

A black and white illustration of a person, likely a bushwhacker, in a wooded area. The person is wearing a hat and a long coat, and is holding a rifle. They are surrounded by dense foliage and trees.

The Bushwhacker

January 2013

The Civil War Round Table of Saint Louis

*Slavery Dies Hard: The Civil War Within
Missouri's Slaveholding Households*
by Professor Diane Mutti Burke



Dr. Diane Mutti Burke grew up in Kansas City, Missouri. She completed her BA at Dartmouth College and her MA and PhD at Emory University. She is an associate professor of history at the University of Missouri (Kansas City) and is currently serving as the Director of UMKC's Center for Midwestern Studies.

In 2010, Dr. Mutti Burke published *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small-Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865*. She has written a number of articles about slavery, women, and the Civil War in Missouri. She co-edited, with her colleague John Herron, a collection of articles about Kansas City from the Missouri Historical Review called *Kansas City, America's Crossroads*, as well as a collection of scholarly articles on the Missouri/Kansas Border War called *Divided Line: The Long Civil War on the Kansas/Missouri Border*, co-edited with Jonathan Earle (awaiting

publication). The articles in this collection were the product of a major public conference on "The Civil War on The Border" held at the Kansas City Public Library in November of 2011. In addition, Dr. Mutti Burke is completing an edited and annotated diary of a small-slaveholding Missouri woman named Paulina Stratton and has started work on a monograph about refugee populations during the Civil War. She has also consulted with a number of cultural institutions in the region about their Civil War Sesquicentennial programming.

Slavery Dies Hard: The Civil War Within Missouri's Slaveholding Households examines how Missouri's border location and the small size of slaveholdings found in the state influenced the experience of slavery and slaveholding and ultimately contributed to the institution's disintegration during the Civil War.

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 23, 2013

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES BUILDING, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, 63141

Doors open at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm; speaker at 7:30 pm

Theater style seating – no food or drink

Make reservations by JANUARY 9. Please reserve via our Web Site at <http://civilwarstlouis.org/main/> or call Lee Steuby at 314-439-5149

Bushwhacker deadline: Three weeks prior to each meeting. Please submit items of interest to Walt Bittle waltb50@charter.net or John Harris ce342@swbell.net

2012 – 2013 Campaign

- February 27, 2013 – “One Man’s Story of the Civil War” by Tim Heggemeier, CWRT St Louis
Location: Lutheran Hour Ministries Building, 660 Mason Ridge Center Drive. Doors open at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm; speaker at 7:30 pm. Table seating, snacks and soft drinks provided
- March 27, 2013 – “The Battle of South Mountain” by Tom Clemens, historian and author
Location: Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Road, 63125, meal available
- April 24, 2013 – “Abraham Lincoln” by Harold Holzer, historian and author
Location: Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Road, 63125, meal available
- May 22, 2013 – “The Battle of Wilson’s Creek” by Jeff Patrick, historian and author, NPS
Location: Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Road, 63125, meal available

A Note From Our President

Dear Friends,

I thank everyone who attended our December meeting for being so understanding of our new situation and for “going with the flow”. We are in the process of regrouping and planning for the rest of our campaign for 2013.

Our thanks also go to all our volunteer team members who are busy working to make this a memorable campaign. Please consider volunteering to help in any way you can to increase our fellowship and sharing of our interest in Civil War history.

Sincerely, Bill

Off The Shelf

Lincoln Legends: Myths, Hoaxes, and Confabulations Associated with our Greatest President

by Edward Steers Jr. (2007)

Since his untimely death and near “sainthood”, a multitude of stories have been written about Abraham Lincoln. When one author gets it wrong, as did Carl Sandburg on occasion, that error is copied and recopied until the truth is lost in the shuffle. On other occasions, an author will set out to obfuscate and mislead on purpose (just as some radio and TV “prevaricating personalities” do today).

Mr. Steers does an excellent job of presenting the myths as they have come down to us. Then he proceeds to poke historical holes in the stories, showing just how little truth there was to start with.

The author covers such controversies as the birthplace of Lincoln, his relationship with Ann Rutledge, the gay Lincoln myth, and the missing pages from Booth’s diary, among others. It’s an easy read, and I think you will enjoy it.

