



*"John Brown's zeal in the cause of freedom was infinitely superior to mine. Mine was as the taper light; his was as the burning sun. I could live for the slave; John Brown could die for him. The American people and the Government at Washington may refuse to recognize it for a time but the inexorable logic of events will force it upon them in the end; that the war now being waged in this land is a war for and against slavery."*  
 – FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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## ImpendingActions

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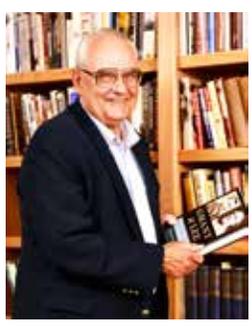
### MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### Ulysses S. Grant: A Victor Not a Butcher

Although often erroneously called a butcher or a drunk, Ulysses S. Grant was the best general of the Civil War. With far fewer casualties than Robert E. Lee, Grant won the battles of Forts Henry and Donelson, the brilliant Vicksburg Campaign, and the Battle of Chattanooga before coming to the East, where he won strategic victories in the Overland and Appomattox campaigns. With decisive victories in the Western, Middle and Eastern theaters, Grant truly won the war and did so with appropriate aggressiveness and reasonable casualties.



Ulysses S. Grant



Ed Bonekemper, book review editor of the Civil War News, is the author of five Civil War Books: How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War; A Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius; McClellan and Failure: A Study of Civil War Fear, Incompetence and Worse; Grant and Lee: Victorious American and Vanquished Virginian; and Lincoln and Grant: The Westerners Who Won the Civil War. Ed has spoken at the Smithsonian Institution about the Civil War on ten occasions and has made hundreds of CWRT presentations.

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From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Light refreshments and conversation starting at 7:00 PM., and the featured program beginning at 7:30 PM.  
 Our June, July, and August summer meetings are in the field starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting location announced in the bi-monthly newsletter and on the roundtable website: [www.cwrgettysburg.org](http://www.cwrgettysburg.org).  
 Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on WGTy 107.7 FM and ESPN Radio 1320 AM.  
 The next scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Avenue Restaurant.

### APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### Showdown in the Shenandoah: The 1864 Valley Campaign

This program will provide an overview of the fall 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign, from the appointment of Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan to Union command in early August, through the eve of the Battle of Cedar Creek in mid-October. This includes an overview of the situation in the Valley in the late summer of 1864, a comparison of the opposing armies (Lt. Gen. Jubal Early's Confederate Army of the Valley and Sheridan's Army of the Shenandoah), along with a description of the campaign itself, including the battles of Third Winchester (September 19th), Fisher's Hill (September 22nd) and Tom's Brook (October 9th), and the devastation of the Valley by Sheridan's army, known simply as "The Burning." The program will also put the campaign within the overall context of the military and political situation in the fall of 1864. This program will also set up the Roundtable's visit to Cedar Creek in May.

Eric Campbell is the Chief of Interpretation at Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park. He has worked as a Park Ranger for the National Park Service for over 28 years, 23 of those at Gettysburg National Military Park (along with previous assignments at Independence National Historical Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site). He has also authored over two dozen articles and essays for scholarly publications and his book, 'A Grand Terrible Drama': From Gettysburg to Petersburg, The Civil War Letters of Charles Wellington Reed, was published by Fordham University Press in 2000.



Eric's responsibilities at Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP include overseeing the planning for future interpretation at the park, including the development of ranger-lead programs, the opening of a Visitor Contact Station (including interpretive exhibits and a 4x10 foot fiber optic map of the Battle of Cedar Creek), developing interpretive trails, brochures, exhibits, the park website, podcasts and other interpretive media and infrastructure. He and his staff are currently busy preparing special programs and events for the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign later this year.

## Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, and enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Roundtable Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal: [jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us), and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around May 1, 2014.

## SPRING!!! SPRING!!! SPRING!!! It can't come soon enough!

The beginning of spring means that the terms for some of our Board Members will soon come to an end. I am happy to report that Roger Heller and Linda Seamon have both agreed to stay on with the Board for another term. Thank you both!

On a sadder note, I am announcing that Doug Cooke will not be rejoining us for another term as Vice President when his current term expires at the end of April. We will be sad to see him go but understand that his work and travel schedule preclude him from devoting the amount of time he would like to the position.

