



HARDTACK



Indianapolis Civil War Round Table Newsletter

<http://indianapoliswrt.org/>

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.
Meeting at MCL Cafeteria Township Line
2370 W. 86th Street

The Plan of the Day



“But Not For MY Children: The Holland Brothers’ Remarkable Journey from Enslavement”

Brothers Milton, William, and James Holland were all born to an enslaved woman in Texas on the Spearman Holland cotton plantation. Their father, Bird Holland, was a prominent politician and brother of the plantation owner. In a complex and unexpected dichotomy of attitudes regarding slavery and his own family, Bird arranged to send these three sons to be educated in Ohio. They were enrolled in the Albany Manual Labor Academy, a school in Athens County that taught free black children.

While their father Bird would serve as Secretary of State for Texas, and be killed while serving as an officer in the Confederate army, the three brothers would all join the Union cause. Milton played a role in recruiting Ohio’s first black regiment, the 5th U.S. Colored Infantry, and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism and leadership during the Petersburg Campaign. His brother William would serve as one of the first black legislators after returning to Texas, helping to establish Prairie View A&M University and other educational institutions for black youth. Mr. Britton has also discovered new details on their other often overlooked brother James’ amazing and unexpected service, post-war life, and burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our Guest Speaker



Scott Britton

Scott Britton is the Executive Director of The Castle Museum in Marietta, Ohio. Scott is a frequent speaker on a plethora of topics related to the Civil War and multicultural history in Southeastern Ohio. At The Castle Museum, he conducts a wide variety of educational programs for students and adults, including frequent walking tours of Marietta's historic cemeteries. Scott is a graduate of Penn State University and is a Past Commander of the General Benjamin D. Fearing Camp #2 Sons of Union Veterans and historian for the Marietta Chapter SAR. He co-founded the Civil War Roundtable of the Mid-Ohio Valley in 2012 and has been a tour guide for their popular battlefield bus trips where he relates the stories of Mid-Ohio Valley veterans of the American Revolution and Civil War at the exact location of their service through personal stories discovered during his research.

Remainder of the 2023-2024 Campaign

June 10, 2024 – Phil Spaugy - “19th Indiana & the Iron Brigade”

Roster of Officers and Committees for the 2023-2024 Campaign

Officers:

President: Pete Benner

Vice President: Chris Smith

Secretary: Eric Dove

Treasurer: Pete Mohr

Immediate Past President: Steven Magnusen

Committees:

Preservation: Andy O'Donnell

Website: Ed Pope

Program Selection: Chairman Steve Magnusen; Members: Bob Gottschalk, David Finney, & Tony Trimble

Publicity: Peg Bertelli

Quiz Master:

Tony Trimble

Book Raffle Master

Tony Roscetti

HARDTACK Newsletter:

Editor: Bob Gottschalk

Other Camp Activities

Hamilton County Civil War Roundtable: Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday each month at the Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Main St. & Gray Rd., Carmel. Entrance Door #6. Opens at 6:30, and program begins at 7:00.

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, 15 West 11th Street, Anderson, Indiana.

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.

2023-24 Campaign - Indianapolis CWRT – Oliver Morton Fund Donors

(Minimum \$100 Gift for Speakers Fund each campaign Year)

Agnew, Roy	Finney, David	Mohr, Peter
Cato, Roberta (Brigit)	Ghormley, William and Ann	O'Donnell, Andy
Christoph, Charles	Kolb, Bruce	Schofield, Nikki
Durham, Dave	Krasean, Thomas	Webb, Robert and Mikele
Eisenhut, Michael	Magnusen, Steven	

As of April 8, 2024, Treasurer Peter Mohr reports there is \$1,550 in the fund.

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This Month In Civil War Era History

May 18, 1860 - The Republican Convention in Chicago, Illinois nominated Abraham Lincoln as the party's presidential candidate.

May 20, 1861 – The Commonwealth of Kentucky declared neutrality.

May 5, 1862 – The Battle of Williamsburg, Virginia was fought, resulting in nearly 4000 Union and Confederate casualties. 1,658 miles southwest, the Battle of Puebla, Mexico was fought between Mexican and French armies. The Mexican victory there gave birth to the “Cinco de Mayo” celebrations that annually take place in the United States and the Mexican state of Puebla.

