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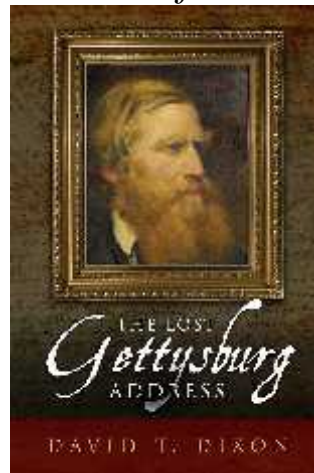
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September 11, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting at MCL Cafeteria – Township Line

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

## *The Plan of the Day*



### ***The Lost Gettysburg Address: Charles Anderson's Civil War Odyssey***

Few remember that two famous orators shared the stage with Lincoln at the Gettysburg dedication. The day's concluding speech remained lost until recently, when an anthropologist stumbled upon it in a cardboard box at a remote ranch in Wyoming. Forgotten too was the incredible true story of its author, Charles Anderson, a slave owner who risked everything to save the Union. We accompany Anderson on his exciting journey through some of the most dramatic events of the Civil War. Born on a Kentucky slave plantation, he struggles to reconcile a morally bankrupt slavery system that yet holds the nation together. Imagine yourself standing in the crowd as Anderson delivers a bold Union speech in San Antonio just weeks after Lincoln's election. Imprisoned by Confederate officers, he makes a daring escape, and arrives in New York a national hero. Anderson nearly loses his life in the battle of Stones River. He is elected Lieutenant Governor of Ohio on a ticket that defeats exiled Copperhead Democrat Clement Vallandigham. Two years later, Anderson becomes Ohio's governor. The New York Times called Anderson's story, "among the most moving and romantic episodes of the war." This is the inspiring tale of a true patriot. Charles Anderson had the courage to hold steadfast to his convictions, remaining loyal to the Union at a time when nearly all Southerners turned against their country.

### **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT 6:00 for a meal at the MCL**

The doors to the Banquet Room open at 6:00. \* **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.

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

### *Our Guest Speaker*



David Dixon earned his M.A. in history from the University of Massachusetts in 2003. He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and magazines. Most focus on black history and on Union sympathizers in the Civil War South. His short biography of U.S. and Confederate congressman Augustus R. Wright appeared in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* in 2010. He remains intrigued by the problem of defining "loyalty" in the context of civil war. David Dixon hosts "B-List History," a website celebrating obscure characters and their amazing stories. [www.davidtdixon.com](http://www.davidtdixon.com). His interest in Civil War allegiance led David to the fascinating life story of Charles Anderson, a slaveholder who sacrificed everything to save the Union. When he learned that Anderson's long-lost oration that followed Lincoln's address at Gettysburg had been uncovered in a remote part of Wyoming, Dixon knew that he had a compelling story worthy of a book-length project. For the past several years, the author has been retracing Anderson's incredible odyssey through some of the most dramatic events of the period. In his digging, he made an exciting discovery of his own: some early drafts of Anderson's Gettysburg speech are still in private hands. Despite the innumerable books and articles on Lincoln's iconic address, fresh surprises still await the diligent and curious researcher. He will be signing books and selling his book for \$19 and two books for \$29. He is currently collaborating with Mike Peake, Peter Cozzens, and Joe Reinhart on a biography of August Willich, which he hopes to have published in 2018.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2017-2018 Campaign*

#### *Officers:*

President: Dave Sutherland

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### *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.

### *2017-2018 Campaign Plans*

\*October 9, 2017 – Anthony J. Ziebol – *The Angel of Marye's Heights*

November 13, 2017 – David Garshaw – *The American Civil War and Religion*

December 11, 2017 – Mike Murphy – *The Kimberlins Go to War: A Union Family in Copperhead Country*

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 – Craig 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*

\*These meetings will also be held at the MCL Cafeteria.

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

September 13, 2017 - Carol Janney, "Women in the Civil War"

October 11, 2017 - Greg Biggs, "Forrest the Napoleonic Cavalry"

November 8, 2017 - Pam Newhouse, "Three Brothers at Gettysburg"

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

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

October 16, 2017 - TBA

November 20, 2017 - "Filling the Ranks"

### *Special Orders*

**Civil War Generals Tour at Crown Hill on September 9:** Nikki Schofield will be leading a tour of Civil War generals at Crown Hill Cemetery on Saturday, September 9, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. There are seventeen Civil War generals buried at Crown Hill. The walking tour will go to the graves of fifteen, but you will hear information about the other two. Meet at the 34th Street gate at 3400 Boulevard Place. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, and \$3.00 for students. Reservations are not required.

