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Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, October 12-14, 1990

SHERATON NORTH SHORE INN, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS

Friday, October 12, 1990

50th Anniversary Dinner *Northbrook Ballroom*

5:30 p.m. *Cocktails*

6:45 p.m. **Presentation of the Colors**

4th U.S. Army Band and Round Table Color Guard

Invocation

Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz

Dinner

Cutting of The CWRT Birthday Cake

Margaret April

Introduction of Special Guests and

Past Presidents

David Richert



**Presentation of the 1990 Nevins-Freeman Award
to Marshall Krolick**

David Richert

Round Table Reminiscences

Marshall Krolick

Significance of The Round Table

John Y. Simon

The Camp Followers

Betsy Ross Davis

Recognition of Founder Elmer Gertz

John Brooks Davis

Recognition of Founder Ralph G. Newman

C. Robert Douglas and John Duff

Remarks by Founder Ralph G. Newman

Saturday, October 13, 1990

Symposium: "Decisive Leadership in the Civil War" *Northbrook Ballroom*

9:00 a.m.

Welcome David Richert and Paul Klinger

9:10 a.m.

Introduction of James I. Robertson, Jr. Don Anderson
**"A Contrast in Leadership—Abraham Lincoln and
Jefferson Davis"** James I. Robertson, Jr.

10:00 a.m.

Introduction of Robert K. Krick Marshall Krolick
"Jackson and Banks in the Valley" Robert K. Krick

10:45 a.m. *Break*

11:15 a.m.

Introduction of Gary Gallagher C. Robert Douglas
"Early and Sheridan in the Valley" Gary Gallagher

12:15 p.m. *Lunch - Winnetka Room*

Introduction of Jerry Russell William J. Sullivan
"Battlefield Preservation" Jerry Russell

2:00 p.m.

Introduction of Mark E. Neely, Jr. Ralph G. Newman
**"Lincoln and His Cabinet—The Emancipation
Proclamation"** Mark E. Neely, Jr.

2:45 p.m. *Break*

3:15 p.m.

Introduction of Edwin C. Bearss Mary Munsell Abroe
"Sherman and Hood at Atlanta" Edwin C. Bearss

Saturday Evening - Winnetka Room

5:30 p.m. *Cocktails (cash bar)*


6:45 p.m. *Dinner*

8:15 p.m.

Introduction of James M. McPherson Paul I. Klinger
**"The Civil War: The Struggle for a Unified Nation
and the Legacy for the Future"**

James M. McPherson

Sunday, October 14, 1990 8:00 a.m. Civil War Tour of Chicago



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A \$50,000 annual prize for the best work of Civil War or Lincoln-related scholarship will be bestowed annually by Gettysburg College. "The Lincoln Prize" is being underwritten by Morgan Stanley & Company and Gilder, Gagnon and Company. Each year, three jurors will decide which book, film, exhibit, or other act of scholarship is worthy of the prize. Jurors for 1990 are Robert Bruce, James M. McPherson, and Tom Wicker. Advisors include William F. Buckley, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, Illinois Senator Paul Simon, and Kenneth Stampp. Gettysburg College President Gordon Haaland said that this project will give the college an opportunity "to enhance its Civil War studies program and explore the relevance of Lincoln's example of leadership to the modern world."

Battlefield Preservation Report

By Mary Munsell Abroe

The Civil War Sites Study Act of 1990 was passed by the Senate on August 1. The bill subsequently was introduced in the House (H.R. 5509) by Representative Robert Mrazek (D-New York), a congressional leader in the successful 1988 fight to preserve the historic and territorial integrity of Manassas National Battlefield Park. The House Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands reported favorably on the bill during the week of September 10; the full Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was to consider the bill the week of September 17, as this newsletter went to press. At the risk of sounding redundant (for which this reporter does not apologize), Round Table members are urged to contact their own representatives (in the House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515) to encourage passage of the legislation before Congress adjourns in mid-October.

On another preservation front, the continuing campaign to prevent development on Johnson's Island, Ohio requires updating. As related in several issues of last year's newsletter, Johnson's Island was the site of a Union prison camp for Confederate officers, located a mile from the mainland on Sandusky Bay in Lake Erie. Despite years of neglect, remnants of the camp still are intact, particularly Fort Johnson, one of two earthwork forts built to guard against raids to free captives. In addition, local historian Roger Long indicates that somewhere on the island are the remains of at least seventeen Confederates who were not interred in the federally-owned prison cemetery. For over two years, local residents, historic groups, and Round Tables have been attempting to stave off the plans of developer Carl Zipfel, who currently proposes to convert the old docks (where prisoners landed) into a marina and to build 210 condo units/summer homes across the prison site, blasting away part of the island in the process.

