

Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia



November 16, 2006, The One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Year of the Civil War



**History and Development
of the Gettysburg Battlefield
1864 - 1910**

November 16th Thursday Meeting

The October 12th Meeting of the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table will start at 7:30 pm on Thursday at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum at 1805 Pine Street in Philadelphia. **Herb Kaufman** will be the speaker and his topic will be "**History and Development of the Gettysburg Battlefield**". Herb has been a speaker at Old Baldy many times. He teaches Civil War classes at Manor College. Herb is an employee at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum, vice-president of the Old Baldy CWRT and treasurer for the Delaware Valley CWRT.

Open Letter to All Members of the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia

Those of you who have been members of the Old Baldy CWRT for the past three or four years must have noticed a severe drop in our membership; membership that has held for years at well over one hundred. We now have fifty-three paid members with several ready to be dropped. With an average loss of ten per year we will probably be under forty come 2007 when over 50% of memberships come due.

This fact, consequently, has affected our turnout at meetings. There have been several meetings where less than

ten people attended. This is an embarrassment to the speaker and the Old Baldy CWRT. In our round table's by-laws it states, *The purpose of this organization will be to promote education in regard to the American Civil War and to encourage the preservation of Civil War sites.*" It is very hard to promote education with less than 20% of the membership attending a meeting and to encourage the preservation of Civil War sites with no money in the treasury. But make no mistake about it; we are most grateful to the members who, in the past, attended most of the meetings and came forward to serve as officers, edit our newsletters, and participated in fund raising activities. They have held this round table together over the past several years. Since we can't afford to bring speakers from long distances we have in the past months limited our speakers to those who are local and we are indeed fortunate to have so much talent close-by.

At the last two meetings of your Board of Directors the state of affairs of the round table were discussed at length. At the last meeting it was decided to consider dissolving the Old Baldy CWRT. This is a painful decision that, we believe, had to be made. But in order to allow the full participation of the members of our round table in this decision we will take the following steps:

This open letter will be published in our November and December newsletters. At the December meeting we will start at 7 P.M. and begin the regular meeting at 8 P.M. We ask all members to attend this meeting at 7 P.M. and offer their opinions. *Those who are unable to attend we ask you to contact me at my e-mail address chief_96pbi@rcn.com. Those without e-mail may contact me at (610) 867-8231 or by mail at 2245 Aspen Court, Bethlehem, PA. 18020.*

As you may know I am the only founding member left who is a dues paying member of our round table. Personally this has been a very difficult decision for me to make but one that, I believe, had to be made. We, the Board, thank you all for your past support, but now we want and need your input. Please come forward and let us know your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Mike Cavanaugh

President, Old Baldy Civil War
Round Table of Philadelphia

**Bring a friend, neighbor and another Civil War buff to enjoy a fascinating subject
and to support our speakers at Old Baldy.**

The President's Letter

We want to thank **Hugh Boyle** for a most interesting program last month. We are sorry we had to cut his program a little short due to the Museum's security procedures. Hughie had several more interesting stories to tell. Hopefully we can talk him into a Civil War Marriages - Part II in the near future. Everyone should be aware that the great speakers we had over the past several months - **Roger Arthur, Hugh Boyle, Herb Kaufman** - all participate in the outstanding courses offered at Manor College in Jenkintown. For information contact Manor College at (215) 884-2218. Ask for information on The Civil War Institute.

In November we have another return speaker, **Herb Kaufman**. As I stated above, Herb teaches classes at Manor College also. He is now an employee at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum, vice-president of the Old Baldy CWRT and the treasurer for the Delaware Valley CWRT. His topic - always a favorite - is the Gettysburg Battlefield. He will give a history and development of the battlefield from 1864 to 1910. Herb had an outstanding collection of Gettysburg books,

photos, etc. and has been studying the battle of Gettysburg for many years. Hope to see a big crowd for this one. **IMPORTANT:** The meeting will be moved back one week to November 16th. Herb has an engagement that prevents him from visiting us on our regular night.

