



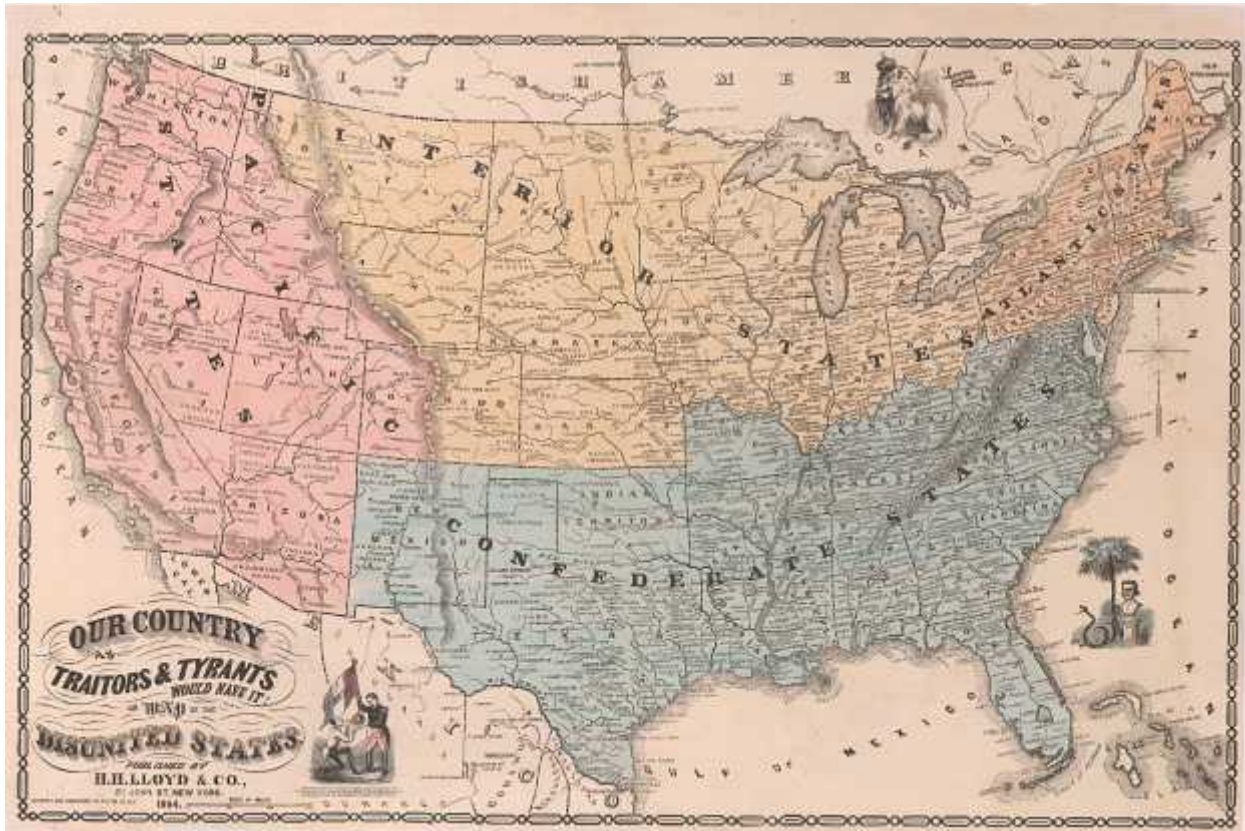
HARDTACK



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

Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
 2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



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“Could the South Have Won?”

A DEBATE YOU CAN TAKE PART IN!

In this debate about the possibility of the Confederate States of America winning the Civil War, you can express your opinion. If the debaters make a statement you disagree with, feel free to object (TACTFULLY, of course). We are looking forward to a lively discussion not only among the official debaters but also among members. Remember to be courteous to your adversary. *No irregular warfare will be permitted.* If the Provost Marshal has to be called out to halt a feud, we might not be able to schedule debates in future years. (A possible program for March 2023 is "Which General Was the Best?") Come prepared to participate!

Our Panel



Preston Breunig, Dave Finney, Tony Trimble, and Chris Smith

Preston Breunig (The Union). Preston graduated from Indiana University in 1964, and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1967. He practiced Family Law, Personal Injury Law, and Criminal Defense. In addition to our own round table, he is also a member of the Carmel Civil War Roundtable, the Indiana Civil War Round Table. Preston also belongs to the Indianapolis Downtown Kiwanis Club, the Columbia Club, Meridian Hills Country Club, and the Jewish Community Center.

Dave Finney (The Confederacy). David Finney served as president of the Michigan Regimental and the G.W. Lee Civil War Round Tables. He has been recognized as the American History Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Council for the Social Studies and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Finney has served as a member of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites and the Civil War Preservation Trust's advisory boards, and he has been featured in several Civil War documentaries as a historian and speaker. He is the author of **Remembering Michigan's Civil War Soldiers**. After residing in Michigan for 45 years, Dave moved to Carmel in 2014.

