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“Say It Ain’t So, Snow”



A winter scene foretells our January “meeting”

With apologies to Shoeless Joe Jackson (no relation to Stonewall...we think!), our headline says it all. The January meeting had to be cancelled due to snow as we followed the Monroe County History Center policy of cancelling our meeting if school is cancelled that day...and it was.

For this reason, this issue of the *Sentinel* will necessarily be abbreviated. We hope that Mother Nature does not swoop down on us again in February, but in Indiana...you never know! Rick Watson’s January program on The Committee on the Conduct of the War will be rescheduled for a later date.

Civil War Photos

If you like rare Civil War photos, we want to remind you about the website below. These photos are very rare (all at the Library of Congress) because they are made from the original glass plates used in those times. Move your cursor around to find ones that interest you, then click to enlarge them with their captions. When you are finished viewing them, click on Home Page. The photos are remarkable, and bring to our attention once again what a momentous and terrible thing the Civil War was. Most interesting are close-ups of such men as Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Grant, Sherman, etc...and the otherwise nondescript nature of the locales in which so *many, many thousands* of people died.

<http://www.mikelynaugh.com/VirtualCivilWar/New/Originals2/index.html>

Gettysburg Quarter to be Launched Jan. 25

On Jan. 25, 2011, at 11 a.m., the general public is invited to attend a special ceremony to celebrate the launch of the new Gettysburg Quarter. This historic special event will take place in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

Connor Prairie to Open CW Exhibit in June

Conner Prairie Interactive History Park will open a Civil War exhibit in June. The \$4.3 million exhibit, dubbed 1863 Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana, will take visitors through the experience of volunteering to fight Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his 2,400 Rebel raiders who crossed into Indiana in July 1863. The Civil War exhibit will be included in Conner Prairie's general admission. Conner Prairie already hosts a Civil War reenactment during one weekend each May. This year, the so-called "Civil War Days" drew more than 10,000 visitors, but they have never had a permanent exhibit set during the Civil War. For more info, go to:

<http://www.connerprairie.org/Plan-Your-Visit/1863-Civil-War-Journey.aspx>

New Online Resources at the Library of Virginia

Drawn primarily from the collections of the Library of Virginia, *Union or Secession: Virginians Decide* presents private letters, public debates, and other records that allow Virginians who experienced the crisis between the autumn of 1860 and the summer of 1861 to explain their thoughts, fears, and decisions in their own words. *Union or Secession* also contains the life stories of forty Virginians who experienced slavery, the sectional tensions of the 1850s, the secession crisis, and the split of their state into two. Follow the story through the narrative of [Virginians Decide](#) and explore the people and documents in chronological sequence, by geographic region, or by topic to learn how the crisis affected free and enslaved residents of Virginia and how they made their decisions.

Sherman’s March: Mapping Memory

This new map is an interactive timeline of Sherman’s march and is designed as an experiment in digital history, created by Historian Anne Sarah Rubin. It is a unique new approach to interactive history. It is organized around both place and narrative. It consists of five maps, each one representing a genre of tales about the March. Check it out at:

<http://www.shermansmarch.org/intro.html>



MCCWR Roster of Honor



[A suggestion that in the last newsletter was for the members of the roundtable to send in the names, ranks, units and perhaps a short recap of their forebear's service record so that we can compile a permanent roster of "our" troops. The "unit" that results could be very interesting because, chances are, it will be both blue and gray! Below is the first "installment". If you want to have your family member's information included, send it to our Secretary, Steve Rolfe, at srolfe@indiana.edu, or just bring the information with you to the next meeting.]

Capt. Ephraim Waterman Wiley, Co. H, 8th Maine Inf.

Grandfather of former MCCWR President David Wiley. Present or active at Port Royal, Fort Pulaski, Drewery's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Chaffin's Farm, Deep Bottom, Spring Hill, White Oak Road, Fort Gregg, Fort Baldwin, Petersburg and Appomattox.

Sgt. Charles Thomas Shanner, Co. A, 63rd Indiana Volunteer Inf.

Great-grandfather to MCCWR board member John Crosby. Chattanooga-Atlanta Campaign, Clay Springs, Battle of Atlanta.

Col. James McMannomy, Commander, 63rd Indiana Volunteer Inf.

Ancestor of MCCWR member Matt Hoagland. Second Manassas, fought Morgan's Raiders at Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

Pvt. William Nicholas Shiflet, Co. I, 10th Alabama Infantry

2nd Great Grand Uncle to Kevin Shiflet, MCCWR Treasurer. Engaged, to some degree, at Dranesville, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Pines, Gaines Mill, Frazier's Farm, Second Manassas, Harpers Ferry, Sharpsburg, Hazel River, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Second Cold Harbor, Petersburg, High Bridge, Farmville and Appomattox. Pvt. Shiflet is only one of a total of seventeen of Kevin's ancestors who served the Confederacy, including thirteen cousins, two third great granduncles and two second great granduncles.

Jacob Mann, Co. A, 16th Iowa Inf.

Ancestor of Allan Sather, Hospitality Chair for the MCCWR. Fought at Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, and Bald Hill (Atlanta) where he was captured and sent to Andersonville Prison.



Forrest Along I-65 in Franklin, TN.

Most Horrific Statue Ever?

Controversial attorney, slavery apologist and lousy sculptor, Jack Kershaw, died September 7, 2010. He was best known as a defense attorney for James Earl Ray, and author of a conspiracy theory regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Endearing himself to commuters on I-65 south of Nashville, Kershaw is best known for erecting a nightmarish statue of former Confederate general and KKK Grand Wizard, Nathan Bedford Forrest on a private swath of land along the interstate. The Nathan Bedford Forrest Memorial, which is beside I-65 South near Franklin, TN, is probably Nashville's most appalling landmark. Not only because of any historical or racial implications—it's also aesthetically atrocious. . . " Forrest "is depicted in this statue as a ghastly, screaming dwarf. The horse on which Forrest rides makes the general look like a nine-year-old with a radically contorted face wearing a false beard and a skirt."

Upcoming Programs

- Feb. 8-** Steve Rolfe: *Montgomery Meigs: The Man Who Won the Civil War*
- March 8-** John Crosby: *Brother vs. Brother* (Repeat Program)
- April 12-** Justin Smith *First Irish* [also annual election of officers]
- May 10-** Mark Acres- *Camp Followers*
- June 14-** Donna Schmink : *The 27th Indiana Battle Flag and the Flag Preservation Work of the Indiana War Memorial.*

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