The recent designation of Johnson's Island as a National Historic Landmark (June 21) gives opponents of development some ammunition. Although the island's status as an NHL does not, of itself, prevent the developer from doing whatever he wishes with his land, the designation *can* impede development if the landowner uses federal funds or requires federal permits for any aspect of the project. Precisely, Zipfel's need for permits to complete the marina phase of his "Baycliffs" subdivision—permits that must be issued by the Army Corps of Engineers—endows the Corps with a considerable voice in determining the fate of Johnson's Island. Currently the Corps is conducting an environmental impact study, which is an essential component in its decisionmaking process concerning the effect of development on the island. The Corps has indicated that its ruling on the issuance of permits will be made this fall. Additionally, because a federal agency (i.e. the Army Corps of Engineers) is involved actively in the Johnson's Island situation, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to review and comment upon the impact of development on historic Johnson's Island. That review process is underway at present. Meanwhile, Carl Zipfel's original proposal was rejected by the Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission; he was to present revised plans to the Commission on September 18.

We can assist the local preservation coalition in the following ways:

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The Civil War Round Table Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

By Barbara Hughett and David Richert

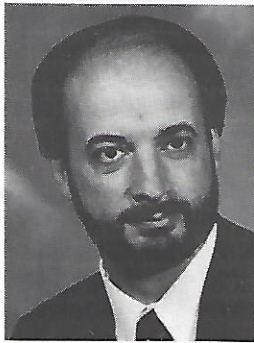
The Civil War Round Table, which turns 50 this year, will celebrate that anniversary the weekend of October 12-14 with a gala dinner on Friday evening, an all-day symposium on Saturday, and a Civil War Tour of Chicago on Sunday.

Over 300 members and guests are expected at the dinner Friday night, many of them from out of town. Highlights of the evening will be an introduction of past presidents and special guests, Round Table reminiscences by Marshall Krolick, who will receive the Nevins-Freeman Award that night, a talk by John Y. Simon on "The Significance of The Round Table," an address by Round Table founder Ralph G. Newman, and a few surprises.

The symposium, "Decisive Leadership in the Civil War," on Saturday will feature the major historians of the Civil War today—James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., Robert K. Krick, Gary W. Gallagher, Jerry L. Russell, Mark E. Neely, Jr., and Edwin C. Bearss. The day will be capped with a banquet and address by Pulitzer Prize-winning author James M. McPherson.

Sunday's tour of Chicago, which will begin promptly at 8 a.m., will visit a number of sites associated with the Civil War, including Rosehill Cemetery, the Douglas Tomb and Oak Woods Cemetery. The tour will conclude at approximately 2 p.m.

Marshall D. Krolick to Receive Nevins-Freeman Award



The Nevins-Freeman Award, named in honor of historians Allan Nevins and Douglas Southall Freeman, was established by The Civil War Round Table in 1974. It is conferred each year to recognize individuals for their contributions to the preservation of our nation's heritage and to our understanding of the past, especially the years 1861-1865. For this, our fiftieth anniversary year,

the Awards Committee has selected one of our own, Marshall D. Krolick.

The award will be conferred on Marshall at the 494th regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table, on Friday, October 12th, as part of The Round Table's fiftieth anniversary celebration. Although he will offer a few brief remarks and reminiscences that evening, his formal acceptance address will be delivered at the January meeting.

Marshall Krolick has been an active and contributing member of The Civil War Round Table since 1961. He has served as president, treasurer, and battlefield tour chairman, and was editor of the newsletter for five and one-half years. He created the dinner meeting quiz, now a well-established tradition, which made its debut in September of 1968.

A partner in the law firm of Deutsch, Levy & Engel, he received his bachelor's degree from Drake University and his J.D. from Northwestern University. He enjoys a national reputation as an expert on the Battle of Gettysburg and Union cavalry operations, and frequently speaks to historical groups across the country.

Marshall has written numerous articles for historical magazines and journals. He contributed an introduction to

the Morningside Press reprint of Abner Hard's *History of the Eighth Cavalry Regiment, Illinois Volunteers during the Great Rebellion* (1984). His article entitled "The Promotions of the Boy Generals" appeared in the July-August 1990 issue of *Civil War, The Magazine of the Civil War Society*. Marshall is currently editing the manuscript of a trooper in the Eighth New York Cavalry as well as the papers of William Brook-Rawle, an officer in the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry.

