

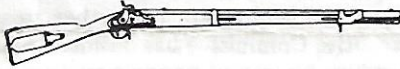
THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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Damon Wells, Jr., on "Stephen A. Douglas" May 12 and a Cocktail Party for a Double-header Evening



311th REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Damon Wells, Jr., of Houston, Texas,

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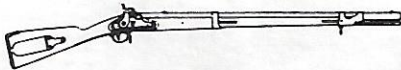
Stephen A. Douglas and the South.

Friday, May 12, 1972

Chicago Bar Association
29 South LaSalle Street

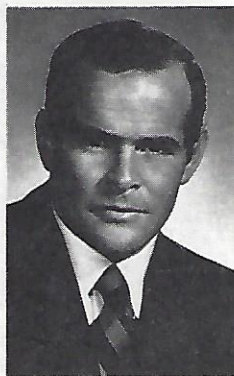
Cocktails at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

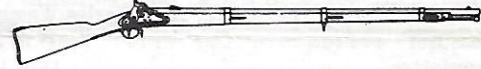


Damon Wells, Jr., author of "Stephen A. Douglas: The Last Years, 1857-1861," published last year, will address The Civil War Round Table on "Stephen Douglas and the South" at the May 12, 1972, meeting at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street, Chicago.

Dr. Wells is a 34-year-old resident of Houston, Texas. He holds a B.A. degree from Yale University, B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oxford, and a Ph.D. from Rice. When he is not working at his investment business, which includes interests in Chicago, Dr. Wells is an avid student of British and United States history. The politics of the decade just prior



Damon Wells, Jr.



AUTOGRAPH AND COCKTAIL PARTY

To Meet

DR. DAMON WELLS, JR.

Author Of

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS
The Last Years, 1857-1861

"... not only the most critical time in the career of Stephen Douglas, it was the most critical era in the history of the American Nation."

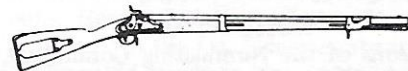
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THE BOOK & THE BOTTLE

Opposite The
Abraham Lincoln Book Shop

4:00 p.m.

17 East Chestnut Street



to the American Civil War holds a particular appeal for him. Since publication of his book on Douglas last year, he has been at work on another dealing with financial practices in the Confederacy.

Damon Wells is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a national director of the English-Speaking Union.

In discussing his topic, "Stephen Douglas and the South," Dr. Wells writes:

"Stephen Douglas, unlike many Northern leaders

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in the years prior to the Civil War, never made the mistake of ignoring or underestimating the South. He visited it often, courted it assiduously, and made one concession after another to its interests.

“But Douglas never fully understood its manifold complexities and peculiarities. The South, for its part, never tried to understand Stephen Douglas. It would use him when it could and cast him aside when he most needed its support.

“In the failure of Douglas and the South to establish a stable relationship based on trust and mutual interest lies much of the explanation to the tragic failure of American politics in the 1850’s.”

NOMINATIONS

Recommendations of the Nominating Committee, C. Robert Douglas, Chairman, for officers for the 1972-1973 year:

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The election will be held at the regular meeting of May 12, 1972. Installation of officers will take place at the regular meeting of June 9, 1972.

BATTLEFIELD SOUVENIR AUCTION

by Marshall D. Krolick

For many years now, the Civil War Round Table has been availing itself of every opportunity to gather and preserve historic memorabilia and combat trophies from the many fields upon which our gallant unit has “seen the elephant” (pink, usually!). Our museum houses one of the finest collections of its kind to be found anywhere on Chestnut Street, between State and Wabash.

However, space limitations in the museum are now seriously hampering the acquisition of further treasures. Therefore, your Executive Committee has decided to make available to the membership, by way of periodic auction sales, a limited number of these valuable prizes of our glorious history. Our eminent curator, Mr. J. Brooks Davis, has inventoried the entire collection and has personally chosen the following select items for the first sale.

