



# HARDTACK



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

September 13, 2021 at at 6:45 p.m.  
 Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line  
 2370 W. 86th Street

## *The Plan of the Day*

### *30 Days in the New South*



*William Ghormley*

Between May 11 and June 9 this year, Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable President Bill Ghormley travelled more than 4000 miles through 13 states, mostly in the South, meeting with mayors, politicians, authors, researchers, political activists, and ordinary citizens, among others. Visiting battlefields, history museums, monuments, cemeteries, plantations, memorials, colleges, and universities, Bill found how important these places and institutions are to us in this post-pandemic era.

Bill will show slides and touch on as many of his discoveries as he can, leaving time for discussion and Q&A.

## *Our Guest Speaker*



***Bill Ghormley***

Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable President Bill Ghormley is also a member of the Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable and a Volunteer Historical Interpreter at Conner Prairie History Museum. He is also a member of the Indiana Historical Society, Smithsonian Museum, and Sites of Conscience.

A Deacon at the Second Presbyterian Church, Indiana, Bill lives in Carmel with his library, maps, and two stuffed California Valley Quail (who don't eat much).

## *2021-2022 Campaign Plans*

September 13, 2021 – Bill Ghormley - “30 Days in the New South”

October 11, 2021 – Dave Mowery – "Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North"

November 8, 2021 – Danny Russell – “Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address”

December 13, 2021 – Tony Trimble – “Death Struggle in Missouri”

January 10, 2022 – YOU! – "Civil War Show and Tell"

February 14, 2022 – Nikki Schofield – Generals and Their Wives Buried at Crown Hill Cemetery

March 14, 2022 – Chris Smith, Tony Trimble, and Panel – “Could the South Have Won?”

April 11, 2022 – Steve Stotlymyer - "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*

### *Officers:*

President: William Ghormley

Secretary : Bill Nicholai

Immediate Past President: Angie Gilmer

Vice President: Steven Magnusen

Treasurer: Tony Roscetti

### *Committees:*

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Program Selection: Bob Gottschalk, Nikki Schofield, & Tony Trimble

Publicity: Peg Bertelli & Chris Smith

Website: Ed Pope

Tour Director: Peter Benner

### *Quiz Master:*

Tony Trimble

### *HARDTACK Newsletter:*

Editor: Robert Gottschalk

## 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.

***MASKS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN VACINNATED!  
YOUR HAVING BEEN VACINNATED IS BASED ON THE HONOR SYSTEM!***

Members are also 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 [flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com](mailto:flyingcircus2011@hotmail.com) by the tenth day following the preceding month's meeting.

### Other Camp Activities

**Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable:** Meetings appear to be in limbo presently.

**Madison County Historical Society Civil War Roundtable:** Bowman Room at the Madison County History Center, 11 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana. September 20, 7 p.m. Speaker: Steve Jackson - "50th Reunion of the Blue & Gray at Gettysburg

### Official Records

**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.

### **September Book Raffle:**

1. Lincoln, The War President: The Gettysburg Lectures, edited by Gabor S. Boritt
2. Thomas: Rock of Chickamauga, by Richard O'Connor
3. American Scoundrel: Murder, Love and Politics in Civil War America, by Thomas Keneally
4. Battles, Skirmishes, Events and Scenes: The Letters and Memorandum of Ambrose Remley, edited by Dale Edward Linvill
5. Mathew Brady's Illustrated History of the Civil War, by Benjamin J. Lossing

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

## *This Day In History*

By Nikki Stoddard Schofield

September 13, 1862, General McClellan is given a copy of battle plans lost by General Lee, but McClellan hesitates, fearing a trap. Four days later, on September 17, the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day in American history, is fought.

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

1. Name the 1862 battle fought on an island in North Carolina.
2. Who was the Union general who issued the so-called "Women's Order"?
3. What were "salt fish"?
4. In July 1863 a skirmish was fought at Berry's Ferry near what well-known location in the Blue Ridge?
5. In February 1864 a battle was fought at Mansfield, LA. By what name is it best known?



Bill Ghormley

Rumors of War, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond

## Preservation Opportunities of the Month

### Manassas



Sudley Church.

