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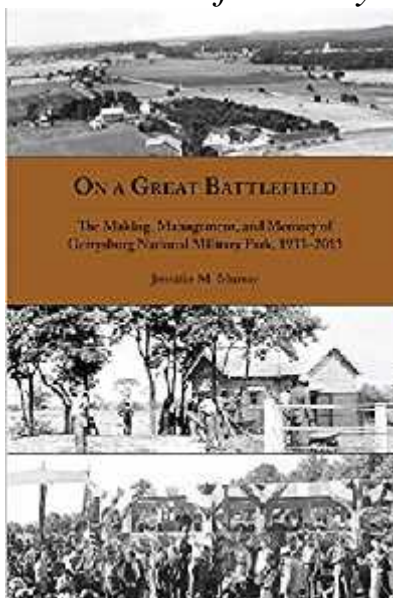


Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>

June 11, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria  
2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*



**On A Great Battlefield: The History of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1863-2016** Over 6,000 books and articles have been written on the three-day battle, but historians have devoted minimal attention to the history of the landscape itself and the complicated, divisive, and controversial nature of preserving, interpreting, and commemorating America's most hallowed ground. Dr. Murray's program explores the first preservation and commemorative efforts of the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association and the U.S War Department. Her main focus is the history of the Gettysburg battlefield in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, during the administrative era of the National Park Service (1933-present). The history of the Gettysburg battlefield underscores the complicated relationship between race and reunion, public and private interests, between preservation theories and utilitarian uses, between the National Park Service and the American people, and between fact and fiction.

## **JOIN US BEFORE THE MEETING AT MCL CAFETERIA!**

**All ICWRT members and guests** are invited to join us at 6:00 P.M. at MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th Street before the meeting to enjoy dinner and fellowship.

### *Our Guest Speaker*



**Dr. Jennifer M. Murray** is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. She teaches a wide variety of course in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century American history. Murray's most recent publication is *On A Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933-2013*, published by the University of Tennessee Press in 2014. Murray is also the author of *The Civil War Begins*, published by the U.S. Army's Center of Military History in 2012. Murray is currently working on a biography of George Gordon Meade, tentatively titled *Meade at War*. In addition, Murray worked as a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park for nine summers (2002-2010). She received her Ph.D. from Auburn University in 2010.

### *Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2018-2019 Campaign*

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

### *2018-2019 Campaign Plans*

September 10, 2018 – James Pula – "Chancellorsville and the Eleventh Corps"  
 October 8, 2018 – Joe Skvarenina – "Civil War in Hancock County"  
 November 12, 2018 – John Summerlot – "We were there, on both sides: Indiana University in the Civil War"  
 December 10, 2018 – Robert Smith – *Indiana and the Sultana Disaster: The Story of a Survivor*  
 January 14, 2019 – James Fuller – "Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of the Civil War in Indiana"  
 February 11, 2019 – Steve Williams– "Lambdin P. Milligan and the Fire in the Rear"  
 March 11, 2019 – David Finney – "Three Ties That Bind Us to the Civil War: The Medal of Honor, Taps, and Memorial Day"  
 April 8, 2019 – Kraig McNutt – "Battle of Franklin"  
 May 13, 2019 – Gary Johnson – "Countering Mallory's Infernal Machines"  
 June 10, 2019 – David Koehler – "Census in the Civil War"  
 NOTE: The September and June meetings will be held at MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th St. The October meeting will be held at Theater at the Fort, 8929 Otis Avenue.