**Civil War Round Table Gather for National Congress on September 16:** The National Congress of Civil War Round Tables will meet in Prince William County, Va., this autumn to share insight into the latest strategies for ensuring its dynamic and successful organizations continue to operate across the country. The congress is being organized by the Brunswick, Puget Sound and Scottsdale CWRTs and hosted by the Bull Run CWRT. Speakers include Dr. John Bamberl, Scottsdale CWRT; Matt Borowick, Civil War News; Brad Cox, Scottsdale CWRT; Sue Golden, Kernstown Battlefield Association; Jay Jorgensen, R.E. Lee CWRT; Mike Movius, Puget Sound CWRT; and Wallet Rueckel, Brunswick CWRT. Each will share a variety of strategies to attract members, raise money, solidify partnerships and run outstanding programs. Sessions will focus on best practices for governance, recruitment and retention and how to provide support for important preservation initiatives. The day-long event will be held September 16, 2017, at the Centerville Regional Library, with attendees anticipated from dozens of individual round tables. The base cost for attendance is \$30, which includes lunch. Attendants may also participate in optional tours of Manassas National Battlefield Park and Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park in the days following the symposium. Learn more about this exciting event and register to attend at <http://www.pscwrt.org/congress>.

**Proposed Desecration of Fort Negley:** Fort Negley was the largest limestone fort built during the Civil War. The Battle of Nashville occurred south of the fort on December 15-16, 1864. After the war, it fell into disrepair until it was rebuilt in the WPA era of the mid-20th century. It was again cleaned up in the 2000s and became part of the Nashville Metro Parks Development. Tourists can still walk through the fort and visit the interpretive center, but developers now want to build condos, low cost housing, stores, etc. on the site of the contraband camp. Greg Biggs urges us to send emails to the Mayor Megan Barry at [Megan.Berry@nashville.gov](mailto:Megan.Berry@nashville.gov) and the parks development urging them to stop this development before more Civil War history is lost.

***Above Us or Around Us:*** Jenny Thompson's book on the Eighth Indiana has been published in a four volume series entitled, *Above Us or Around Us*. Volume I: The Story of the Bloody Eighth tells the history of both the three-month and three-year Eighth Indiana Infantry regiments from April 1861 to August 1865. Readers will learn how they chose their motto "Above Us or Around Us," how they earned their nickname "The Bloody Eighth," and what occurred during each battle. They will also learn about the soldiers' family ties, claims to fame, and tragic endings. This volume includes poems about the Battle of Cedar Creek and poems written by James Whitcomb Riley, whose father, uncle, and favorite teacher served in this regiment, and includes regimental correspondence. Volume II: The Men of the Bloody Eighth A-K and Volume III: The Men of the Bloody Eighth L-Z continue the story of the Eighth Indiana Infantry through the biographies of the soldiers and contrabands who served in this regiment. Readers will learn about the regiment's Medal of Honor recipient, the soldier who made and sold the first ice cream cone in the world, James Whitcomb Riley's teacher and relatives of James Whitcomb Riley and Carrie Nation, the soldier who held ten patents for his inventions, and the soldier related to Presidents William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. Two soldiers in this volume named the town of Windfall, Indiana. One soldier and his brother built the first threshing machine in Indiana. Several soldiers experienced close encounters with death or PTSD, which led to suicide. Some became murder victims or committed murder. These biographies will leave a lasting impression on readers as they learn more about the men of the Bloody Eighth. Volume IV: The Story and the Men of the Bloody Eighth in the News includes the newspaper articles that provide reports during the war and about brigade reunions after the war. The articles also help readers learn about tragedies, special events, and the deaths of the soldiers in this regiment. Readers can also follow a Tennessee murder trial. The men of the "Bloody Eighth" lived up to their motto "Above Us or Around Us" and are men to be remembered for years to come. This series is now available for a total of \$95 on Amazon.com: [https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=dp\\_byline\\_sr\\_book\\_1?ie=UTF8&text=Mrs.+Jennifer+Thompson&search-alias=books&field-author=Mrs.+Jennifer+Thompson&sort=relevancerank](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=dp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&text=Mrs.+Jennifer+Thompson&search-alias=books&field-author=Mrs.+Jennifer+Thompson&sort=relevancerank) She is offering a complete autographed series for a special price of \$70 for those at the meeting. Please contact Jenny if you would like a set, so she will know how many sets to bring to the meeting.

### *Official Records*

**June 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:** No book raffle in September; this will be the list for the October raffle.