This means that we are now actively looking for someone to fill his



*Message*  
from the  
*President*  
by Kendra Debany

spot. Is that person you? The Vice President plays an important role in our Roundtable, as this person is responsible for putting together our programs and finding speakers, which reflects on us as a group. The VP is also responsible for contributing information on upcoming speakers to the newsletter, and contributing additional articles as well.

In addition to the VP position, we are also looking for someone to fill an empty Board seat. If either of these positions sound like something you would be interested in, please contact Ron Rock, head of our Election Committee, at [raprock1@comcast.net](mailto:raprock1@comcast.net).

**Happy Spring everyone!**

*Kendra*

*ALBG Spring 2014 Seminar – April 11 & 12, 2014*

### **Battle of Monocacy – The Third Invasion of the North**

The Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, Inc. announces the 2014 edition of its popular spring single-topic seminar series. The spring program this coming year will focus on the near-by and little known Battle of Monocacy near Frederick, Maryland. A recent book on Gettysburg is titled, inaccurately *The Last Invasion* although, a year after yet another Confederate army poured through the Shenandoah Valley and into Maryland, making it to the outskirts of Washington, D.C. The one-day Battle of Monocacy had a great impact on the outcome of the true "Last Invasion."

As with all the ALBG spring seminars, the registration fee of \$125 includes a Friday night reception and presentation, followed by Saturday's all-day program in the field. In addition to detailed tours and presentations by expert Licensed Battlefield Guides, participants will receive transportation, maps and materials, lunch and refreshments.

*(Note: This seminar will involve walking over occasionally difficult terrain).*

#### **TOUR SCHEDULE**

##### **Friday evening, April 11**

We will meet at the GAR Hall on East Middle Street for light refreshments followed by LBG Jim Hueting opening the seminar with a presentation on the famed "Lost Orders" Special Orders #191. The location of this episode has long been thought to be somewhere on or near the current Monocacy National Park. Jim will present the results of his years of research on this topic.

##### **Saturday, April 12**

Attendees will depart from the old Wax Museum parking lot at 8:15 a.m. and will meet with LBG Rich Kohr and LBG Jim Hueting as we travel by van to Monocacy Battlefield where we will spend the day. A box lunch is included in the registration fee and will provide an opportunity to rest and talk over the morning with fellow participants and LBGs. We anticipate arrival back in Gettysburg approximately 4:30 p.m.

#### **INCLUDED**

In addition to a welcoming reception on Friday evening, and a full day's schedule of tours, participants will receive maps, materials, and a box lunch on the battlefield. Transportation is provided via 15-passenger vans. The ALBG is also offering a special, optional Sunday morning tour at no extra charge for all registrants who wish to participate.

This is an event you won't want to miss. Mail your \$125 check today to:

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For online registration or more information, go to:  
[gettysburgtourguides.org/springseminar.html](http://gettysburgtourguides.org/springseminar.html)

## THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM in association with the Smithsonian Institution

### **Sesquicentennial Civil War Spring Lecture Series for 2014**

The National Civil War Museum will host four lectures as the 150th Civil War Spring Lecture Series begins on March 29, 2014. Each lecture is scheduled from 1pm-2pm in our Education Gallery and is included in the cost of admission and *Free* to members.

**March 29, 2014** – *Guns of 1864* presented by author and firearms expert, Joseph G Bilby. The lecture will explore the evolution of weaponry during the Civil War from 1863-1864 and address the standard weapons of the era, along with new innovations including repeating firearms such as the Spencer and Henry rifles.

**April 5, 2014** – *US Colored Troops in the Virginia Theater* presented by Hari Jones, Assistant Director and Curator of the African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation and Museum. The 25<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, the only army corps in American history comprised entirely of African descent regiments, was organized in the Virginia Theater in December of 1864. This lecture covers the role of US Colored Troops in arguably the most important campaign in the war, the campaign to capture Richmond and destroy the Army of Northern Virginia.

**April 12, 2014** – *The 48<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania & The Battle of the Crater* presented by John Hoptak. John Hoptak, author and Interpretive Park Ranger at Antietam National Battlefield and Gettysburg National Military Park, is a native of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania and has been a long-time student of the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry. Join him as he narrates the dramatic tale of the battle that General Ulysses S. Grant famously described as the "saddest affair" of the war.