We are happy to report we have enough in the treasury to make a donation to the Civil War Preservation Trust to buy a 1/4 acre of battlefield in Richmond and Perryville, Kentucky. The donation will multiply 12.30 times. Every one dollar donated will turn into twelve dollars and thirty cents. We are also happy to report that we were able to donate one hundred dollars to the fund drive of the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum. This is in appreciation for their generosity in providing us with a meeting place in a most historic setting. Wish it could be a lot more!

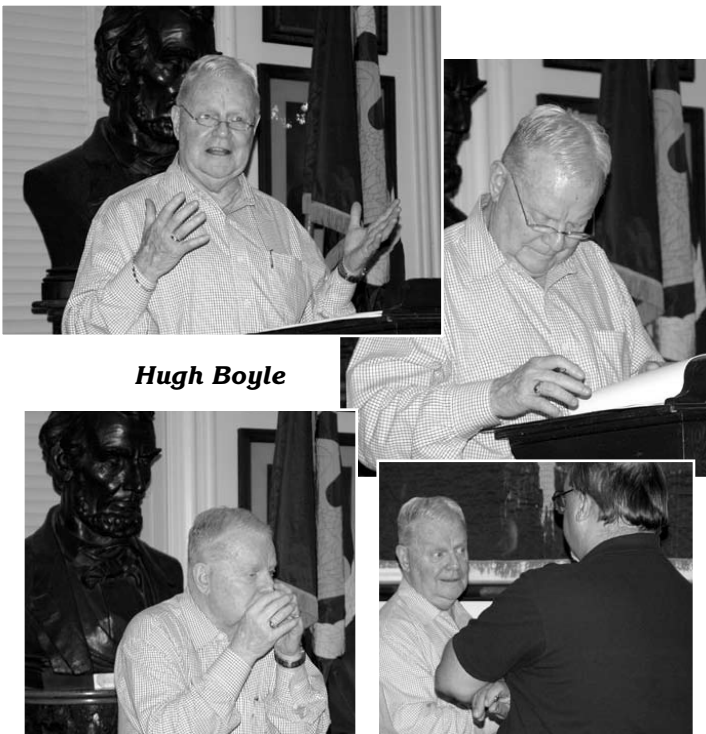
BE SURE TO REMEMBER: THE MEETING NEXT MONTH IS ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16TH !

Join us for dinner at the Marathon Restaurant, 19th and Spruce Sts., at 5:30 P.M. The museum opens at 6:30 P.M. Bring a friend or two. at 6:30 P.M.

Regards, Mike Cavanaugh, President

"Civil War Marriages"

Hugh Boyle, Historian, Teacher and President of the Delaware Valley CWRT. Hugh gave an outstanding program on the personal marriages on several outstanding Civil War era couples. How their personal life did not effect their managing of their war duties. His talk gave us insight into how some with personal tragedies were able to cope and some were not. It was a part of the CW that we don't often get a look into. It was a great talk on the personalities of the spouses of these men. Again we had a very informative and very entertaining meeting. Not quite a full house again... Hugh is always an excellent presenter... and a lover of the old Jazz (50s)

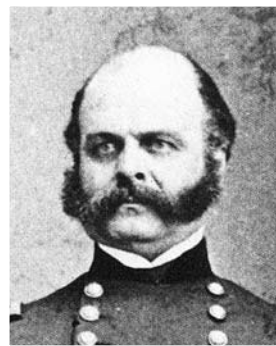


Hugh Boyle

Today in Civil War History

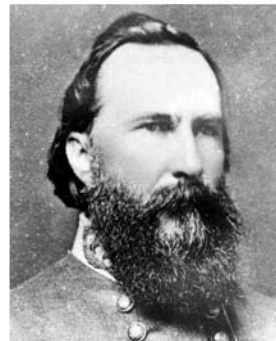
**Battle of Campbell Station, Tennessee
November 16, 1863**

Confederates under General James Longstreet fail to defeat a Union force under General Ambrose Burnside near Knoxville, Tennessee.