John Y. Simon—"The Significance of the Round Table"



Probably the pre-eminent authority on the life of Ulysses S. Grant, John Y. Simon is a longtime friend of The Civil War Round Table and especially well-qualified to discuss its significance. He spent the summers of his undergraduate years as a stock clerk at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, working for Round Table founder Ralph G. Newman. A native of Highland Park, Illinois, Simon received his

bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University.

Currently professor of history at Southern Illinois University, he previously was on the faculty of Ohio State University. Simon is the editor of *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, with sixteen volumes of a projected twenty-six now published. Since 1962, he has served as executive director of The Ulysses S. Grant Association. In addition to *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, his published works include *Ulysses S. Grant Chronology* (1963), *General Grant by Matthew Arnold with a Rejoinder by Mark Twain* (1966), and *The Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant* (1975). He has written many articles for professional journals and has served as consultant on a number of historical and editorial projects.

John Simon has received numerous awards and honors, including the Award of Merit from the Illinois State Historical Society, the Harry S. Truman Award from the Kansas City Civil War Round Table, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Documentary Editing. In 1985, The Civil War Round Table honored John Y. Simon with its Nevins-Freeman Award.

Symposium Speakers

James I. Robertson, Jr.—"A Contrast in Leadership—Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis"



Currently C.P. Miles Professor of History at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia, James I. (Bud) Robertson was appointed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 as executive director of the national Civil War Centennial Commission. He served in that capacity throughout the centennial period. A native of Danville, Virginia, Robertson received his bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College. Under the

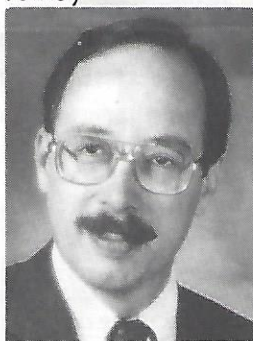
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tutelage of Bell I. Wiley, he received both his master's degree and Ph.D. at Emory University.

On the Virginia Tech campus, he teaches the largest Civil War history course in the United States, with over five hundred students enrolled per quarter. For many years, *Civil War Times Illustrated* has included his column, *The War in Words*, in which he profiles the best writings in Civil War literature. Robertson has received many honors and awards, including the Harry S. Truman Historical Award.

His contributions to Civil War literature are substantial. Among the numerous books he has written or edited are *The Concise Illustrated History of the Civil War* (1961), *Virginia: Iron Gate to the Confederacy* (1961), *The Stonewall Brigade* (1963), and *Tenting Tonight: The Soldier's Life* (1984). Bud Robertson received The Civil War Round Table's Nevins-Freeman Award in 1981.

Robert K. Krick—"Jackson and Banks in the Valley"

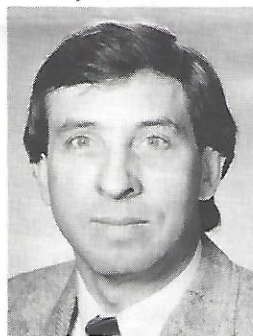


Robert K. Krick, chief historian of Fredericksburg National Park, was born in New Jersey but moved to California at the age of eleven. He received a bachelor's degree in United States history from Pacific Union College and a masters degree in military history from San Jose University. He served for two years as chief historian at Fort Henry National Monument and for three years as superintendent

at Fort Necessity National Battlefield.

His varied writings include *Maxcy Gregg: Political Extremist and Confederate General* (1973), *Lee's Colonels: A Biographical Register of the Field Officers of the Army of Northern Virginia* (1975), *The Gettysburg Death Register* (1981), and *The Fredericksburg Artillery* (1987). In 1988, The Civil War Round Table honored Bob Krick with its Nevins-Freeman Award.

Gary W. Gallagher—"Early and Sheridan in the Valley"

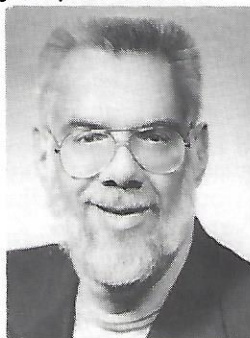


A native of California, Gary W. Gallagher grew up on a farm in Colorado. He received his bachelor's degree (*summa cum laude*) from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado and his masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Gallagher served as Merle Miller's research assistant during Miller's writing of *Lyndon: An Oral Biography*. He worked as an archivist at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin and taught as a visiting professor at the University of Texas before joining the faculty of Pennsylvania State University in 1986. An associate professor of history and the recently named head of the history department at Pennsylvania State, he teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the Civil War and Reconstruction, United States military history, and biography.

