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EVERYONE WELCOME

 **DID YOU KNOW?**
.Centuries before and decades after the Civil War, doorways were wide, not because of the width of women’s skirts, but so coffins could be passed through, with a pallbearer on either side.

.Surgeons never washed their hands after an operation because all of the blood was assumed to be the same.



HARRY BULKELEY

presents-

“I Propose To Fight It Out”

November 15, 2011

6:45 PM Tuesday

Civic Center Library

Harry Bulkeley lives a block and a half from where he was born in Galesburg, IL. Galesburg was the site of the 5th Lincoln Douglas debate and he suspects that may have sparked his life-long interest in the Civil War. He had to temporarily interrupt his studies of the war while he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law. After several years of private law practice and 24 years as a trial court judge in Illinois, he was able to return to his real interest.

Visiting many battlefields led to his attending Gettysburg as a Confederate re-enactor! The beard that he grew for that produced a similarity to General Grant that led to his Grant portrayal at many reenactments including the 140th at Shiloh that was filmed for the PBS American Experience presentation *Ulysses Grant: Warrior President* and the History Channel’s *“Sherman’s March”*. He recently completed a new film for the visitor’s center at the Shiloh National Military Park. This led Bulkeley to create a one man show in which Grant tells his own story. “I try to present a glimpse of the real man, not the myth that grew up after his death.”

We are in for a treat with this “one man portrayal” of General Ulysses S. Grant. His portrayal opens with Grant’s writing his memoirs near the end of his life and looks back on his accomplishments. USA Today called Harry Bulkeley a “dead ringer”. Come see if you agree!

THIS SEASON'S LINEUP 2011 - 2012

January 17th

Ed Bearss.....*Raising The Cairo*

February 21st

Howard Strouse...*Winfield Scott: America's
Preeminent Soldier and Diplomat*

March 20th

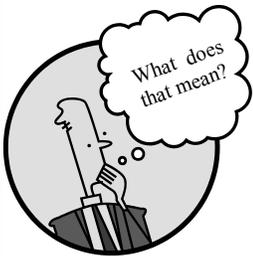
John Waugh.....*Lincoln and McClellan*

April 17th

David Duncan...*Current Challenges in Battlefield
Preservation*

May 15th

Craig Symonds...*The River War*



HOW'S YOUR CIVIL WAR VOCABULARY?

Abatis: A line of trees, chopped down and placed with their branches facing the enemy, used to strengthen fortifications.

Casualty: A soldier who was wounded, killed, or missing in action.

Fascine: A tightly bound bundle of straight sticks used to reinforce earthworks, trenches or lunettes. Fascines could also be used to make revetments, field magazines, fill material and blinds.

Lunette: A fortification shaped roughly like a half-moon. It presented 2 or 3 sides to the enemy but the rear was open to friendly lines.

Revetment: A structure built to hold either natural or man-made embankments in position. Revetments could be made of items such as sandbags, fascines, gabions, brick, stone and so on.

FROM WES' DEN.....In the last issue I told you about finding Josiah Henson Historic Site in Canada. His autobiography was the source for Harriet Beecher Stowes' *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Because my wife was reading *Wild Rose, The True Story Of A Civil War Spy*, I have a fascinating addition to the story.

Wild Rose is Rose O'Neale Greenhow, and her story came forth in 2006 because of author Ann Blackman's terrific research.

When Rose was about ten years old, her father was murdered by his servant. John O'Neale was a planter like his father and grandfather before him. He was an Irish Roman Catholic, owned 15 slaves, and was a drunk. The plantation, named "Conclusion", in Maryland, was about 35 miles northwest of Washington D.C.

John O'Neale had a first cousin named Isaac Riley, who owned a slave, Josiah Henson, of all people. John's favorite slave was Jake, 20 years old, who was an acrobatic athlete, double jointed entertainer, when called upon. Though John had five daughters, and a large farm, he still spent a lot of time at a nearby tavern.

