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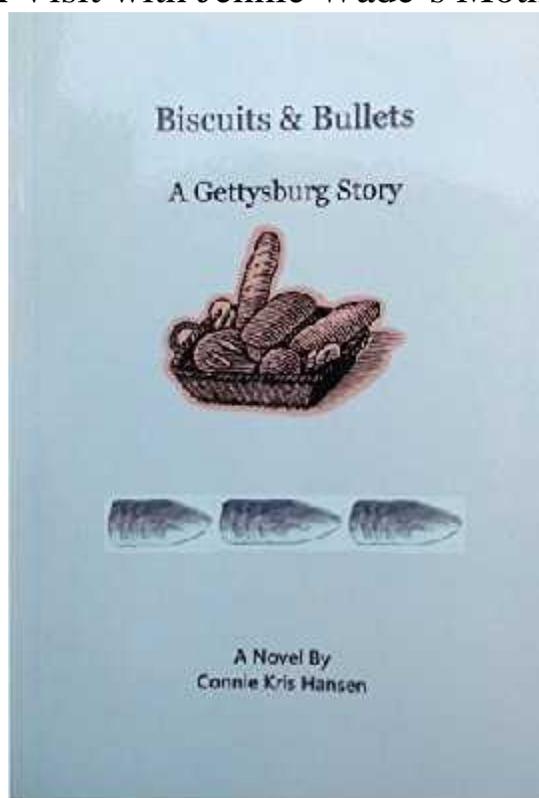
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

April 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day
A Visit with Jennie Wade's Mother



The story, a historical novel, is about Jennie Wade, the only civilian killed during the Battle of Gettysburg, as you probably well know. Since her book was published, our speaker has taken it a step farther by adopting a first-person presentation as Mary Wade, Jennie's mother. She speaks "first-hand," in period attire, about what it was like to experience the battle, and the horror of watching her daughter die practically under her own nose. At her first presentation, she received a standing ovation and has since been scheduled to perform at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, Military History Fest in St. Charles, IL, as well as at the Waukesha Civil War Round Table. Her presentation takes approximately forty minutes, and she tries to allow a question/answer session afterwards, along with the opportunity to sell her book *Biscuits and Bullets: A Gettysburg Story* (cost is \$10).

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



Connie Hansen has been an avid American history buff since she was a little girl, making her first trip to Gettysburg when she was still in grade school. On that trip, she heard the story of Jennie Wade and her tragic death during the battle and knew that the story had to be told in more than a text-bookish, nonfiction format. It took her years of research and many trips to Gettysburg before she saw the book come to fruition. She has slept in the house where Jennie was born, attended the church she attended, visited her grave, and strolled the streets of Gettysburg dressed in period attire (being a re-enactor has its merits!) And now, as Jennie's mother, she brings the story of the battle and their simple lives to life in a way that the book can't.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2016-2017 Campaign

Officers:

President: Chris Smith

Vice President: Dave Sutherland

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Immediate Past President: Peg Bertelli

Committees:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

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Program Selection: Chris Smith, 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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2016-2017 Campaign Plans

May 8, 2017 – Robert I. Girardi – The Murder of Major General William “Bull” Nelson

June 12, 2017 – Thomas Bogar – *Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination: The Untold Story of the Actors and Stagehands at Ford’s Theatre* (see * note below)

* June meeting will be at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line, 2370 W. 86th Street. The banquet room doors open at 6:00. The building closes at 9:00, so the meeting will begin at 6:45. **Directions:** From the North on I-465, take the Meridian St. / US 31 N exit. Keep left to take the Meridian St. ramp. Turn left (south) on N. Meridian Street. Turn right (west) on 86th St. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the east, travel west on 86th St., passing Meridian St., Spring Mill Rd., and Ditch Rd. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the South, take Meridian St. north until you reach 86th Street. Turn left (west). MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the west, travel east on 86th St. to Township Line Rd. MCL is on the left just after you pass Township Line Road.

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: They meet at the Carmel City Hall, located at 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 in the Second Floor Counsel Room. Join them for dinner at 5:15 p.m. at Dooley O’Toole’s Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

April 12, 2017 – Samuel Passo - 15th Indiana Regiment

May 10, 2017 – Bob Smith - Sultana Ancestor

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.