### *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.

**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.

June 18, 2018 - Mike Murphy - "The Fighting Kimberlin Family"

July and August - no meetings

September 17, 2018 - Jason Lantzer - "Rebel Bulldog"

October 15, 2018 - Steve Ritchie - "Robert E. Lee: West Point Cadet"

November 19, 2018 - DVD "Finance and Supply"

December - no meeting

### *Special Orders*

**A Walk Through Leadership on Our Country's Common Ground:** The graduates of the IMPD Leadership Academy and Mr. Bill Westfall invite others to join them as they visit the Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield and National Cemetery, and Antietam Battlefield on June 24 - 28, 2018. Dr. Harry L. Reeder, III will be the primary guide for the battlefields. The cost of \$526 per person covers the bus trip, four-night hotel room (double occupancy), three movies on the bus (Gods and Generals; Lincoln; and

Gettysburg), box lunches, and other main meals. For more information, please contact Lt. Donald A. Bender at dbender1510@gmail.com or 317.506.1510.

**Tours at Crown Hill Cemetery:** Nikki Schofield will be leading several tours at Crown Hill Cemetery on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. Meet her at the 34th Street gate to begin the tours. The tours schedule is June 23 - Tombstones and Trees; July 21 - Civil War; August 9 - Treason in Indianapolis; September 8 - Drama and Disasters; and Tombstones and Trees - October 13. The cost of the tours is \$5 or seniors \$4.

### *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.

**Wilder Guidon project:** We voted to pledge \$300 toward the restoration of General Wilder's guidon, contingent on receiving a signed letter stating they have received sufficient donations and pledges to complete the rehabilitation. As of May 21, they are just over halfway of their goal of \$9,000, so they are sending us the signed letter.

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

Answers to the May Quiz:

1. What city did Capt. Christopher Rodgers, USN, refer to as the "cockpit of secession"?  
\*\*\* Charleston, SC
2. On 8/14/1863, skirmishing took place at Gunter's Landing. What state is it in? \*\*\*  
Alabama

3. What battle has been referred to as the "Gettysburg of the West"? (not Chickamauga)  
 \*\*\* Glorietta Pass
4. In what campaign would you find fighting at Noonday Creek, Brush Mountain, and Golgotha Church? \*\*\* Atlanta Campaign
5. Who was the first woman to be killed by artillery fire during the war? \*\*\* Judith Henry at 1st Bull Run

### *The Newspapers Speak*

From www.newspapers.com

*The Gettysburg Times* (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania) Thursday, April 13, 1933, page 1

#### ROADS LEADING INTO TOWN TO BE BEAUTIFIED

Superintendent McConaghie And Highway Department To Plant Trees.  
 TO START WORK ON WEST END

The first step in the beautification of the principal highways leading into Gettysburg is being taken this spring by James R. McConaughie, superintendent of the Gettysburg national military park, and the Pennsylvania department of highways.

Joining forces in the highway beautification project, Mr. McConaghie and S. S. Lewis, secretary of the state highway department, plan a beautification scheme which promises to make the highway entrances into Gettysburg "as beautiful as any in the country."

The first section of highway to be improved will be that along the Lincoln highway from Seminary avenue to the battlefield guides' station, approximately three-quarters of a mile west, and along the south side of the road.

#### Shrubbery and Grass

The fence along that side of the roadway is being moved back twenty feet from its present location, and planting of tulip trees, ash leaf maples, American elms, dogwood, judas trees, snowberry, crawberry, forsythia and privet will begin this spring.

There will be nothing formal about the planting. Mr. McConaghie pointed out, and the trees and shrubbery will be arranged to as not to obstruct the view from the highway or at avenue intersections.

After the initial plantings are made, Mr. McConaghie said it was his purpose to plant the land between the highway and the fences in grass to add to the general beautification.

#### Beautify Grounds

Along with the initial beautification of the Lincoln highway this spring, Mr. McConaghie plans to beautify the surroundings of individual monuments along the main highways leading into Gettysburg. Around these scattered monuments along the various highways, the superintendent said he proposes to plant white and red pines, Norway spruce, mugo pines and shrubbery.

