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Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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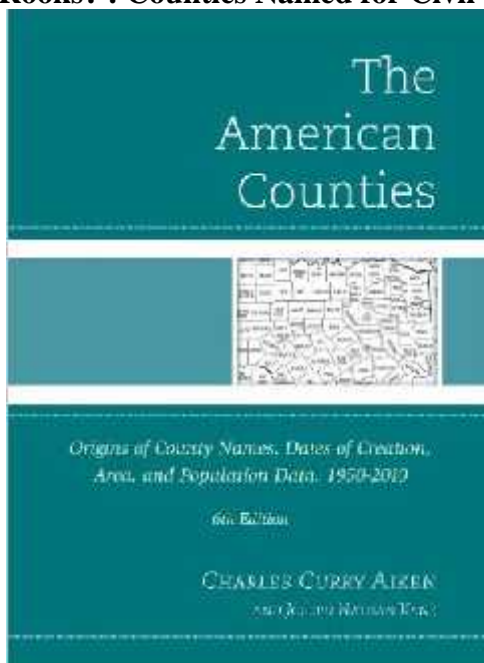
October 10, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line

2370 W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street

## *The Plan of the Day*

### **Who Was Private John Rooks? : Counties Named for Civil War Combat Deaths**



There are 3,143 counties in the US. Forty-nine of these counties are named for the 41 persons out of the over 200,000 killed in battle during the Civil War. Who were these 41 eponymous USA and CSA personnel (none were from either Navy)? Why does Kansas account for almost half (23) of these counties? Roundtable members have heard of Generals Jackson, Lyon, Sedgwick, and McPherson, all of whom were famously killed in battle. Other generals along with colonels and majors are less well known. Junior officers and enlisted personnel would be mostly forgotten if not for having namesake counties. After a short orientation on the creation and naming of counties, we will find out about these persons and why counties were named for them.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE MEAL AT MCL CAFETERIA.**

The doors to the banquet room open at 6:00. The building closes at 9:00, so our 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.

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### *Our Guest Speaker*

Monroe County Civil War Roundtable member **Charlie Aiken** has had an unexplainable interest in counties since childhood. He has compiled two editions of *The American Counties*, a recognized reference book listing all 3,143 US counties. Each county entry includes the county seat, area, and population from every decennial census since 1950. The county's date of creation and name origin are also given. Charlie is one of 53 people known to have visited all 3,143 US counties. Rather than simply entering a county, he is the only person known to have personally photographed the courthouse in each county. This presentation combines Charlie's interests in counties and the Civil War. He will bring along a few copies of his book, *The American Counties*, which will be available for purchase. He notes that the publisher considers this to be a reference book that is priced accordingly. He can offer the book at \$90.00. It costs \$130.00 on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other sites online.

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

#### *Officers:*

President: Chris Smith

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

### *2016-2017 Campaign Plans*

- November 14, 2016 – Robert Houghtalen – The War Not Forgotten – Civil War Soldiers, Central State Hospital, and PTSD
- December 12, 2016 – Lou Malcomb – Maps, Mapping, & Mapmakers of the Civil War: A Novice Explorer’s Perspective
- January 9, 2017 – Ray Boomhower – Lew Wallace’s Civil War career
- February 13, 2017 – Jim Floyd – Paying for the Civil War: Taxes, Internal Revenue, and Enrolled Agents
- 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.

Oct. 12, 2016 – open

Nov. 9, 2016 – Greg Biggs – Turning the Tide: The Union cavalry in the Tullahoma Campaign

Dec. – no meeting

Jan. 11, 2017 – Jenny Terpening – Civil War Medicine

Feb. 8, 2017 – Bob Houghtalen – A War Never Forgotten...How Hoosier Soldiers Were Treated When They Returned Home

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

April 12, 2017 – open

May 10, 2017 – open

**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.

October 17, 2016 – David Fenney – Custer meets the Wolverines

November 21, 2016 – Background to Emancipation  
 No meeting in December  
 January 16, 2017 – Show and Tell  
 February 20, 2017 – Emancipation Completed

### *Special Orders*

**Update on Gardner Sketch Books and Indiana History Center Library Tour on November 15, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.:** Kathy will explain the treatment the books received and Suzanne will give us a tour of the library and show the books to us. Please join us for this tour on the second floor and then come to our meeting in the auditorium.

***Ironclad: The Monitor & the Merrimack* by Arthur Mokin:** This book has a number of outstanding reviews and is available on Amazon.com and Kindle.