April 17, 2017 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln's View of Death"

May 15, 2017 - Dr. Thomas Hamm, "Quakers in the Civil War"

June 19, 2017 - TBA

July - no meeting

August - no meeting

September 18, 2017 - Tony Roscetti, "Acoustic Shadow"

October 16, 2017 - TBA

November 20, 2017 - "Filling the Ranks"

Special Orders

Book Review by Nikki Stoddard Schofield: “Tales from the Haunted South, Dark Tourism and Memories of Slavery from the Civil War Era” by Tiya Miles, published in 2015 by The University of North Carolina Press, explores the popular ghost tours at places such as Gettysburg and Savannah. Tiya is a professor at the University of Michigan and a young African-American woman. She begins her story with her tour of the Sorrel-Weed House, which was built by the father of Confederate General Moxley Sorrel. This is a well-written, small (132 pages) book about a fascinating aspect of the Civil War which we rarely hear discussed. However, the National Park Service did host a conference at Gettysburg College in 2013 with a panel of ghost tour guides. I recommend this book.

CWRT Congress on September 16, 2017: Over the past several years, at least 64 CWRTs have closed their doors. The result of those tragic closures was brought on by insufficient membership, a lack of a sustaining organizational structure, no succession planning and insufficient funding. We will explore other intervening factors at the Congress. Many of us are very distressed by that and have a desire to assist the remaining CWRTs to ensure that doesn't happen to your organization. We have developed a forum for leaders to learn how the country's most successful CWRTs have addressed those issues and more. This one-day event will feature leaders from the Brunswick CWRT (NC) with 1,185 members and the Scottsdale (AZ) CWRT with over 400 who will tell you how they have succeeded and inspire you to replicate their results in your community. *We have nothing to sell; our advice comes simply from a genuine desire to see all Civil War Roundtables succeed.* Additionally, the forum will provide ample opportunity to interact with presenters, renew old friendships and make new friends with those who have a similar love for Civil War history. The Congress is hosted by the Bull Run CWRT in Centreville, VA. Cost is \$30 and includes a box lunch.

Optional tours of Bull Run and Balls Bluff battlefields on the days following the Congress are also offered. Event details are on the attached [CWRT CONGRESS FLYER](#). Click [REGISTER](#) to save a seat at this informative event. Seating is limited, so register now! If you want to go or will be in that area, please contact Chris Smith and let him know.

Sultana Reunion: This year's reunion will be at Franklin, Tennessee on April 21 and 22 to commemorate the anniversary of the Sultana explosion, which occurred April 27, 1865. There is a memorial to the Sultana in Muncie, Indiana. Here are some sources for more information about the Sultana and this reunion:

The Sultana Tragedy: America's Greatest Maritime Disaster, by Jerry O. Potter
Disaster on the Mississippi: The Sultana Explosion, April 27, 1865, by Gene Eric Salecker

Sultana: Surviving the Civil War, Prison, and the Worst Maritime Disaster in American History, by Alan Huffman

Sultana Descendant's Association: <http://sultanaremembered.com/>

Sultana Disaster Museum: <http://www.sultanadisastermuseum.org/>

Sultana Documentary: <http://www.sultanadocumentary.com/>

Official Records

March Attendance: 33

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.

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:

Confederate Strategy from Shiloh to Vicksburg, by Archer Jones

Civil War Treasury of Tales, Legends, & Folklore, edited by B. A. Botkin

First Blood: The Story of Fort Sumter, by W. A. Swanberg

The Civil War: An Unvarnished Account of the Late But Still Lively Hostilities, by James Street

Lincoln, by David Herbert Donald

***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.**



Auction: Allan Arkush has donated a framed picture by Dale Gallon of the thirty-seven members of the Seventy-second Indiana Infantry Company A guarding the bridge at Chickamauga Creek. They were supported by Eli Lilly's Eighteenth Battery, who are pictured in the background. They held off Walker's Division and prevented them from crossing at the bridge. Wilder's Lightning Brigade had two regiments from Indiana; one of those was the Seventy-second Infantry from Lafayette, Indiana. Wilder was from Greensburg, Indiana and supplied the entire brigade, including two Illinois regiments, with Spencer seven-shot repeating rifles. The artillery battery was led by Col. Eli Lilly, making this print an interest for any Hoosier collector. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table. Starting bid for this auction is \$100. There is a reserve that must be met for the picture. The auction will continue until the June banquet and the picture will go to the winner that night. Please see Nikki Schofield to enter your bid for this picture.

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

1. Which participant in the Lincoln assassination had a descendent who was Sherlock Holmes?
2. On the Peninsula, McClellan continued to believe he was outnumbered even after Johnston evacuated what city?
3. In 1862, a skirmish was fought at Watkins Ferry. In which state would you find it?
4. Where did John Hunt Morgan fight his last skirmish before his capture?
5. What nickname was given to the First Louisiana Battalion?

