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MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MCCWRT
PRESENTATION
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
AT THE WOODSTOCK LIBRARY
414 W JUDD STREET
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

IN THE
SHADOW OF
LINCOLN
AND HOW HIS BOOK
HAPPENED
By Mr. Frank Crawford
7:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

MCCWRT
WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS

CAROL CEDERBERG

LINDA WARMBIER

MARTHA SITZER

MCCWRT 2015
PRESENTATION
SEASON



MCHENRY COUNTY
CIVIL WAR
ROUND TABLE
NOW CELEBRATING
SEVENTEEN YEARS
SERVING THE COMMUNITY
AND MCHENRY COUNTY
SINCE IT'S FOUNDING
AT UNION,
MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN SEPTEMBER OF 1998



MISSION STATEMENT

MCHENRY COUNTY
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE
AND FOSTER EDUCATION, DISCUSSION,
AND ANALYSIS OF
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
WE HOPE THROUGH LEARNING
ABOUT THE PAST,
WE WILL BE ABLE TO MORE
COMPLETELY
UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT AND HAVE
A POSITIVE, BENEFICIAL EFFECT
ON OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
OUR MEMBERS

COME VISIT US
ON OUR WEB SITE



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MCCWRT
DISCUSSION GROUP
AT THE PANERA BREAD COMPANY
6000 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

THE NOT
SO SOLID SOUTH
UNION SUPPORT
IN THE CONFEDERACY

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015
10:00 A.M. TO NOON

Southern Unionist

In the United States, Southern Unionists were people living in the Confederate States of America, opposed to secession, and against the Civil War.

These people are also referred to as Southern Loyalists, Union Loyalists and Lincoln Loyalists.

The term Southern Unionist, and its variations, incorporate a spectrum of beliefs and actions.

Some, such as Texas governor Sam Houston, were vocal in their support of Southern interests, but believed that those interests could best be maintained by remaining in the Union as it existed.

Some Unionists opposed secession, but afterwards either actively served and fought with the Confederate armies, or supported the Confederacy in other ways.

Others refused to fight, went North or stayed North to enlist in the Union Armies, or fought informally as partisans in the South.



**BULLETIN BOARD
OF EVENTS
AND PRESENTATIONS**

**MCHENRY COUNTY CWRT
AT THE WOODSTOCK LIBRARY**

414 W. JUDD STREET
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SHADOW
AND HOW
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**MCCWRT DISCUSSION GROUP
AT THE PANERA BREAD COMPANY**

6000 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS
Saturday September 26, 2015

Discussion
TOPIC OF THE DAY

**THE NOT SO SOLID
SOUTH**
NORTHERN SUPPORT IN THE
CONFEDERACY
10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT

September 24, 2015: Presentation

**THE CIVIL WAR ON
THE GREAT LAKES**
By Ted Karamanski

LINCOLN / DAVIS CWRT

Tuesday September 15, 2015: Presentation

The Country House Restaurant
5400 West 127TH Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803

**THE LAST DAYS OF
STONEWALL
JACKSON**
By Chris Mackowski

LAKE COUNTY CWRT

September 10, 2015: Presentation

**IN DEFENSE OF
BURNSIDE**
By Mr Frank Crawford

CWRT OF CHICAGO

September 11, 2015: Presentation

**THE CAPTURE OF
NEW ORLEANS**
By Dale Phillips

SALT CREEK CWRT

September 18, 2015: Presentation

**JENNIE HODGERS /
ALBERT CASHIER**
By Mr Frank Crawford

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CWRT

September 4, 2015: Presentation

ALPHEUS WILLIAMS
By Ron Carlson

KANKAKEE VALLEY CWRT

September 29, 2015: Presentation

**29TH ILLINOIS
INFANTRY USCT**
By Ray Guttendorf

KENOSHA CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

5400 1st Ave, Kenosha, WI 53140

(262) 653-4141

Open Monday thru Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00 - 5:00pm

Second Friday Lunchbox Series

Friday September 11, 2015, Noon to 1PM

The Lincoln Family Post Assassination-

By Steve Rogstad.

After the assassination of their beloved father and husband, how did the remaining members of the Lincoln family move on from the tragedy?

Lincoln author and scholar Steve Rogstad takes a look at the Lincoln family post-April 15, 1865.

**The 8th Annual
Great Lakes Civil War Forum: 1865 -
Melt, Melt Away Ye Armies**

Saturday, September 12, 2015;

Registration 8:30am, first speaker at 9:30am;
catered lunch included | Event #0420355408 |
\$60 Non-Member (\$50 FOM) | Register

Speakers & Presentations:

Casualties of War

By D. Scott Hartwig

D. Scott Hartwig's program at the Great Lakes Civil War Forum, "Casualties of War," will examine the impact of a single battle-- Gettysburg--on the lives of soldiers who became casualties and their families.

The Lincoln Funeral Train

Mr. Daniel Carroll Toomey

Following the assassination of President Lincoln, the decision was made to return his mortal remains to Springfield.

Under strict control of the United States Army and the Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, the Lincoln funeral train would travel over 1,600 miles, utilize 25 different railroads, and take 13 days to complete its sad and momentous journey to return President Lincoln to his final resting place in Springfield, Illinois.

Daniel Carroll Toomey will cover the planning and vast amount of logistical resources that were committed to this sad and mournful event in American history.