On April 22, 1817, a drunken John O'Neale, left the tavern on his horse with Jake, also drunk, trotting behind him. Jake testified that he was ordered to go ahead on home and get help. Jake got home and passed out. At dawn he retrace his path and found his master lying in the pathway, dead.

According to court records of the death of Rose's father, Jake was charged with murder and convicted and sentenced to hang. Within six months, the sentence was carried out. The widow was credited with \$400 for the loss of her slave, since he was dead and could not be sold.

In the Josiah Henson memoir, composed years after escaping to Canada, he told of a similar incident with his master, who got drunk and fell and then blamed him. He was angry, but alive. Since "Uncle Tom" Henson lived almost next door, he knew the full story and obviously dressed up his memoir with this story.

John O'Neale and Isaac Riley handled their slaves just like most Southern farmers and Jake's role was very similar to the one described by Josiah Henson, in his book. Amazing how Rose O'Neale and Jake and Josiah Henson all lived next to each other. *To be continued next newsletter.....* Your most obedient servant *Wes Schmidt*



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UPCOMING MOVIES

Appomattox. 2013 will show us an  eight hour miniseries that follows the military men of the Civil War from their days at West Point. Haven't heard what channel has picked it up yet, but its sure to be a winner with Rob Lowe (James Longstreet), Michael C. Hall (Ulysses S. Grant), William Petersen (William T. Sherman). Music by Rascal Flatts, Kix Brooks and Dwight Yoakam.

Lincoln. Produced by Steven Spielberg starring Daniel Day-Lewis as the 16th President, Sally Field (Mary Todd Lincoln), Tommy Lee Jones (Thaddeus Stevens). Written by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Last heard the release date is December 2012.

WHAT HAPPENED TO:

The Children of President Abraham Lincoln

by
Henry Potosky
SCWRT Member

The family of Abraham and Mary Lincoln included four sons.



Their first son, Robert Todd Lincoln was born on August 1, 1843. He attended Harvard University and received a Law Degree. After graduating Robert became a successful lawyer. In 1875 he petitioned the court to have his mother placed in a mental institution due to the unusual behavior she displayed. Mary Lincoln did serve time in an institution after the trial ended. Robert Lincoln was the only one of the Lincoln children to reach adulthood. He did marry but had no children. He died at the age of 82 in 1926.



Abraham Lincoln's second son, Edward (Eddie) Baker Lincoln was born on March 10, 1846. He died of "Thyroid Cancer" on February 1, 1850 just prior to his fourth birthday.



William (Willie) Wallace Lincoln was born on December 21, 1850. He died in the White House from Typhoid Fever at the age of eleven.



Thomas (Tad) Lincoln was born on April 4, 1853. He was living with his mother in Chicago when he died at the age of 18 on July 15, 1871. The cause of death was listed as "Compression of the Heart". What the actual cause of death was is unknown since "Compression of the Heart" had many meanings.

SCOTTSDALE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Scottsdale Historical Museum is looking for volunteer docents. Perhaps you've visited the museum, it's also known as the Little Red Schoolhouse and is located at 7333 E. Scottsdale Mall. Docents greet and inform visitors from around the world about early life in Scottsdale. Training is provided and only one 3½ hour shift each month is required. For more info: PLEASE call Lois Fagen Docent Coordinator 480-423-8893.

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS

by

Tom Lannon
SCWRT Member

Over the summer SCWRT board member Don Swanson and I participated in a three-day tour of the Fredericksburg battlefield led by Frank O'Reilly of the National Park Service. Members who attended our April 2011 meeting will remember Frank's lecture on the Liberty Hall Volunteers. We were very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable candidate serve as our guide as Frank has been an historian at the Fredericksburg battlefield for decades and is the author of *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, which won the Capital District Book Award in 2002. He is a nationally recognized expert on this battle.