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. What order was given by Gen. Hunter and disavowed by Lincoln in 1862? ***
Emancipation of slaves in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina

2. What is the more common name for the Battle of Belle Grove? *** Cedar Creek
3. Name the center of guerilla activity in Arkansas burned by Federal troops in 1863. *** Mound City
4. By what popular name was the Battle of Monroe's Crossing known? *** Battle for Kilpatrick's pants
5. What unit was known as the Greyhound Division? *** Maj. Gen. John G. Walker's Texas Division

The Newspaper Speaks

The Xenia Sentinel (Xenia, Ohio) 15 March 1864, page 1, from Newspapers.com

Jenny Wade, the Heroine of Gettysburg.

The country has already heard of John Burns, the hero of Gettysburg – of how the old man sallied forth, a host within himself, “to fight on his own hook,” and how he fell wounded after having delivered many shots from his trusty rifle into the faces and the hearts of his country’s foes. John Burn’s name is already recorded among the immortal, to live there while American valor and patriotism have an admirer and emulator. But there was a heroine as well as a hero of Gettysburg. The old hero Burns still lives – the heroine, sweet Jenny Wade, perished in the din of that awful fray, and she now sleeps where the flowers once bloomed, and the perfumed-laden air wafted loving over Cemetery Hill.

Before the battle, and while the National hosts were awaiting the assaults of the traitor foe, Jenny Wade was busily engaged in baking bread for the National troops. She occupied a house in range of the guns of both armies, and the rebels had sternly ordered her to leave the premises, but this she as sternly refused to do. While busily engaged in her patriotic work a minie ball pierced her pure heart, and she fell a sacrifice in her country’s cause. Almost at the same time a rebel officer of high rank fell near where Jenny Wade had perished. The rebels at once proceeded to prepare a coffin for their fallen leader, but about the time that was finished the surging of the conflict changed the position of the armies, and Jenny Wade’s body was placed in the coffin designed for her country’s enemy; thus the heroine of Gettysburg was buried. The incidents of the heroine and hero of Gettysburg are beautifully touching, noble and sublime.

Old John Burns was the only man of Gettysburg who participated in the struggle to save the North from invasion, while innocent Jenny Wade was the only sacrifice which the people of that locality had to offer on the shrine of their country! Let a monument be erected on the ground which covers her, before which the pilgrims to the holy tombs of the heroes of Gettysburg can bow and bless the memory of Jenny Wade. If the people of Gettysburg are not able alone to raise the funds to pay for a suitable monument for Jenny Wade, let them send a committee to Harrisburg, and our little boys and girls will assist in soliciting subscriptions for the holy purpose. Before the summer sunshine again kisses the grave of Jenny Wade; before the summer birds once more carol where she sleeps in glory; before the flowers again deck the plain made famous by gallant deeds, let a monument raise to greet the skies in token of virtue, daring and nobleness. – [Harrisburg Telegraph.

Civilian of the Month



Photo from Find a Grave memorial # 1064; Info from “Jennie Wade.” Battle of Gettysburg and The Civil War. Accessed April 28, 2016.

<http://www.totalgettysburg.com/jennie-wade.html>

“In 1900, The Jennie Wade Monument was erected and today, it is one of the most visited sites in Gettysburg. An executive order was issued to fly the American Flag at the site 24 hours a day. The only other American woman to be bestowed this honor is Betsy Ross at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, PA.”

Historic Site of the Month



Photo from Thompson Family Album; Information from “Jennie Wade House.”
Gettysburg Tour Center. Accessed April 28, 2016.

<http://www.gettysburgbattlefieldtours.com/gettysburg-tours/jennie-wade-house/>

The Jennie Wade House is located at 548 Baltimore Street in Gettysburg. Tours begin every thirty minutes in peak season and last thirty minutes. In the spring and fall, tours last forty-five minutes. Admission is adults \$8, children (6-12) \$5, children (5 and under) free.

Re-enlist NOW for the 2017-2018 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

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

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2017 thru June 2018

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:

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table

Annual Dinner Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2017

at

MCL Cafeteria – Township Line *

2370 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260
(317) 334-1875

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: Thomas Bogar

Speaker's Topic: *Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination: the Untold Story of the Actors and Stagehands at Ford's Theatre*

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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 if you have any questions or comments.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

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