

Circular Memorandum #526

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Announcing Our 556th Meeting

May 2021

**"War, Memory, and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion"  
Will be Presented by Thomas Flagel**

**DATE: Saturday, May 8**

**PROGRAM: 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: Your Home**

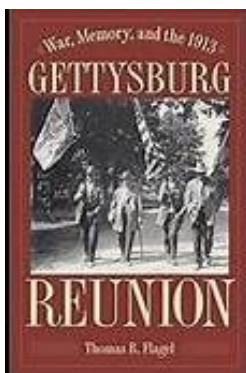
**Meet our Speaker Thomas Flagel**

Thomas Flagel is a professor of History at Columbia State Community College in Tennessee. He holds degrees from Loras College (B.A., History), Kansas State University (M.A., European History), Creighton University (M.A., International Relations), Middle Tennessee State University (PhD., Public History) and has studied at the University of Vienna. Author of several books and articles on the Civil War, Flagel has spoken multiple times at Gettysburg, including the 150th Anniversary Commemoration. He has also worked with multiple historic preservation groups, including the American Battlefield Trust and the National Park Service. Originally from Iowa, he currently resides in Franklin, Tennessee.



**"War, Memory, and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion"**

*War, Memory, and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion* is a case study of how combat veterans cope with trauma. An exploration of the largest Blue/Gray reunion ever held, it examines why over 55,000 survivors of the Civil War journeyed back to a place of pain and suffering, and how the reunion helped them heal.



**Reviews of *War, Memory, and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion***

"Flagel's Book provides the first real 'bottom up' account of what the reunion actually looked like for the veterans themselves...his gem of a book has managed to say something truly new about Gettysburg and memory."

- *Civil War Book Review*

"With this work, Flagel has added a new level of insight to the field of Civil War memory." - Kevin Caprice, University of Virginia

## An Interview With Thomas R. Flagel

**\*\***This interview was taken from the The Civil War Trust's website.

**The Civil War Trust recently had the opportunity to talk with Thomas Flagel, Professor of History at Columbia State Community College and member of The Battle of Franklin Trust's Board of Directors.**

Civil War Trust: You produce short history movies called "Stories of Middle Tennessee." What do these stories, which explore topics such as the Civil War roots of Elvis' "Love Me Tender" and the role of horses in battle, tell us about the Civil War?

**Thomas R. Flagel:** Hopefully, these stories remind us how connected we are to our past, and in many ways, our world is not all that much different than theirs.

Our "Love Me Tender" was their "Aura Lee," and both songs were about missing a loved one. Their horses were our motor vehicles, and our respective worlds depended on them. Many Americans assume that "history" is about something that is unrelated and long gone. I am of the camp that believes the past and present are inseparable - we simply reshape what we inherit from yesterday.

How do you decide which topics to cover?

**TRF:** The topics tend to find us. That is why I find the research so fascinating. And that is one of the great aspects about studying the Civil War. Our soil is rich with its stories. Such is certainly the case here in Franklin. For example, I knew that quinine played a major role in treating and prevent malaria during the Civil War. But further research taught me that John Sappington, who helped develop the quinine pill, had practiced medicine in Franklin. I knew that the Franklin's Masonic Lodge was used as a hospital after the Battle of Franklin, but until recently, I did not know that it was one of the first three-story buildings ever constructed in Tennessee. It is not an exaggeration to say that I am learning something every day, an experience I get whenever I study any community in detail.

Though you have studied European history and international relations, much your work now tends to focus on the specific history of middle Tennessee. Why?

**TRF:** My fellow Europeanists and I used to joke that "American History" was a contradiction in terms, that the country was too young to have a history. One of my colleagues was rather irked by our aloofness, so she took me on a two-week whirlwind tour of Civil War sites in Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, and Virginia. When we got back home to the Midwest, she said, "There, now tell me again how this country doesn't have history." I was so moved by the experience that I began to study the Civil War in earnest. Fifteen years later, American History is my profession, Tennessee is my home, and that colleague is now my wife.

How was Franklin, Tennessee a microcosm of the nation during the Civil War?

**TRF:** Williamson County, of which Franklin is the county seat, was literally half slave and half free. Nearly 52 percent of its population was enslaved when the war began. It was a rural place, much like the vast majority of the country. Despite popular assumptions that the North was relatively urbanized, around 70 percent of Union troops and 80 percent of Confederate soldiers came from communities that had 2,000 or fewer residents.

I find it fascinating that the Census Department in 1860 classified any town with 2,000 or more resident as a "city." In 1860, Franklin itself contained about 1,500 people. While this region did have the quintessential cash crops of cotton and tobacco, it was just as wealthy in hogs, horses, mules, corn, wheat and hardwoods.

Franklin's town shops sold insurance from Connecticut, silks and candies from New York, linens from Massachusetts, and news from around the world. Lastly, when this community went to war, many residents assumed the affair would be brief. Four years later, it had to make entirely new cemeteries. Nearly every family was affected. The land saw skirmishes, raids, ravenous foragers, military occupation, and massive battles. When the war was over, its enslaved were free, but sadly neither Franklin nor the country altogether were fully committed to human equality under the law.

### **The May Meeting Will Be a Zoom Meeting**

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the May meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Big Spring Country Club, our meeting place, has informed us that they will be closed in May and we are going to hold this meeting as a Zoom meeting on the scheduled date as planned. The ongoing situation that continues to develop and continues to change with the virus will dictate how soon we can meet in person.