The "**Free State of Jones**" DVD is now available. The two hours and twenty minutes movie starring Matthew McConaughey as Newt Knight is very well done. The story begins with the Battle of Corinth in 1862 and follows Newt's life through 1876. The bonus feature has interviews with author Victoria Bynum, who wrote the book: "The Free State of Jones, Mississippi's Longest Civil War," as well as descendants of Newt and his common-law wife Rachel. Recommended by Nikki Schofield.

***My Thoughts Be Bloody***, by Nora Titone, 2010, is an excellent book about the bitter rivalry between Edwin Thomas Booth and his younger brother John Wilkes Booth, which led to the assassination of President Lincoln. The foreward is by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Ms. Titone wrote an interesting and well-researched book. Recommended by Nikki Schofield.

### *Official Records*

**September 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:**

*Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in American History, Volume 1, the Colonial Period to Reconstruction*, edited by Larry Madara and James M. SoRelle  
*The U.S. Army War College Guide to the Battle of Antietam: The Maryland Campaign of 1862*, edited by Jay Luvaas and Harold W. Nelson  
*Reminiscences of the Civil War*, by General John B. Gordon  
*The Court Martial of Robert E. Lee: A Historical Novel*, by Douglas Savage  
*Don Troiani’s Civil War*, art by Don Troiani, text by Brian C. Pohanka

**\*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.**

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

1. In May 1864, a cavalry skirmish occurred at Lane’s Prairie. What state is this site in?
2. On what battlefield would you find Stockdale Redan?
3. In December 1864, Federal troops formed a rough semi-circle around what state capital?
4. To whom did Lincoln tender the thanks of the country for victory in Tennessee?
5. What Confederate general was heard to remark, “We didn’t take Washington, but we scared Abe Lincoln like hell”?

Answers to the September Quiz:

1. At what Civil War site would you find Providence Spring and Sweetwater Creek?  
\*\*\* Andersonville
2. Name the Union general who rode a black horse named Burns. \*\*\* George McClellan
3. Name three battles in which a stone wall was a prominent feature. \*\*\* Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg
4. What fort was located on Cockspur Island? \*\*\* Fort Pulaski
5. What was the “Gynaekocracy”? Where was the term coined? \*\*\* A term coined in Congress to describe women who tried to fill the roles of men

## *The Poet Speaks*

From: <http://www.civilwarpoetry.org/union/soldierlife/post.html>

### **HE DIED AT HIS POST, by J.W.Holman**

A soldier had fallen! 'Tis well that we weep!  
O soft be his pillow, and peaceful his sleep!  
Far, far from his home, and the friends he loved most,  
He fell in the conflict, and died at his post.

When brave ones were summoned their country to save,  
He hasted war's perils to share with the brave,  
And proudly he stood in the van of the host,  
And, like his Great Captain, he died at his post.

No more shall earth's conflicts disturb his repose,  
He has gone where the weary are free from life's woes;  
There covered with glory, on Eden's bright coast,  
'Twill be sweet to remember he died at his post.

Farewell youthful soldier! we ne'er will forget,  
The life thou has offered, the death thou has met!  
Of thee may our nation in history boast;  
And tell the whole world, thou didst die at thy post.

A soldier has fallen; but long shall remain  
The star-spangled flag which he died to sustain;  
For, sooner than let our loved country be lost,  
A nation of freemen will die at their post!

### *Civilian of the Month*

Information from: Severo, Richard. "Joseph Nathan Kane, Master of Minutiae, Dies at 103." The New York Times, September 27, 2002. Accessed April 26, 2016.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/09/27/obituaries/27KANE.html?pagewanted=all>

**Joseph Nathan Kane** was born January 23, 1899. He wrote exhaustive American reference books found in many libraries. He spent most of his life in libraries, searching for facts, which he recorded on index cards, organized, and catalogued until including them in a future book. He wrote his first book in the late 1920s and starred in a radio show "Famous First Facts" in 1938-1939. Quiz shows such as "Break the Bank," "Double of Nothing," and "The \$64,000 Question," requested him to write questions they used on their shows. He died at the age of 103 in West Palm Beach, Florida in 2002.

## *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo from Thompson family album. Information from “General James B. McPherson Monument at Clyde, Ohio.” Ohio’s Yesterdays. February 1, 2008. Accessed April 26, 2016. <http://ohiosyesterdays.blogspot.com/2008/02/general-james-b-mcpherson-monument-at.html>

James McPherson was the highest-ranking Union officer killed in the Civil War. His hometown of Clyde, Ohio struggled for years to raise money for a memorial in his honor. The above monument over his gravesite dedicated on August 22, 1881 marked the seventeenth year of his death.

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2016-2017 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 2016 thru June 2017***

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

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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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