**April 26, 2014** – *Monocacy: The B & O's Battle* presented by Dan Toomey. The Battle of Monocacy has often been called "The Battle that saved Washington". Through the extraordinary relationship between John Work Garrett, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, troops were transferred with great efficiency to the scene of conflict. Dan Toomey will set the stage for the often overlooked battle and then detail the impact the B & O had on the outcome.

# First Doucette Achievement Award Winner Announced

submitted by Ron Rock



Joan Pore

The Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable would like to announce the first winner of the *Cal Doucette Achievement Award*, and she is Joan Pore of Gettysburg.

As a VIP she has been working for the NPS Visitor Services at the Visitor Center Information Desk, answering the numerous questions visitors have, including the availability of Ranger programs, tours, and family activities. Aside from Rangers and Licensed Battlefield Guides, she is the only person who presents scheduled programs for visitors in the National Cemetery. Joan

also works in the museum galleries where she discusses exhibits and answers questions. During the summer Joan also volunteers as a greeter at the Park's West End Station along Route 30.

As a VIP, Joan interacts mostly with adults, but she also has the opportunity to work with children. (Cal and his wife Sue always enjoyed working with kids.) Using her teaching skills, Joan has successfully stirred up an interest in history among children and helps them understand what life was like in the Civil War era. Joan has worked closely with the Park's Education Specialist in presenting Student Education Programs at the Park's Snyder Farm where children learn about Gettysburg farm life at the time of the Civil War. Joan has also assisted with the Park's Summer Children's Programs and she worked in the Park's Family Activities Tent during the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance.

Joan was also in charge of arranging and executing the annual June Work Weekend of the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg (FNPG).

Beyond the boundaries of the GNMP, Joan was involved in the creation and development of the Historic Church Walking Tours program. On Wednesday evenings during the summer, visitors tour four of the eight participating historic Gettysburg churches where programs are presented telling the churches stories. Joan is now the head of the organization. She also volunteers at the Adams County Historical Society is a docent at the new Seminary Ridge Museum.

Over the past twenty years Joan has donated thousands of

hours of personal time to provide visitors and locals with a better understanding of the battle, the town, its people, and 19<sup>th</sup> century life. Her longevity as a Park Volunteer exceeds that of almost all of the Park's staff. Her skill as a teacher has enriched the lives of thousands of school children and has given life to the hope that the love of Gettysburg will be passed on by those students who have been fortunate to have participated in some of her programs.

Her volunteering with FNPG since its inception has resulted in hundreds of volunteers coming to the Park to help restore it to its 1863 appearance. Joan's activities have extended beyond the Park's boundaries and include programs within the Borough. We believe that Joan Pore has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to improve visitor's experiences at Gettysburg and is well deserving of the first *Cal Doucette Achievement Award*.

**We urge all our members to attend the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting where Joan will be presented with her award.** 🙏🙏



*Cal Doucette was an active member of the Civil War community in Gettysburg, as well as a member of the Civil War Roundtable's Board of Directors. As a Board member Cal proposed the idea that the CWRT create an award to be given to a person whose activities helped people learn about and appreciate the significance of Gettysburg and the Civil War, enhanced the experience of Gettysburg visitors and stirred the interest of children in learning more about our history. When Cal passed away in December 2013 the Board voted to create the award and name it after him.*



## Cal Doucette Achievement Award

A nominee's qualifications include projects and activities that:

- Stimulate the interest of children and young adults.
- Enrich the overall visitor experience and appreciation of the Park.
- Inspire new interest in the Civil War among those with no interest.
- Contribute to the preservation and maintenance of the Park and surrounding areas.
- Participate in further research/study of the battle to bring to light new/unknown information.
- Participated in, or supported, living history events which interpret what life was like during the Civil War.
- Increase the public's understanding of the meaning and significance of the Battle of Gettysburg, and its role in America's history.



**M**aking Sense of the *American Civil War* is a reading and discussion program that explores literary works about the American Civil War. Co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association, and the Maryland Humanities Council this series focuses on different perspectives of the Civil War and the varying experiences of individuals from different genders, ethnicities and backgrounds. In commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Frederick County Public Libraries joins with Monocacy National Battlefield to host this discussion series. Each session will focus on a different aspect of the American Civil War experience, using sections from three books. The books include: *March* by Geraldine Brooks; *Crossroads of Freedom*:

## Civil War Discussion Series

*Antietam*, by James McPherson; and *America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries*, an anthology edited by Edward L. Ayers. Copies of each book will be available for a limited number of participants to borrow for the length of the series—contact the library at 301-600-7004 if you need copies of the books. Registration is not required for each event; each program can stand independently.

