



The Bushwhacker

Civil War Round Table of
Saint Louis Newsletter

Guest Speaker

Dr. Daniel E. Sutherland

Biography: He received his Ph.D. in history from Wayne State University in 1976. He taught at Wayne State University, Mercy College of Detroit, the University of Alabama, and McNeese State before coming to the University of Arkansas. His principal area of research is nineteenth-century America. He has written eight books and edited five others. He has published over forty book chapters and articles in both popular magazines and scholarly journals. He has received over thirty honors, awards, and research grants. Five of his books have been selected by the History Book Club.

Select Publications

- *Guerrillas, Partisans, and Bushwhackers: Revisiting the American Civil War*. Chapel Hill: UNC Press, forthcoming.
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- *Guerrillas, Unionists, and Violence on the Confederate Home Front*, editor. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1999. A History Book Club selection. Also in paperback.
- *Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville: The Dare Mark Campaign*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998. A History Book Club Selection.
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- *Emergence of Total War*. Fort Worth: Ryan Place, 1996. Also in paperback
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A Savage Conflict (*Italics*)

The Decisive Role of Guerrillas in the American Civil War
By [Daniel E. Sutherland](#)

Approx. 440 pp., 6 1/8 x 9 1/4, 16 illus., 3 maps, notes, bibl., index

Civil War America

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The American Civil War is famous for epic battles involving massive armies outfitted in blue and gray uniforms, details that characterize conventional warfare. *A Savage Conflict* is the first work to treat guerrilla warfare as critical to understanding the course and outcome of the Civil War. Daniel Sutherland argues that irregular warfare took a large toll on the Confederate war effort by weakening support for state and national governments and diminishing the trust citizens had in their officials to protect them.

Sutherland points out that early in the war Confederate military and political leaders embraced guerrilla tactics. They knew that "partizan" fighters had helped to win the American Revolution. As the war dragged on and defense of the remote spaces of the Confederate territory became more tenuous, guerrilla activity spiraled out of state control. It was adopted by parties who had interests other than Confederate victory, including southern Unionists, violent bands of deserters and draft dodgers, and criminals who saw the war as an opportunity for plunder. Sutherland considers not only the implications such activity had for military strategy but also its effects on people and their attitudes toward the war. Once vital to southern hopes for victory, the guerrilla combatants proved a significant factor in the Confederacy's final collapse.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April: John Bradbury and Jim Denny, authors of the "*Civil War's First Blood*"

May: Lauren Cook Wike, co-author of "*They Fought Like Demons*"



February Guest Speaker *Michael E. Banasik*

Subject: Battle of Newtonia

There were nearly ten thousand troops at the Battle of Newtonia. It was the only major battle where Native American Indians were fighting on both sides. There were two different battles at Newtonia and at least one rear guard action. His presentation was full of interesting facts, and the maps he handed out to everyone there helped us to follow how the battle happened.

St. Louis Civil War Roundtable Trivia from February 25, 2009 Meeting

(Trivia Questions and Answers are used with the permission of John Nischwitz Copyright© 2009)

1. Miss Marie Boozer was the love interest of what Union General?
2. In what town did MG Kilpatrick run off in his underwear to avoid capture?
3. What noted St Louis civic organization was founded by Confederate veteran Col. Alonzo Slayback on March 21, 1878 at the Lindell Hotel in St. Louis?
4. List the following in geographical order from North to South.
Memphis, TN
Island # 10
Columbus, KY
St. Louis, MO
New Madrid, MO
Belmont, MO
Ft Pillow, TN
5. Name the battlefield which included these geographical features: Chambers Farm (now Murphy Farm), Bloomery Road, Schoolhouse Road, Potomac River, Halls Island, Bolivar Heights?
6. Who were the opposing army commanders at Chickamauga?

