



# HARDTACK

Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting at Indian Lakes Country Club  
10502 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street

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## *The Plan of the Day*

“‘Liberal Provisions...Nothing...Action Which Comes Far Short’: State and Local Government Attempts to Aid Soldiers’ Families in Indiana”



Photo from [www.hartwick.edu](http://www.hartwick.edu)

With the start of the Civil War, local communities found themselves with a dilemma. As men answered the call to join the military, their wives and mothers were left to fend for themselves at home. Soldiers received their pay on the battlefield and then had to send it home as best they could. Payments were not always forthcoming on a monthly basis and many times wives and mothers had to make due without an income. To remedy this problem, state and local governments stepped in to help. The state employed family members at the state arsenal and distributed bread rations from Camp Morton to families who lived in Indianapolis. County commissioners across the state provided repayment to store owners who supplied goods to soldiers' families, to landlords who rented houses to them, and to those who dug graves when soldiers' family members died. Some counties devised monthly payments directly to soldiers' families. The system was not without its flaws. A notorious spy was employed at the arsenal and as evidenced from letters between home and the battlefield, many women suffered from a lack of support. This presentation looks at the efforts by the state and local governments to remedy the suffering at home.

**\* Directions to Indian Lake Country Club:** From I-465: Take the 56<sup>th</sup> Street exit. Go east to Pendleton Pike and turn left. Turn left (north) on to Sunnyside Road. At the stop light at 75<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left to the entrance on your right. \*\*\* From Castleton: Come east on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, which becomes 79<sup>th</sup> Street at Fall Creek Road. Continue east to the stoplight at Sunnyside Road. Turn right (south) to the stoplight at 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right to the club entrance on your right. \*\*\* From the Southeast: Come north on German Church Road, which becomes Sunnyside Road at Pendleton Pike. Continue north to the stoplight at 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left to the club entrance on your right.

### *Our Guest Speaker*

**Anita Morgan** is a Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Studies for the IUPUI History Department and a native Hoosier. She graduated from Purdue University in 1997 with a doctorate in U.S. History, specializing in the early American republic and U.S. women's history. She has published articles on women who lived in the Ohio Valley and in upstate New York and has also published a survey of Indiana women's history. Her current research focuses on Hoosier soldiers' families during the Civil War.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2013-2014 Campaign*

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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 [jkt60@att.net](mailto:jkt60@att.net) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

### *2014-2015 Campaign Plans*

Sept. 8, 2014

Gerald Jones – Northern Civil War Prison Camps

Oct. 13, 2014

Phillip Seyfrit – Battle of Richmond, Kentucky

Nov. 10, 2014

Scott Schroeder – The Dawn of the Political Cartoon: The Civil

	War Era
Dec. 8, 2014	Danny Russel – Honest Abe
Jan. 12, 2015	Michael Weeks – <i>The Civil War Road Trip Series</i>
Feb. 9, 2015	Brian Dirck – <i>Lincoln and the Constitution</i>
Mar. 9, 2015	Fred Schaefer – Civil War Medicine
Apr. 13, 2015	Ross Hudgins – <i>Maggie: The Civil War Journals of Margaret Nichol Vault</i>
May 11, 2015	Steve Rolfe – Alexander Gardner: Civil War Photographer & More
June 8, 2015	Ed Bonekemper – Six Turning Points of the American Civil War

### *Other Camp Activities*

**Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable:** The Carmel-Clay Civil War Roundtable is now the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable. They meet at the Conner Prairie Interactive History Park located at 13400 Allisonville Road. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and the program will start at 7:30 in the Lilly Theater on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of their main office building. We will have plenty of free parking, and people should enter through the main entrance where the ticket office is located. Camp coffee and hardtack should be available. Meetings will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

9/17 Steve Jackson – Loudoun Rangers (Unionist Virginia Quakers)

10/15 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gossert – Portraying Mr. & Mrs. Gov. Morton

11/19 David Fraley – Battle of Franklin

Dec – no meeting

1/21 Brian Dirck – Lincoln's Law Practice

2/18 Phil DeHaven – The Woman Would be First Lady

3/18 – MaryAnne Matthews – Mrs. President: A Visit with Mary Todd Lincoln

4/15 Dave Walker – Portraying Jeff Davis

5/20 Margaret Hobson – The Iron Men of Indiana's 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment

**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.

6/16 Donna Schmink – "Indiana's Battle Flags"

July and August – no meetings

9/15 Gerald G. Jones – "Northern Civil War Prisons"

10/20 Kevin & Lucinda Rushton – "US Christian Commission"

11/17 DVD program "Shiloh and Corinth"

December – no meeting

### *Special Orders*

***Slavery, Race, and Conquest in the Tropics:*** This new book challenges the way historians interpret the causes of the American Civil War. Using Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas's famed rivalry as a prism, Robert E. May shows that when Lincoln and fellow Republicans opposed slavery in the West, they did so partly from evidence that slaveholders, with Douglas's assistance, planned to follow up successes in Kansas by

bringing Cuba, Mexico, and Central America into the Union as slave states. A skeptic about “Manifest Destiny,” Lincoln opposed the war with Mexico, condemned Americans invading Latin America, and warned that Douglas’s “popular sovereignty” doctrine would unleash U.S. slaveholders throughout Latin America. This book internationalizes America’s showdown over slavery, shedding new light on the Lincoln-Douglas rivalry and Lincoln’s Civil War scheme to resettle freed slaves in the tropics. How to order: Visit [www.cambridge.org/us/9780521763837](http://www.cambridge.org/us/9780521763837) or call 1.800.872.7423. Enter Discount Code MAY13 at checkout to receive the discount. Offer expires 08/31/2014.

**Crown Hill Tours:** Nikki Schofield will be leading the following Civil War tours at Crown Hill this year: July 19, 9:30 – 11 a.m., “Civil War Personalities” learn about Civil War veterans and others; August 23, 9:30 – 11 a.m., “Civil War Generals” learn about Civil War generals who led the Union; October 4, 9:30 – 11 a.m., “Treason in Indianapolis” learn about those involved in Civil War treason. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Reservations are not required.

**Civil War Trust:** Civil War Trust is requesting donations to add an additional 429 acres to the 523 acres at Port Republic, where Confederates gained control of the Shenandoah Valley in 1862. To donate, visit: <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/portrepublic/port-republic-2014/>

**The Life and Times of Ed Bearss:** Ed Bearss is one of the nation’s most renowned historians and authentic American characters. He rose from humble beginnings on the majestic plains of central Montana to become the most recognized face of the Civil War battlefield preservation movement in the latter half of the 20th century. Grievously wounded in the Pacific during World War Two, he has used the experience as a tool to teach future generations the value of service and sacrifice. During a long and distinguished career in the National Park Service, Ed became Chief Historian where he led efforts to save battlefields across the country. Today he is still going strong at the age of 90. He leads tours that keep him on the road more than 200 days a year doing what he loves most - talking about history. Through interviews with some of his closest friends and family and journeys with Ed to sites across the country he impacted the most, we explore one man’s incredible life and the power of place that he so fervently champions. This \$24.95 documentary by David Currey will be officially released on June 6, 2014. To order the DVD, please visit [www.roadfilms.net](http://www.roadfilms.net).

**Savannah Bound:** Nikki Schofield’s 4<sup>th</sup> novel, *Savannah Bound*, will be available for sale at the banquet. This book is about an escapee from Andersonville and his life in disguise as a Southerner in Savannah, where he shelters a woman and boy who were victims of a train robbery. The story follows their growing relationship as they await the onslaught of Sherman’s 62,000 soldiers marching toward their city. Many Civil War historical figures, such as Indiana’s Jefferson Columbus Davis, are included in the narrative. Added features are: Chronological Historic Events, Cast of Characters, Index to Historic Notes, and Book Club and Classroom Discussion Questions. Softcovers are \$15 and hardcovers are \$25. Electronic versions are available from AuthorHouse.com.

## *Official Records*

**May Attendance:** 29

**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.

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

Answers to the May quiz:

1. What Confederate loss, in 1863, cut the rail line between Chattanooga and the East? \*\*\* Cumberland Gap
2. Name the general who explained his successes by saying, "I got there first with the most men." \*\*\* Nathan Bedford Forrest
3. What earned the nickname, "What-Is-It"? \*\*\* Matthew Brady's portable dark rooms
4. Where would you find the "allegiance barracks"? What was their purpose? \*\*\* Fort Delaware; Reserved for prisoners who took the oath of allegiance to the U.S.
5. By what informal name was Camp Sumter known? \*\*\* Andersonville

### *The Soldiers and Civilians Speak*

Quotations from: John D. Wright, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006); and "The Fight from the Home Front: Hoosier Home Life During the Civil War," The Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum, June 2001, accessed 10 May 2013, [www.in.gov/iwm/files/Homelife.pdf](http://www.in.gov/iwm/files/Homelife.pdf).