Walter Ludwig, state highway forester, who, with Secretary of Highways Lewis, is cooperating with Mr. McConaghie in the highway beautification work, is enthusiastic over the ultimate beauty the plantings will create. The highway department will furnish all the trees and shrubbery planted along the highways, although the work will be done by the battlefield maintenance force. The first shipments of trees and shrubbery has been received here from the highway nurseries.

Mr. McConaghie expressed the opinion that after the highway beautification is completed property owners, whose lands adjoin the battlefield, will cooperate and move their fences back in line with the battlefield fences and secure plantings of trees and shrubbery from the state. The state will furnish such plantings free of charge when used for highway beautification.

*The Gettysburg Times* (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania) Saturday, June 24, 1933, page 1  
Old Pictures of Battlefield Are Sought

Dr. John B. Wolf, historical technician for the work projects on the battlefield, to be executed by the local civilian conservation corps unit, today issued an appeal to local residents for old photographs of the battlefield.

"We are anxious to secure old photographs of the battlefield, showing the original topography of the terrain," Doctor Wolf said, "in order that we may be guided in our efforts to preserve the historic outline and significance of the field."

Local residents who have old photographs of the field are asked to lend them to Doctor Wolf for his work in guiding the local battlefield projects from an historical point of view. Doctor Wolf said that he will preserve the photographs and return them, unmarred and undamaged to the owner as soon as possible. Doctor Wolf can be reached in the office of the National Military park, second floor, post office building.

*Elizabeth Echo* (Elizabethville, Pennsylvania) Thursday, September 28, 1933, page 4  
GETTYSBURG TREES BEAR MARKS OF CIVIL WAR

Members of the Citizens Conservation Corps who are removing dead trees from Gettysburg National Military park are finding evidence of the severe fighting that raged there during the Civil War.

Many of the trees are hickory and were standing during that great battle. They have since however, become victims of storms or of the hickory blight.

In a recent bulletin issued by the Department of the Interior, Arno B. Cammerer, director of the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations writes:

"One particularly interesting segment of a hickory tree recently on display in the National Parks Office had ingrained in it what was probably a Confederate bullet. The tree had greater resistance than the humans hit by such bullets, and for seventy years it continued to live and defy this attack of mere man, only to succumb at last to the attacks of the hickory borer. It is impossible to tell from the bullet itself from which of the opposing armies it came, since the blunt end containing the rings is still covered with wood. But from its position behind the Union lines it must have come from the Confederates in front.

"Unfortunately many of the old hickories that stood as silent observers of the bloody encounters at Gettysburg are now dead or dying from the insect attacks and are being removed as fire hazards and to improve the appearance of the park. Only such hickories are removed as are beyond all possibility of recovery.

#### Get Boxes of Bullets

"From some of the dead trees removed during this conservation work, especially those with rot in the center, a cigar box full of bullets each has been obtained. The C. C. C. boys at Gettysburg are constantly finding bullets lying in the cornfields. Most of these,

however, are unused, apparently having fallen from the pockets of the soldiers or been dropped in loading.

"While carrying on these conservation activities the remains of two men recently were located. Mingled with the bones were bullets and buttons, some Confederate and some Union leading to the supposition that here a soldier from the South and one from the North died in mortal combat.

"The bullets of the two armies were the same in size and shape, the only distinguishing mark being the Confederate bullets had two rings around the base and the Union three rings. Such was the shortage of bullets as the battle raged that it is said the living took from the pockets of the dead, Union and Confederate alike, all the bullets they could find.



### *Civilian of the Month*

Photo and information from [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)  
*The Evening News* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) Saturday, February 18, 1933, page 17

"Placed in charge of battlefield. **James R. McConaghie**, Camp Hill, chosen by War Department as superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park. World War veteran, graduate of Harvard School of Landscape Architecture and formerly with Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



Photo from [www.gettysburgdaily.com](http://www.gettysburgdaily.com), article from [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)



*The Gettysburg Times* (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania) Saturday, November 4, 1933, page 1  
Alabama Honors Memory Of Fighting Sons When Monument Is Dedicated  
\$12,000 Memorial Will Be Unveiled Here At Impressive Ceremonies On Sunday,  
November 12; Many Dignitaries Of State And Nation Will Participate.  
SYMBOLIC STATE REPRESENTS TRUE SPIRIT OF CONFEDERACY

Tribute to the courage and valor of Alabama troops in the battle of Gettysburg will be paid by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Alabama division members in particular by the dedication of a memorial on the battlefield here, Sunday afternoon, November 12.