Tony Trimble (McKinley Cantor's view on Could the South Have Won?). Tony lives in Plainfield, and is a psychologist in private practice. A 41-year member of the Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable, who has served as both president vice-president, Tony is also a member of the Civil War Roundtable of West Central Indiana, the National Congress of Civil War Roundtables, and the Society of Civil War Historians. He is also the author of numerous articles and essays on Indiana and Civil War history.

Chris Smith (Moderator). Chris graduated from Purdue University and served as a Lieutenant in the US Coast Guard. He attended IU Law School Indianapolis, graduated in 1974, and practiced law for 40 years with Hagemier, Allen, & Smith. Now fully retired he continues studying one of his life long passions - the US Civil War. Chris lives in Indianapolis with his lovely wife Linda. His son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren live in Annandale, Virginia, providing great cover for visiting Civil War battlefields under the guise of taking care of family.

2021-2022 Campaign Plans

April 11, 2022 – Steve Stotylmyer - "Too Useful to Sacrifice: Reconsidering George B. McClellan in the Maryland Campaign"

May 9, 2022 — Gerald Jones - "Berdan's Sharpshooters"

June 13, 2021 — Karel Biggs - "The Importance of Quinine in the Antebellum South and the Confederate Search for a Substitute"

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2021-2022 Campaign

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Tour Director: Peter Benner

Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Robert Gottschalk

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 flyngcircus2011@hotmail.com by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday each month, September through May (excluding December) in Carmel City Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable: Meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Bowman Room at the Museum of Madison County History, 11 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Official Records

February Attendance: 37

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.

ICWRT member **David Finney** will be speaking to the Mid-Ohio Valley CWRT on March 17 in Marietta, Ohio. His topic will be "George A. Custer at Gettysburg". Steve Magnusen helped to arrange the program and will accompany David to renew old friendships (it's the hometown of Rufus and Mary Dawes, after all), and to introduce Dave to various historical sites.

This Day In History

by Nikki Stoddard Schofield

March 14, 1862. Union General Ambrose Burnside's naval expeditionary force captured New Bern, North Carolina. It remained occupied until the end of the war.

March 14, 1863, Admiral Farragut's Union fleet ran past Rebel batteries at Port Hudson, Louisiana, but sustained considerable damage.

March 14, 1864, Union troops of General Nathaniel Banks captured Fort De Russy, (near Marksville, Louisiana) during the Red River Expedition. Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith ordered the burning of 150,000 bales of cotton, valued at \$60 million, to keep it from Federal hands.

March 14, 1865, was the first day slaves could enlist in the C.S.A. Army and thus earn their freedom.

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

by Tony Trimble

1. Who was the Union commander who suffered a defeat at Sabine Pass?
2. When Judson Kilpatrick fled Monroe's Crossing, SC what did he leave behind?
3. How did the Emerald Light Infantry get its name?
4. Who were the two Confederate commanders who fled Ft. Donelson leaving Simon Buckner to surrender to Grant.
5. Who wrote, "Our country could not bear to lose you." To whom was it written?

Answers to the February Quiz:

1. On the Cumberland River in Tennessee
2. Jews
3. 10 in. Dahlgren gun named for Frances Polk
4. Point Lookout; Camp Hoffman
5. Philip Sheridan

Tom Jones recommends:

Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command by Kent M. Brown
and

The Cavalry Battle That Saved the Union: Custer vs. Stuart at Gettysburg by Paul D. Walker, Col., USA Ret.

Both good reads, I give Meade 4 **'s and Custer 2-3 ***'s.**

I also recommend **Carol Reardon & Tom Vossler's *A Field Guide to Gettysburg***, which is better than **Luvaas and Nelson's *The USAWC Guide to the Battle of Gettysburg***, which I thought was by far the standard guide book for many years.



The **Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College** is offering CWRTs the opportunity for their members to receive a 15% discount to their 2022 event **June 10-15**.

To receive the discount each CWRT must respond to Heather Miller.

Here is her phone: 717-337-6590

and [email: Civilwar@gettysburg.edu](mailto:Civilwar@gettysburg.edu)

Join us, June 10-15, 2022, for an exciting lineup of CWI speakers! We are excited to feature leading Civil War scholars, Gary Gallagher, Joan Waugh, Jeffrey Wert, Carol Reardon, Carrie Janney, Brooks Simpson, Scott Hartwig, and more within our line-up of over 35 distinguished speakers and tour guides.

For over 35 years, the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College has hosted a premiere annual summer conference bringing leading historians and public audiences together for lectures, battlefield tours, small group discussions, and roundtable conversations about the Civil War era. Sessions, lodging, and meals are held on the 200-acre college campus.

The 2022 CWI Conference will feature a wide range of topics, including Civil War battlefield & camp archaeology, the demobilization of Lee's army, the memorialization of the Gettysburg centennial, U.S. Grant, race, and racial violence during Reconstruction, treasures from the Library of Congress and National Archives, a re-assessment of the 20th Maine and Little Round Top, slavery, war, and the transformation of medicine, Francis Barlow's Civil War, and more.