### **How Does Zoom Work?**

This is basically how Zoom would work for a meeting. First, you will need to download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cellphone. You can do this by going to zoom.us and clicking on "Resources" and "Download Zoom Client for Meetings". You will receive an email before the meeting with a link that you will click on and that will take you directly into the meeting. You will not need to enter a passcode or password as the link will take you directly into the meeting. We encourage you to log in ahead of the start time so that you will be ready when the meeting starts. At 7:00 you will see Sid Gamertsfelder, who is subbing for President Dave Hoffmann at thismeeting, introduce the speaker and then you will be able to see and hear the speaker give his talk. You can ask questions during the talk using the chat function and the speaker will answer at the end of the meeting. The meeting will last about one hour and of course you can drink your favorite beverages and munch on snacks while you watch, and you do not have to dress "up"!

### **Email Addresses - Very Important for Zoom Meetings**

To connect to our Zoom Webinar activities, we need a current and active email for you. We have email addresses for most of our members. I will need to have your email address before May 7 when the link to the meeting will be sent. You can send me your email at [johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:johnd.davis@twc.com). As a reminder, we do not share your email address with any outside group. If you receive the newsletter by email, you obviously do not need to send your email address to me unless you have a new email address.

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### **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon and BBQ Will Return September 4<sup>th</sup>!!!**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon and BBQ fundraiser is scheduled to be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost to attend is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. The theme of this year's event is "Devils and Spirits of Kentuckiana" which will feature a presentation by Dr. James Fuller on a Civil War serial killer. The whiskey tasting will feature Michael Veach and Indiana whiskeys. It will once again be held at Art Boerner's home on the Ohio river with Art preparing his famous BBQ ribs and Marc Oca will smoke a batch of pulled pork. You can send your check to LCWRT, 9462 Brownsboro Rd. #142, Louisville, KY. 40241. No credit cards and your payment is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

**THE LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ FUND RAISER**

**4 SEPTEMBER 2021**

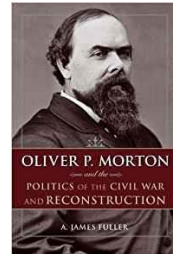
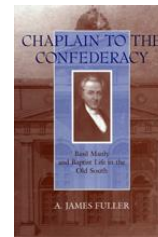


**"DEVILS & SPIRITS OF KENTUCKIANA"**  
**3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION**

**"CHASING A CIVIL WAR SERIAL KILLER"**

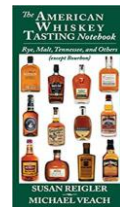
*A. James Fuller, PhD*



*University of Indianapolis*

**HOOSIER WHISKEY TASTING PRESENTATION**

*Michael Veach*



*Bourbon Hall of Fame Historian*

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*\*\*payment guarantees seating*

*COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place*

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### Field Trip to Gettysburg Rescheduled for 2022

We have rescheduled the field trip to Gettysburg for next year! We will be going to Gettysburg April 27 -



May 1, 2022! Mark your calendars now! Our guide will be James Hessler. James is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His 2009 book, *Sickles at Gettysburg*, was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's Bachelder Coddington Award and the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table's Distinguished Book Award as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign. Another of his books is *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*, which was co-authored with Wayne Motts and released in 2015. His most recent book, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard*, was co-authored with Britt Isenberg and released in 2019. Jim has been a guest on NPR, Travel Channel, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, and Civil War Radio. He is a popular author and speaker at Civil War Round Tables and has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife and children.

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### 2021 Schedule

Saturday May 8	Thomas Flagel	"War, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion"
Saturday September 11	Keith Bohannon	"TBA"
Saturday October 9	William C. Davis	"TBA"
Saturday November 6	David Dixon	"TBA"
Saturday December 4	Wayne Mott	"TBA"

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#### APRIL 2021 QUIZ:

1. Who was the Confederate general and former brother-in-law that Union General George Meade run into at Appomattox Court House?  
*On April 10, 1865, Meade ran into Brigadier General and former Virginia Governor Henry Wise while meeting with General R.E. Lee at Lee's headquarters. Meade and Wise married sisters, but Wise's wife died in 1850.*
2. Who served as U.S. Army Quartermaster General during the Civil War?  
*That would be Montgomery C. Meigs.*
3. What was the first state capital to be captured by Union forces during the Civil War?  
*Nashville, Tennessee was occupied by Union forces under General Don Carlos Buell and the Army of the Ohio on February 25, 1862.*
4. On the day President Lincoln was assassinated, what time did the fatal shooting take place?  
*It was at approximately 10:10 p.m. on April 14, 1865.*
5. Who was the first full admiral in American history?  
*Admiral David G. Farragut was promoted to Rear Admiral on July 16, 1862, to Vice Admiral on December 21, 1864, and to Full Admiral on July 25, 1866.*

#### MAY 2021 QUIZ:

1. How many Confederate generals were killed, wounded, or captured at the Battle of Franklin?
2. How old was President Lincoln's assassin?
3. What family owned the farmhouse that Union General George Meade used as his headquarters?
4. What was a more popular name for New Madrid Bend on the Mississippi River?
5. Where did Generals William T. Sherman and Joseph E. Johnston meet several times during their negotiations leading to the surrender of Johnston's Confederate army?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee

**Attest:**

**John Davis**  
**Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Dave Hoffmann**  
**President**