1. A Bafart cane loaded and emptied three times a minute, under fire, by that eminent sharpshooter, the late Hal Dixon.
 2. A Command Post headquarters sign captured singlehandedly at the point of the bayonet by the dashing General Alexander Schimmelfennig Lapinski (Ret.)
 3. An enlarged map of the 1864 Virginia Campaign, specially revised by Riley Gunner to indicate his secret cache of newly molded Minie’ balls suitable for salting battlefields.
 4. A Bafart umbrella which, during his famous Mud March, provided General Ambrose Burnside Twiss with a dry outside and a wet inside.
 5. A Civil War jigsaw puzzle which presents an intellectual challenge equalled only by the strategic problem faced successfully in the famous charge at the “Schmitt House.”
- The above list of valuable relics will go to the highest bidders during the regular meeting of May 12, 1972. While mail bids will be accepted, you are urged to attend the meeting so that you can physically examine each item and make your offer before the auctioneer’s hammer falls.

GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE

A memorial to Peter James Bracken, Confederate hero of the Great Locomotive Chase, was dedicated September 23, 1971, in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Georgia, as reported by Edison H. Thomas in L & N Magazine. Bracken, a railroad engineer, ran the locomotive Texas in its successful pursuit of the Western & Atlantic locomotive General, April 12, 1862. The memorial embodies a representation of the Texas, based on a drawing by the late Wilbur G. Kurtz, Sr., a brief note on the exploit, and the dates: born Oct. 31, 1833, Philadelphia, Pa.; died May 26, 1909, Macon, Ga. The monument was obtained through the efforts of Col. James G. Bogle, Atlanta, aided by C. S. Coogler, Universal Monument Company, Elberton, and Harry W. Barnwell, Clark Memorials, Macon. The ceremony was attended by 21 of Bracken’s descendants, including three granddaughters.

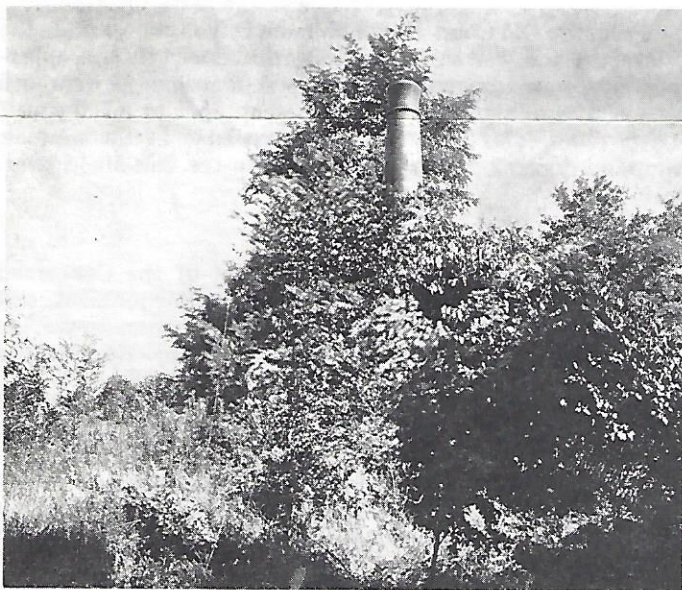
THE CONTINUING WAR

"Encampment at Fort Ben Harrison," by E. L. Reedstrom in the May, 1972, issue of Guns magazine reports on the re-enactment of Gen. John Hunt Morgan's raid featuring celebration of the Army's 196th birthday and the Indiana fort's 65th last summer. The Sons of Union Veterans Reserve attended along with uniformed Union and Confederate units, several of which are pictured. The author discusses details of arms and equipment.

Col. John Couzens of the 13th Georgia Cavalry led an attack of 22 fully uniformed Confederate rebels against one Union soldier, Dennis Middleton, who admits he was killed at least four times, in week-end maneuvers April 1 and 2, 1972, all of which is not so unusual except that it happened in Australia. Col. Couzens is of Perth and Middleton of Blackburn and the U.S. Civil War was renewed near Bacchus Marsh, according to the April 3 issue, with pictures, of The Sun, forwarded by CWRT correspondent A. Grall, 15 Heyington Place, Toorak, Victoria. For world coverage read the CWRT Bulletin.