His published works include *Stephen Dodson Ramseur: Lee's Gallant General* (1985) and *Antietam: Essays on the 1862 Maryland Campaign* (1989). Gallagher's most recent book is the highly acclaimed *Fighting for the Confederacy: The Personal Recollections of Edward Porter Alexander*, published in July of 1989 by the University of North Carolina Press.

Jerry L. Russell—"Battlefield Preservation"

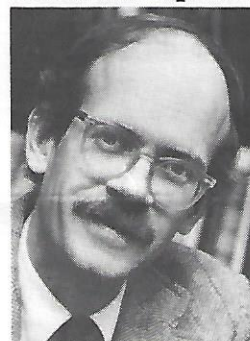


One of the leading activists in the fight to preserve our Civil War battlefield sites, Jerry L. Russell is the founder and national chairman of Civil War Round Table Associates. CWRT Associates publishes a newsletter, lobbies for battlefield preservation, and for the past sixteen years, has sponsored an annual Congress, with leading Civil War historians and preservationists as participants.

Russell, who has a degree in journalism from the University of Arkansas, owns a public relations and communications firm in Little Rock. His firm's work includes advising political candidates in local and state elections. His already active interest in the Civil War was heightened during the centennial years, when he helped found the Arkansas Civil War Round Table.

Over the years, Jerry Russell's work has been recognized with numerous awards. Included among them are the New York Civil War Round Table's first award for preservation and one of the first Take Pride in America Awards of the United States Department of the Interior. He was instrumental in the formation of the Society of Civil War Historians and the Confederate Historical Institute.

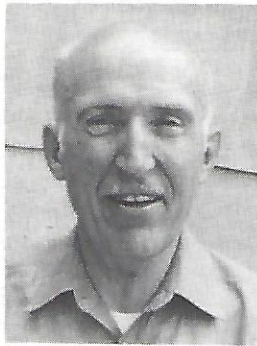
Mark E. Neely, Jr.—"Lincoln and His Cabinet—The Emancipation Proclamation"



Director of the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the editor of *Lincoln Lore*, Mark E. Neely, Jr. is one of the foremost authorities on the life of Abraham Lincoln. A native of Amarillo, Texas, he received his bachelor's (Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*) and doctoral degrees from Yale University. He taught at Iowa State University before assuming his current position in 1972.

Neely is the author of *The Abraham Lincoln Encyclopedia* (1982), which won awards from the *Library Journal*, *Choice*, and the New York Civil War Round Table. He is the co-author of *The Lincoln Image: Abraham Lincoln and the Popular Print* (1984), *The Insanity File: The Case of Mary Todd Lincoln* (1986), *The Confederate Image: Prints of the Lost Cause* (1987), and *The Lincoln Family Album: Photographs from the Personal Collection of a Historic American Family* (1990). Neely has recently completed *The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties*, which will be published in 1991 by the Oxford University Press. In 1989, Mark E. Neely, Jr. was the recipient of The Civil War Round Table's Nevins-Freeman Award.

Edwin C. Bearss—"Sherman and Hood at Atlanta"



Edwin C. Bearss, chief research historian of the National Park Service, is an authority on virtually all aspects of the Civil War. Since 1961, annual battlefield tours of The Civil War Round Table have been greatly enhanced by his expertise.

A native of Montana, Bearss grew up on a farm in Hardin, in the southeastern part of the state. During World War II, he was a mem-

ber of a Marine Raider Battalion and participated in the invasions of Guadalcanal and New Britain. Wounded in action, he spent twenty-six months recuperating in various hospitals. His academic studies resulted in a degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and a masters degree in history from Indiana University.

Bearss began his Park Service career at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he did the research that led to the lost resting place of the Union gunboat *Cairo*. He is the author of numerous articles, books, studies, and Civil War battlefield pamphlets and is in wide demand as a speaker and battlefield tour leader. Among his many awards is the Distinguished Service Award of the United States Department of the Interior, which designated Bearss as "unquestionably the most productive historian in the history of the National Park Service." Ed Bearss was the 1980 recipient of The Civil War Round Table's Nevins-Freeman Award.

Banquet Speaker

James M. McPherson—"The Civil War: The Struggle for a Unified Nation and the Legacy for the Future"



James M. McPherson, who was born in North Dakota and grew up in Minnesota, graduated, Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, from Gustavus-Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. He received his Ph.D. from John Hopkins University. He is currently Edwards Professor of American History at Princeton University, where he has been a faculty member since 1962.