*The Army of the Potomac: A Stillness at Appomattox*, by Bruce Catton

*Meade of Gettysburg*, by Freeman Cleaves

*The Confederate High Command & Related Topics (Themes in Honor of T. Harry Williams)*, edited by Roman J. Heliak and Lawrence L. Hewitt

*A Class by Themselves: The Untold Story of the Great Southern Families*, by William Stadiem

*Ordeal of the Union: A House Divided 1852-1857*, by Allan Nevins

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

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

1. Who assumed command of the Department of East Tennessee on May 12, 1863?
2. What role did the firm of Emile Erlanger and Company (Paris) play in the war?
3. A skirmish was fought at Cannon's Bridge on Feb. 8, 1865. Where is it?
4. Who said, "Among the excrescences upon the body politic is one which may be best described by its Greek name Gynaekocracy, which manifests itself in the absurd endeavors of women to usurp the places and execute the functions of the male sex."?
5. What well-known Civil War weapon was manufactured by C. Girard and Co. of Paris?

### *The Newspaper Speaks*

from [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

*Holmes County Farmer* (Millersburg, Ohio) Thursday, December 27, 1860, page 1

**A Voice for the Union in Texas.**

*Speech of Charles Anderson, Esq., Formerly of Cincinnati, at Alamo, Texas, on the 24th of November.*

The following eloquent extract from a late speech of Charles Anderson, Esq., of Cincinnati, now of Texas, will be read with interest:

"We have truly fallen upon evil times.' A meeting of American citizens is here solemnly convened, seriously to discuss and decide the further existence of our blessed Union! And has it indeed come to this? Has the madness of faction, the virulence of fanaticism, at last reached this point? Have sectional partisans finally *dared* to make or devise an assault upon this beloved and most glorious Union, which our fathers, of the South and the North, shed their united blood to cement and establish; which our mothers blessed in the earliest prayers of their infancy; which nurtured and protected our best years, and which, under God's providence, is, I trust, destined to be our children's children, to the latest generations of mankind, the very greatest boon and blessing which human minds and hands ever planned and executed, or the Divine Will has permitted? Oh! may it stand, my friends, as deep in the earth and high in the heavens as the grandest mountains, as wide and glorious as "old ocean," and as all inclosing and vitalizing to its generations as the circumambient air! While ever these fair, blue and bended skies, with their kindling lights of day and night, shall surround our earth, oh! may this dear Union of our native land - the next most wise and pure and grand of all the creations - alike continue to encompass us and ours *forever*.

But now, alas! we are "calmly and deliberately" assured, from the pulpit of the Law and Gospel - by no frothy, shallow demagogue of politics - accursed politics! - by the lips and tongue of a man really wise, pious and honest - that this vast fabric has crumbled; "that the Union is already dissolved." We are informed - as a fixed and certain fact of history - that our National destiny is fulfilled; that, like dead leaves on the wind, our institutions have drifted away into the past forever, and that we are not here assembled to consider their further existence or perpetuity, but to divide their spoils and take administration of their effects. While we were so entertained - with the vast and various thoughts and feelings and images of horror that trooped thronging through my brain and heart, thrilling me with chilliness from scalp to soles, there was always mingled one sad and dreadful picture - the children of one loving mother, hale and well, though not happy, with the bloom yet in her fair cheek, the love-light in her calm eyes, a gray hair only here and there silvering with a single thread her radiant locks - God bless the mother that bore us! - the daughters born of such a mother, circling in a conclave, over a plan of matricide, and "the parting of her raiment among them." And yet in all this mingled tide of sudden and new emotions, while he so calmly spoke, there came to me no flush of anger; no choking or bursting indignation; no throb for instant vengeance. A deep and bitter grief - a most melting pity and sadness filled me - until I thought I could weep, weep tears of blood to see such treason in such men.

By the way I see several blue cockades on hats and lappets around me. Are they emblems of the *present* Lone Star experiment - present while that high and bright banner of stars and stripes, gaily ripples out to the admiring eyes of men and angels, or defiantly flaps its broad stripes in the face of every one. "*Our* flag is still there!" [pointing to the broad banner over the Menger Hotel, amid greatest cheering and enthusiasm.] But your *Lone Star* - where is it? We well know its place in history. It was once an emblem of truth, courage, fidelity, honor, not treason. But in nature there are no lone stars; the cluster and constellate. The *ignis fatuus* (the jack-o'-lantern) only floats over fens and flats, pale, sickly, feeble, flickering, delusive sham of *real stars*. The historic Lone Star of