*General Ambrose Burnside
USA*

After the Battle of Gettysburg in early July, Army of Northern Virginia commander General Robert E. Lee allowed Longstreet to take two divisions to reinforce General Braxton Bragg's army around Chattanooga. The Confederate leadership realized that they were losing the war in the West, and relief was needed. Longstreet arrived just in time to execute a crucial attack in the Confederate victory at Chickamauga in northern Georgia. He stayed to help Bragg in the siege of Chattanooga, but the two men quarreled frequently. In late October, Union troops drove Longstreet's force away from Brown's Ferry, allowing the beleaguered Union troops in Chattanooga to resume shipping supplies via the Tennessee River. This led to a permanent split between the Confederate generals, and Bragg allowed Longstreet to head for eastern Tennessee in an attempt to secure that area for the Confederates. Campbell



*General James Longstreet
CSA*

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Station was the first engagement of his attempt to capture Knoxville, an area of intense anti-Confederate sentiment.

Burnside had only about 5,000 men in his command, but he hoped to keep Longstreet moving away from Chattanooga, where Union forces were pinned inside of a Confederate semicircle. Burnside allowed the Rebels to cross the Tennessee River but then realized that Longstreet could trap him along the river. He began a mad race to the strategic crossroads at Campbell Station, even abandoning many of his supply wagons in order to

move more quickly. The Yankees reached the intersection first, and Burnside planned to fight a delaying action. Longstreet caught up with him by the late afternoon, and a short battle ensued. A poorly coordinated attack by the Confederates failed to turn Burnside's flank, and the Union repulsed them with ease. The fighting ended at nightfall, and Burnside escaped into the defenses around Knoxville.

The Union lost 318 men killed and wounded; the Confederates lost 174.

HistoryChannel

The National Cemetery

Gettysburg A History of The Gettysburg Battle-Field Memorial Association

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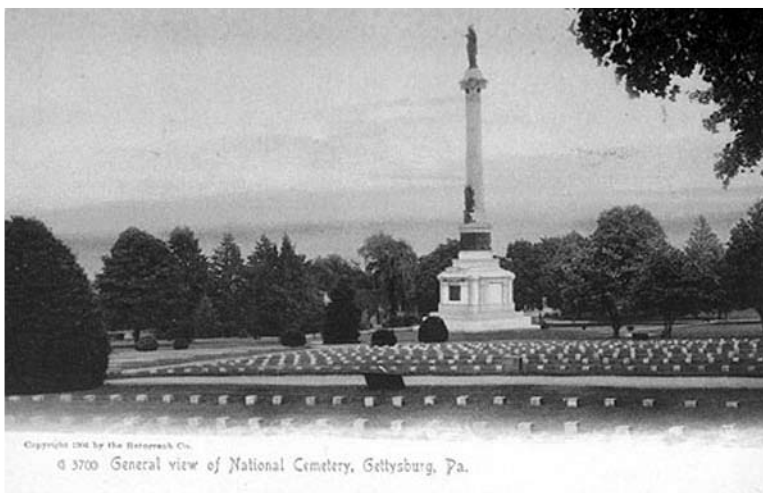
CONGRESS having passed an act on February 11, 1895, "to establish a National Military Park at Gettysburg," the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Battle-field Memorial Association, at a meeting held May 22, 1895, having been previously authorized to do so by a vote of the stockholders, decided to transfer to the United States government the six hundred acres of land which had been acquired by the Association, upon which seventeen miles of avenues had been constructed, giving access to the most interesting points of the battle-field, and to consign to the care and protection of the general government the three hundred and twenty monuments which had been erected upon the field by the several States and by regimental associations.

GETTYSBURG was the first cemetery in the country dedicated to the exclusive burial of soldiers, and was the first of our many national cemeteries.

A few days after the terrific battle, Governor A. G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, hastened to the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers, visited the battle-field and the numerous hospitals in and around Gettysburg, for the purpose of perfecting the arrangements for alleviating the sufferings and ministering to the wants of the wounded and dying. He appointed David Wills, Esq., of Gettysburg, to act as his special agent there.