McPherson has been the recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships and grants. He has written seven books and edited or contributed to a number of others. His books include *The Struggle for Equality: Abolitionists and the Negro in the Civil War and Reconstruction* (1964), winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Prize in 1965; *Marching Toward Freedom: The Negro in the Civil War* (1968); and *Ordeal by Fire: The Civil War and Reconstruction* (1982).

James M. McPherson was awarded the 1989 Pulitzer Prize in history for *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (1988). *Battle Cry of Freedom*, Volume IV in the Oxford History of the United States series, was on the national best-seller lists for several months as a hardcover book in 1988 and again as a paperback in 1989. A *New York Times* reviewer said of this book: "It is the best one-volume

treatment of its subject I have ever come across. It may actually be the best ever published... This is historical writing of the finest order."

Moments in Round Table History

October 17-18, 1942: Round Table members travel to Harrogate, Tennessee, for dedication of the Civil War Library at Lincoln Memorial University.

October 18, 1944: Special dinner meeting and panel discussion, celebrating the publication of important books by Round Table members: Walter H. Hebert's *Fighting Joe Hooker* and Robert S. Henry's "First with the Most" *Forrest*. Otto Eisenschiml chairs the panel discussion. Panelists include Avery O. Craven, Walter H. Hebert, Robert S. Henry, and Stanley F. Horn.

October 22, 1948: David Chambers Mearns speaks on "The Robert Todd Lincoln Papers."

October, 1949: Stanley F. Horn speaks on "Biography by Anecdote: *The Robert E. Lee Reader*."

October 17, 1949: The Civil War Round Table is incorporated as a perpetual organization, under the General Not For Profit Act of Illinois.

October 26, 1950: Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, speaks on "The Fight for the Border States."

October 17, 1952: William H. Townsend speaks on "Cassius Marcellus Clay: The Lion of Whitehall."

October 23, 1953: Robert L. Kincaid speaks on "Joshua Fry Speed: Lincoln's Confederate Agent in Kentucky."

October 8-10, 1955: Joint meeting with the Illinois State Historical Society at Galena.

October 21, 1955: Benjamin P. Thomas speaks on "A Candid View of Grant."

October 11, 1956: Colonel Allen P. Julian speaks on "The Savannah Campaign."

October 4-5, 1958: Joint meeting with the Illinois State Historical Society at the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Centennial at Galesburg, Illinois.

October 18, 1959: The first Round Table "Civil War Tour of Chicago."

October 12, 1961: Harold M. Hyman speaks on "Lincoln's 'Mars': The Lincoln-Stanton Relationship."

October 19, 1961: The Round Table participates in the Civil War Centennial Commission Symposium at Northwestern University.

October 27-28, 1961: Round Table tour to Galena.

October 26, 1962: Participation in the Assembly of Illinois Round Tables in Springfield. James I. Robertson, Jr. speaks on "Billy Yanks from Iowa: An Example of Midwestern Gallantry."

October 16, 1964: John Hope Franklin speaks on "The Military Occupation of the South, 1865-1866."

October 6, 1965: Dedication of "Centennial Park" on Chestnut Street by Governor Otto Kerner.

October 13-17, 1965: Delayed (due to Centennial activities) annual battlefield tour to Chattanooga and Cumberland Gap.

October 12, 1966: Ralph G. Newman speaks on "Benjamin Franklin Butler: Politician, l/c; Hero, j.g."

October 10, 1969: Bell I. Wiley speaks on "Mary Boykin Chestnut's Diary from Dixie."

October 16, 1970: Edwin C. Bearss speaks on "Grant's Assaults on Vicksburg."

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October 20, 1971: Special meeting, featuring Jerry L. Schober speaking on "Mary Ann Pitman, Rebel Soldier, United States Citizen, and Patriot," followed by viewing of the World Premiere of the play, *Assassination, 1865* at the Goodman Theatre.

October 12-14, 1973: Round Table "Lincoln Country" tour.

October 19, 1973: Gerhard P. Clausius speaks on "Lincoln's Friend Steve Hurlbut, Hero of Hatchie River."

October 11, 1974: Harold M. Hyman speaks on "The Andrew Johnson Impeachment: From Appomattox Through Watergate."

October, 1975: Committee established for Round Table sponsorship of the Civil War and American History Research Collection at the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center.

October 10, 1975: Alfred C. Raphelson speaks on "General Alexander Schimmelfennig."

October 17, 1977: Dedication of the Civil War and American History Research Center at the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center.