In what State is Chickamauga?
7. On what major battlefield was a wheat field bloodily fought over?
What major battlefield saw action under blooming peach trees?
On what major battlefield did a cornfield see numerous attacks and counterattacks?
On what Missouri battlefield were hemp bales used as cover?
8. What was a Voltigeur?
9. What Missouri Battle saw the sitting Governor command one of the opposing forces?
Who was the governor?
Who commanded the federal force?

ANSWERS FOUND ON PAGE 8



Civil War Ancestors of Civil War Round Table Members

Rohan Letchworth, my great-grandfather, in 1862 joined the Washington Rifles in Washington Parish, Louisiana. Later in 1862 the unit was reorganized into the 9th Louisiana Infantry Regiment.

The unit was placed in Ewell's division and sent into the Shenandoah Valley under Stonewall Jackson. The unit became known as Lee's Tigers. The unit fought at Malvern Hill, Cedar Mountain, 2nd battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, 2nd battle of Winchester, and Gettysburg on July 1, 1863.

He was wounded on July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg and captured. His arm was amputated in a Union prison and he was exchanged shortly after.

Submitted by: Ralph Peck

My Civil War ancestor was Claudius Washington Bonney of London Bridge Township, Princess Anne County, Va. He served in the Confederate Army.

Born Feb. 22, 1845, C.W. (as he was known) was my great grandmother's younger brother. He was 19 years old when he enlisted at Orange Court House on Jan. 16, 1864. He served as a Private in Co. 1, 15th Virginia Cavalry. In July of 1864, he was transferred to Co. B, 20th Battalion VA., Heavy Artillery and attached to the 38th Virginia Infantry. For a time, he was detailed as an ambulance driver at division headquarters.

The 15th was formed Sept. 1862 by the consolidation of the 14th and 15th Virginia Cavalry Battalions. It consolidated about Nov. 1864 with the 5th Regiment's Virginia Cavalry to form the 5th Regiment Virginia Cavalry.

Records indicate that London Bridge residents Wilson, Henry, Virginius and John Bonney also served in the 15th, and were probably also ancestors of mine. There were many bearing the Bonney surname in the region during that turbulent period, and all were related in some way or another.

C.W.'s sister (my great grandmother) Eliza Anne Bonney, was the third wife of Dr. Alfred George Tebault, who served two sessions in the Virginia Legislature in 1857 and 1858. In 1874 he was elected president of the Medical Society of Virginia and upon expiration of his term, was made an honorary member. He was also an honorary member of both the Abingdon Academy of Medicine and the Norfolk Medical Society.

There is some speculation that Dr. Tebault - although never officially serving in the military - lent his medical expertise to treat the sick and wounded during the war.

Claudius Bonney died in 1883. It wasn't until 1902 that his widow, Margaret Virginia Bonney, was granted a pension. The amount is unknown.

Submitted by: Myra Sherrod



Why I am a Member of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table

Ralph Peck – I have been a member here since 2005. I was formerly a member of the Milwaukee Civil War Roundtable for many years before moving to St. Louis,

Phil Baker – My CW interest stems from the fact that dad was a Civil War buff. His dad, Darias Baker, from South Yarmouth MA, enlisted in the 5th Massachusetts as a 16 year old. I have all his diaries and several letters. The unit was sent to defend coastal positions in New Bern N. Carolina. He took sick, probably typhoid, but narrowly survived to be my grandfather. His older brother Lothrop was Acting Master aboard the blockade ship, USS Powhatan. Navy records show she ran down and captured multiple English blockade runners. The Powhatan was also Matthew Perry's flag ship when he "opened up" Japan. Mathew and his older brother Oliver Hazard Perry were distant relatives of my mother, who was also of the Rhode Island Perrys.

