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October 2018

Announcing Our 531st Meeting

"The Barons of the Civil War"

Will be Presented by Jeffry Wert

DATE: Friday, October 12

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$28.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - Jeffry Wert

We welcome back Historian-Author Jeffry Wert to the October meeting. Jeffry received his Master of Arts degree in history for the Pennsylvania State University in 1976. He has written extensively for periodicals and his articles and reviews have appeared in a variety of publications. He has had serial columns on "Turning Points in the Civil War" and "The Progress of the War" appear in "Civil War Times Illustrated". He is the author of ten books beginning in 1987 with the publication of "From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign of 1864". He has written biographies on George Custer, James Longstreet, and Jeb Stuart. His book "A GLORIOUS ARMY: ROBERT E. LEE'S TRIUMPH, 1862-1863" won the prestigious Richard B. Harwell award in 2012. His book, "Gettysburg Day Three" was nominated for a 2012 Pulitzer Prize. He has appeared on the History Channel and C-Span commenting on Civil War subjects.



Jeffry is a dedicated preservationist having served as an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Civil War Trust and receiving the Carrington Williams Preservation Award in 2015 from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation.

Jeffry won the William Woods Hassler Award in 2002 for contributions to the field of Civil War Studies. His most recent book is "The Barons of the Civil War" and will be available in November.

Jeffry and his wife Gloria live in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania. Jeffry recently retired from teaching history at Penns Valley Area High school.

"The Barons of the Civil War"

Jeffrey Wert's presentation will discuss the contributions of 19 Northern businessmen and industrialists to the Union war effort. Numbers of them are renowned individuals whose companies are still in operation today--Deere, McCormick, Borden, Squibb, Weyerhaeuser, and others such as Carnegie, Spencer, Parrott, Cooke, Vanderbilt, Studebaker.

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Please note this is a Friday meeting!

The remodeling of the front entrance to Big Spring is now complete and we can enter through the new entrance.

Reservations

RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!! If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) and make your reservation. Not receiving a confirmation via email means you do not have a reservation and this is a problem for Big Spring as they need an accurate count of our reservations so they can prepare enough fried chicken for us!

RESERVATIONS: Call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) to place your reservations. If you are making reservations for more than just yourself, please give the names of the others. If you leave your reservation on his answering machine, please spell out your name so he can correctly identify you. You can also make your reservation by e-mail by sending it to bryanw@macconstruction.com. If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, October 10**, by noon. If you wish to join us just for the program, please call and make a reservation so that we can provide you with a chair. If you are only coming for the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **eight** only, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

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Please Renew Your Membership

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you decide to become a Patron member, any amount you give above the basic or family membership fee is tax-deductible since the Round Table has tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization! **Note: Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.**

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Fall Field Trip to Perryville October 28

We will be taking a one day field trip to study the Battle of Perryville on Sunday, October 28. We will meet at the Perryville Battlefield State Park visitor center at 9:30 to begin our tour. Our guide will be veteran Perryville tour guide Chuck Lott. We will cover the first half of the battle in the morning and then break for lunch. We will have a catered box lunch on the grounds and will visit the park museum before resuming our tour of the second half of the battle. Those who wish to go on this field trip can sign up at the October meeting or email John Davis at john.davis@twc.com. You will need to provide your own transportation to Perryville and I encourage you to carpool with friends if possible. You will also need to pay for your boxed lunch and we will collect this money at the park. The cost of the lunch will be approximately \$10-\$12. The Round Table will cover your admission to the museum. Please wear comfortable clothes and appropriate shoes for walking as we will be doing a lot of hiking on the battlefield.

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The Battle of Perryville October 8, 1862