October 27, 1978: Joint meeting with the Chicago Westerners to honor mutual member Don Russell.

October 12, 1979: Robert K. Krick speaks on "E.P. Alexander: Peerless and Insightful Cannoneer."

October 21, 1979: Tour to Wisconsin Civil War sites with members of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table.

October 23, 1983: Round Table members rededicate restored grave marker of Union General Joseph Dana Webster at Rosehill Cemetery.

October 9, 1987: William Safire speaks on "Lincoln's Excesses: Their Effect on Modern Presidents."

October 14, 1988: Lance J. Herdegen and William J.K. Beaudot speak on "The Charge on the Railroad Cut at Gettysburg."

October 6, 1989: Gary W. Gallagher speaks on "Edward Porter Alexander: Fighting for the Confederacy."

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1. Letters to the editor opposing development on Johnson's Island to: *Sandusky Register*, 314 Market Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870; *Cleveland Plain-Dealer*, 1801 Superior, Cleveland, Ohio 44114; and *Peninsular News*, 312 W. Main, Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio 43440.

2. Letters urging that the Army Corps of Engineers not issue permits for blasting the island's perimeter road to form the marina in the interior quarry to: Hugh F. Boyd III, Col., U.S. Army Commanding, Department of the Army, Buffalo District, Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara, Buffalo, New York 14207.

3. Letters to County Planning Commissioners Darrell Opfer, John Fritz, and Steve Arndt and Assistant Planning Director Todd Bickley (c/o Ottawa County Courthouse, 315 Madison, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452) stressing the site's *uniqueness*—it encompasses intact Civil War earthworks north of the Ohio River—and its status as a National Historic Landmark (i.e. as an *irreplaceable* historic resource of national import).

Such active participation takes very little time, but it can pay big dividends. To quote Mr. Long from a recent article in *Civil War News*: "Preservationists are like misers. They are hell to live with—but they make great ancestors."

The Chicago Public Library Cultural Center will feature a lecture, free of charge, at noon on November 2nd. John Melsheimer, of the University of Chicago Office of Continuing Education, will deliver an address on "Lincoln and Slavery."



The Civil War Society recently gave its Annie D. Snyder Award for outstanding contributions in the field of battlefield preservation to S.P. Mellon, president of the Richard King Mellon Foundation of Pittsburgh. Over the last two years, the Mellon Foundation has spent more than \$21 million on the purchase of over 100,000 acres of wildlife refuges and historic areas, including a number of parcels of Civil War battlefield land. The most well-known of these sites is the Cornfield on the Antietam National Battlefield, where 23,061 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed, wounded, or listed as missing-in-action between sunrise and sunset on September 17, 1862.

The largest single property in the 100,000-acre tract was a 93,000 acre tract of wetlands at Alligator River, North Carolina, where conservationists hope to reintroduce the endangered red wolf. Other properties purchased by the Mellon Foundation are located in Colorado, Maine, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. A symbolic deed to the lands was turned over to Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan. Management of the lands will be taken over by Interior Department agencies, among them the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

This is believed to be the largest gift of land ever given to this nation. It was because of Mellon's singular act for battlefield preservation that the Civil War Society presented the award as a climax of its annual symposium in late August.



The Charles Schulz organization has approved a proposal from the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS) to highlight Civil War battlefields in a national campaign using the "Peanuts" characters. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company will sponsor the campaign which will use brochures and posters targeting park visitors and school children with a preservation message. The program is scheduled to begin before the end of this year.



A reminder: It is not too late to register for the Fifth Annual Lincoln Colloquium, being held on Saturday, October 20th at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois. Speakers will include Edwin C. Bearss, William E. Gienapp, Harold Holzer, Robert W. Johannsen, and Mark E. Neely, Jr. For information, contact George Painter, historian of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, (217)492-4150.



The Military Order of the Stars and Bars has announced that Gary W. Gallagher's *Fighting for the Confederacy: The Personal Recollections of Edward Porter Alexander* is the 1990 recipient of its Douglas Southall Freeman Award.



September Meeting

by Barbara Hughett

"The Meserve Civil War Record" was the topic of Richard Alden Huebner's "multi-media presentation" before 87 members and guests on September 14th at the 493rd regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table. Huebner, a music teacher in Oak Park, Michigan, inherited a manuscript of his great-grandfather's Civil War experiences in 1961. It wasn't until 1982, however, upon reading a *Washington Post* article reporting that very same manuscript as "lost or stolen" that he realized what a valuable piece of history he had in his possession. "Almost immediately," he said, "I knew I was going to write about this ancient-looking book."