More on Antietam Picture

"Antietam: Looking Down the Lane" was the caption on an old-time photograph reproduced in the April, 1971, issue of the CWRT Bulletin. It aroused the interest of Park Historian James R. Atkinson, whose photograph of the site as it now appears was reproduced in the June, 1971, issue, along with a letter in which he pinned it down the date the original was taken as after 1890. Just recently we identified it on page 190 ("The Battle-field of Antietam") of Volume III of "The Great Republic by the Master Historians," edited by Charles Morris and Oliver H. G. Leigh, and published by The R. S. Belcher Co., New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, in 1901. A prior 1897 copyright by J. B. Lippincott Company is shown. This was one of a number of multi-volumed histories sold by subscription in that period, some of them so much alike that it would seem that only the titles were changed. The "master historian" who wrote "The Conflict at Antietam" was Benson J. Lossing.



SITE OF VICKSBURG SURRENDER. The upended cannon marks the spot where Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton met Maj. Gen. U.S. Grant to negotiate the terms of Confederate surrender. We go to press too early to get reports from our Battlefield Tourists, but we would guess that the site is not quite so buried in brush as in this photograph taken around the 1890s.



TO THE CAMP FOLLOWERS (LADIES)

Time: Friday, May 12, 1972, 5:30 p.m.

Place: The Book and Bottle, 17 East Chestnut Street, opposite the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop.

Program: Alice Cromie, who needs no introduction, will talk on "Going to See the Elephant," based on excerpts from old letters never before publicly read or published.

Reservations: Phone Joyce Warshaw, 866-6667, or write her (Mrs. Jerry) 1319 Crain Street, Evanston, Illinois 60202.

TO ALL CWRT MEMBERS: Your womenfolk always qualify as Camp Followers and are cordially invited to attend the meetings. Perhaps some of the newer members don't know this. We meet when they do, drink, eat and have a program—then break camp simultaneously with the gentlemen.



"The American Civil War and the English Stage," by John Ventura in the May, 1971, issue of Crossfire, the Journal of the American Civil War Round Table of the United Kingdom, starts with attempts to trace Booth Conway, alleged nephew of John Wilkes Booth, and Sir Charles Wyndham, in later years actor-manager of Wyndham's Theatre, who had acted with both John Wilkes Booth and Edwin Booth in America. Wyndham served in the Union army as surgeon, 1862-65, then returned to the stage. Another trail led to Sir John Gielgud, who had acted in John Drinkwater's short-lived 1923 play on Robert E. Lee. Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" was more successful, but the Lee play had an adequate cast with Sir Felix Aylmer as Lee; Claude Raines as David Peel, Leo G. Carroll as JEB Stuart, Edmund Willard as Stonewall Jackson, and Gordon Harker as Jefferson Davis. The young Gielgud played an aide to Lee and was understudy to Raines.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Schimmelfennig has had unusual attention from CWRT members because of his name, and for this there is precedent. There is a legend that President Lincoln, in signing his commission, said he knew nothing about the man but that his name alone was sufficient recommendation as obvious recognition of German immigrants. A two-page article about him in the February, 1972, issue of Civil War Times Illustrated, pictures his pig-pen "headquarters" at Gettysburg. While trying to rally his troops in the town July 1, the general was cut off by Confederates and was hit in the head by a gun butt. He feigned death and escaped to the pig pen. Patricia Weaver of the magazine staff adds the detail that the pig pen was owned by her great-great-grandfather John Henry Gerlach, and that Mrs. Gerlach fed and hid the general until the Confederates abandoned Gettysburg July 4 and he could return to his command.

A replica of the General, including a cigarette lighter, is offered at \$25.95 by Haverhill's, 584 Washington, San Francisco, Ca. 94111. It is described as 11 inches long, weighing 3 pounds, with moving parts, and "exact in every detail" to the famed Civil War locomotive.

THE NEW BOOKS



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(Compiled by Dick Clark)

Clarke, Asia (Booth). *The Unlocked Book; a Memoir of John Wilkes Booth* by his sister. . . Foreword by Eleanor Farjeon. N.Y.: Benjamin Blom, 1971. \$12.50. Reprint of the 1938 edition.

Crippen, Lee Forbes. *Simon Cameron, Ante-Bellum Years*. N.Y.: Da Capo, 1972. \$15.00. Originally issued as vol. 3 of Men of America Series, 1942.

Davis, Varina Howell. *Jefferson Davis: Ex-President of the Confederate States of America; a Memoir by His Wife*. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries [1971]. 2 vols. \$59.50. Reprint of 1890 edition.