The governor, with that profound sympathy and that care and anxiety for the soldier which always characterized him, approved the design for a soldier's cemetery, and directed a correspondence to be entered into at once with the governors of the other States having soldiers buried on the battle-field. The governors of the different States, with great promptness, seconded the project, and the details of the arrangement were subsequently agreed upon. Grounds favorably situated were selected by the agent, and the governor directed him to purchase them for the State of Pennsylvania, for the specific purpose of the burial of the soldiers who fell in defence of the Union in the battle of Gettysburg, lots in this cemetery to be gratuitously tendered to each State having such dead on the field. The expenses of the removal of the dead, of the laying out, ornamenting, and enclosing the grounds, of erecting a lodge for a keeper, and of constructing a suitable monument to the memory of the dead, were to be borne by the several States, and assessed in proportion to their population, as indicated by their representation in Congress. The governor stipulated that the State of Pennsylvania would subsequently keep the grounds in order, and the buildings and fences in repair.

Seventeen acres of land on Cemetery Hill, at the apex of the triangular line of battle of the Union army, were



*General View of the National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Old Post Card*

purchased by Pennsylvania for this purpose. There were stone fences upon these grounds, which had been advantageously used by the infantry, and upon the elevated portions many batteries of artillery had been planted.

The following-named commissioners, appointed by the governors of the different States which had soldiers buried in the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, met in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of December, 1863: Hon. B. W. Norris, of Maine; Hon. L. B. Mason, of New Hampshire; Mr. Henry Edwards, of Massachusetts; Mr. Alfred Coit, of Connecticut; Hon. Levi Scobey, of New Jersey; Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania; Colonel James Worrall, of Pennsylvania; Colonel John S. Berry, of Maryland; Mr. L. W. Brown and Colonel Gordon Lofland, of Ohio; Colonel John G. Stephenson, of Indiana; Mr. W. Y. Selleck, of Wisconsin. Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania, was elected chairman of the meeting, and Mr. W. Y. Selleck, of Wisconsin, secretary.

After some discussion, a committee of four was appointed to prepare and put in appropriate shape the details of the plan in reference to the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg. Colonel John G. Stephenson, of Indiana, Mr. Henry Edwards, of Massachusetts, Hon. Levi Scobey, of New Jersey, and Mr. David Wills, of Pennsylvania, constituting the committee, made the following report:

"Whereas, In accordance with an invitation from His Excellency, A. G. Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania, the governors of the several States appointed commissioners, who met at Harrisburg, December 17, 1863, to represent the States in convention, for the purpose of making arrangements for finishing the Soldiers' National Cemetery; therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the said commissioners, that the following be submitted to the different States interested in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, through their respective governors.



The Sickles' Act Plaque to establish a Military Park at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on the rear of the Lincoln Address Monument in the Cemetery



The Soldiers' National Monument Erected 1869 in the National Cemetery Military at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

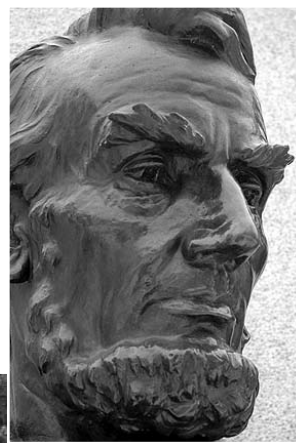
of the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

"Third. The following is the estimated expenses of finishing the cemetery:

Enclosing grounds	\$15,000.00
Burial expenses and superintending	6,000.00
Headstones	10,000.00
Laying out grounds and planting trees	5,000.00
Lodge	2,500.00
Monument	25,000.00
Total	\$63,500.00

"Fourth. That the several States be asked to appropriate a sum of money, to be determined by a division of the estimated expenses according to representation in Congress,

to be expended in defraying the cost of removing and reintering the dead, and finishing the cemetery, under directions of the cemetery corporation.



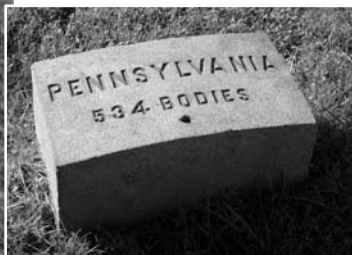
"Fifth. When the cemetery shall have been finished, the grounds are to be kept in order, the house and enclosure in repair, out of a fund created by annual appropriations made by the States,

which may be represented in the cemetery corporation, in proportion to their representation in Congress."