His first step was to establish its authenticity. He took great pains to establish the historical accuracy of the manuscript, even having experts verify his great-grandfather's handwriting. "This is the kind of job," Huebner stated, "that I really like—an adventure into the unknown." He became a student of the Civil War and the life of his great-grandfather, learning about family roots and history at battlefields, libraries, and archives in several states. The result of his efforts was the *Meserve Civil War Record*, published in 1988 in a limited edition. In order to maintain artistic control, he supervised the layout, typesetting, and printing of the volume. Huebner's presentation, based on material in his book, included slides, music from the Civil War era, drum rolls, bugle calls, the reading of selections from the book, and an account of how the original manuscript came to be written.

William Neal Meserve, Huebner's great-grandfather, built strong character and determination in himself while in Lincoln's volunteer army, first while assigned to the 35th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and later in the 4th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, a volunteer regiment garrisoned south of the Potomac River to defend the nation's capital. He kept field diaries, in which he vividly recounted his battle experiences. Less than two months after his enlistment, he fought in the Battle of South Mountain and was wounded at Antietam. "I saw a bullet strike one of the men in the head," he wrote in his diary on September 15, 1862, "scattering his brains in all directions; I saw men wounded and, while they were lying on the ground, I saw them killed."

In November 1864, shortly after he had been promoted to major, he traveled to New Hampshire to marry Abby Hill in the Congregational Church in Dover. Lee's surrender at Appomattox came on Meserve's twenty-fifth birthday, April 9, 1865. After the close of the war, Major Meserve served for two years with the Roxbury, Massachusetts Horse Guard and then entered the Hartford Theological Institute. He was ordained a minister in 1873. That same year he composed the text to a hymn entitled "Once More We've Gathered Round This Board" for the eighth annual reunion of the old 35th Regiment.

During the post-war years, William Meserve frequently entertained his young sons (including Richard Earle, Huebner's grandfather) with stories of his Civil War adventures. These stories made a lasting impression on his eldest son, Frederick Hill, who would make his life's work the collection of over 200,000 photographs and negatives of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. Part of this extraordinary collection is now in the Meserve Gallery of the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

William left his wife and children in the early 1880s

and moved to California where he continued to serve as a minister, working for the American Missionary Society as well as serving as pastor for the Free Baptist Church in San Francisco. He also wrote several books of poetry, which were published in the early 1900s.

William corresponded with and visited his sons throughout his long life. He helped Richard Earle build his house in Grand Junction, Colorado, and later officiated at his wedding. It was with Frederick Hill's encouragement and assistance that the elder Meserve wrote his book about his Civil War years. Though not published until 1988, the manuscript, *War Record of William N. Meserve*, was completed in 1902, handwritten, with pictures pasted in place.

"William's pride in his Civil War service," Huebner emphasized, "was complete and unceasing throughout his life. He was also very proud of his children, especially Frederick and his many successes. Frederick held his father in high esteem and helped him keep alive his memories of his Civil War past. Because of this, William would be bursting with pride to know of the Meserve Gallery, named in Frederick's honor." It is also fitting that the final home for the photographic treasures which Frederick preserved for posterity should be in a government building that was once used as a hospital for Civil War wounded and in which a celebration of Lincoln's second inaugural took place.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" continued to be William Neal Meserve's favorite hymn until he died, at the age of eighty-eight, in 1928. "I hope those who read the book, *Meserve Civil War Record*," Huebner stated at the close of his presentation, "will come to know why I wanted to produce it and why Frederick Hill Meserve found his father William's story so inspiring."

The New York Civil War Round Table recently presented its Fletcher Pratt Award to Noah Andre Trudeau, author of *Bloody Roads South: The Wilderness to Cold Harbor, May-June, 1864*.

The West Coast Civil War Conference will be held on November 2-4 in San Francisco. Robert K. Krick will be a featured speaker. For information, write: Civil War Conference, 1600 Larkin Street, #302, San Francisco, California 94109.

The Central Massachusetts and Greater Boston Civil War Round Tables will present their fourth annual Captain Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Award at their annual dinner meeting in November. This year's recipient will be James Fahey, archivist at the Massachusetts Military Records Facility in Natwick.

After being closed for renovation for over two years, the museum at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. has been reopened. Currently on display are some new exhibits and more than 400 artifacts related to Abraham Lincoln and his assassination in the theater on April 14, 1865.