*Library of Congress*

### **The Opportunity**

In 1921, 100 years back, a park was established at the Henry Farm to preserve the land where both Battles of Manassas (commonly known as the Battles of Bull Run) were fought. It was the only preserved battlefield land at Manassas until the federal government secured more land in May 1940 and established the Manassas National Battlefield Park.

Since that time, and especially in the past 35 years, northern Virginia has experienced tremendous growth and development, leaving the Battlefield in a precarious position of being surrounded by data and distribution centers, massive solar farms, and new developments of “McMansions.”

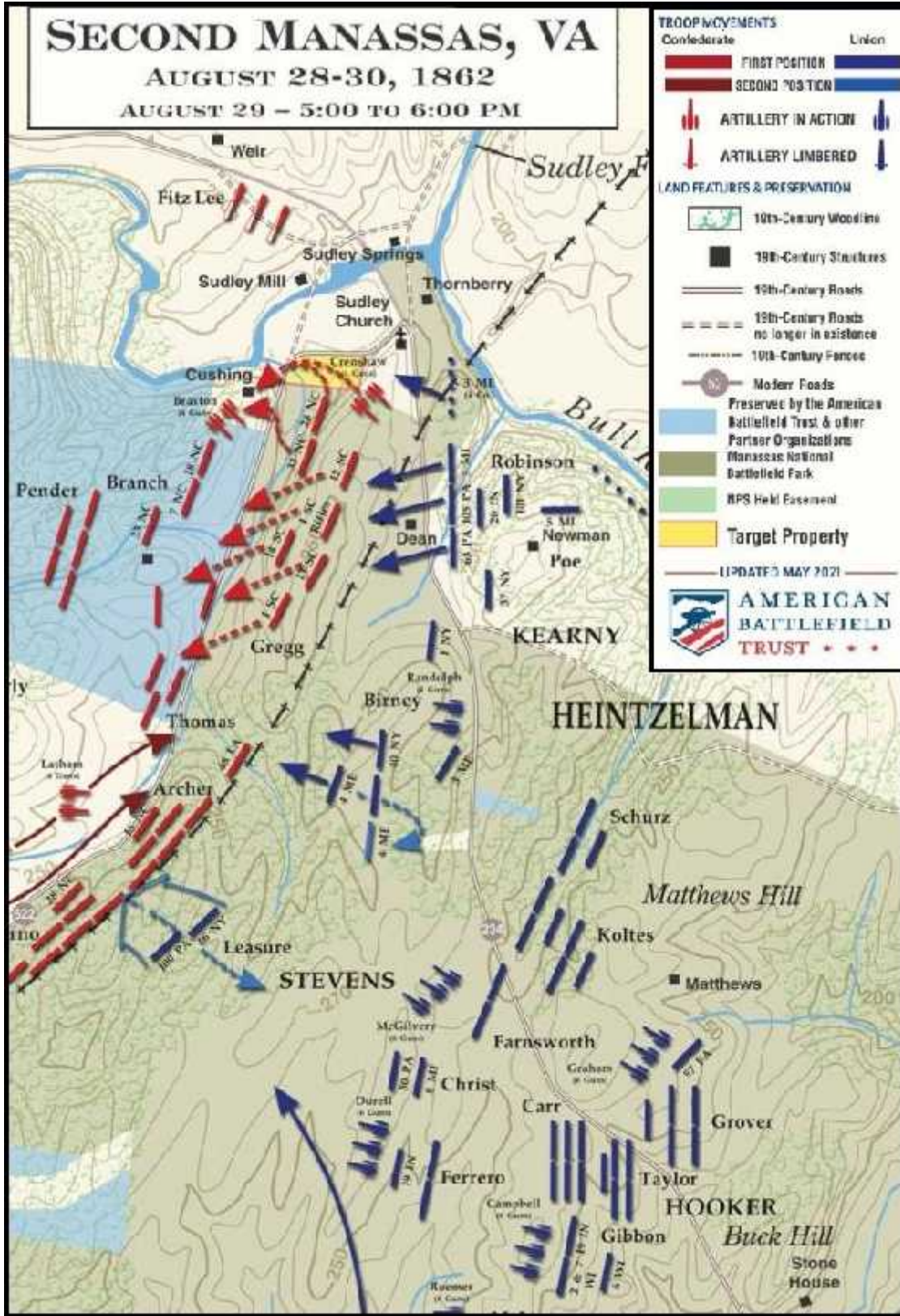
While we can take pride in securing more than 370 acres of hallowed ground at the Manassas Battlefield, a small parcel of land in the northern part of the Park is especially threatened—the site near the Sudley Church where the Union Army set up a field hospital and where, later, the 21st Georgia regiment used the Church as a hospital for sick soldiers. Many of these Georgians who died of disease may well be buried near the church, making this not only hallowed ground but sacred ground as well.