The report of the committee was unanimously



The Lincoln Address memorial



Section Markers and an Unknown Grave Marker



"First. That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall hold the title to the land which she has purchased at Gettysburg for the Soldiers' National Cemetery, in trust for States having soldiers in said cemetery, in perpetuity, for the purpose to which it is now applied.

"Second. That the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be requested to create a corporation to be managed by trustees, one to be appointed by each of the governors of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and of such other States as may hereafter desire to be represented in this corporation, which trustees shall at their first meeting be divided into three classes, the term of office of the first class to expire on the 1st day of January, 1865, the second class on the 1st day of January, 1866, and the third class on the 1st day of January, 1867, the vacancies thus occurring to be filled by the several governors, and the persons thus appointed to fill such vacancies to hold their office for the term of three years. This corporation shall have exclusive control

Photos from the Cemetery

Photos: Don Wiles



The Oldest Monument on the Battlefield is the Minnesota Urn - 1867



A monument erected to the highest ranking officer killed at Gettysburg - General John F. Reynolds - The metal used was from melted cannon tubes (barrels)

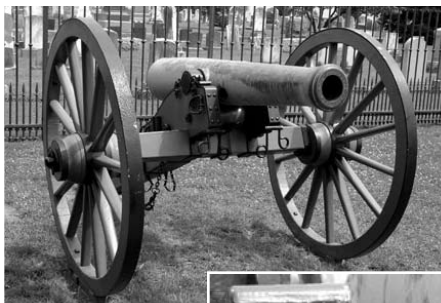
A single grave where remains of soldiers who have been found over recent years



Witness Tree - Honey Locust Looking straight ahead as you enter the Cemetery and located next to the fence used to separate the two cemeteries. The tree was here when Lincoln gave his famous address near this location



The grave of Captain William E. Miller, 3rd Pennsylvania Cavalry. Was awarded the Medal Of Honor for his action on July 3rd



12 Pound Napoleon Cannon of the 1st United States Artillery, Battery H The tube (barrel) has a dent from a Confederate shell. The dent is on the bottom side because the tube was remounted upside down. The gun was made by the Revere Copper Company



The grave of George Nixon 73rd Regiment Ohio Infantry Grandfather of President Richard M. Nixon

The grave of a brave soldier who carried his country's flag



The grave of Amos Humiston 154th Regiment New York Infantry Through his death the Soldiers' National Homestead Orphanage was establish for orphans of dead soldiers in Gettysburg.



The grave of George Dunkinfield 72nd Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry Uncle of W. C. Fields



The grave of Major General Charles Collis 114th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry Wanted to be buried with his men.



adopted.

Letters from the governors of the following States, which were not represented by commissioners, were received, expressing their disposition to approve any reasonable action of the meeting in reference to the completion of the cemetery at Gettysburg, - viz., Hon. Horatio Seymour, New York; Hon. Austin Blair, Michigan; Hon. James Y. Smith, Rhode Island; Hon. William Cannon, Delaware; and Hon. Henry G. Swift, Minnesota.

The following committee was appointed by the chairman, with the view to procure designs for a monument to be erected in the cemetery: Hon. Levi Scobey, New Jersey; Hon. B. W. Morris, Maine; Mr. D. W. Brown, Ohio; Colonel J. G. Stephenson, Indiana; and Colonel John S. Berry, Maryland.

The plans and designs of the cemetery, as laid out and designed by Mr. William Saunders, were adopted.

"The Soldiers' National Cemetery" was incorporated by an Act of Legislature of Pennsylvania, approved March 25,

1864.

The cemetery is beautifully located upon the highest ground of Cemetery Ridge.

The enclosure around it consists of a very substantial, well-built stone wall, surmounted with heavy dressed coping stone. This wall extends along the east, north, and west sides of the grounds. The division fence between the Soldiers' National Cemetery and the local cemetery is of iron. The front fence and gate-way are of ornamental iron-work. The gate-way bears this inscription:

*"On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
While glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead."*

The gate-lodge is a handsome stone building, two stories high. The grounds are beautifully graded and tastefully planted with trees and shrubs. The erection of the headstones, costing over \$20,000, and which took over a year to complete, is a most permanent and durable piece of work.



