



Battle Lines

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Atlanta

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586th Meeting

Leon McElveen, Editor

October Meeting

Reservations Are Required

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR DINNER
RESERVATION CHECK OF **\$33.00** PER
PERSON TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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Lilburn, GA 30047- 4408

TO REACH DAVID NO LATER THAN NOON ON
THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING

E-mail and telephone reservations will
not be accepted

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Time: Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Road

Price: \$33.00 per person

Program: Bill Bragg
*Mildred Thompson and the History
of Reconstruction Georgia.*

Mildred Thompson and the History of Reconstruction Georgia

Our speaker for October will be Civil War Round Table of Atlanta member, Bill Bragg. Bill's subject will be Atlanta native Clara Mildred Thompson (1881-1975), longtime Dean of Vassar College and author of the standard history of Georgia during Reconstruction, 1865-1872. Her book, long considered among the best of the Dunning School studies benefited from wide research and clear presentation, but it differed conspicuously in its moderate racial views and approval of the "democratization" that Reconstruction represented. Bill will also speak generally on the other competing "schools" of Reconstruction history.

A retired educator, Bill is the author of many articles and reviews relating to the Civil War, along with books on the battle of Griswoldville, the Georgia State Line regiments, and, with Bill Scaife, the Georgia Militia, 1861-1865. He recently prepared for publication the late Edward Cashin's biography of Augusta's Sergeant Berry Benson, the Confederate sharpshooter. Bill has appeared in several documentaries on Civil War-related topics and has received the Georgia Historical Society's E. Merton Coulter Award for Excellence in the Writing of Georgia History and its Presidential Citation for Distinguished Contributions to the Field of Georgia History.

Don't miss this opportunity to come out and hear one of our own address this critical and important period of post-Civil War history that continues to affect us today, yet so often is denied its time in the spotlight.

Be there.

Kent Brown in September

Kent Brown did a masterful job in his presentation last month. He examined the particular situation of the state of Kentucky in regards to the political arena both during and following "the late unpleasantness".

His insights from a native's point of view finally answered the question of, "Why do they play Dixie at University of Kentucky football games?"

2011 - 2012 Program Preview

- November 8, 2011**.....David Powell
 RICHARD BARKSDALE HARWELL AWARD
Failure in the Saddle - Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joe Wheeler, and the Confederate Cavalry in the Chickamauga Campaign
- December 13, 2011**..... Stephen Wise
Forgotten History: The Battle of Port Royal
 [To be held at the Capital City Club - Downtown]
- January 10, 2012**John Derden
Camp Lawton: The Largest Prison in the World
- February 14, 2012**..... Greg Biggs
How Johnny Got His Gun - The Confederate Supply System
- March 13, 2012**.....Gail Stephens
The Race for Washington, Summer 1864
- April 10, 2012**.....Jeffry Wert
James Longstreet: The Staff in Lee's Right Hand
- May 8, 2012**.....Robert Girardi
Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign
- June 12, 2012**..... Stephen Davis
What the Yankees Did to Us

Upcoming Events

- October 7, 2011:** Lecture, "Ambrose Bierce: The Truth and Fiction of Chickamauga", at the Chickamauga Battlefield visitor center. 6:00 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/chch.
- October 15, 2011:** Bud Robertson at Kennesaw State University. See separate article.
- October 17, 2011:** Monday Night Program, "USCT's in the Atlanta Campaign", Brad Quinlin, 7:00 pm @ KEMO Visitor Center.
- October 22 - 23, 2011:** 1st Georgia Infantry Encampment @ Top of Kennesaw Mountain.
- October 29 - 30, 2011:** Georgia Division - Living History Program and Encampment - 11am, Noon, 2pm and 3pm @ KEMO Visitor Center.

Dress Code

If you invite guests to a meeting, please remind them that it is our policy and that of Ansley that gentlemen wear coats and ties.

An Evening with Bud Robertson

We will host a special private reception honoring Dr. James "Bud" Robertson, preceding his 6:00 pm lecture Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Kennesaw University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era. Our Round Table will be honoring Dr. Robertson's 48 years of affiliation with our round table since first speaking to us in 1963. We will be making a presentation to him.

The reception will be from 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm immediately prior to his lecture on the 5th floor terrace of the Social Science building. Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. This will be our time to meet and honor the most prominent Civil War historian in the country. His lecture, *The Untold Civil War*, will follow the reception on the 1st floor of the same building. There is a \$10 per person donation for the reception. Reservations are required. Email Chuck Carter at saluda26@bellsouth.net or 404-906-4336.

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21 October 1861: Battle of Leesburg [CS]; Battle of Ball's Bluff [US] ;Battle of Harrison Island [US]. General Nathan Evans [CS] defeats General Charles Stone [US]. Oregon Senator Edward Baker, field commander, becomes the first (and only) sitting senator to die in battle.

Dues are Due

You should have received a dues notice from David Floyd recently. Please remit as soon as you can. Deadline is November 1.

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