This was not the first visit to Fredericksburg for either of us but we both felt it was the most enlightening. Prior to this my understanding of the battle was limited to the narrative of General Burnside forcing a Federal crossing of the Rappahannock River and throwing wave after wave of his infantrymen into futile and disastrous assaults; first with the doomed charge across the "Slaughter Pen" in an attempt to dislodge Stonewall Jackson's men from Prospect Hill and secondly against entrenched defenders under General Longstreet on Marye's Heights. I could not understand the decision making process that allowed such a tragedy to occur and to continue without apparent hope of success throughout the battle. This tour changed that.

Walking the battlefield for three days with someone like Frank O'Reilly was an eye opening experience. He provided information on the political circumstances that existed at the time which influenced some of the decisions of leaders on both sides of the conflict. He also gave tremendous insight into the personalities of the people involved and detailed accounts of the fighting as we stood in the sites where it took place. And he entertained us with great personal anecdotes of the combatants.

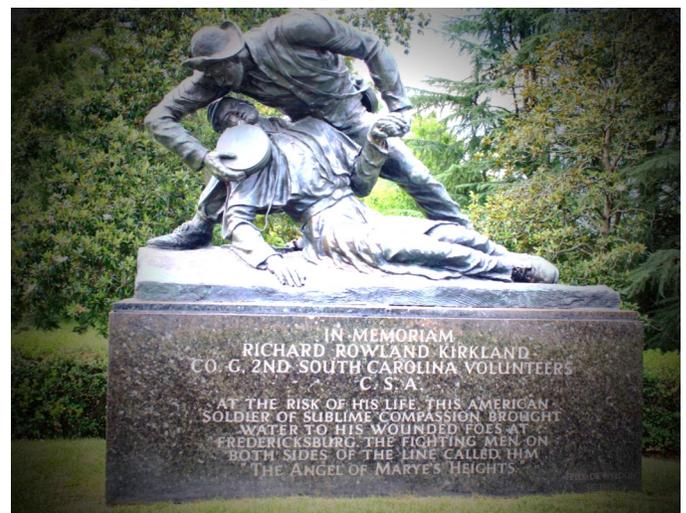
One of the nice things about this particular tour was the small size of the group. Beside the two of us from Arizona there were only two other participants, not counting Frank as the tour guide, and Bruce Venter, CEO of the tour company that organized everything.

The national economy over the past couple of years has not been kind to tour companies and I am very grateful that Bruce did not cancel this tour even though the attendance was so small. For the

participants it was a great opportunity to interact personally with a historian of Frank's stature and enjoy great opportunities for questions and answers. Frank's style of instruction was one of explaining the situation and then soliciting discussion of why the participants made the decisions they did faced with that situation. He reminded me of some of the better teachers I have enjoyed during my school years. After three days of this I felt I had a much better understanding of why the events played out as they did. And I had a better feel for General Burnside's assessment of the situation. The battle no longer seemed as one-sided as I previously thought it was.

The limited size of the group also allowed for a smaller, but very comfortable, mode of transportation and we were able to go to sites a large tour bus could never do. Frank mentioned when we visited sites associated with the river fords and the Burnside's "Mud March" that he was seldom able to take tour groups to these places. We also got to walk some of the "Slaughter Pen" property the Civil War Trust has saved in recent years. I was proud our Round Table was a regular contributor to an organization so dedicated to preserving these sites with such historical significance. While I am sure that Bruce Venter would have preferred a larger group for business reasons, for us as participants the small group was a real treat.

Bruce's company is America's History LLC and this was our second tour with him. Both trips have enjoyed great accommodations, good coordination and excellent guides. I doubt it will be my last trip with his company.



Memorial reads:

IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD ROWLAND KIRKLAND
CO. G 2ND SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS
C. S. A.

AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE, THIS AMERICAN
SOLDIER OF SUBLIME COMPASSION BROUGHT
WATER TO HIS WOUNDED FOES AT
FREDERICKSBURG, THE FIGHTING MEN ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE CALLED HIM
"THE ANGEL OF MARYE'S HEIGHTS"