



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter
<http://indianapoliscwrt.org/>

May 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
 Meeting at Indiana History Center Auditorium
 450 West Ohio Street

The Plan of the Day James Davy's Civil War Diary



James Davy joined the Union Army and fought in eleven battles in his four years of service in the Civil War. He recorded his experiences in four volumes of diaries which are still in the possession of his Great-Great-Grandson, Meredith Wilson. This program was inspired by a trip up the Natchez Trace, during which Meredith visited the battlefields of the Vicksburg Campaign in which Davy fought. Davy's Civil War experience comes alive as Meredith, his wife Judy, and accompanist Charles Joray, present reading of the Civil War diaries accompanied by Civil War songs and fiddle tunes from the Civil War era. Return to 1863 and explore the Vicksburg Campaign through the eyes of Private Davy from Adams County, Indiana. **The Indiana Historical Society is co-sponsoring this meeting.**

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



Meredith Wilson was born in Indianapolis and grew up in Irvington. He attended Tech High School and Purdue. He graduated from I.U. with a degree in Business and worked as a mortgage banker, eventually running national Mortgage Credit Operations for Bank One. He retired from JPMorgan Chase in 2005 and has enjoyed pursuing his passion for fly fishing. Meredith has always been close to his family and has enjoyed developing the Civil War Program about his Great Great Grandfather, James Davy. Davy's daughter, born in 1868, was his great-grandmother who lived next door to him for his entire childhood. She died when he was in college and was vital and interested in his life to the end, so it is especially meaningful for him to examine the diaries of his Great Grandmother's father. He will read excerpts from James Davy's diaries wearing a uniform like that of James Davy.

Judy Wilson comes from a musical family in Louisville, Ky. She came to Indianapolis to attend music school at the Jordan College of Music of Butler University where she earned her bachelor and master's degree in music. She played violin in the Indianapolis Philharmonic and the Carmel Symphony Orchestra. She taught elementary vocal music at The Orchard School during which time she earned three years of Orff Schuleverk Certification at University of Kentucky. She was Orchestra Director at Fishers Junior High in Hamilton Southeastern schools. She has retired from teaching after a thirty year career. She is now a court appointed volunteer Child Advocate (CASA). She serves on the board of Indianapolis Early Music. Judy has sung in the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for the past 23 years and, as a part of the choir, has sung in China, in the Vatican in Rome, at Carnegie Hall and at the Kennedy Center in New York. She is married to Meredith, has two daughters, four grandchildren including a set of twin two year olds who live nearby.

Charles Joray was Head of Libraries in Kokomo until he retired and moved to Indianapolis so that he and his wife, Peggy, could help their daughter raise her set of twins. Charles and Judy met at the Lawrence Library Book Club and discovered that they

had a mutual interest in music. They started developing little musical programs which they performed for retired groups, Still Waters, and women's groups around town. Charles is a practicing Mormon and plays piano for his church. He recently accompanied a mass choir Easter Program for the Mormon church adjacent to the new Mormon Temple in Carmel.

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2017-2018 Campaign

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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 by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

2017-2018 Campaign Plans

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'Tools Restaurant at 160 E. Carmel Dr., Carmel, IN 46032. Meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.
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.
May 21, 2018 - Tom Hamm - "Anti War Sentiment in Indiana"

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

150th Anniversary of Memorial Day at Crown Hill Cemetery: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ben Harrison Camp #356, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Eliza E. George Auxiliary #356, will be recreating the events that occurred at Crown Hill Cemetery and a cemetery in Evansville 150 years ago at Section 16 from 11 a.m. to noon on May 28. Join us in a procession as children lay flowers at the graves of five Civil War veterans: Lt. Col. Hans Blume, James W. Southard, Sgt. Jonas D. Goodnoe, Gen. George McGinnis, and Edward Black.

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.

2018 CWRT Congress: If you want to learn ways to improve our meetings, attract more members, raise more money, and have great programs, you should join the Congress of Civil War Round Tables at the National Civil War Museum, 1 Lincoln Circle, Harrisburg, PA on August 17 - 19, 2018. (Reception and behind the scenes tour of the museum on August 17 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Congress on August 18 from 8am to 4pm followed by a book signing with eleven authors and dinner; and Gettysburg Tour led by Wayne Motts on August 19 from 9am to 1pm. Group discounts are available. Those interested in attending should contact Chris Smith at smit063@comcast.net. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.pscwrt.org/activities/CWRT-congress.html>

