



The COURIER OF THE CIVIL WAR ROUND-TABLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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68th Meeting

DATE:	TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1965		
SPEAKER:	J. STUART TORREY		
SUBJECT:	THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION		
PLACE:	HERMIT CLUB - DODGE COURT		
PRELININARIES:	6:00 p.m.	DINNER:	7:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS & SPEAKERS

69th Meeting

APRIL 13, 1965 "LADIES NIGHT"

Miss Maggie Davis
author of the Civil War Novel
THE FAR SIDE OF HOME
"A Southern Novelist Takes A
Realistic View of THE WAR."

70th Meeting

MAY 11, 1965

JAMES K. FLACK
"Confederate Generalship
at Gettysburg"

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please use the enclosed, stamped envelope to forward your dinner reservations for the March 9 meeting (\$3.75 per person) for you and your guests. This will help greatly to reduce the usual confusion caused by at-the-table collection.

If your decision to attend can be made only at a time too late for mailing your check, please do not hesitate to come on this account. You can pay JOHN STEVNING on arrival.

LADIES NIGHT

This year's Ladies' Night promises to be an interesting and fascinating evening for both members and their lady guests. Miss Maggie Davis will be the speaker. Miss Davis is an Atlanta newspaper woman who has written two successful novels. One is about a southern boy fighting with a Georgia regiment. The novel, THE FAR SIDE OF HOME, covers the fighting around Atlanta and the Battle of Jonesboro.

Price of dinners will be \$5.00 each for this very special evening. Keep the date open - April 13. We will soon be asking for reservations.

THE CLEVELAND CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

FOUNDED FEBRUARY 20, 1957

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT. Lester L. Swift
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SECRETARY. Guy Di Carlo, Jr.
TREASURER. James K. Ramsey

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1965: Donald MacDowell
Edward S. Wells
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Frank A. Moran

EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER . . Theodore I. Adams
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are, taking in three more new members. Judging by their applications, we will be interested in getting better acquainted with them:

1. Milton D. Holmes lives in Westlake, Ohio. He is a judge in the Rocky River Municipal Court. He states that his interest in the war is general and he would be willing to deliver a talk on the parallel between the careers of Generals Warren and Pickett.
2. Theodore B. Faxon lives in Rocky River and is a supervisor at the Higbee Co. His special interests are Stonewall Jackson, the Valley Campaign, and the Battle of Fredericksburg.
3. Richard G. Farmer lives in Cleveland Heights and is a physician at the Cleveland Clinic. He is interested in the general and also the political aspects of the war.

It is a pleasure to welcome these gentlemen. We hope they will find our meetings

interesting, stimulating (in their historical content) and yet relaxing. We also hope these new members and all other members will help the officers by commenting freely on what they do and do not like about our meetings.

Incidentally, we still have a short waiting list. Do you have a friend who would like to join our ranks? The above three handed in their applications in January, February, and March, 1964. That waiting time seems to be about "par for the course."

There will be a meeting of the officers and executive committee at Keifer's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will not have too much business to transact. We will enjoy good bock beer and sauerkraut.

It has been called "The War of Brother against Brother" and recently I ran across a not-too-tragic example. The Brothers Drayton were raised in the vicinity of Hiltor Head Island, South Carolina. When war came, Thomas Drayton, a West Pointer, became a Confederate general. His brother, Percival Drayton, a graduate of Annapolis, was put in command of a Union gunboat. Came the amphibious expedition of November, 1862, commanded by General Thomas W. Sherman. General Thomas Drayton was in command of the two forts, Beauregard and Walker, which were bombarded on November 7. Percival Drayton commanded the POCAHONTAS and his knowledge of waters between the two forts was of great help to the Union Navy. The gunfire of the Navy was too accurate and after four hours, the Rebel troops in the forts were vacated and the Union troops under Sherman were landed.

During this campaign, the brothers exchanged messages but did not meet until the war was over. The war did not disturb the strong family affection and respect which the Brothers Drayton had for one another.

LESTER SWIFT

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Cleveland Boy, Editor of "Plain Dealer,"
Helps Old Forrest Run Yankees Out of
West Tennessee!

He died full of honors in Memphis,
Tennessee, where he was a prominent
attorney-at-law.

Clark Russell Barteau was born April 7,
1835, in Cuyahoga County, near Cleveland,
Ohio. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan
at Delaware, he came south with fellow
students from Kentucky to learn something of
southern society and of slavery as it really
existed. He became principal of the Male
Academy at Hartsville, Tennessee in 1856,
and continued as such for two years. In
1858, he began to edit and publish the
"Hartsville Plain Dealer" ultra-democratic
and states rights paper.

This story was sent in by out-of-
town member Gordon Tatum.

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He married Miss Mary Cosby on January 20,
1859, and continued to teach and edit his
paper until the outbreak of the War.

Enlisting as a private in Company "D"
Seventh Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry, on
the 17th of October, 1861, he at once
became a favorite with the men. Soon he
was elected Lieutenant Colonel and placed
in command of The Second Tennessee Cavalry.

A pathetic incident is related in
"Hancock's Diary" of Colonel Barteau's last
interview with his wife. It was after the
fall of Fort Donelson; he rode home, and on
the 17th of February, 1862, spent one hour
with his dear wife and infant child. The
army was falling back; he could remain no
longer. It was their last kiss and farewell.
Mrs. Barteau lived to hear of her husband's
promotion, but never to see him again.

Colonel Barteau, always known as a fighter,
was a favorite of General Forrest. In 1863,
he was promoted to full Colonel and frequently
commanded a brigade. The histories of
Forrest's Cavalry are full of his deeds, and
the official reports confirm them at Shiloh;
Murfreesboro; Franklin; Harrisburg, Mississippi;
and Okolona, Mississippi.

At no place did he serve better than in
some of Forrest's daring forays into West
Tennessee. He was at Fort Pillow, Paducah,
and in particular on more than one occasion
captured Union commands of local origin,
than which nothing was more unpopular with
the majority of the home fold.