May 19, 1864 - Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of Twice-Told Tales, The Scarlet Letter, and The House of the Seven Gables died in Plymouth, New Hampshire, just short of 60 years old.

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

by Tony Trimble

1. On December 7, 1862 a battle was fought at Prairie Grove. In what state is it?
2. Who was "Decatur"?
3. For whom were the Jessie Scouts named? What made them distinctive?
4. Why was Maj. Gen. John Schofield relieved of command in Missouri? Who did Lincoln recommend to replace him?
5. What was Belle Isle? How was it used?

Answers to the April Quiz:

1. William Mumford tore down the American flag at the U.S. Mint, and was hung by Benjamin Butler.
2. Four.
3. Chimneys that remained after Sherman burned houses during the Atlanta Campaign.
4. William Quantrill and his raiders.
5. The use of slaves in the Confederate army.

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Northwest Indiana
CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
presents

HISTORY SPEAKS
Civil War Stories
JUNE 15, 2024
10 - 4
at
BUCKLEY HOMESTEAD

FREE!

- Live Encampment
- Food Vendors
- Reenactors
- Authors
- Presentations
- Activities

"Don't make me repeat myself"
- History

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The Moon Sisters of Ohio: Confederate Couriers and Smugglers

DeAnne Blanton of the Society for Women and the Civil War (www.swcw.org)

April 15, 2024, blueandgrayeducation.org



Cynthia Charlotte Moon



Virginia Bethel Moon

Cynthia Charlotte Moon, known as Lottie, was born in Danville, Virginia, on August 10, 1828. Her father was a physician and her mother was a homemaker. The Moon family moved to Oxford, Ohio, where Virginia Bethel Moon, known as Ginnie, was born on July 22, 1844. The family also had two sons.

As a young woman, Lottie was courted by, and engaged to, a young army officer, Ambrose Burnside. She left him at the altar. Instead, she married James Clark, an attorney and local judge.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Lottie was 31 and Ginnie was 16. Ginnie was enrolled in the Oxford Female Institute, but was expelled for her Confederate sympathies. The story goes that she took a pistol and shot out the stars of the United States flag that was flying at the school.

Lottie and James Clark were also Confederate sympathizers, with James joining the Knights of the Golden Circle. Confederate operatives were frequent guests of the couple, and Lottie became a courier of messages between Ohio and Kentucky. Perhaps inspired by her sister, Ginnie moved to Memphis to be with her widowed mother and began her own courier work. Under the pretext of visiting her sister, she relayed messages between Memphis, now under Union occupation, and the Knights of the Golden Circle in Ohio. The Dallas (Texas) Morning News, on September 16, 1925, wrote this about Ginnie: "An agnostic who had no fear of death, smoked innumerable cigarettes and boasted of the fourteen bona fide proposals she had spurned when a Southern belle and Confederate spy."

A story written by Dr. Philip Shriver gives an account of Lottie visiting Washington, D.C., in October of 1862. There she pretended to be British and requested a passport into Union-occupied Virginia. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton met with her and offered her a place in a wagon taking President Lincoln into Northern Virginia. Dr. Shriver wrote: "The next day, there was Oxford's Lottie Moon seated next to the President of the United States, riding in the latter's personal carriage."

Both sisters also smuggled medical supplies to the Confederate army. They were intercepted by Union authorities in 1863, who discovered the medical supplies sewn in a quilt in their baggage. Requesting to see her "old friend," Ginnie was granted an interview with Gen. Ambrose Burnside, her sister's scorned fiancé, who was serving as the commander of the Union Department of Ohio. After their meeting, Burnside ordered that both sisters be placed under house arrest. Charges were never pressed against the sisters, and after three months, they were sent South into Confederate territory.

After the war, Lottie and her husband moved to New York City. They had one son, Franklin, and Lottie began a new career as a journalist, eventually covering the Franco-Prussian War from various European capitals. She died in Philadelphia on November 20, 1895, at the age of 67.

Ginnie returned to Memphis at the end of the war and ran a boarding house. She moved to Hollywood during the early days of silent films, at the age of 70, and found parts in several movies, including Robin Hood. She died on September 11, 1925, in New York City, at the age of 81.

