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3839 N Drinkwater Blvd Scottsdale

on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:45 PM—8:45 PM

.September thru May (no meeting December)

.\$35 Annual Dues (individual)

.\$45 Annual Dues (family)

EVERYONE WELCOME



**DAVID DUNCAN**

- presents -

***The Great American Battlefield Preservation Quiz:  
Where The Audience Learns At Least 9½ New Things About  
Battlefield Preservation***

April 17th, 2012

6:45 PM Tuesday

Civic Center Library

For the past 11 years, David has had the honor to serve under Jim Lighthizer as the Civil War Trust’s Director of Membership and Development. This means that he has bottom-line responsibility for all fund raising at the Trust, overseeing all major-donor stewardship and membership activities, new member acquisition and renewal, direct mail appeals, planned giving, foundation grants and members’ services.

David joined the Trust in March 2000 after 14 years in the political fund raising industry. His earlier work was nationally recognized for effectiveness three times by the American Association of Political Consultants.

He is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals as well as the Direct Marketing Association of Washington, which has recognized his work with seven awards for excellence, and he has served as a board member of the Conservation and Preservation Charities of America.

Of greatest importance, however, is that during his eleven-year tenure heading up the Trust’s fund raising efforts, he and his team have now raised more than \$95 million from private donors worldwide to leverage a nearly equal amount of public funds, to help save more than 30,000 acres of hallowed ground.

His goal is to be the one person who raises more money than anyone else ever has or ever will, living or dead, anywhere in the universe, to save America's Civil War battlefields.

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**



Andersonville Prison in southwestern Georgia, held 33,000 prisoners in 1864.

The average American in the 1860’s could not afford to paint their houses and a painted house was a sign of affluence. In order to keep up appearances, they used cedar clapboards.



### FROM WES' DEN:

Great March meeting with attendance of 179! With a new sound system available, it was a relief for all of us. I remember when John Waugh was here years ago and told us about his acclaimed "The Class of 1846". That is a gem and I urge you to "get it read". All these friends gave us quite a war. Great research and fascinating story. Our speaker did the same thorough job on "Lincoln & McClellan", and had many great quotes. My favorite: "McClellan, a self-made man who worshiped his creator". Another prominent person said "He was the only man that even while seated, could still strut". Very enjoyable presentation. I know many of our members missed this lecture and you should try and catch it on our website. (You will be notified when it is posted there.) All our speakers in the 2011 - 2012 year have been top notch.

And I Remain Your Most Obedient Servant,

*WES SCHMIDT*



### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the May meeting for the following slate of officers and board member for a two year term, pending approval by our membership:

- President: John Bamberl
- Vice President: Dean Becraft
- Secretary: Karen Becraft
- Treasurer: Charles Madigan
- Board Member: Wes Schmidt

With the resignation of Wes Schmidt as our long standing President (16 years!), John Bamberl has agreed to accept this important job. All of you who know John Bamberl, know we will be in very capable hands with him at the helm. Wes has agreed to serve a two year term on the board. Thank you Wes for your many, many years of service and still sticking around to help us out!

### BOARD MEMBERS RESIGNATION

Two of our long serving board members have decided to turn in their resignations at the end of this year's season, May 2012 and the SCWRT says "Thank you" to both of them.

Mack Stanley, who was our Program Chairman for 15 years, has been a board member for longer than that! Mack has agreed to still help out on the Book committee, helping Hank Potosky with the book sales.

Duff McGovern....you will be missed! Treasurer from May 1999 thru August of 2004 and a board member from 2006!



When you see these gentlemen at the April meeting, shake their hands. We wouldn't have a Round Table without them!

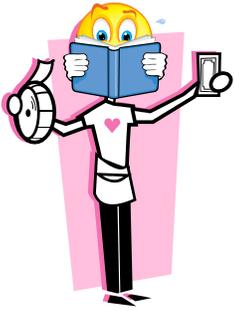
### SAD PASSING

Our sympathies to our good friend, Ed Bearss and his family, with the passing of his daughter, Sara Bearss, 51, of Richmond, Virginia on February 13, 2012.

A gifted writer, historian and Latin scholar, she was managing editor for publications at the Virginia Historical Society and since 2000, had been senior editor of the Dictionary of Virginia Biography at the Library of Virginia.

The Scottsdale Civil War Round Table has made a donation to Civil War Trust in her honor and memory of \$250.





## BOOK RAFFLE

The Scottsdale Civil War Round Table exists for two basic reasons: 1) To provide quality Civil War experts to lecturer on topics of interest to our members, friends and our community and 2) to donate money to preserve Civil War sites and battlefields through the Civil War Trust. This year, with the help of our book sales chairman, Hank Potosky and the generosity of our membership, we have contributed \$3,250 to that cause. The SCWRT board would like to go a step further with our fund raising and have fun doing it with a book raffle.

Various Civil War books will be raffled off at each meeting. The funds from the raffle will go directly to the Civil War Trust for preserving battlefields. The raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The tickets will be sold before the meeting and the drawing will be held just after the question and answer session. The winner will have to be present to win. Here are a list of books for the 1st raffle at the April meeting:

*The Complete Gettysburg Guide* by J.D. Petruzzi  
*Been In Two Fights* by Curtis E. Tipton (signed)  
*Conversations With My Grandfather* by Wink Dameron (signed)

The combined value of these books is \$70. The 1st drawn ticket will get his choice of the books and so on.