Upcoming Programs: The Civil War Education Association and American History Forum has a number of upcoming tours and programs including: Lafayette & the Yorktown Campaign (April 28); South Mountain & Antietam Weekend (May 19-20); Gettysburg (June 15-17); Robert E. Lee and West Point (July 12-14); Chickamauga & Chattanooga (July 26-July 29); Grant's 1864 Campaign in Western Virginia (Aug. 1-5); Second Annual Spring Mill Indiana Civil War Symposium (Aug. 16-18); McClellan's Debut & the Peninsula Campaign (Sep. 13-16); Alexandria and Mount Vernon (Sep. 22-23); Stonewall Jackson's Great Train Raid (Oct. 5-6); American Revolution in the Carolinas (Oct. 11-13); Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign (Oct. 12-17); Gettysburg (Oct. 26-27); Atlanta Campaign (Nov. 1-3); Texas War for Independence

(Nov. 7-11); American Revolution in Northern Virginia (Nov. 10); and New Orleans (Nov. 14-Nov. 17). For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.cwea.net/programs>.

Official Records

Attendance: 26

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:

From Manassas to Appomattox: General James Longstreet, by James Longstreet

General A.P. Hill: The Story of a Confederate Warrior, by James I. Robertson, Jr.

The Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga, by Peter Cozzens

The Myth of the Lost Cause, by Edward H. Bonekemper III

Touched by Fire: A National Historical Society Photographic Portrait of the Civil War, edited by William C. Davis

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

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

1. What city did Capt. Christopher Rodgers, USN, refer to as the "cockpit of secession"?
2. On 8/14/1863, skirmishing took place at Gunter's Landing. What state is it in?
3. What battle has been referred to as the "Gettysburg of the West"? (not Chickamauga)

4. In what campaign would you find fighting at Noonday Creek, Brush Mountain, and Golgotha Church?

5. Who was the first woman to be killed by artillery fire during the war?

Answers to the April Quiz:

1. On what battlefield would you find nine forts connected by earthworks twenty feet thick? *** Vicksburg
2. Who was the Radical Republican candidate who withdrew his candidacy in 1864 in order to prevent the election of McClellan? *** John C. Fremont
3. Where was Harwood's Tobacco Factory? For what was it used? *** Richmond, Virginia; A temporary prison for Union troops
4. Capt. Christopher Rodgers, U.S.N. wrote the following in a battle report, "The fires of hell were turned upon the Union fleet. The air seemed full of heavy shot, and as they flew they could be seen as plainly as a base-ball in one of our games." What battle was he describing? *** Charleston Harbor, 1863
5. What were "stone fleets?" *** Scuttled derelict ships filled with stone and used to obstruct or block Confederate ports

The Newspapers Speak

The Indianapolis Journal, July 14, 1889, page 2

Indiana Pensions.

Pensions have been granted to the following-named Indianaians:

Original Invalid - Daniel Hallauer, William Barley, William A. Sherward, Frank F. Martin; John H. Erinkman, Halvin B. Edwards, Absalom Jordan (deceased), Henry Prior, Tilghman Paul, John M. Monfort, John A. Smith, Wm. O'Neal, James Davy, Henderson C. Hosier, Stephen Harter, Peter Halfman, James Baker, Franklin H. Davis, George W. Beck, Joseph A. Leonard, Marion D. Smith, Elizar C. Newton, Thomas H. Hale, William Merritt, William Rudolph, George T. Duckworth, George W. Biddle, John A. Essington, Alex. P. White, Levi J. Johnson, Oliver Brenton, John T. Culler, John Simpson....

Steuben Republican, May 22, 1889, page 1

Indiana State News.

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The 47th Indiana Regiment held a reunion recently at Wabash, commemorating the 26th anniversary of the battle of Champion Hill.

The Indianapolis Journal, May 7, 1899, page 5

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., May 6. - James Davy died here to-day, aged sixty-three. During the civil war he served four years and two month a member of Company C, Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteers. At the battle of Champion Hills his company went in forty-six strong, and came out with only eleven men, sixteen having been killed and nineteen wounded, he being one of the eleven.

Soldier of the Month



Find A Grave memorial #48072404

Information from Find A Grave and Ancestry

James Davy, the son of John and Ann (Tricker) Davy, was born September 25, 1836 in Suffolk, England. He married Mary A. Rice on November 20, 1866. They had three children: Mary Annetta, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Elinora, and Elta Florence. He died May 6, 1899 and lies buried in Circle Grove Cemetery in Spiceland, Indiana.

Historic Site of the Month



Indiana Memorial at Vicksburg National Military Park: George T. Brewster sculpted this monument of Governor Oliver Perry Morton. It was erected in April 1922 and dedicated on June 16, 1926.

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.



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:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2018 thru June 2019

Please print legibly!

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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