### March 6, 6:30 PM

**Shape of War** – This topic, led by John Hoptak, a Gettysburg National Military Park ranger, will discuss how the structure of the armies of both sides was affected over time. The focus will be on how and why troop numbers declined and, in a few

cases, forced brigades to consolidate multiple regiments.

**Books:** *Crossroads of Freedom* by James McPherson and *America's War* edited by Edward L. Ayers

**Location:** Urbana Regional Library, Frederick County Public Libraries

### March 18, 6:30 PM

**War and Freedom** – This discussion will look at Emancipation in Maryland and its unique situation as a slave state with regard to recruiting U.S. Colored Troop regiments. Dr. Dean Herrin of the National Park Service and the Catoclin Center for Regional Studies will discuss the Center's USCT research.

**Book:** *America's War*

**Location:** Urbana Regional Library, Frederick County Public Libraries

### March 29, 10:00 AM

**Imaging War** – Harpers Weekly and the work of war correspondent sketch artists will be discussed by Monocacy National Battlefield ranger Tracy Evans, focusing on how these images brought the events of war to the home. Photographs of Civil War soldiers, especially those taken in Frederick of troops stationed at the junction, will also be integrated. Participants will learn their fate and experiences during the war. A tour of the Battlefield will be included at 1:00 PM.

**Books:** *March* by Geraldine Brooks and *America's War*.

**Location:** Monocacy National Battlefield 🙏🙏

# March April

# Stuff to do in the area

## MARCH

**Now - March 2. History Honors Appreciation Weekend** in Gettysburg. Store sales, encampments, speakers, dance at American Legion (fee). Sponsored by American Living History Education Society. For information, Kirk Davis, Home Front General Store, 717-338-1776; alhes1776@yahoo.com.

**March 1. Free lecture.** *The Battle of Brice's Crossroads – Nathan Bedford Forrest's Greatest Victory* at Gettysburg by Matt Atkinson; at National Military Park. Begins at 1:30 p.m. in the GNMP Museum and Visitor Center film theater.

**March 1. Women Soldiers in Civil War Armies** with Tracey McIntire and Dr. Audrey Scanlan-Teller. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, 2 p.m. For information, 301-695-1864 Ext. 1013, pryprograms@civilwarmed.org; CivilWarMed.org.

**March 1-2. The Civil War in 1864 Winter Lecture Series** at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m. Saturday – *Battle of Brice's Crossroads – Nathan Bedford Forrest's Greatest Victory*, Matt Atkinson; Sunday – *Like the Oncoming of Cities – Freedom's Dilemma*. Angie Atkinson. For information, 717-334-1124 Ext. 8023; nps.gov/gett.

**March 2. Free lecture.** *Freedom's Dilemma* by Angie Atkinson. Examines the struggles of newly freed slaves; Begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Ford Education Center at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

**March 6-9. 20th Annual Ladies & Gentlemen of the 1860s Conference** on clothing & culture in Camp Hill. Preconference seminars, hands-on workshops, tours, 12 presentations, formal ball, garment displays, juried marketplace open to the public, needlework competition. For information, 717-337-0283, info@genteelarts.com; www.genteelarts.com.

**March 8-9. The Civil War in 1864 Winter Lecture Series** at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center in the Ford Education Center, 1:30 p.m. Saturday: *Spring 1864 – Congressional Hearings on Meade at Gettysburg: Witch hunt or Fair Play?*, by Troy Harman. Sunday: *Longstreet to the Rescue – The Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864* by Karlton Smith. For information, 717-334-1124 Ext. 8023; nps.gov/gett.

**March 8. Living Historians Workshop** at National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, 8:30-4:30. On skills, knowledge & resources to provide quality living history programs. Presenters include Susan Rosenfold, John Wega, Mark Quattrock. Preregistration by Feb. 28, includes lunch & refreshments, \$65, \$50 members & volunteers. For information, 301-695-1864 Ext. 1013, pryprograms@civilwarmed.org; CivilWarMed.org.