Submitted by Walt Bittle

Events of Interest

2012 – date still uncertain due to construction delays

Opening of the Missouri Civil War Museum

For information: <http://mcwm.org>

Now Through March 16, 2013

The Civil War in Missouri

Comprehensive exhibit exploring the complexities of the Civil War in Missouri at the Missouri History Museum. For information: www.mohistory.org

Now Through June 2013

The World of James Yeatman: A Vision of Art, Commerce, and Politics in Early St. Louis

Round Table board member Michael Schroepel reports that the Saint Louis Mercantile Library has an exhibit focusing on Yeatman's work with the Freedmen's Bureau and the Western Sanitary Exhibition. For information: <http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/Events/yeatman%20Exhibition.html>

Now Through June 2013

Through His Eyes: The Civil War Experiences of W. A. W. Vaughan

Round Table board member Michael Schroepel reports that the Saint Louis Mercantile Library has an exhibit based on the diary of Missouri State Guard (and later Confederate) soldier W. A. W. Vaughan that he kept from spring 1861 until early 1862. The exhibit is accompanied by Edwin Forbes' illustrations and some artifacts, including a rifle and minie balls. No information could be found on the library's website.

Now Through June 1, 2014

Civil War Missouri: A House Dividing

Artifacts and documents about the stories of everyday Missourians. Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and Easter. Missouri State Capitol Museum, 201 W. Capitol, Jefferson City, MO.

December 9, 2012, 2:30 pm and December 12, 2012, 7:00 pm

A Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War, Presentation and Book Signing

Round Table member and author Gregory Wolk discusses the benefits of cultural tourism centered on Missouri's role in the Civil War. Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room. Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

January 19, 2013, 1:00 pm

"Slavery by Another Name" Screening

This 90 minute documentary challenges the widely held belief that the enslavement of African Americans ended with the Emancipation Proclamation. The film, based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Douglas Blackmon, tells how even as chattel slavery came to an end in the South in 1865, hundreds of thousands of blacks were pulled back into forced labor, trapping them in a brutal system that would persist until the onset of World War II. A discussion will follow. Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room. Free. For information: www.mohistory.org

February 4, 11, March 4, 25, April 1 2013, 10:15 am - noon

The Civil War: A Lecture Series

Starting with the 1830's and extending beyond the end of the war in 1865, this biweekly multi-part class was designed by local historian Bonnie Vega specifically for the senior audience. Free, but registration is required and seating is limited. Missouri History Museum, AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room. For information: www.mohistory.org

May 29 – June 2, 2013

Civil War Trust Conference – Unvexed to the Sea: The Vicksburg Campaign

Jackson, Mississippi. For information: <http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/annual-conference/>

Special Raffle

There will be a Members Only raffle at the December, January, and February meetings. One winner at each meeting will receive a prize, and those three winners will be entered into a raffle for a “grand prize” at a Spring 2013 meeting.

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150 Years Ago – January 1863

Jan 1 Final Emancipation Proclamation Issued. (Historian Thomas Bailey's comment on Lincoln's attempts to free the slaves: "*Where he could, he would not; and where he would, he could not*".)

Jan 1 Homestead Act takes effect, encourages westward migration – creating an even greater need for troops on the western plains.

Jan 1 Battle of Galveston, TX

Jan 3 Rosecrans (USA) fails to follow and destroy Bragg's (CSA) army after the inconclusive three-day battle of Stone's River (Murfreesboro), TN

Jan 8 Second Battle of Springfield, MO

Jan 9 Battle of Fort Hindman (Arkansas Post), AR

Jan 9 – 11 Battle of Hartville, MO

Jan 20 Three days of freezing rain stops Burnside's "Mud March" to outflank Lee

Jan 29 Bear River Massacre (Massacre at Boa Ogoi), Washington Territory (now ID). This was USA's largest, most brutal, and least known massacre of Indians.

Jan 31 CSA finalizes a \$15 million bond issue with a banking firm in Paris, France – realizes less than \$3 million in negotiable funds.

New Raffle Procedures

In our annual survey, our members indicated that the raffle should be less intrusive and time consuming. Therefore, we are continuing to improve this new procedure and hope you will find it fun.

When you purchase your raffle tickets, you will receive matching tickets. Keep one ticket, and place the matching ticket in the container next to the prize you would like to win. Make sure to keep the matching numbered ticket to claim your prize if it is chosen.

During dinner, a "white board" will be placed in front of the room listing the prizes and the last three digits of each of the winning tickets. The winning numbers will be announced and the prizes can be picked up during the break before the presentation.