BOOK REVIEWS by Our Members

CUMBERLAND BLOOD, CHAMP FERGUSON'S CIVIL WAR

By Thomas D. Mays

Southern Illinois University Press, 2008

Being from Missouri, we think of the Missouri-Kansas border when we think of guerilla activity and the atrocities that occurred during the Civil War. *Cumberland Blood* recounts the story of guerilla war and atrocities occurring in northeastern Tennessee and across the border in Kentucky. Champ Ferguson became a confederate guerilla in that area, often operating independently but also serving at various times with John Hunt Morgan, Basil Duke, and Joe Wheeler. Killing occurs in war. In guerilla war the "rules of war" are rarely clear, but Champ Ferguson seems to have developed his own rules which included hunting down and killing those he perceived to be a threat to his life and a "no-quarter" policy. Accounts of the Battle of Saltville, Virginia, in October 1864 include the shooting of white and black prisoners, with black prisoners suffering an unusually large percentage of fatalities. After the war when most guerillas were allowed to surrender and be paroled, Ferguson was arrested and charged as being a guerilla and of killing twelve men the day after the Saltville battle. Although there is evidence that his units were authorized by the Confederate government, he was convicted of being a guerilla. He was also convicted of two of the murders for which he was sentenced and hanged.

Submitted by: John L Harris

This Month's Meeting is March 25, 2009 at the Two Hearts Banquet Center on Lindbergh Avenue just South of Gravois.

You can arrive before or around 6 p.m. The bar will be open.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting starts about 7 p.m.

Speaker begins at 7:15 p.m.



REGIONAL CIVIL WAR EVENTS

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:
GENEALOGY & MILITARY HISTORY PROGRAMS (2009)

Note: Some programs this year take place at Buder Branch, not Central Library.

March 21-- 10 a.m.-Noon Central Library, Meeting Room 1.

St. Louis at War, 1861-1865: Arsenal, Forts, Hospitals, & Prisons - the many ways in which St. Louis contributed to the Union war effort.

April 25-- 10 a.m.-Noon Buder Branch.

4/14: The Plot to Kill President Lincoln - the conspirators and the conspiracy, Booth's escape attempt, the trials of his co-conspirators, and the punishments meted out by military tribunals.

June 27-- 10 a.m.-Noon Central Library, Meeting Room 1

Great Civil War Battles: Wilson's Creek - the major Civil War battle that helped decide the fate of the Show-Me State.

July 18-- 10 a.m.-Noon. Buder Branch.

Missouri 24/7: Researching Missouri Ancestors on the Internet - the best sources of Internet information on Show-Me State ancestors.

Central Library

1301 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
539-0381

Buder Branch

4401 Hampton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63109
352-2900

Programs are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. To register or for more information, please call 539-0381 or email me at tpearson@slpl.org. Parking at Central Library is free on Saturdays, and parking on the Buder Branch lot is always free

CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS MUSEUM

July 4th, 2009 Opens for public viewing

November 1st, 2009 Closes

Hours: Museum is open from 12:00 noon till 4:00 p.m.

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS

October 23rd - October 25th will include a re-enactment

The Chatillon-DeMenil House presents: "Creole St. Louis in the Era of the Civil War", a lecture by Dr. Louis Gerteis, University of Missouri - St. Louis Professor of History and author of "Civil War St. Louis". This event will be on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the beautiful, historic Chatillon-DeMenil House, 3352 DeMenil Place, St. Louis, MO 63118. For more information please call 314-771-5828. Admission to the lecture is free, and the House will be open for tours.

The Old Mines Area Historical Society invites you to their 2009 French Heritage Seminar at St. Michael's House in Fertile MO on Sat. and Sun. April 4-5, 2009. The program for



Sat. Apr. 4 starts at 8:00 am with registration and breakfast; then lectures throughout the day. At 9 am, Mary Catherine Norbut speaks about "The King's Daughters", French women sent to Washington County to become wives for the local men. At 10 am, Dennis Stroughmatt speaks about "The Migration of Traditional Ballads from France to North America", and he will perform his fabulous Creole music at 2 pm. At 11 am, Natalie Villmer and the Old Mines French Singers will sing songs handed down from French settlers. And last, but certainly not least, the CWRT's own John Hollingsworth will speak at 1 pm about "Washington County and the Civil War." Then on Sun. Apr. 5, at 10 am, Carol Diaz-Granados Duncan will talk about Native American petroglyphs in Washington County State Park, and at 11 am Kent Beaulne will give a tour of the ancient cemetery of St. Joachim Church. For more information call Vicki Puronen at 636-394-8543, or Google the Old Mines Historical Society for their link and online registration form for the event. Cost is \$40 if registered by March 21; \$45 at the door.