"Mr. Lincoln's World," the Old State Capitol State Historic Site's costumed 1850s interpretive program, was named the top volunteer government program in Illinois. The 1990 Governor's Volunteer Illinois Award was presented at a recent ceremony in Springfield.

The New Books compiled by C. Robert Douglas



Coco, Gregory A. *Wasted Valor: The Confederate Dead at Gettysburg*. Thomas Publications, P.O. Box 3031, Gettysburg, PA 17325. 1990. \$14.95.

Crute, Joseph H., Jr. *Emblems of Southern Valor—The Battle Flags of the Confederacy*. 1990. Olde Soldier Books, Inc. \$35.00.

Davis, Keith F. *George N. Barnard: Photographer of Sherman's Campaign*. Hallmark Cards, Inc. 1990. \$40.00.

Freehling, William W. *The Road to Disunion, Volume I: Secessionists at Bay, 1776-1854*. Oxford University Press. 1990. \$30.00.

French, Benjamin Brown. *Witness to the Young Republic: A Yankee's Journal*. University Press of New England. 1989. \$35.00.

Gavin, William G. *Infantryman Pettit: The Civil War Letters of Corporal Frederick Pettit*. (100th PA Volunteers). White Mane Publ. Co. 1990. \$26.95.

Godbold, E. Stanley & Mattie U. Russell. *Confederate Colonel and Cherokee Chief—The Life of William Holland Thomas*. University of Tennessee Press. 1990. \$24.95.

Haydon, F. Stansbury. *Aeronautics in the Union and Confederate Armies*. Ayer Company Publishers Inc., P.O. Box 958, Salem, NH 03079. 1989. \$38.00. Original of 1941.

Heleniak, Roman J. & Lawrence L. Hewitt, eds. *The Confederate High Command & Related Topics. The 1988 Deep Delta Civil War Symposium: Themes in Honor of T. Harry Williams*. White Mane Publ. Co. 1990. \$29.95.

Jervey, Edward D. *Prison Life Among the Rebels: Recollections of a Union Chaplain*. 1990. Kent State University Press. \$26.00 Pbk. \$12.50.

Kennedy, Frances H., ed. *The Civil War Battlefield Guide: The Conservation Fund*. Houghton Mifflin. 1990. \$24.95. pbk. \$14.95.

Leckie, Robert. *None Died in Vain: The Saga of the American Civil War*. Harper Collins. 1990. \$29.95.

Martin, David, ed. *The Plymouth Pilgrims: A History of the Eighty-fifth New York Infantry in the Civil War* by Wayne Mahood. 1989. Longstreet House. \$30.00.

Miller, William J. *The Training of an Army: Camp Curtin and the North's Civil War*. White Mane Publ. Co. 1990. \$27.95.

Mullins, Michael. *The Fremont Rifles: A History of the 37th Illinois Veteran Volunteer Infantry*. 1990. Broadfoot Publ. Co. \$30.00.

Nagel, Paul C. *The Lees of Virginia: Seven Generations of an American Family*. Oxford University Press. 1990. \$22.95.

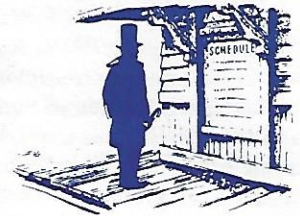
Neely, Mark E., Jr. & Harold Holzer. *The Lincoln Family Album: Photographs From the Personal Collection of a Historic American Family*. Doubleday. 1990. \$35.00.

Ward, Geoffrey C. with Ken Burns and Ric Burns. *The Civil War: An Illustrated History*. Knopf. \$50.00.

Wert, Jeffrey D. *Mosby's Rangers*. Simon & Schuster. 1990. \$22.50.

Zarefsky, David. *Lincoln, Douglas and Slavery: In the Crucible of Public Debate*. University of Chicago Press. 1990. \$34.95.

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October 12-14: 50th Anniversary celebration. Shearaton North Shore Inn, Northbrook, IL

November 9: William L. Burton on "Ethnic Soldiers in the Union Army."

December 14: C. Robert Douglas on "Granny Lee: Fiasco in Western Virginia." **(The December meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.)**

January 11, 1991: Marshall Krolick, Nevins-Freeman Address.

February 8: To be announced.

March 8: Gerald A. Regan on "The 'Walk' of Correspondents Browne, Davis, and Richardson: 340 Miles to Freedom."

April 12: A. Wilson Greene on "The 11th Corps on the First Day at Gettysburg."

May 2-5: Annual Battlefield Tour—Shiloh.

May 10: Michael Hughes on "The Battle of Chattanooga."

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