Dedication of the monument will be a pre-convention feature of the annual meeting of the U. D. C. to be held in Baltimore that week.

Several years ago, the Alabama chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy decided to honor the memory of the valiant sons of that southern state with a memorial on the battlefield where so many of them fought and died.

That decision will reach its fruition next Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m., when, in the presence of a distinguished group of men and women from both the North and the South, a \$12,000 memorial in imperishable bronze and granite will be unveiled and dedicated on West Confederate avenue, in view of the Round Tops and Devil's Den.



MRS. GUSTAVE MERTINS  
President Alabama Division  
United Daughters of the Confederacy

Joseph Turner, prominent Frederick sculptor and architect, designed and executed the monument which is 27 feet wide and 13 feet high, with a group of three symbolic figures - a woman and two men - in bronze.

Standing on a base of Barre granite, the three symbolic figures face the East, the direction taken by Alabama troops in their struggle to gain control of Little Round Top on the afternoon of July 2, 1863. The woman, the central figure, symbolizes the Spirit of the Confederacy. With left arm outstretched, the right hand restraining a young man wounded in battle, she directs the older man to the fight.

The Principle Speaker

The older warrior, holding the barrel of his rifle with the left hand and taking a cartridge box from the hand of the younger, stricken comrade, prepares to go forth with a look of earnest determination on set features.



Behind the symbolic group rises a pure white granite shaft. Inscribed near the top of this shaft is the word "Alabamians" and on the base in this inscription. "Your names are inscribed on Fame's eternal scroll by Alabama division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, November 12, 1933."

Mrs. L. M. Bashinsky, of Troy, Alabama, past president of the Alabama division and also past president-general of the U. D. C., will be the principal speaker at the dedication. Mrs. Bashinsky is one of the south's leading orators.

Mrs. Lewis Sewall, of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the memorial committee, will unveil the memorial and Mrs. R. B. Broyles, of Birmingham, Alabama, will represent the Children of the Confederacy at the exercises.

#### Welcoming Address

Mrs. Elsie Singmaster Lewars, prominent Gettysburg writer, will formally welcome the southern delegation to Gettysburg. James R. McConaughie, superintendent of the Gettysburg national military park, will formally accept the monument for the war department.

Senator Hugo L. Black, of Alabama, will represent Governor B. M. Miller, of that state, at the exercises. Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, will be represented by Richard J. Beamish, secretary of the commonwealth, and Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, also will be represented. Mayor Howard W. Jackson, of Baltimore, has accepted an invitation to attend.

#### Alabama Troops Here

Some time ago, the remains of two soldiers, believed to have been members of the Alabama brigade, commanded by Brigadier General (Continued on Page 2) [the remainder of the article was actually on page 4] Wilcox, were found on a section of the battlefield which was occupied by Alabama troops. The bodies were removed to the office of Superintendent McConaughie and plans are being made to have them re-interred near the place they were found after the dedicatorial exercises at the Alabama monument.

Alabama was represented by three brigades and two regiments in the battle of Gettysburg, and historians estimate there were approximately 5,600 Alabamians in the epic struggle of '63.

Alabama is the third southern state to honor the memory of its native sons in the battle of Gettysburg by erecting a memorial here. Virginians led the way with an impressive monument of General Robert E. Lee and North Carolina was next with a symbolic group, sculpted by Gutzon Borglum.

## Re-enlist NOW for the 2018-2019 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.



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