Plate III of "Famous Union Battle-Flags" in Mary A. Livermore, My Story of the War (1889)

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The Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia holds some remarkable examples of such battle flags—along with thousands of other significant items, many donated by Civil War veterans themselves.

Tracing our roots to April 1865, we are the nation's oldest Civil War museum. Our collection of artifacts, photographs, works of art, archival materials, and a 10,000-volume library is one of the largest and most complete anywhere. We have items from every state involved in the Union war effort, and a variety of Confederate materials, also. Our Victorian-era building, located near Philadelphia's historic Rittenhouse Square, is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 to 4:30, with ten rooms showcasing many outstanding items from our collection.

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This fall, help support the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia. After all, as Mother Nature knows, there's no better time to show your colors!

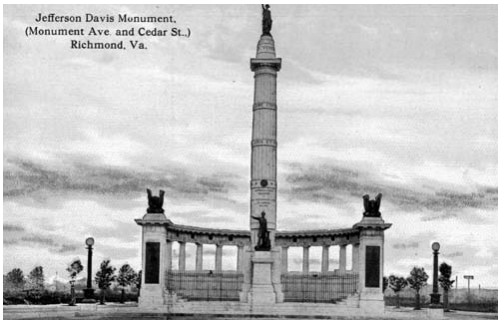
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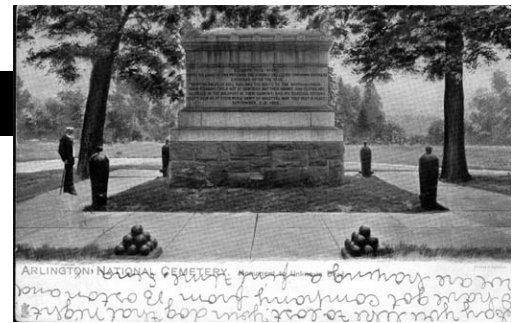
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*Jefferson Davis Monument, Richmond, Virginia.
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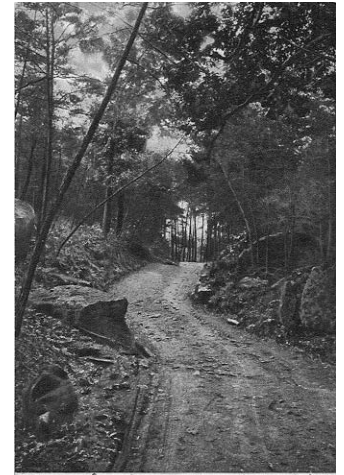


Illinois Monument at General Bragg's Headquarters, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn. - No Postmark, or Published date



Tomb of Civil War Unknown Soldiers, Arlington, Virginia - No Postmark, or Published date

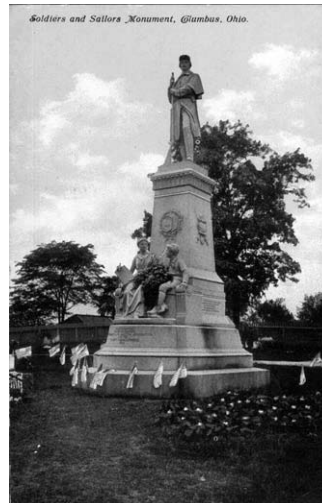
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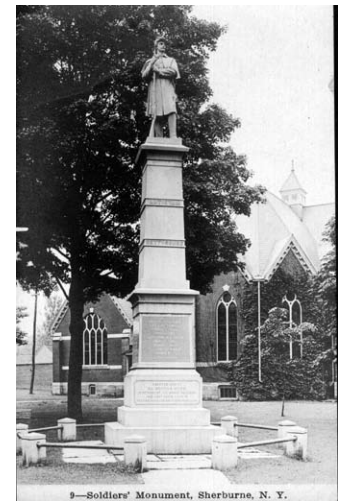
Roadway on Wolf Hill, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. - No Postmark, Published 1906