MISSOURI CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Headquarters, Department of the Missouri,
Assumed any errors were in the original – did not proof

St. Louis, Mo., January 24th, 1865

General Orders, No. 20

II..... Before the Military Commission, which convened at Saint Louis, Missouri, pursuant to Special Orders, number 16, current series, from these Head Quarters, and of which Brigadier General S. A. Meredith, United States Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried:

Charles Von Denklage, a citizen of Missouri on the following charge and specifications:

Charge:

“Obtaining money under false pretences.”

Specification First: “In this, that he, the said Charles Von Denklage, did, on or about the 27th day of November, A. D. 1864, at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, obtain from one Margarett Gutyalder, the sum of twenty (\$20) dollars, by stating that her husband, a soldier in the United States army, was sick, and falsely and fraudulently pretending that he would send the said sum to her said husband, thereby intending and designing to cheat and defraud the said Margarett Gutyalder of the said sum of twenty (\$20) dollars.”

Specification Second: “In this, that he, the said Charles Von Denklage, did, on or about the 28th day of November, A. D. 1864, at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, obtain from one Elizabeth Kuhlhoff, the sum of twenty (\$20) dollars, by stating that her husband, a soldier in the United States army, was sick, and falsely and fraudulently pretending that he would send the said sum to her said husband, thereby intending and designing to cheat and defraud the said Elizabeth Kuhlhoff of the said sum of twenty (\$20) dollars.”

Specification Third: “In this, that he, the said Charles Von Denklage, did, on or about the 30th day of November, A. D. 1864, at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, obtain from one Mina Burkhardt, the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars, by stating that her husband, a soldier in the United States army, was sick, and falsely and fraudulently pretending that he would send the said sum to her said husband, thereby intending and designing to cheat and defraud the said Mina Burkhardt of the said sum of fifty (\$50) dollars.”



To which charge and specifications the prisoner pleaded as follows:

To the first specification, "Guilty."

To the second specification, "Guilty."

To the third specification, "Not Guilty."

To the charge, Guilty."

finding:

The Commission, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the prisoner as follows:

Of the first specification, the Commission confirms the plea of the accused and finds him "Guilty."

Of the second specification, the Commission confirms the plea of the accused and finds him "Guilty."

Of the third specification, "Guilty."

Sentence:

And the Commission does therefore sentence him, Charles Von Denklage, "to imprisonment for the period of fifteen years, in such place as the General commanding the Department shall designate."

Finding and sentence confirmed. The sentence will be carried into effect at the Missouri State Penitentiary, at Jefferson City, Missouri, under the direction of the Provost Marshal General.

By command of Major General Dodge:

J. W. Barnes,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Submitted by Owner of this Document: Bob Schultz

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA

1. Judson Kilpatrick
2. Solemn Grove, N.C. (He spent the night in the Monroe House at Monroe's Crossroads)
3. The Order of the Veiled Prophet
4. Memphis, TN 7 Island # 10 5 Columbus, KY 3
St. Louis, MO 1 New Madrid, MO 4 Belmont, MO 2
Ft. Pillow, TN 6
5. Harper's Ferry, Virginia
6. Rosecrans and Bragg (2ND Answer) Georgia
7. Gettysburg Shiloh Antietam Lexington
8. A form of French light infantry or elite troops. The name and reputation like Zouaves, appealed to Americans, and a number of Voltigeur units appeared before and during the War. Originally they were very light soldiers who rode on the back of Napoleon's heavy cavalry horses behind the cavalryman and were dropped off to perform special missions such as guides or protecting key terrain such as road junctions.
9. Battle of Carthage 5 Jul 1861
Claiborne Jackson

Franz Siegel