In the summer of 1862, Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg launched an invasion of the key border state of Kentucky, hoping to divert Union attention from the Southern strongholds at Vicksburg and Chattanooga, as well as to encourage volunteers to join the Rebel army. On October 7th, Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell's Army of the Ohio, in pursuit of Bragg, converged on the crossroads town of Perryville. Union forces skirmished with Confederate cavalry on the Springfield Pike before the fighting began on Peters Hill, when the Confederate infantry arrived. The next day, fighting continued around Peters Hill as a Union division advanced up the pike. After noon, a Confederate division struck the Union left flank and forced it to fall back. When more Confederate divisions joined the fray, the Union line made a stubborn stand, counterattacked, but finally fell back with some units routed. Union troops on the left, reinforced by two brigades, stabilized their line, and the Confederate attack sputtered to a halt. Later, three Confederate regiments assaulted a Union division on the Springfield Pike but were repulsed and fell back into Perryville. Union troops pursued, and skirmishing occurred in the streets until dark. By that time, Union reinforcements were threatening the Confederate left. Bragg, short of men and supplies, withdrew during the night toward the Cumberland Gap. The battle was a Confederate tactical victory, though the heavy bloodshed forced Bragg to retreat into Tennessee, his army would never return to Kentucky.

2019 Spring Field Trip: Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862

Next year's field trip will be to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where we will study the famous 1862 Valley Campaign of Stonewall Jackson. The dates for the trip are April 24-28, 2019 and our guide will be Will Greene. Will is one of the best guides we have ever had and we are looking forward to having him interpret Stonewall Jackson's epic valley campaign of 1862. We will be headquartered in Harrisonburg from which we will traverse up and down the Valley visiting all the major sites of the campaign. It has been 25 years since the Round Table took a field trip to study this important operation. If you want to begin reading about the 1862 Valley Campaign, a good place to start is Robert Tanner's "Stonewall in the Valley" (revised edition). Also, highly recommended are Gary Gallagher's collection of essays "The Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1862", Peter Cozzens's "Shenandoah 1862" which presents the campaign mostly from the Northern point of view, and Robert K. Krick's "Conquering the Valley" which is a very detailed study of the Battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic. There will be more information on the trip and readings in the coming issues of the Adjutant's Call. We expect this trip to sell out, so you will want to make your reservations early. We will begin taking signups at the November meeting.

**THE LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
2019 SPECIAL WINTER FUND RAISING EVENT**

**CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH BIRTHDAY AND INTERNATIONAL BOURBON LIBATIONS
REFLECTING ON THE PAST IN AN HISTORIC HOME**

Date: Sunday, January 6th 2019

Time: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Location: Midlane Farm
2834 Hikes Lane
Louisville, Ky.

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes Tax; Tasting; Presentations;

Hors d'oeuvres

**LIMITED TO 24 SEATS
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Cash or Check

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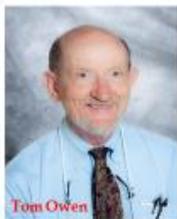
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**MIDLANE FARM
ESTABLISHED 1820**



Tom Owen



Chaz Stephens



Mike Veach

Presentations:

"Louisville in the Civil War"-Tom Owen, Ph.D.

Recognized City of Louisville Historian

"The Hikes Family Home"-Chaz. Stephens

(6th Generation Hikes family member)

Bourbon Tasting:

Conducted by Mike Veach

Bourbon: -Old Forrester Birthday bourbon

versus

-Old Forrester Single Barrel

and

-Blanton Domestic Release

versus

-Blanton Japanese Release

Midlane Farm

It's easy to miss the Midlane Farm House as you drive down Hikes Lane in southeastern Louisville. Surrounded by the suburbia of the Hikes Point neighborhood, you could be forgiven for blowing right by the solid brown-brick house. But if you knew what to look for, it would be impossible to miss — a comparatively large two-story structure on two acres of land. The home is not all that imposing, but it looks classic and tasteful, and literally from a different era. The home's current owner and caretaker is Charles "Chas" Stephens. He is a bit of a raconteur, especially at ease talking about his home, which has been in his family since it was built in 1820 (some histories say 1824) by Stephens' direct ancestor, George Hikes Jr. Today, thanks to Stephens' patient and continual care, the house looks both of its time and invitingly livable, highlighted by a cozy Victorian back porch, flowering magnolia trees, and rooms filled with period antiques, either inherited (such as a chest that came with the family from Pennsylvania that dates to the mid-1700s) or purchased by Stephens. But to him this isn't a museum; it's simply home, as it has been to his family since James Monroe was president. The family's history in Louisville dates back to 1790 — "I don't think anybody has been on their land as long as we have, maybe in the state of Kentucky," says Stephens — before Kentucky was even a state. It begins with George Hikes Sr., a Revolutionary War colonel who, according to The Encyclopedia of Louisville, purchased the land from another Revolutionary War officer, William Meriwether, in either 1790 or 1791. (Stephens says the land — somewhere between 1,500 and 4,000 acres — was a grant from the newly formed United States.)