Let's have a great 1st raffle at the April meeting!



## UPCOMING MEETING:

May 15 - Craig Symonds.... *The River War*

Next season's Round Tables promise to be the best yet...the speaker line-up will be in the May issue of your *Grapeshot*.



## CIVIL WAR DISCUSSION GROUP

Guidon Books and SCWRT member, Dave Shultz are pleased to present a monthly discussion group on Civil War topics. There are no fees or dues, just a willingness to read and discuss the monthly topic in a friendly setting. Dave Shultz will be the group's facilitator. The first meeting is set for:

April 12th  
 6:30 PM  
 Guidon Books  
 7109 E. 2nd St  
 Scottsdale

The first topic is the Battle of Gettysburg Examining What If's, in relationship to "time and terrain". Below is a list of books that you might consider reading to familiarize yourself with the topic:

- 1) *Battle of Gettysburg* by the Comte de Paris. (Butternut and Blue)
- 2) *The Meade-Sickles Controversy* by Richard A. Sauers
- 3) *The Fog of Gettysburg: The Myths and Mysteries of the Battle* by Ken Allers, Jr. (Cumberland House)
- 4) *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg* by Troy D. Harman (Stackpole Books)
- 5) *Sickles at Gettysburg* by Jim Hessler (Savas Beatie)
- 6) *The Gettysburg Nobody Knows* by Gabor S. Boritt (Oxford University Press)
- 7) *War Stories: 150 Little Known Human Interest Stories of the Campaign and Battle of Gettysburg* by Gregory A. Coco (Thomas Publications)
- 8) *The Gettysburg Then and Now Companion* by William A. Frassanito (Thomas Publications)
- 9) *The Myth of Little Round Top: Gettysburg, Pa* by Gary Adelman
- 10) *The New Gettysburg Campaign Handbook, June 9-July 14, 1863: Facts, Photos, and Artwork for Readers of All Ages* by J. David Petruzzi and Steven Stanley (Savas Beatie, 2011)

**WHAT HAPPENED TO:  
The Wife and Children of  
General Winfield Scott Hancock**  
by Henry Potosky  
SCWRT Member

Winfield Scott Hancock married Almira Russell on January 24, 1850. They had two children. Their first child, a son, was named Russell. He was born on October 29, 1850 in St. Louis, Missouri. Their second child, a girl was named Ada. She was born on February 24, 1857 in Ft. Myers, Florida. She is believed to be the first white child to be born in Ft. Myers.

Russell had four children Myra, Ada, Gwynn and Winfield. Winfield died at the age of four months on July 13, 1880. On December 30, 1884, Russell died at the age of 34.

Ada died on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1875, at the age of 19. The cause of her death was Typhoid Fever.

Winfield and Almira both outlived their children. Winfield died on February 7, 1886. Almira died on April 20, 1893 of a "Heart Clot".



Winfield Scott Hancock



Almira Russell Hancock

**THE KIDNAPPING OF  
PETER JOHN HARVEY**

by

Lena Mac Amacker (1906 - 2009)

*"I helped my mother write this in 2002 about my paternal grandmother's older half brother who served in the Civil War."*

Mary Anne Hammond  
SCWRT Member

Down in Mississippi, everyone knows about the Copeland Clan which preyed on country people from Alabama to Texas to Ohio. You can find records at New Augusta in Perry County of events when old Augusta was at the head of steamboat navigation on the Leaf River, before the piney woods took back the old farms. Much has been written about these lawless men, but much remains to be told about the families of their victims.

In 1848 James Andrew Harvey of Perry County, Mississippi had a business arrangement, a bad one it proved, with one of the infamous Copeland clan, which finally wound up in a shoot-out. James A. Harvey was wounded and died a few days later. In order to keep this secret from the gang, the body was taken at night to a distant cemetery and buried between two graves with no marker.

A few days later, 3 year old Peter John, the young son of James Andrew Harvey and his wife, Laura Hall, was missing. Laura's family and relatives and friends thought the Copeland clan had taken Peter John in revenge for the death of one of their members.

By 1857 the law of the land had captured the member of the Copeland Clan who had killed James A. Harvey. On October tenth, James Copeland was hanged at old Augusta.

Then along came the 1860's and the War Between the States. Some service men from Perry County, Mississippi met with a Harvey soldier from Georgia. He told them he had lived in Perry County when he was a child, but he had no family there because they had all been killed by the Copeland Clan. The Perry men then asked him what was his full name. When he replied Peter John Harvey, they said, "Your mother and sister were well and okay when we left home and you have a stepfather and half brothers and half sisters."

After their service time, the men returned home and Peter John Harvey went to reunite with his family and later marry a local Mississippi gal.

Peter John Harvey told how his Grandfather had taken him, riding his horse. They rode many days stopping over nights. One night the grandfather had barred the door of their room and told Peter John not to answer the door or open it. He slipped out the window and was gone a long time. The relatives figured this incident was during the time a man and wife were mysteriously killed. They had offered a great deal of money for someone to kill James Andrew Harvey.

The grandfather educated Peter John at Georgia's military academy. He served as 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Co. D, 39<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.

For further information on Copeland clan, go to:

[http://www.thepastwhispers.com/Copeland\\_Gang.html](http://www.thepastwhispers.com/Copeland_Gang.html)