Off The Shelf

This Wicked Rebellion

edited by John Zimm (2012)

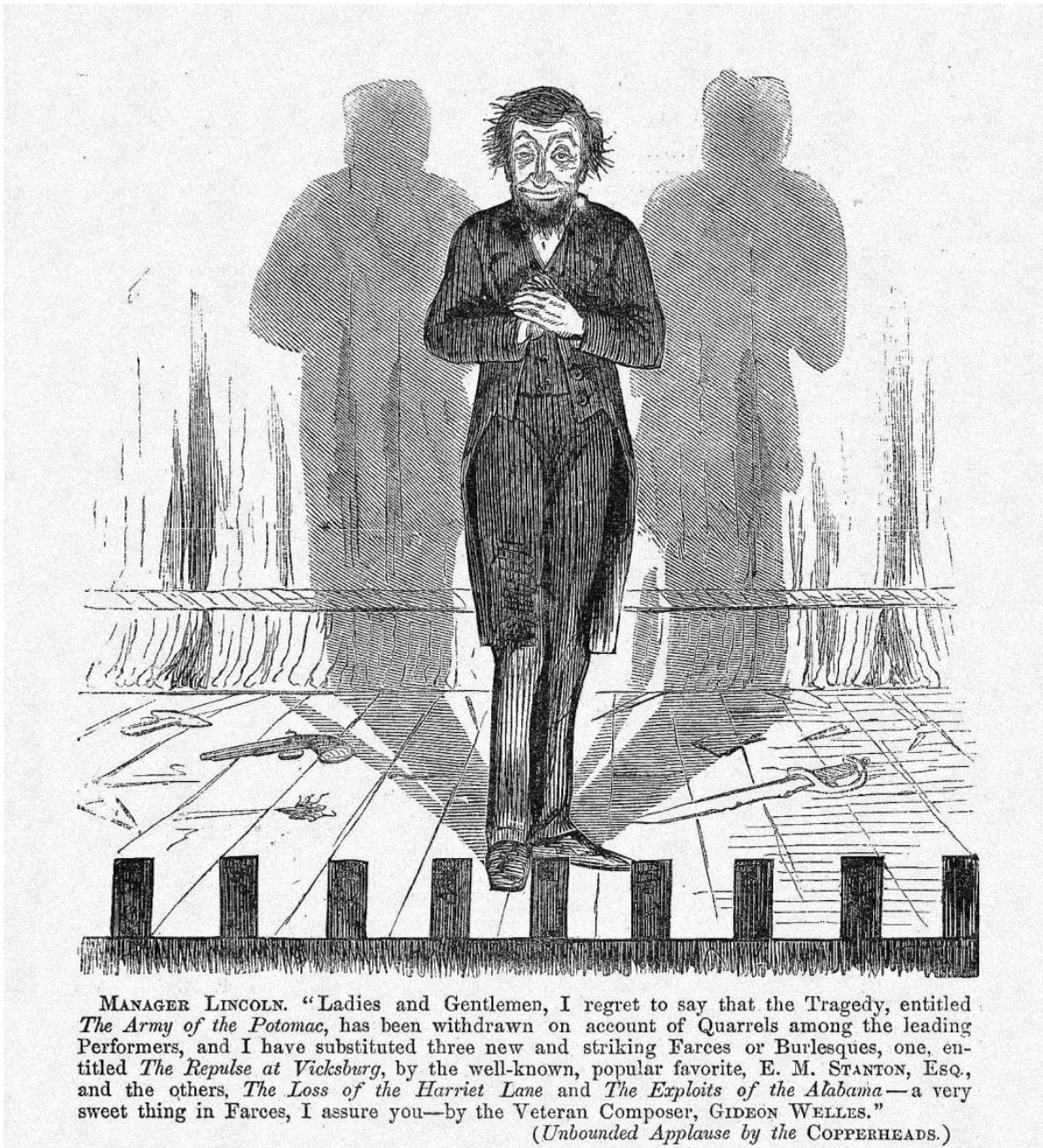
Members of the Civil War / War Between the States community are always looking for new insights into the struggle, and the Wisconsin Historical Society Press has brought us a gem. *This Wicked Rebellion* consists of a collection of letters written to families and local newspapers by Wisconsin soldiers. Editor John Zimm has searched the Society's massive collection for representative samplings that bring the war to life in the words of the men who fought it. From farewells to family, camp life, and reports from battlefields, hospitals, and prisons, we are treated to life as the warriors lived it. We readers are privy to accounts from where Wisconsin's banners faced the foe: Bull Run, Shiloh, Winchester, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Spotsylvania, and Atlanta. Some letters provide real time impressions of the issues of the day: slavery, emancipation, the purposes of the war, and the wounds it left on the hearts of those who fought it.