**March 10. Meeting. Shenandoah Valley Civil War Roundtable** at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, 20 Gay Street in Harrisonburg, VA. Admission is free and open to the public. Speaker will be Cameron C. Nickels. His lecture: *Civil War Humor*.

**March 14-16. The Irish in Gettysburg.** A walking tour of the Irish Brigade with Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr. Evening dinner at the Fairfield Inn with Irish music and a concert of Irish favorites. \$55 per person. Phone 1-888-546-1520; reservations@barkerhouse.com.

**March 15-16. 59th Original Baltimore Show** at Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace, Timonium, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3. \$10.

Weapons, Swords, Militaria. 1,000 tables, exhibits. Hosted by Maryland Arms Collectors Assn. For information, baltimoreshow.com.

**March 29. 11th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball.** At the Rotunda, Pennsylvania Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA. 7-10 p.m. Proceeds benefit battlefield preservation, including Gettysburg Monuments Project Endowment Trust Fund. \$35, \$65 per couple. For information, 717-732-5330, PreservationBall@CivilWarDance.org.

## APRIL

**April 4-6. Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours – A Weekend with Ed Bearss: A Living Legend,** Chambersburg, PA. Ed Bearss lectures, bus tour to Gettysburg & Antietam. Fee. For information, 717-264-7101; chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org.

**April 5. Bell & History Days** at National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, & Frederick County historic sites, 11-4. Blue & Gray Hospital Assn. to display, interpret collection of Civil War-era medical accoutrements. Free. For information, 301-695-1864 Ext. 1013, pryprograms@civilwarmed.org; CivilWarMed.org.

**April 5. Civil War Park Day** at Gettysburg. Join volunteers from the Civil War Trust and Gettysburg National Military Park cutting brush on the slopes of Little Round Top to reveal historic terrain and original breastworks. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Contact: Jo Sanders at Gettysburg NMP, 717-334-1124 x3351 or by email at: Jo\_Sanders@nps.gov.

**April 11-12. Spring seminar** of Gettysburg Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides. *Battle of Monocacy – The Third Invasion of the North.* by Rich Kohr & Jim Hueting. Fee includes a Friday night reception and presentation, followed by Saturday's all-day 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary program in the field. In addition to detailed tours and presentations by expert Licensed Battlefield Guides, participants will receive transportation, maps and materials, lunch and refreshments. \$125. For information, registration, 717-337-1709, seminar@gettysburgtourguides.org; www.gettysburgtourguides.org. More details in article on page 4.

**April 12, 19, 26. Bus tour, John Wilkes Booth Escape Route.** Popular 12-hour tour explores the route of the assassin's escape. Leaves from the Surratt House Museum in Clinton at 7:30 a.m. \$85. Details, reservation info: [http://www.surrattmuseum.org/su\\_bert.html](http://www.surrattmuseum.org/su_bert.html).

Persons interested in going on the next available tours (September) must contact Surratt House Museum by phone 301-868-1121, or mail 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD 20735 and ask to be placed on an advanced notice mailing list. In mid-June we mail to all interested in the fall tours, which take place each Saturday in September. For more information, go [surrattmuseum.org/su\\_bert.html](http://surrattmuseum.org/su_bert.html).

## FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG EVENTS

For Gettysburg Foundation Events, contact 717-338-1243 or [friendsofgettysburg.org](http://friendsofgettysburg.org).

**March 1, March 11. Musical Experience** at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg National Military Park. Tuesday. Free. 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., with the Reflections Concert Choir. Lincoln Plaza located near the front entrance to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

**March 15, March 22. John Scott Adams Seminar.** *East Cavalry Field – The Cavalry Clash That Saved the Union* at Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes lecture and battlefield tour. Presented by The Gettysburg Foundation. Call 877-874-2478 for registration information.

**March 22, April 26. An Evening with the Painting.** Join the Gettysburg Foundation's Sue Boardman, Licensed Battlefield Guide and author/historian, for a closer look at the historic Gettysburg Cyclorama painting. Program begins at the Ford Center, Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center. This special program lasts about two hours and is limited to 50 attendees. Single adult ticket price is \$20 and youth ticket (age 6 to 12) is \$10. 5:00 p.m.