To purchase of the 3.5-acre plot near the Church and save it from the threat of development, we need to raise \$75,000 quickly. We have already secured funding from other sources, which makes every dollar you invest in this plot of land worth \$5.13. With this purchase, we will have protected a total of 377 acres of sacred history that was written in blood on these grounds.

Please make your most generous gift today to help us raise \$75,000 and save 3.5 critical acres of land near the Sudley Church at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Once secured, it will be added to the Park and protected for generations to come.

### The Background

The Battle of Bull Run or First Manassas was fought 160 years ago this year. Union troops marched over the Virginia plain to engage an unknown Confederate General named Thomas Jackson, who earned his famous nickname during the fighting that ensued. It was during these battles that the Sudley Church was used as a hospital for the sick and injured by both sides of the conflict.



A year later, in 1862, the Second Battle of Manassas occurred on the same property with intense fighting between the Union Army and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Jackson secured a nearly two-mile long line of defense along the railroad, and his left flank, led by General Maxcy Gregg of South Carolina, positioned themselves on a rocky knoll near Sudley Church.

Union General Philip Kearny's full division launched a heavy attack against the Confederate forces stationed along the railroad and managed to push them back. Kearny's division positioned themselves on the 3.5 acres we wish to preserve and held steady. Meanwhile, ammunition was running low along parts of Jackson's division, reducing them to throwing rocks at the advancing Federals. With growing darkness and the arrival of Confederate reinforcements, Jackson's line was held and saved from destruction. Kearny's troops withdrew the hard-earned ground and the 3.5-acre parcel remained in Jackson's control, leading eventually to Lee's first invasion of the North.

If we can safeguard this must-have parcel, we are continuing work dating back fully 100 years ago when land on the Henry Farm was set aside as hallowed ground. When this 3.5-acre parcel is in our hands, we will transfer ownership to the National Park Service where it will be added to the Manassas National Battlefield Park with land where Union and Confederate forces established field hospitals and stood their ground during the Battles of Manassas. The land is an important part of our history and deserves our respect for those who may lay there still.

David N. Duncan, President, American Battlefield Trust

To make a gift by mail, send your check made out to:

**American Battlefield Trust**  
**1140 Professional Court**  
**Hagerstown, MD 21740.**

To make a gift by phone, call **1-888-606-1400**.

### *Historic Site of the Month*



*Photo and information from <http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/monuments-to-individuals/albert-woolson/>*

The **Albert Woolson Monument** is located south of Gettysburg on Hancock Avenue in Ziegler's Woods. Albert Woolson was born February 11, 1847. He served as a drummer boy during the Civil War. He was the last Union survivor of those who fought in the Civil War when he died August 2, 1956.

## **Re-enlisting for the 2021-2022 Campaign**

### Membership Extension Notice

The past year has been unprecedented in how it has impacted all of our lives. With the risks and concerns presented by the Coronavirus, the ICWRT was required to substantially alter the 2020-2021 campaign. With the cancellation of a number of meetings and the transition to Zoom calls for several more, the ICWRT was unable to provide the high level of meetings and presentations to which all of us have become accustomed. As a result, the Executive Board has determined that everyone who has an active membership for the 2020-2021 campaign will have their memberships extended at no additional cost for the 2021-2022 campaign. For anyone who has already paid for membership in the 2021-2022 campaign, their memberships will also be extended for an additional year. The ICWRT will return to our regular, in-person meetings beginning in September 2021, and we look forward to the return of all current and former members. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to our wonderful organization.

**If you did not renew your membership for either the 2020 – 2021 or the 2021 – 2022 Campaign Seasons, please do so at your earliest convenience.**

Tony Roscetti, Treasurer  
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