Whether or not you have a particular interest in Wisconsin, regardless of whether you favor Blue or Grey, these observations, emotions, and letters are certainly typical of those written to other states for they, and we, all share a common humanity. This is a fairly short book that could be read quickly, but it should not be. It is a book to be savored, letter by letter and word by word, as we try to understand those men who closed our great national schism.

This Wicked Rebellion, edited by John Zimm, Wisconsin University Press, 2012

Reviewed by James M. Gallen

Editorial Cartoon of the Month



Harper's Jan. 31, 1863

Until December 1863, Harper's was pro-war effort and pro-military, but remained unsure about Lincoln's abilities to manage the war. In December 1862, General Burnside was replaced after the loss of the Battle of Fredericksburg, which in the cartoon Lincoln refers to as "the Tragedy." The "Repulse at Vicksburg" refers to the initial failures of Grant and Sherman to take Vicksburg for which Stanton is receiving blame. Finally, the Revenue Cutter, Harriet Lane, had been captured at Galveston on January 1, 1863 and the Alabama was wreaking havoc with Union shipping.

Member Bob Schultz has created ***Political Cartoons of the American Civil War***, a 52-page book of contemporary cartoons from many sources. Available to members for \$10 each (see Bob Schultz at the next meeting) or for \$14.95 postage paid. Contact waltb50@charter.net for further details.

Civil War Round Table of St. Louis

November/December 2012 Trivia

1. Who designed and created the Confederacy's submarine that sank an enemy ship and what was its primary weapon? [Extra Credit: What was this inventor's final outcome?

Horace L. Hunley, who drowned in the vessel's second sinking. The primary weapon was a 20-foot spar torpedo.

2. One of the Confederacy's famous cruisers built in England was the *CSS Tallahassee*. By what other two names was it later known?

a. Olustee & Chameleon b. Virginia & Wyoming c. Alabama & Selma d. Browne & Root

3. Which of these Confederate politicians, all vociferous opponents of Jefferson Davis, met with Abraham Lincoln on 3 February 1865, to discuss possible terms of peace

a. Alexander Stephens (VP, CSA); b. Robt. M. T. Hunter (Sec of State, CSA);

c. John A. Campbell (Asst Sec of War, CSA); d. Rhett Butler; or e. Daniel Lawrence Whitney

4. What was the name of the Confederate submarine that detonated a torpedo against the *USS New Ironsides*, commanded by Admiral Samuel F. Du Pont, on 5 October 1863 in Charleston Harbor?

It was the submarine *CSS David*, commanded by LT. William T. Glassell, CSN. It was one of over 20 semi-submersible torpedo boats built by the Confederate Navy. The *New Ironsides* took severe damage to the starboard quarter and suffered one dead and two wounded sailors.

5. Who were the "Jesse Scouts", and what distinctive uniform did they wear?

Jesse Scouts were an irregular Union unit formed in St. Louis by Gen. John C. Frémont and named after his wife. The first commander was Captain Charles C. Carpenter, and the unit numbered about 60 men throughout the war. They wore Confederate Gray uniforms and operated behind enemy lines. They frequently wore a white cloth around their shoulder so as to be identified by Union units. Major Henry Harrison Young was the Jesse's commander in the East under Gen. Sheridan after the unit had been brought East by Fremont in 1862. Some famous scouts were Ike Harris, Arch Rowand (MOH), Joseph McCabe, Tom Cassidy, George Valentine (who shot Hanse McNeil), Jim White who diverted Lee's supply trains at Appomattox, and Jim Campbell.

6. What is a pannier?

A cowhide case containing 52 medicines and other supplies sold by ER Squibb and others to the Union army for \$110. It was supplied to Union regiments for field medical treatments.

7. The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry volunteered for a dangerous special mission during a late 1862 battle which was to be supported by Union engineers. The engineers bolted at the last moment, and the Michiganders undertook this unique Civil War assignment unsupported by the engineers. What was the mission?

It was the amphibious crossing of the Rappahannock River in boats at Fredericksburg in the face of determined Confederate opposition, after the pontoon bridge effort stalled. In the effort, one man was killed and several were wounded including Lt. Colonel Baxter, the regimental commander.

8. When Union Musician William Black was wounded in the left hand and arm by shell fragments, he achieved what unique distinction?

He became the youngest soldier wounded in the Civil War; only 12 years old, serving as a drummer. (There have been other claims but none substantiated that I can find.)

9. How many Lincoln-Douglas debates were there and in what year did they occur?

Seven, and they happened in 1858.

10. Which Union general was "older than the Constitution"?

Winfield Scott was born June 13, 1886. The US Constitution was adopted September 17, 1887.