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# Wirtz Tavern

On April 24, 1786 Jacob Wirtz (Sometimes spelled Wertz or Werts) will acquire a house and land on the "Great Road from Black's Gap to York" for 1,200 Pounds. In the 1740's this had been the property of John McCarroll and there was a dwelling house here as early as 1745. When John McCarroll Jr. inherited the property in 1767, upon the death of his father, there were two houses here. The 46 year old Wirtz, who had served in the 1st Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment during the Revolution, would move into his new residence in August of 1786. Within a year he expanded the existing building and in July 1787 he would apply for and be granted a tavern license. In October 1794 George Washington was returning to Philadelphia after suppressing the Whiskey Rebellion and would ride past the tavern and may have stopped for a meal.

When Jacob dies in 1805 his son Burkhart would become the owner and would run the tavern from 1805 to 1810. Burkhart would become ill and his wife Catherine would take over, running the tavern until 1813 while raising 8 children. Her son William would attempt to revive the tavern in 1824 while attempting to settle the ownership of the property with his siblings. An estate sale ad in the *Gettysburg Centinel* on September 7, 1825 described the property with a two story dwelling house and back building occupied as a tavern for 35 years, tenant house, shop and a log barn.



William would eventually have ownership of the property and would run his tavern until 1828 when he then decided to go into farming. He will prosper as a farmer running his farm here for 56 years.

On June 26, 1863 the 26th Pennsylvania Emergency Infantry would be overrun by Confederate cavalry only one mile west of the tavern and many of those retreating Union soldiers would run right past the old tavern. Jubal Early's Confederate division would march past the tavern on the 27th, on his way to York, but apparently his men did not confiscate much as Wirtz put in no damage claim.

William would die in 1882 and his son Henry would inherit the old tavern and this property would stay in the Wirtz family until 1932, 146 years.

The old tavern is still standing today on Route 394 just west of Shrivvers Corner and is a private residence. †



This is a continuing series of articles on the inns, taverns, and hotels in Adams County and the surrounding area researched and written by John Winkelman.

John is a Licensed Battlefield Guide and past president of the Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg, PA. He and his wife, Cheryl, moved to Gettysburg from New Jersey several years ago.

By John Winkelman

**April 4-5. Annual Friends of Gettysburg Spring Muster.** Friday evening musical, nine Saturday tours, lectures, lunch, banquet at Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel. \$165 non-members.

## HGAC EVENTS

For more information on HGAC events: [HGACOnline.org](http://HGACOnline.org) or contact Regina Hollar at 717-334-8312.

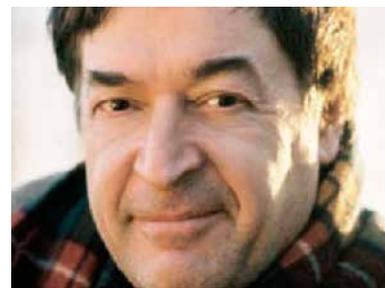
**March 18. Twelve Years a Slave.** Deb McCauslin of "For the Cause Productions" will present various court records, newspapers articles, dairies and memoirs from the 1800s to provide evidence that Adams County had its share of kidnappings and attempted kidnappings of African Americans just north of the Mason Dixon line.

**April 15. Scott Hancock,** Associate Professor of History and African Studies at Gettysburg College will introduce some of the not-so-well known African Americans who spoke out against slavery and who sought their freedom years before 1861 and the start of the Civil War.

## Lancaster Civil War Roundtable fundraiser dinner features *An Evening With Ron Maxwell*

Ron Maxwell, director of the movie *Gettysburg*, will be speaking at the Lancaster Civil War Roundtable's fundraiser dinner on March 22. He will also be showing his movie *Copperhead* and there will also be a silent auction as well as the dinner.

Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information, contact the Lancaster Civil War Roundtable at [lancastercivilwarroundtable@gmail.com](mailto:lancastercivilwarroundtable@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LCWRT>. †



Film director, Ron Maxwell

# As reported...

# 1864

## GETTYSBURG

Excerpts of interest as printed in Gettysburg newspapers of the time.  
Compiled by Kendra Debany

### The Damage Bill

"In the fall of 1862, the rebel General Stuart made a raid through Franklin and Adams Counties, and carried off a large number of horses, greatly to the inconvenience and loss of farmers and others. Mr. McSherry, in the Senate, and Messrs. Myers, Horton, and others, in the House, at the following session of the Legislature, made earnest efforts to have the sufferers paid the amounts of their damages out of the State Treasury, the State to settle with the National Government. It was found, however, that Gov. Curtin was hostile to the measure and, as a consequence, a *practical* bill, one which would have given prompt and effectual relief, was smothered and another passed in its stead, the only effect of which has been to delay indemnification.

