



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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February 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium  
450 West Ohio Street

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## *The Plan of the Day*

Paying for the Civil War: Taxes, Internal Revenue, and Enrolled Agents



George Washington Tax Stamp from [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

When Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated in 1862 as the 16th President of the United States, he found himself the leader of a house divided and deeply in debt. To pay for the war, Congress enacted several new laws to rapidly increase revenue. Legislation included imposing taxes and duties on goods, trades & occupations; implementing the first personal income tax; establishing the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue; and giving the Department of the Treasury the ability to empower and regulate agents who represented war loss claimants. Period artifacts are displayed as we discuss how the acts passed during the Civil War still influence income taxation today.

## **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*



Jim Floyd, a resident of Indianapolis, IN, is an Enrolled Agent licensed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The descendant of seven Civil War soldiers, Jim is a proud member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Veterans Reserve. He earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Education degrees from American Intercontinental University, and is commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2016-2017 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Chris Smith

Vice President: Dave Sutherland

Secretary: Frank Bynum

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

Immediate Past President: Peg Bertelli

#### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

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

### *2016-2017 Campaign Plans*

March 13, 2017 – Gary Joiner – *Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy*

April 10, 2017 – Connie Hansen – A Visit with Jennie Wade's Mother

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. 86<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> St. MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the east, travel west on 86<sup>th</sup> 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 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left (west). MCL is on the right before you reach Township Line Road. From the west, travel east on 86<sup>th</sup> 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'Tools Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

March 8, 2017 – David Sutherland – Virginia Military Institute's Civil War Legacy

April 12, 2017 – Samuel Passon - 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in downtown Anderson.

February 20, 2017 – "Emancipation Completed"

March 20, 2017 - Ron Durrah, "Brother vs. Brother, Family History and the Civil War"

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*

**Missing Heirloom:** The grandfather of Jonathan Bailey's grandfather was a lieutenant in the Civil War. His family had his war-issued sword that was beautifully engraved with

his name "Moses Bailey" along with some of the battles he fought (including Chattanooga) and his position may have also been on the sword. Someone broke into his grandfather's home three or four years ago and stole the sword. Jonathan has been searching websites looking for the sword, in case it shows up in an auction or in the hands of a collector. He would appreciate any leads to help locate the sword. Please contact him at [Jonathan.Bailey@btlaw.com](mailto:Jonathan.Bailey@btlaw.com).

**Lew Wallace Program:** Voces Novae Choir with the Bloomington Storytellers Guild presents "Lew Wallace: The Most Interesting Person You've Never Heard Of" on Sunday, February 26, 7:00 at Unitarian Universalist Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington IN. Cost is \$15 / \$5 students and seniors. Voces Novae once again explores Indiana history with a program about Lew Wallace, the controversial Civil War general, correspondent of Billy the Kid, author of *Ben Hur*, and U.S. Minister to the Ottoman Empire. The program will include music by Billy Joel, Mozart, Strozzi, Stucky, Van, plus narration by members of the Bloomington Storytellers Guild, guest instrumentalists, and (weather permitting) a chance to make s'mores!

### *Official Records*

**January Attendance:** 32

**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:**

*The Mind of the South*, by W. J. Cash

*Reflections on Lee: A Historian's Assessment*, by Charles P. Roland

*The South and the Sectional Conflict*, by David M. Potter

*The Reward of Patriotism*, by Lucy Shelton Stewart  
 DVD - *Antietam, a Documentary Film*

**\*Anyone wishing to donate books for upcoming raffles should either bring them to Tony Roscetti at the February 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. In November 1863, an engagement was fought at Droop Mountain? In what state is it?
2. Name the Union scout and intelligence officer who became famous because of his friendship with Alexander Gardner.
3. In 1862, Lincoln sent Gen. McClelland to Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. What were his orders?

4. Fishing Creek, Beech Grove, Logan's Crossroads, and Somerset were all names given to what battle?

5. In 1864, Sherman fought an engagement at Jenks Bridge near what city?

Answers to the January Quiz:

1. What state's flag bears the motto "Battle Born" because it became a state during the war? \*\*\* Nevada
2. What seminal event occurred on the James Bennett farm? \*\*\* Surrender of Johnston and Beauregard, 1865
3. Who said, "Well, my brave boys prepare a stretcher for me."? \*\*\* John Wilkes Booth at the Garrett Farm
4. Who was the first Hispanic soldier to win the Medal of Honor? At what battle? \*\*\* Cpl. Joseph H. DeCastro; Gettysburg
5. Name the fort evacuated after a bombardment by the *USS Chickasaw*. Where is the fort located? \*\*\* Fort Gaines; Mobile Bay

### *The Government and Press Speak*

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

Congressman Roscoe Conkling: "War is not a question of valor, but a question of money....It is not regulated by the laws of honor, but by the laws of trade. I understand the practical problem to be solved in crushing the rebellion of despotism against representative government is who can throw the most projectiles? Who can afford the most iron or lead?"

"The Financial Resources of the United States," *Knickerbocker*, October 1862: "Nothing has astonished Europe in modern times as the magnitude of the scale on which the American republic carries on the war for the maintenance of its own integrity. For the enormous expenditure of men and money, and the vastness of the theater on which the military operations are conducted, there is no parallel in the history of any European nation, not excepting even France, under the regime of the elder Napoleon. There is no civil war to be compared with it in extent, either in ancient or modern times." (9)

*London Times* editorial: "The Americans are making war as no people ever made it before. Their campaigns combine the costliness of modern expeditions with the carnage of barbaric invasions. Grant squanders life like Attila, and money like Louis XIV." (97)

Abraham Lincoln in a letter to Colonel B.D. Taylor, December 1864: "I have long determined to make public the origin of the greenback and tell the work that it is Dick Taylor's creation....Said you, 'Why, issue Treasury notes bearing no interest, printed on the best banking paper. Issue enough to pay off the Army expenses and declare it legal tender.'...It is due to you, the father of the present greenback, that the people should know it, and I take great pleasure in making it known." (271)

Abraham Lincoln to Congressman Schuyler Colfax, April 14, 1865: “During the war, when we were adding a couple of million dollars every day to our national debt, I did not care about encouraging the increase in volume of our precious metals. We had the country to save first. But now that the rebellion is overthrown, and we know pretty nearly the amount of our national debt, the more gold and silver we mine, we make the payment of that debt so much the easier.” (277-278)

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photographs and information from Find a Grave Memorial # 20359

**William Pitt Fessenden** was born October 16, 1806 in Boscawen, New Hampshire. He served in the U.S. Congress (1841-1843), the U.S. Senate (1853-1864; 1865-1869), and helped organize the Republican Party. He greatly influenced the Union finances for the war as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as Secretary of the Treasury (July 1864 – March 1865). He died September 8, 1869 and lies buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Portland, Maine.

### *Historic Site of the Month*

Information from Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com allows members to access the **U.S. I.R.S. Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918**, that are located in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The Internal Revenue Act of July 1, 1862 divided the country into collection districts and appointed assessors and collectors. The assessors compiled lists of everyone in the division subject to taxation or who owned property in the division, their annual income, articles subject to special taxes and duties, and the amount of goods made or sold subject to taxes or duties. The collectors collected the annual, monthly, and special taxes.

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