Mary Livermore, Sanitary Commission: "For the soldier, he had his comrades around him, shoulder to shoulder. He had excitement. He had praise, if he did well. He had

honorable mention, and pitying tears, if he fell nobly striving. But alas for his wife!” (Wright, 289)

Mary Livermore, Sanitary Commission: “This silent army of heroines [soldiers’ wives] are too often forgotten. They are martyrs who died and made no sign. The shouts of far-off victories drown feeble wailings and the horrors of hospitals over-shadowed deeply their unobtruded miseries.” (Wright, 290)

Mary Livermore, Sanitary Commission: “Women are here [in the Midwest] in the field everywhere, driving the reapers, binding and shocking, and loading grain....So I said to myself, ‘They are worthy women, and deserve praise: their husbands are probably too poor to hire help, and, like the ‘helpmeets’ God designed them to be, they have girt themselves to this work – and they are doing it superbly. Good wives! Good women!’ (Wright, 290)

Samuel H. Mattox, 85<sup>th</sup> IN, March 17, 1863: “I am sorry your relief money has given out for I don’t know now when I will get any more money to send to you...I am glad you have your start of geese, but I fear they will be more plague than profit.” (“The Fight from the Home Front,” 10)

Samuel H. Mattox, 85<sup>th</sup> IN, October 20, 1863: “Did the frost kill all the corn in our neighborhood? ...How do you think you can do in regard to having bread and meat through the winter?” (“The Fight from the Home Front,” 10)

Samuel H. Mattox, 85<sup>th</sup> IN, February 1864: “I am sorry, truly sorry that it has turned out so that you have to freeze in a cold house again this winter...If you can’t get anything done to the house soon I don’t know but you had better make a sale and sell off all the stock and rent a house in town and move into it for I really dread the consequences of this winter on you and the children’s account.” (“The Fight from the Home Front,” 11)

### *Civilian of the Month*



Photo and information from <http://www.firstladies.org/curriculum/educational-biography.aspx?biography=24>

**Caroline Scott Harrison** was eager to serve during the Civil War. She served as Director of the Board of Managers of the Indianapolis Orphans' Asylum from 1860 until her death in 1892. She also joined the Ladies Patriotic Association, the Ladies Sanitary Committee, and other local groups that cared for wounded soldiers.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo shows drawing of first building at 14<sup>th</sup> and Capital

Photo from Indiana Historical Bureau and information from [www.indianahistory.org/our.../childrens-bureau-of-indianapolis.pdf/](http://www.indianahistory.org/our.../childrens-bureau-of-indianapolis.pdf/)

**The Indianapolis Children's Bureau** was originally chartered as the Widows' and Orphans' Asylum in 1850 and began operation in 1851. The Board of Managers was run by women and there was an advisory board of men, all prominent figures or from prominent families. Each woman on the Visitor Committee was responsible for both surveying the needs in her district and collecting donations from the rich in her area. This organization also provided money to private homes that boarded orphans or poor women and children. In 1855, they erected an orphanage at 14<sup>th</sup> and Capitol. In 1875, they became the Indianapolis Orphans' Asylum but did not change their mission or services. They erected four new buildings at 4107 E. Washington Street between 1869 and 1903. In 1934, the Orphan Asylum and the Family Welfare Society merged to become the Children's Bureau of the Indianapolis Orphan Asylum. This organization focused on adoptions, foster care, helping unwed mothers and opened three group homes: Garrard House for girls in 1960; Mallon House for boys in 1969; and Evans House for unwed mothers in 1970. Over the years, they have added the Homes for Black Children (1978), counseling services, and temporary care centers: the Delaware Youth Center; the Crisis Shelter, Runaway Shelter, and Project Safe Place. In 1990, they became the Children's Bureau Foundation, Inc. They celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2001 and run over twenty programs which serve, protect and advocate for children.



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