During last summer, a stupendous rebel invasion of the border counties occurred - an invasion which resulted, here, in one of the most severe and destructive battles of the war. The losses and sufferings of our people in consequence can only be imagined by those who visited the bloody scene soon after. Not only were horses and cattle without number carried off, but houses and barns were given to the flame, the ripened grain was trampled into the earth, fences disappeared as before a whirlwind; the families of many theretofore prosperous and comfortable farmers were driven to seek shelter beneath other roofs, beggars for the commonest necessities of life. On their return to their once plentiful and happy homes, their saddened hearts were given only that welcome which ruin and desolation can give.

Thus stricken, they appeal to their less unfortunate fellow citizens of a great and affluent Commonwealth to lighten their burdens - not in the light of clarity, but of justice, because they do not see that they should be expected to bear all the losses which the rebels may be able to inflict upon the State, without those less dangerously situated escape altogether. There is right in the matter, and there should be philanthropy enough everywhere to see it. That the relief asked for should be granted by the Legisla-

ture, we think is clear. Not only so, it should come *promptly*. It is needed *now*. Houses, barns and fences must be re-built, and at least a portion of the sufferers must depend upon the payment of these damages to enable them to go on with the necessary repairs. Hence this measure of relief, to be well passed should be passed quickly..."

*The Gettysburg Compiler*  
March 14, 1864

### The Gettysburg Battle-Field Memorial: An Appeal to Local Pennsylvanians

"The 'Gettysburg Battle-field Memorial Association' was instituted for

the purpose of securing, forever, the principal points upon the great battle-field of the war, in the exact condition in which they were left in July, 1863, when the rebel hordes of the invader Lee were driven back from the free soil of Pennsylvania, and when the gallant soldiers of General Meade were in possession of the field which they had won by their valor. The Association has already secured the purchase of Cemetery Hill, Culp's Hill, Granite Spur of Round Top, with the entrenchments thrown up just upon the eve of the great conflict, which was the turning point in the career of the rebellion. The field, with its redoubts, wonderful stone defenses, its timber breastworks, its forest heights, with the trees torn by shells and countless bullets, and its long lines of earthwork defenses, have all been preserved intact, and to so continue to preserve them, as to be a monument forever of the greatest of American battle fields, is the object of the formation of the Association. To enable a large number of persons to join in this patriotic work, the projectors of the plan placed the subscriptions at ten dollars each. The payment of this sum makes each subscriber a member of the Association,

and part owner of the glorious field of Gettysburg.

What loyal and patriotic citizen of Pennsylvania would not gladly embrace the privilege of recording his name upon this roll of honor, and of linking himself directly with the field where the lofty heroism of his countrymen vindicated the integrity of the Union and the principles of Freedom? And who would not desire to hand down as a precious heirloom to his children the evidence of *his* part in the good work, bearing, as the certificate will, a view of the field which will rank in history with Thermopylae, Marathon and Waterloo.

There are no salaried officers in this Association, nor are there any objects in view in its creation other than those already stated. The grounds were purchased from their original owners at the exact price to be paid for them by the Association, and the points selected, and the prices to be paid for them met the unqualified approval of a committee of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania appointed for the purpose of visiting the field."

*The Adams Sentinel*  
March 22, 1864



## Winterland Candidis

Photos by Lynn Light Heller

We're all tired of snow, I think, and want it to go away. However, there is beauty out there that we'd probably miss if it weren't for the camera lens and eye of Lynn Heller. Enjoy additional photos on page 8.



# A Civil War battle fought in...Arizona??

submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

Chris and I had an opportunity in January to visit the site of the Westernmost battle of the Civil War. It was "a small affair." The battlefield is now an Arizona State Park about half way between Tucson and Phoenix along a busy highway, once a stage stop. There is a small visitor center, some camping facilities and several monuments and markers. It's a nice place for a short hike.

The battle of Picacho (pronounce like Picasso) Pass took place on April 15, 1862.

In February 1862, a band of Confederate Rangers raised the Stars and Bars of Tucson, Arizona, part of an effort to create an ocean-to-ocean Confederacy. In order to thwart this move, a Union "Column from California" set out across the lonely desert toward Tucson.