In addition to touring the Gettysburg battlefield, participants will have the opportunity to visit a variety of other nearby battlefields and historic sites on tours that will explore 2nd Fredericksburg, South Mountain, North Anna, Spotsylvania, Bristoe Station, the 1864 Maryland Campaign battlefields, and more. Participants who may prefer a shorter, more physically active conference experience can also choose to sign up for our new "active track" package, featuring a combination of Friday and Saturday morning lectures and a day and a half of walking-intensive tours of the Gettysburg battlefield on Saturday and Sunday with historian Timothy Orr, exploring sharpshooting at Gettysburg.

This conference will also continue the recently added Saturday evening tours of the Gettysburg battlefield, half-day Tuesday tours following select regiments "from battlefield to field hospital," as well as both "lunch-in" and "dine-in" discussions with CWI faculty.

The 2022 conference will offer something for everyone, from longtime students of the Civil War to those who are new to Civil War history.

For more information, go to: <https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/>

Capture of Civil War Spy and Saboteur to be Commemorated with Marker

By Thomas J. Prohaska (*The Buffalo News, Mar 1, 2022 Updated*)

The name of John Yates Beall doesn't mean much today, even to heavy-duty Civil War buffs. But in late 1864, Beall was among America's most wanted men. And his capture in Niagara Falls is about to be commemorated with a historical marker.

Beall was assigned by the Confederate government to enter Union territory and do as much damage as he could. He carried out his assignment from Confederate President Jefferson Davis with a vengeance.

Beall captured and robbed a ship on Lake Erie, sank another ship, tried to derail a train running between Buffalo and Dunkirk, and was steps away from making his getaway when he was captured in Niagara Falls.

On Dec. 16, 1864, Beall was about to board a train crossing the old Suspension Bridge into Canada when Niagara Falls Police Officer D.H. Thomas arrested him at the old New York Central Railroad depot.

That building stood near where the Niagara Falls Amtrak station is today, so the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society believes the station is the best place for a historical marker commemorating Beall's arrest.

"It's local history," said Jim Ball of Derby, the chapter president. "Who would know about it if we didn't do it?"

Friday, the Niagara Falls City Council passed a resolution of support for the society's application to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for money to pay for the marker. The Council's approval also was needed because the city owns the land on which the marker would be installed.

Ball said the impetus for the marker came from Anton Schwartzmueller, an employee of Customs and Border Protection at Niagara Falls. He's also a local history buff and a member of the Railway Historical Society.

If the Pomeroy Foundation accepts the request, it will cut a check to the society that will be large enough to pay for a foundry to create the marker. Ball said, "We would hope that this could be done between now and the next time the snow flies."

After his arrest, Beall, 32, was taken to New York City, where he was tried by a military tribunal, and convicted of spying and sabotage. He was hanged on Governor's Island on Feb. 24, 1865. Although he was a captain in the Confederate Army, Beall was in civilian clothes when he was captured, thus making him a spy eligible for execution, instead of a prisoner of war.

Niagara County Historian Catherine L. Emerson found several contemporary articles about Beall, included a front-page story in the Feb. 15, 1865, edition of the New York Herald. The article said that Beall, a University of Virginia graduate, was a millionaire before the war and also the heir to a British nobleman's estate.

"Like many others of his misguided countrymen, at the outbreak of the rebellion he espoused the cause of Jeff. Davis, went into the army, was commissioned captain in the Second Virginia infantry, and served under the dashing and intrepid 'Stonewall' Jackson," the reporter wrote. The New York Tribune reported Feb. 6, 1865, that Beall owned a plantation with 100 slaves.

According to the Herald article, testimony showed that Beall boarded the merchant steamer Philo Parsons at Sandwich, Ont., on Sept. 19, 1864. While the ship was on its way from Detroit to Sandusky, Ohio, Beall and two colleagues, armed with revolvers and "hand-axes," hijacked the ship, threw some of the freight overboard and robbed the clerk of all the money he had.

That same day, Beall and friends boarded and scuttled a second ship, the Island Queen.

A wire service report in the Lockport Journal for Feb. 27, 1865, said Beall and his team tried to hijack a third ship, the Michigan, in hopes of liberating Confederate prisoners of war held on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, three miles off Sandusky.

On Dec. 16, 1864, Beall and four other Confederate officers tried to derail the train from Dunkirk to Buffalo by placing objects on the tracks about halfway between the two cities.

Their goal was to rob the American Express safe aboard the train, the New York Tribune reported. It wasn't reported how Beall got to Niagara Falls that same day to try to enter Canada.

The Amtrak station is located in the former U.S. Custom House, which was opened in 1863 at the American end of Suspension Bridge.

The Whirlpool Rapids Bridge stands on the site of Suspension Bridge, while the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center shares the building with the train station.



John Beall Yates *(Find a Grave)*

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Bob Gottschalk

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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:

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In addition to my membership dues, please accept my generous gift of \$ _____ to the ICWRT general operating account (This donation is not tax deductible)

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