Stone marks the spot where CSA General John Morgan surrendered near West Point, Ohio. - No Postmark, or Published date



Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Columbus, Ohio. - Postmark 1911, No Published date



Soldiers Monument, Sherburne, New York. - No Postmark or Published date



Soldiers Monument, Indianapolis, Indiana. - No Postmark, or Published date

Schedule of Old Baldy CWRT Speakers for 2006

November 16, 2006 - Thursday
Herb Kauffman

Vice-President Of The Old Baldy CWRT. Treasurer, Del-Val CWRT., Gettysburg Historian

Topic: *History and Development of the Gettysburg Battlefield, 1864 through 1910*

December 14, 2006 - Thursday
Steve Wright

Past President of the Old Baldy CWRT, Past Curator of the Civil War Library and Museum, Historian

Topic: *Minnesota Sioux Uprising*

January 20, 2007 - Saturday

Old Baldy CWRT 30th Anniversary Dinner

Williamsons Restaurant , Route 611, Horsham, PA.

Special guest speaker

Dr. Richard Summers,

Chief Archivist and Historian

at the U. S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle, PA.

Topic: *That Maryland Raid Upset My Plans:*

Ulysses S. Grant and Early's Raid.

Dinner at 7 P.M and program at 8 P.M. Cost \$35.00 per person. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Contact Mike Cavanaugh at (610) 867-8231 or e-mail chief96pbi@rcn.com for information.

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, begin at 7:30 PM at the

Civil War Library and Underground Railroad Museum, 1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Questions to Mike Cavanaugh at 610-867-8231 or chief96pbi@rcn.com

Members go out to a local restaurant for dinner between 5:30 & 6 P.M.

You're Welcome to Join Us!

Blue & Gray Education Society 2006-2007 Schedule

BGES is Proud to Announce its 2006 Schedule for Tours and Seminars: Details of programs and registration forms will be available from December 1st. To be added to the mailing list for any particular program please email bgesbill@aol.com. Make sure to provide your snail mail address and phone number. Registration forms will be available on line from December 1st and as completed.

November 16-18: BGES Staff Ride of the Battle of South Mountain, Crampton's Gap and Maryland Heights with Dennis Frye, Tom Clemens, Corky Lowe and Al Preston based in Hagerstown, Maryland

December 11-16: Cajuns, Coonasses and War with Ed Bearss and others based in New Orleans, Louisiana.

February 1-3, 2007: Sherman's March through South Carolina with Stephen Wise starting from Savannah, GA. Part of the BGES' Discovering the Civil War series.

February 25-March 6, 2007: Monterrey is Ours: Zachary Taylor in Mexico with Ed Bearss and Neil Mangum starting from San Antonio with three days in Monterrey (passport needed). This tour will include The Texas War of Independence, The Alamo, Goliad, Brownsville and Palmito Ranch (Last battle of the Civil War). Part of the Bearss Archives Series (a commitment BGES has made to build the battlefield archives of Ed Bearss)

March 14-17, 2007: BGES Staff Ride of Shiloh with Parker Hills and Len Riedel (Wiley Sword has been invited to join faculty) based in Corinth, Mississippi. BGES' Advanced Level Study of the Civil War

April 1-5, 2007: Revolutionary Decision in the Carolinas: General Greene and Lord Cornwallis Fight for Control of the South with Ed Bearss based in Charlotte, NC. Part of the Bearss Archives series (a commitment BGES has made to build the battlefield archives of Ed Bearss).

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The Civil War Institute

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Fall 2006 Schedule

All classes are Act 48 approved

Civil War Potpourri – This brand-new course will cover a different topic each week, hosted by a different member of the Round Table. On the agenda are the Critical Role of Horses in the Civil War, Notable Civil War Marriages, Spies for the Blue and Gray, How the Press Covered the War, the Women's War, and a final panel discussion on Heroes, Rogues and Lunatics – Memorable Personalities of the War. This exciting elective will cover 6 Mondays, November 6 through December 11. \$70

**Classes will run from 6:30 till 8:30 pm
Manor College
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Call (215) 884-2218 to register.**

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