Monument at State Park

There is a Civil War re-enactment held each year that attracts several thousand spectators. Learn more: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Picacho\\_Pass](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Picacho_Pass) and [azstateparks.com/Parks/PIPE](http://azstateparks.com/Parks/PIPE).



Chris standing next to Sajuaro cactus

On April 15, Union cavalry under Lt. James Barrett met with Confederate Rangers near Picacho Peak, a rocky spire 50 miles northwest of Tucson. Barrett was killed almost immediately and fierce combat continued for more than an hour before the Federals retreated. Although the Rangers' victory at Picacho Pass delayed the Union force, the following month the Union eventually took Tucson without firing a shot. If you're visiting Arizona stop by the pleasant visitor center at the State Park, but don't go in the summer time.

There is a Civil War re-



## 150 years ago - 1864

### March 2

**Kilpatrick-Dahlgren raid.** U.S. Colonel Ulric Dahlgren was in command of an unsuccessful 1864 raid on the Confederate capital of Richmond in which he was killed. A consequence of the failed raid was the Dahlgren Affair. Papers found on the body of Dahlgren contained plans for the burning of Richmond and an assassination plot against Confederate President Jefferson Davis.



### March 9

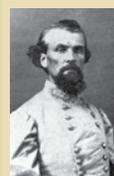
Ulysses S. Grant is promoted to Lieutenant General and given command of all active United States forces.

### March 12

U. S. General Nathaniel Banks begins the Red River Campaign in Louisiana.

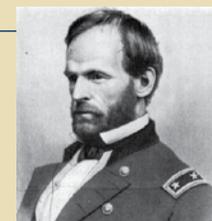
### March 16

Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest begins a raid into West Tennessee and Kentucky.



### March 17

U. S. General William Tecumseh Sherman is promoted to the Military Division of the Mississippi commanding the Department of the Ohio, Department of the Tennessee, Department of the Cumberland and the Department of the Arkansas.



### April 4

U.S. General Phil Sheridan moves from command of an infantry division in the Army of the Cumberland to command cavalry in the Army of the Potomac.

### April 8

The U. S. Senate approves the 13th Amendment and sends it to the states for ratification. The amendment would formally abolish slavery throughout the United States. It was ratified December 6, 1865.

### April 12



**Battle of Fort Pillow** also known as the Fort Pillow Massacre, occurred at Henning Tennessee on the Mississippi River. Confederate cavalry under Nathan Bedford Forrest defeats 600 black and white Union forces under U.S. Majors Booth and Bradford. Booth was killed and then Bradford refused to surrender after being offered

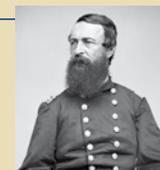
the opportunity by Forest. Following the defeat, Forrest's men are said to have massacred most of the remaining defenders of the fort.

### April 17

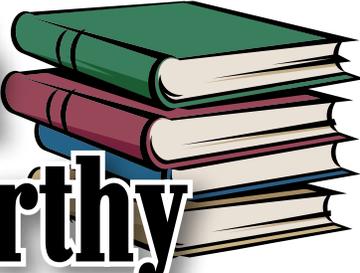
Ulysses S. Grant ends prisoner exchanges with the South, saying the practice was "...prolonging the conflict".

### April 26

U. S. Admiral David Porter's fleet is badly damaged in engagements with on-shore Confederates. The fleet had become trapped by low water following Porter's rescue of Nathaniel Banks at the end of the Red River Campaign.



# NEW & Noteworthy



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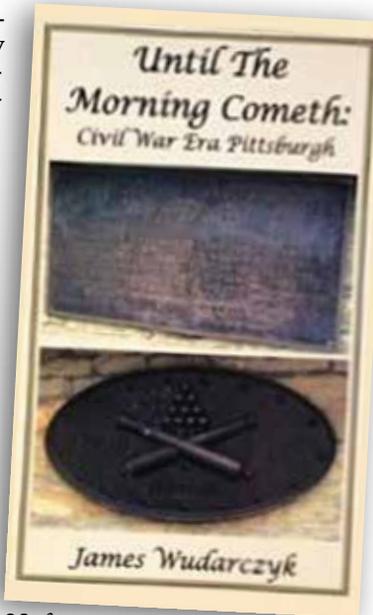
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