Texas paused not in her dark solitude, but yielding to the life-like, divine impulse within her, toward the Great Central Luminary - our Constitution - she darted upward with the speed of a comet and the power and brightness of the imperial Jupiter, to unite with that - our constellation - no more a *lone* star, but one of the celestial flock, smoothly and sublimely wheeling and rolling her bright orb in her proper sphere of use and of glory; and there she floats in yonder sky! Let us descend, however, from these heavenly flights to borrow some earthly lessons from her independent career. I will not describe it at length. To be brief, it was very full of "honor" but dreadfully poor. Utter insolvency was the price she paid for solitary grandeur; and if she had been left *a lone* [A voice in the crowd, "She would have died from starvation."] Starvation, my dear fellow - her carcass would have been so poor and thin that these Mexican buzzards would have scorned the pickings! Let us hear no more, then, of these lone stars and blue cockades; and as to *blue* cockades - are they of this age any better or less treasonable than were the black cockades of the Yankee treason in the last generation? I pause for a reply.

The "extremes" in sectional passions and prejudices in the one section see, hear, publish and remember only the disagreeable, unkind and criminal conduct of their correspondent party in the other section. Thus do the Abolitionists of the North gather and garble only such exceptionable facts, or manufacture, with a skill and rapidity which puts to shame a Lowell factory, only such out and out lies about slavery as will magnify their own virtue, piety and other excellencies - in Congress. And not to be far behind the rival fanaticism in the North, thus, in like manner, do our fanatics and hypocrites - for God knows we have both - perform a correspondent office by deceiving and inflaming the South. Why, if the Secessionist and Abolitionist had been for years and years past - like England and France in the Turkish Russian War - bound together strongly and faithfully under a written treaty of alliance of offensive and defensive, they could not have more efficiently aided, abetted and comforted each other than they have done, in fact and in truth. I think that more than half of the members of Congress in South Carolina and Alabama, for twenty years past, have been actually "nominated" and elected in and by two small districts of the North - I mean Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the "Western Reserve," in Ohio. *I know* that Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, have more than repaid their debts to the Pelfreys, Sumners, Giddings, Chases, &c., in elevating them into their bad eminences. Indeed, I wonder that Wendell Philips did not call to present his kindest regards, if not his most grateful affections, to Mr. Yancey, in his late visit to Boston. He is a Yankee ingrate if he did not, and in behalf of the entire Abolition party. - So much of these mistakes, when assigned as causes of disunion - [Here some gentleman in the crowd shouted, "Hurrah for South Carolina."] to which Mr. Anderson said, "My friend, God, in his infinite, almighty mercy, may, by the last day, be able to forgive South Carolina for her sins; I can not. I have not *that* charity. *She shouted over Lincoln's election, sir!*"



### *Officer of the Month*



photos and information from Find a Grave Memorial # 21714 and ohiohistorycentral.org.

**Charles Anderson** was born June 1, 1814 near Louisville, Kentucky. His brother was Robert Anderson, the commander of Fort Sumter. A graduate of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio in 1833, he studied law in Louisville before moving to Dayton, Ohio. he married Eliza J. Brown in September 1835. He served as an attorney, prosecuting attorney of Montgomery County, and became state senator in 1844, where he argued to repeal the state "Black Laws" and for African-American civil rights. He continued to practice law until 1859, when he moved to Texas for health reasons. He tried to go to Mexico when Texas seceded, but authorities arrested him in September 1861 and put him in prison in San Antonio. He escaped one month later and moved north. During the war, Lincoln sent him to England to seek Union support; he served as colonel of the Ninety-third Ohio Infantry until he resigned due to severe wounds from the Battle of Stones River. He served as Ohio lieutenant governor and governor August 29, 1865 - January 8, 1866. He continued his law practice in Dayton, Ohio, until moving back to Kentucky in 1870. He died September 2, 1895 and lies buried in Kuttawa Cemetery in Kuttawa, Kentucky.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Kuttawa in 1939

photo and information from wikipedia.org

**Kuttawa**, in Lyon County, Kentucky is the name of the town Anderson founded on the land he purchased in 1866. The name is Cherokee and means "beautiful," "city in the woods," and "great wilderness." The state assembly incorporated this city in 1872. Its first post office also opened that year. The town was moved in the early 1960s when the Tennessee Valley Authority formed Lake Barkley when they constructed a dam across the Cumberland River.

## 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  
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Phone: (317) 475-9227  
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*Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:*

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### **ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2017 thru June 2018**

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*We must have a valid email address if you wish to receive the HARDTACK newsletter free of charge!*

**(please specify Membership Level):**

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If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please list his or her name below:

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