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IRON BRIGADE

SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY,
AUGUST 3RD, 2024



The Civil War Roundtable of the Mid-Ohio Valley will host a historical marker dedication to honor the lifetime achievements of Brigadier General Rufus R. and Mary Gates Dawes. Dawes led the 6th Wisconsin Volunteers, a regiment in the famed Iron Brigade, in the Civil War. The event will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday August 3, 2024 at the First Congregational Church, 318 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. Formal invitation to follow. Contact Leight Murray at cwrtmov@gmail.com for more information.

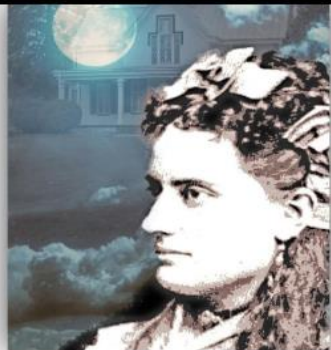
The ICWRT's own Steve Magnusen will be part of the program, having drafted the marker narrative about Rufus and Mary Dawes. Also, our May Speaker, Scott Britton, has assisted with the project and will be part of the program.

Marietta, Ohio is less than five hours drive from Indy. It is full of historical sites and would be a nice trip for history lovers, plus there are other Civil War related sites on the way such as Grant and Sherman homes, Buffington Island, Morgan Trail, etc.

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Tudor Hall Special Talk



Asia, the Sister of John Wilkes Booth shares her memories of John Wilkes and the Booth Family

by Lisa Samia

May 5 & August 11
2:00 PM

Tudor Hall (Historic Home of the Maryland Booths)
17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air, MD 21015
\$5.00 for those age 13 and older
For more information: 443-619-0008



CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE
GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Summer Conference Feature June 7-12th, 2024

A partnership with Gettysburg National
Military Park...

- *Interpreting Emancipation at Civil War Sites*, a panel with Chief of Interpretation, Chris Gwinn
- *Benner's Hill and the Fight for the Union Right Flank*, a tour with Ranger Troy Harman
- *Bloodshed on a Border: A Beginner's Guide to the Gettysburg Campaign*, a tour with Ranger Rachael Nicholas



Register now at <https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/registration-form>

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Contact us at civilwar@gettysburg.edu
or 717-337-6590 for questions and discount codes!



MEET STEPHEN LANG & JEFF SHAARA

During the week of the 161st anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on Friday, **July 5th**, join the Gettysburg Foundation for **A Historic Evening with Stephen Lang and Jeff Shaara**. Award-winning stage and screen actor, playwright and author Stephen Lang and *The New York Times* bestselling author Jeff Shaara will appear for a special evening of live performances, dinner, Q&A and more at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center. [LEARN MORE](#)

Seventy Square Miles of Hell

The Mine Run Campaign & the Battle of the Wilderness

CVBT Annual Conference, Sept. 13-15, 2024



The Society for Women and the Civil War

24th Annual Conference

"Women in the Western Theater"

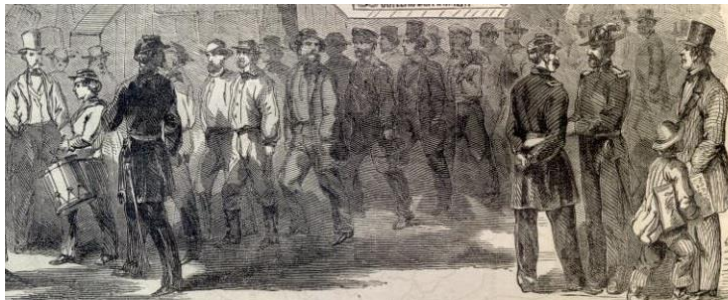


*Nancy Hill Morgan, Captain, CSA
Commander, The Nancy Hart Rifles
LaGrange, Georgia*

*26-28 July 2024
Atlanta -
Kennesaw
Georgia*

RE-ENLIST NOW FOR THE 2024-2025 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 Pete Mohr, ICWRT Treasurer, at the next Round Table meeting, or mail your re-enlistment form and payment to:

Pete Mohr
6308 Breamore Road
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220

Phone: (317) 828-5176
Email: pmohr2@gmail.com

Please complete and detach the form below and include with your check:

ICWRT Membership Enlistment for July 2024 thru June 2025

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

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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)

If someone invited you to join the ICWRT, please add their name. _____

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