He will take you on board the Lincoln funeral train as it passes through the major cities in the North to witness firsthand the epic demonstrations of grief that awaited its arrival.

**"All Was Not the Same as Before":
Civil War Homecomings
in Wisconsin**

By Dr. James Marten

When the Civil War lurched to a close in the spring of 1865, soldiers from Wisconsin were scattered throughout the South.

Over the next several months, they and hundreds of thousands of their comrades made their way home by steamboat, rail and on foot.

The first units to arrive home were welcomed with parades and community celebrations; but as summer turned into fall such festivities became rare. For some veterans, that was it. The war was over and they resumed their peace-time lives.

But for a significant percentage, the war would never be over, as the patriotism they had proudly displayed encouraged them to keep in touch and to form organizations that would regularly commemorate their heroism.

For others, the injuries and trauma they suffered would set them apart from civilians and even other old soldiers.

"All was not the same as before": Civil War Homecomings in Wisconsin" will explore the ways in which individuals and organizations dealt with the incredible range of effects of the war on veterans and their families.

No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign
Eric J. Wittenberg

The program is an overview of the General William T. Sherman's 1865 Carolinas Campaign, from the capture of Savannah, Georgia, to the Confederate surrender at Bennett Place in North Carolina.

MCCWRT TRAVELS TO THE KENOSHA CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

Anyone interested in car- pooling to the Kenosha Civil War Museum on September 11th for the viewing of The Second Friday Lunchbox Series, contact Bob Frenz on line at: lakesideantiques@netzero.net.

CIVIL WAR TIMELINE FOR SEPTEMBER 1865

September 6, 1865 - Court Martial of Frank B. Curley

SPECIFICATION.-

In this, that the said Frank B. Gurley, not being lawfully in the service of the so-called Confederate States, but being banded together with certain other citizens for the purpose of killing, robbing, and plundering Federal soldiers and loyal citizens of the United States, did feloniously shoot with a revolving pistol and kill Brig. Gen. Robert L. McCook, an officer in the service of the United States, without any provocation whatever, and while the said Brig. Gen. Robert L. McCook was lying sick and helpless in an ambulance.

All this in the vicinity of the town of New Market, Madison County, Ala., and on or about the 5th day of August, A. D. 1862. All this in time of war. To which charge and specification the accused, Frank B. Gurley, pleaded not guilty.

FINDING.

The commission, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Frank B. Gurley, citizen, as follows:

**Of the specification, guilty.
Of the charge, guilty.**

SENTENCE.

And the commission does therefore sentence him, Frank B. Gurley, citizen, to be hanged by the neck until he is dead, at such time and place as the general

commanding may order, two-thirds of the members of the commission concurring in said sentence.

September 6 – 12, 1865 - Reestablishment of Civil Government in Warren County

McMinnville Tenn Warren County Sept 6, 1865

We the undersigned Loyal Citizens of Warren County would respectfully represent that peace and harmony now prevail throughout this section of the country.

County offices have been qualified and courts established throughout the district, and the civil machinery of government put in operation. It is our belief that civil authority is amply sufficient without the assistance of the military to enforce the laws and preserve the good order in this community.

Therefore we respectfully request that troops be withdrawn from this place.
[A total of 52 signatures appear on the document.]
Murfreesboro, Sept 22, 1865
Reply returned. The troops were removed from McMinnville to Carthage about 10 days since.



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**MCCWRT NEWS LETTER
THE CIVIL WAR REPORTER**

KEITH FISHER: EDITOR

MR. ROBERT FRENZ REVIEWS MCCWRT AUGUST EVENT

The McHenry County Civil War Roundtable hosted a "show and tell" of Civil War artifacts for its August, 2015 meeting.

Frank Crawford brought a small wooden ring that had been carved by John Wesley North of the 73rd Illinois Vol. Inf. While incarcerated at Pemberton House in Richmond, Va.

The 73rd fought at Perryville, Stone's River, and Chickamauga, where North was taken prisoner. Frank received the ring from his brother and decided to research North who was born in Sangamon, Il. in 1833.

Rusty Dowell displayed a large map of the Atlanta campaign and two soldier carvings that he did a number of years ago.

The map is of special interest to Rusty as he had two relatives who fought, and died, in this campaign.

The large map, in addition to showing the troop positions, also includes the organization of the armies and the weather conditions as described by the soldiers in their letters and diaries.

Dave Noe, a collector of European firearms, brought a Model 1844 Oldenburg musket, made in Duchy of Hanover (present day Germany).

This very rare gun – known as the "Cyclops musket" – fired a 69 caliber ball.

Interestingly, the sight is in the middle of the hammer. There is some speculation that Ambassador Sanford, while in Belgium, may have purchased these weapons for the United States.

Ron Roemer displayed a piece of shrapnel from a cannon round fired at Culp's Hill during the Battle of Gettysburg. This very heavy fragment, which Ron passed around, may have come from a Parrot gun.

Bob Frenz brought two Sharps and Hankins breech loading carbines.

The major innovation of these weapons, mfg. ca. 1862-65, was a forward sliding barrel which allowed the quick placement of a 52 caliber rimfire cartridge.

The longer of these two guns, with a 24" barrel, was probably made for the army in numbers of about 1,000 (another 6,000 were made for the Navy).

The shorter carbine – 19" barrel – was made for the 11th New York Vol. Cav. in numbers of about 800.

Bob Frenz