Delaney, Caldwell. *Confederate Mobile: A Pictorial History*. 360p. (chiefly illustrations). Mobile: Haunted Book Shop, 1971. \$25.00

Ficklen, John Rose. *History of Reconstruction in Louisiana (through 1868)*. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries, 1971. \$12.50. Reprint of 1910 edition.

Hamilton, Joseph Gregoire de Rouilhac. *Reconstruction in North Carolina*. Freeport, N.Y.: Books for Libraries, 1971. Reprint of 1914 edition. \$26.50

Leech, Margaret. *Reveille in Washington, 1860-1865*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press [1971]. \$19.50. Reprint of 1941 edition.

Myers, Robert Manson, editor. *The Children of Pride. A True Story of Georgia and the Civil War*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1972. xxv, 1945 pages. \$19.95. 1200 letters by family and friends of Rev. Dr. Charles Colcock Jones of Liberty County, Georgia. Arranged into a chronological narrative of years 1854-1868. An impressive collection.

Russel, Robert R. *Critical Studies in Antebellum Sectionalism: Essays in American Political and Economic History*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Pub. Co. [c. 1972]. \$10.00

Schurz, Carl. *Charles Sumner, an Essay*. Edited by Arthur Reed Hogue. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press [1972]. \$8.75. Reprint of 1951 edition.

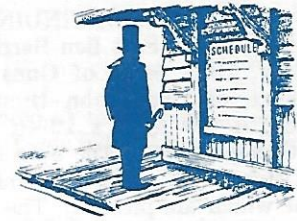
Simkins, Francis Butler and James Welch Patton. *The Women of the Confederacy*. St. Clair Shores, Mich.: Scholarly Press [1971]. \$16.00. Originally published in Richmond, 1936.

Dr. Morley McNeal, long-time member of The Civil War Round Table, has retired from medical practice as pediatrician at the age of 80. Highland Park Hospital has named its nursery for him, honoring his 50 years of pediatric practice. Morley worked his way through medical school in part by driving a four-horse stagecoach for Yellowstone Park tourists, and that seems a long time ago. A graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical School, he interned and did his residency in Children's Memorial Hospital. He headed a baby clinic during the Depression. Retirement will enable him to devote much of his time to his collection of 2,000 volumes on Confederate history and art.

Word has been received of the death after a long illness of Maurine Krone, wife of our long-time member William C. Krone of 511 West Shore Drive, Richardson, Texas 75080.

Lincoln Memorial University (Harrogate, Tn. 37752) is offering an especially commissioned 75th Anniversary Medallion in silver (\$75, limited to 250) and bronze (\$3.50). Art work for the medallion is by Lloyd Ostendorf.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 South LaSalle Street, 11th floor, second Friday in each month except as noted.

May 4-7: Battlefield Tour, Vicksburg Campaign.

May 12: Damon Wells, Jr., on Stephen A. Douglas.

June 14: Robert Fowler

Every Monday: Informal noon luncheon meetings at Jason's Restaurant (formerly Chodash), 312 West Randolph Street; all members invited.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, May 13, 1972

There will be an important executive committee meeting on Saturday, May 13, 1972. Committee members will be notified of the exact time and place by mail. All members of the current executive committee and proposed members of next year's executive committee are urged to attend as among the items on the agenda are the site of the 1973 Battlefield Tour, location of regular meetings and future financial policies of the Round Table.



From the Old Court House Museum in Vicksburg comes the Vicksburg and Warren County Historical Society News, appropriately printed on wallpaper, in part, reporting its improved financial condition, and the imminent opening of the Jeff Davis room. This issue lists items available in the souvenir shop, no doubt investigated by those on the Battlefield Tour.

From Gettysburg comes a fact sheet of the Concerned Citizens of Adams County for a Quality Environment, still opposed to any construction of an observation tower, although hinting that compromise on a less objectionable site may be the solution.

Milwaukee's 1st Brigade Band, which entertained us with Civil War music at the 1968 Ladies Night, announces a new LP and stereo record called "Making History Live, Volume Two." It schedules an 1854 version of "The Star Spangled Banner" and 14 pieces of the Civil War period such as "Marching Through Georgia," "Port Royal Galop," "Garry Owen," "Robin Adair," and "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming." The price is \$4.25, as is a limited number of Volume One records, from Heritage Military Music Foundation, Inc., 1824 North 36th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.