To walk through the home is to see the results of the never-ending piddling — his term — of both Stephens and his wife, Kim Laramore-Stephens. Antique touches abound. There is a parlor, complete with matching 19th-century sitting chairs; a couch from 1790; an antique bureau left by a lodger; paintings of long-deceased relatives, including Eliza Hikes, Chas' great-great aunt; a collection of old stoneware jugs. In general, everything in the house looks from a period not our own, except for the modern stainless-steel refrigerator. A

statue of an American eagle, a wooden carving created during the time between the American Revolution and the creation of the Constitution in 1787, has been in the house since it was constructed. The dining-room table would not be out of place on Masterpiece Theater, and the 77-key Boardman & Gray piano dates from at least 1860. During the Civil War, Union soldiers camped alongside nearby Beargrass Creek, and her great-grandfather gave them potatoes and hams out of the smokehouse. "And in return, he asked them not to bother the people in the house, or the people on the farm, who were slaves." The soldiers did as asked, even as they kept an armed guard around the home to protect it from guerilla action from Southern sympathizers. They stayed for two to three days and then marched on to the Battle of Perryville.

(Taken from the Louisville Magazine Article by David Serchuk)

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2018 - 2019 Schedule

Friday October 12	Jeffry Wert	"The Barons of the Civil War"
Sunday November 18	Bud Robertson	"Robert E. Lee and the Quest for Peace"
Saturday December 8	Clay Stuckey	"The Trials and Tribulations of the Corpse of Abraham Lincoln"
Saturday January 19	Brian Steele Wills	"The River Was Dyed with Blood: Forrest and Fort Pillow"
Saturday February 9	Michael Murphy	"The Kimberlins Go to War"
Saturday March 9	Stephen Davis	"Earning His Spurs: General John B. Hood in 1864"
Saturday April 13	Chris Mackowski	"TBA"
Saturday May 11	TBA	"TBA"

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The Emerging Civil War Blog

The Emerging Civil War blog serves as a public history-oriented platform for sharing original scholarship related to the American Civil War. Our primary audience is the general public, so scholarship is defined broadly: historical research, memory studies, travelogues, personal narratives, essays, book reviews, and photography. Journalistic-style coverage of current Civil War-related events and the Civil War in pop culture are also included. Furthermore, ECW encourages respectful discussion about that material. ECW does not publish fiction or poetry. ECW seeks to encourage a diversity of perspectives in the scholarship it presents. We do that, in part, by identifying and spotlighting the next generation of Civil War historians and the fresh ideas they bring to the historical conversation. As a collective, the individuals who comprise ECW are encouraged to share their own unique interests and approaches. The combined collection of material—and the respectful discussions that surround it—forward ECW's overall effort to promote a general awareness of the Civil War as America's defining event. You subscribe to the Emerging Civil War blog at emergingcivilwar.com.

SEPTEMBER 2018 QUIZ:

1. Among the items found in President Lincoln's pocket following his assassination was a brown leather wallet. What was in the wallet?

It contained a five-dollar Confederate note and eight newspaper clippings.

2. What company completed the first transcontinental telegraph line?

It was the Western Union Telegraph Company in 1861.

3. Camp Sumter, a Confederate prisoner-of-war camp, was known by what other name?

It is known as Andersonville Prison.

4. What U.S. Army rank did Robert E. Lee hold at the time of John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry?

In 1859 at the time of the raid, Lee was a Lieutenant Colonel.

5. Who were the two prominent abolitionists originally invited by John Brown to join his Harper's Ferry raid?

They were Frederick Douglass, who declined because he disapproved of the plan and believed it would fail, and Harriet Tubman, who helped with the planning and recruitment but was either ill or was doing other things at the time of the raid.

OCTOBER 2018 QUIZ:

1. What were the first five original Civil War battlefield parks?
2. What was Union General Ulysses S. Grant's birth name?
3. Who succeeded Confederate General Joseph Johnston when he was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines?
4. Which constitutional amendment freed the slaves?
5. What Confederate official served successively as Confederate attorney general, Secretary of War, and Secretary of State.

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Bryan Winslow
President**