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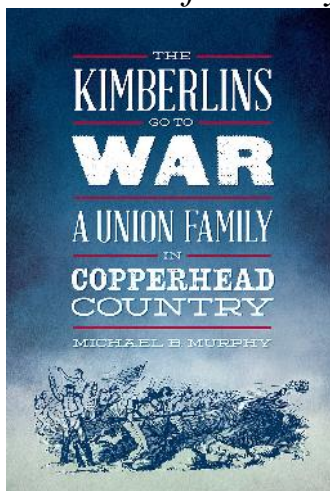
Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>



December 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day



The Kimberlins Go to War: A Union Family in Copperhead Country

As July 7, 1861, dawned, war was in the air in Lexington, Indiana. The county seat of Scott County was abuzz with the latest news of the Southern rebellion. The *Madison Daily and Evening Courier* told of skirmishes between Federal troops and secesh forces at Harpers Ferry and Falling Waters, Virginia. Closer to home, word had come that William A. Sanderson had organized a new outfit, the Twenty-Third Indiana, and was recruiting throughout the Second Congressional District for men to join the regiment. Although Scott County had been rife with sympathy and support for the South, answering the call to serve the Union cause from the county were Jacob T. Kimberlin, a twenty-one-year-old farmhand; his older brother, John J.; and his cousins, William H.H. Kimberlin, Benjamin F. Kimberlin, and James Stark. These five young men could not have known at the time that none of them would ever again see their homes. They only knew that the Kimberlins were going to war. This is the story of the Kimberlin Family that sent thirty-three fathers and sons, brothers and cousins, to fight for the Union during the Civil War. Ten family members were killed, wounded, or died of battlefield disease, a 30 percent casualty rate that is unmatched in recorded Scott County history. Of the 134 known deaths of Scott County soldiers, ten were members of the Kimberlin clan. Their feelings about the war come from forty letters to and from the battlefield that have survived. The book examines such questions as: Were they fighting to save the Union or to free the slaves? How did they express grief over the loss of a brother? Did they keep up with their business and the women at home? And what did they think about secesh neighbors in southern Indiana who tried to undermine the Union?

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

Michael B. Murphy is senior vice president of Hirons and Company, an Indianapolis advertising and public relations firm, and chairman of the board at Monarch Beverage. An Indiana state representative for sixteen years, Murphy received his degree in American studies from the University of Notre Dame and his masters degree in history from Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis in 2009.

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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.

2017-2018 Campaign Plans

January 8, 2018 – Stephen Towne – *Surveillance and Spies in the Civil War: Exposing Confederate Conspiracies in America's Heartland*

February 12, 2018 – Fred Schaefer– Indianapolis and the War of the Rebellion

March 12, 2018 – Kraig McNutt – 58th Indiana and their role at Stone's River

April 9, 2018 – Mark Laubacher – Cold Blooded Envenomation of 1861-65

May 14, 2018 – Jenny Thompson – *Above Us or Around Us: The Story and Men of the Bloody Eighth*

June 11, 2018 – Jennifer Murray – *On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933-2013*

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 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

January 10, 2018 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln and the Constitution"

February 14, 2018 - Mike Murphy, "The Fighting Kimberlin Family"

March 14, 2018 - John Heiser, "1913 Gettysburg Reunion"

April 11, 2018 - Dave Finney - "Stonewall Jackson's Last Days"

May 9, 2018 - Dr. E.C. Fields , "General U.S. Grant"

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.

Special Orders

Memorial Day 2018: The Ben Harrison Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Eliza E. George Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold a special Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery at Crown Hill Ceremony at 11 a.m. on May 28, 2017. They will be re-enacting the events that occurred at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis and Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville on the first Memorial Day on May 30, 1868. Costumed re-enactors are welcome to join them in the procession that will begin at the Gothic Chapel.

Official Records

Attendance: 35

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 Fall of Richmond, by Rembert W. Patrick

A Stillness at Appomattox, by Bruce Catton

Morgan the Magnificent: The Life of J. Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913), by John K. Winkler

The Civil War, Volume II: The Picture Chronicle of the Events, Leaders and Battlefields of the War, by Ralph Newman and E.B. Long

A Wisconsin Fifteenth: Fifteen Notable Titles from the Library Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, edited by J. Kevin Graffagnino

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

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

Identify the Civil War personage(s) associated with each of the nicknames below.

1. "Fitz"
2. "Old Lundy"
3. "Old Rock"
4. "Dirty Dick"
5. "Doodle"

Answers to the November Quiz:

1. What is the more common name for the Battle of Chaplin Hills? *** Perryville
2. What nickname was given to the 9th Ohio Infantry? *** Bully Dutchmen
3. What were "Sherman's Sentinels"? *** Chimneys left standing over burned homes on the march to the sea
4. Young James Knox wrote the following account: "Mounted patrols dashed everywhere, bells tolled the alarm, and excited crowds rushed about the avenues. Despair was on every countenance." To what event did he refer? *** Lincoln's assassination

5. Who was General Burnside describing when he wrote: "he is unfit to hold an important commission," and recommended his dismissal from command? *** Gen. Joseph Hooker

The Newspapers Speak

From www.newspapers.com

The Indiana State Sentinel (Indianapolis, Indiana) Wednesday, September 18, 1861, page 1

The following Indiana regiments are now in Missouri:

The 18th, Colonel Patterson; 22d, Colonel Davis; 23d, Colonel Sanderson; 24th, Colonel Hovey; 25th, Colonel Veatch; 11th Colonel Lew. Wallace; 26th, Colonel Ross.

Intelligence has also been received that the 23d regiment, Colonel Sanderson, has arrived at Paducah from St. Louis.

The Indianapolis News (Indianapolis, Indiana) Saturday, April 4, 1903, page 16

Where Indiana's Sons Sleep on the Famous Battlefield of Shiloh --- Monuments to Their Memory

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Twenty-Third Indiana Regiment Location.

Line 124, Station 94-84 and 43 feet east, 650 feet southeast of the 78th Ohio monument, in the woods.

23D

REGIMENT

INFANTRY.

Commanded by

Col. William L. Sanderson,

2d Brigade - Col. J. M. Thayer -

3d Division - Maj.-Gen. Lewis Wallace - Army of the Tennessee.

INDIANA.

23D INFANTRY.

Commanded by

Col. William L. Sanderson.

From Stoney Lonesome, April 6, 1862, at 12 m., this regiment marched to a point near Clear creek; countermarched there, it reached battlefield, via Savannah road, 7:30 p. m. April 7, formed line of battle at sunrise, engaged the enemy, drove him to this position, where two hours of desperate fighting occurred. Enemy retreated, followed by this regiment until nightfall. Casualties - Killed, 7 men; wounded, 1 officer and 34 men; missing, 1 man; total, 43.

Officer of the Month



Photo and information from Find a Grave Memorial # 26753228

William Lawrence Sanderson was born in 1812 in Pennsylvania. He enlisted as colonel of the Twenty-third Indiana Infantry on July 29, 1861. He resigned August 11, 1864. He died July 19, 1868 and lies buried in Fairview Cemetery in New Albany, Indiana.

Historic Site of the Month



Photo and information from <http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=22525>

Scott County War Memorial is dedicated to all Scott County veterans who served during war and conflict. It is located on the northwest lawn of the Scott County Courthouse in Scottsburg.

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.roscetti@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:

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