation@pwcgov.org).

### *Official Records*

**March Attendance:** 50

**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.

**President's Column:** Chris Smith has volunteered to be our vice-president in 2015-16, and president the following campaign. We will be meeting at the Castleton MCL for our June banquet instead of the country club as in previous years. The Executive Board has agreed to donate \$1,000 for a monument honoring Indiana soldiers who fought at Richmond, Kentucky. I will report more fully on these three items at the next meeting.

**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.

**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.

**Book Raffle:**

*Mr. Lincoln's Army*, by Bruce Catton

*Rebel Watchdog: The Confederate States Army Provost Guard*, by Kenneth Radley

*The War They Fought*, by Richard B. Harwell

*Bullet and Shell: The Civil War as the Soldier Saw It*, by George F. Williams

*Army Life in a Black Regiment*, by Thomas Wentworth Higginson

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

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

1. What is the proper name for an honorary rank given to a Union officer for valor?
2. What was a "movable electric train"?
3. Who was inspired by the "hundred circling camps" of volunteers surrounding Washington? What famous composition resulted?
4. Name the Sec. of the Treasury and future general who issued the American Flag Dispatch.
5. What nickname do the 73<sup>rd</sup> Illinois, 35<sup>th</sup> Ohio, and 100<sup>th</sup> Indiana have in common?

Answers to the March quiz:

1. Name the Union general who hoped to use the Civil War to recruit troops to fight for the independence of his homeland after the war was over. What unit did he command? \*\*\* Thomas F. Meagher; The Irish Brigade
2. For what was Frank Leslie known? \*\*\* *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*
3. Name the Union prison nicknamed "Sheal" by Confederate prisoners. \*\*\* Fort Delaware
4. On what battlefield would you find the Bloody Salient? By what other name is it known? \*\*\* Spotsylvania; Mule Shoe
5. Where were the troops who wrote this letter? "If you can't feed us, you had better surrender, horrible as the idea is, than suffer this noble army to disgrace themselves by desertion...This army is now ripe for mutiny unless it can be fed."  
\*\*\* Vicksburg

### *The Soldiers Speak*

Quotations from: John D. Wright, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006); "The Occupation of Nashville," *New York Times*, accessed 25 April 2014, <http://www.nytimes.com/1862/03/02/news/the-occupation-of-nashville.html>.

CS Gen. John B. Hood: "When our troops were in the greatest confusion [at the battle of Nashville], a young lady of Tennessee, Miss Mary Bradford, rushed in their midst regardless of the storm of bullets, and, in the name of God and of our country, implored them to reform and face the enemy. Her name deserves to be enrolled among the heroes of the war, and it is with pride that I bear testimony to her bravery and patriotism." (Wright, 152)

Correspondence of the *Chicago Post*, March 2, 1862: "The evacuation of Nashville by the rebel forces and its occupation by National troops is no longer a matter of conjecture....The rebel army has departed, and about one-half the inhabitants had followed their example. Most of the business houses were closed, only a clerk or porter being left to look after the goods, wares and merchandise. The chief reason of this exodus of the business population is presumed to have been an apprehension of their inability to get away when once our army should be in possession. The oath of allegiance, which would restore them to the condition of good and loyal citizens of the republic, contains a clause to the effect that they have not furnished material aid to the rebellion. Probably very few could take such an oath." ("The Occupation of Nashville")

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photo from: [www.discoverclarksville.com](http://www.discoverclarksville.com).

**Margaret "Maggie" Nichol Vaulx** was born December 17, 1845 in Nashville, Tennessee. She grew up in the Berry Hill area off Franklin Pike in Nashville and started keeping a journal during the Civil War. She married George Bell Crockett on August 29,

1871 and they spent their honeymoon in New York City and Washington, D.C. She died October 25, 1895 and is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo and information from: <http://www.bonps.org/tour/nashmon.htm>.

**The Battle of Nashville Monument Park** is located in Nashville at the intersection of Granny White Pike and Battlefield Drive. This free park is open from dawn to dusk. The monument was refurbished and rededicated in 1999. “The new gleaming white granite monument, which honors the sacrifices of both Confederate and Union soldiers at the Dec. 15-16, 1864 Battle of Nashville and the American soldiers who fought in the Great War (World War I), now resembles the magnificent sculpture originally dedicated on Armistice Day, 1927. The monument was commissioned by the Ladies' Battlefield Association and sculpted by Guiseppi Moretti of Italy. His design represents both the North and the South who are yoked together by a young man symbolizing all Americans who fought in the Civil War and World War I. The word UNITY is inscribed on the banner with which he entwines the horses. The original monument was located a few miles east on Franklin Pike on property donated by the Vaulx family heirs for a Battle of Nashville park. Mrs. James E. Caldwell, president of the Ladies Battlefield Association, subsequently raised funds and commissioned a monument for the site. In 1974 a tornado destroyed the 30-foot obelisk and the angel at its top. In the 1970s, the building of a massive interstate highway interchange left the remains of the monument isolated on a small plot of land. Today, the base of the original monument still stands off Franklin Pike and marks the site of one of Stephen D. Lee's batteries during the first day of the battle.”

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2015-2016 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:

Tony Roscetti  
6260 Green Leaves Road  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 475-9227  
Email: [anthony.roschetti@pnc.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.com)

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

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### **ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2015 thru June 2016**

*Please print legibly!*

Name..... Date .....

Address.....  
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Phone: (.....) ..... Email Address: .....

*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:

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# Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

## Annual Dinner Meeting

*Monday, June 8, 2015*

*at*

***MCL Cafeteria - Castleton \****

*5520 Castleton Corner Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46250*

*(317) 845-5717*

**Doors to the banquet room will be open by 6:00 pm**

**Food and drinks can be purchased in the cafeteria**

**Meeting will begin at 6:45 pm**

**Our Guest Speaker: Ed Bonekemper**

**Speaker's Topic: Six Turning Points of the American Civil War**

\* **Directions:** From I-465: Take the Allisonville Road North exit. Proceed north on Allisonville Road to 86<sup>th</sup> Street (the first intersection after the exit ramp). Turn right (east) on 86<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed east to Castleton Corner Drive (the first intersection after Allisonville Road). Turn right (south) on Castleton Corner Drive and proceed south to Castleton Corner Lane (the first intersection after 86<sup>th</sup> Street). Turn right (west) on Castleton Corner Lane and proceed past Pier 1 Imports. The entrance to the MCL Cafeteria is on the right immediately west of Pier 1 Imports.

**Reservations are not required. All members and guests are invited to attend.**

**Please contact Tony Roscetti at 317-475-9227 or [anthony.roschetti@pnc.com](mailto:anthony.roschetti@pnc.com) if you have any questions or comments.**

**We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.**

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