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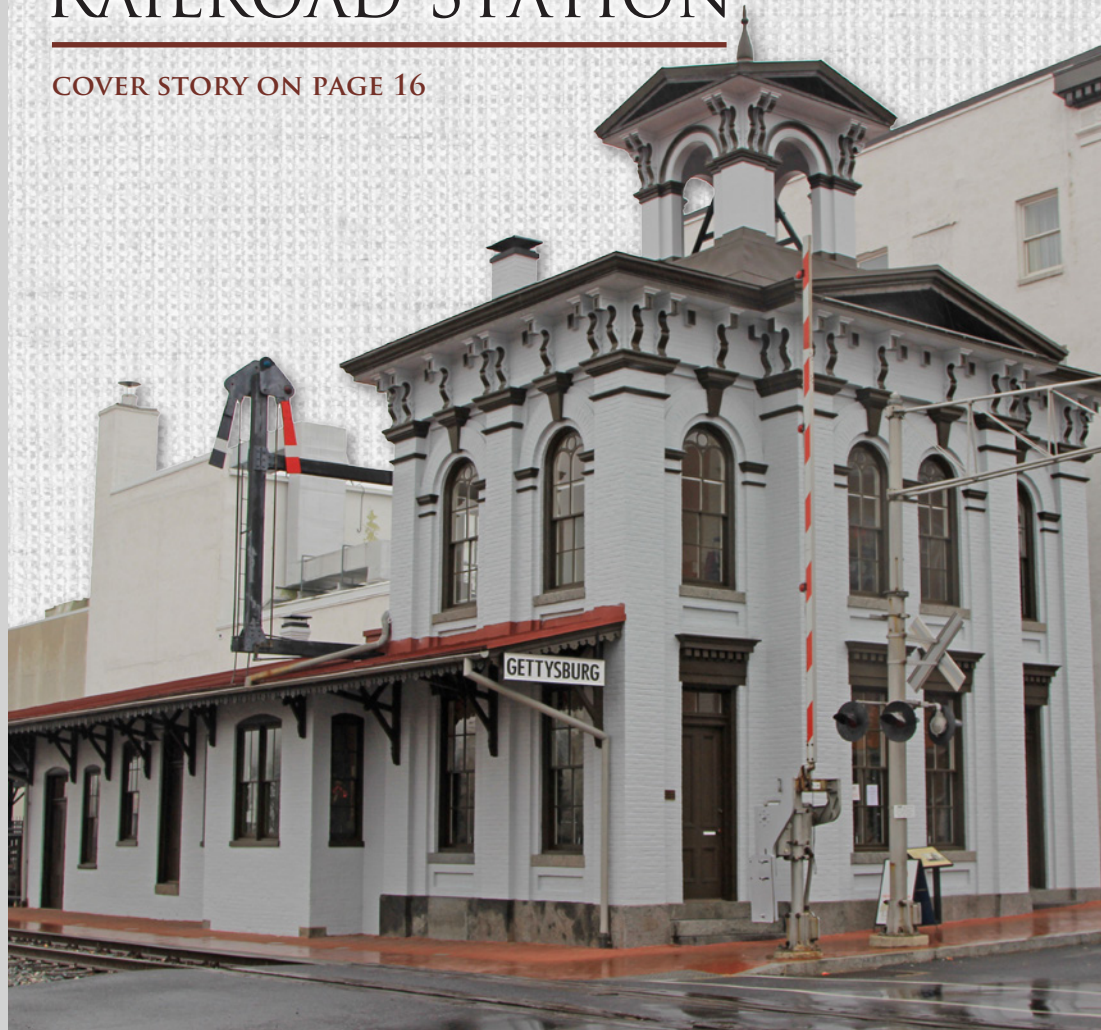
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY: JOANNE M. HANLEY



GNMP SUPERINTENDENT ED CLARK, JOANNE HANLEY AND BOARD MEMBER DAVID HARTMAN POSE WITH MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE MIXER IN NC.

Greetings in 2015, the final year of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. Since 2011, record numbers of visitors have taken advantage of the educational opportunities at nearly every Civil War site in the National Park System (NPS). Commemorations of the 150th anniversaries of the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address in 2013 are memories that I know many of you will fondly remember. In 2014 we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Gettysburg in 1989, and we had wonderful times of special events, dinners, awards and opportunities to remember with great pride the work accomplished in the past 25 years as partners of the NPS. Building on our past successes, we look forward to your loyal and generous support as we work together in partnership with Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) and the Eisenhower National Historic Site (ENHS) for many years in the future.

During the year, I had the distinct pleasure of hosting "Friends mixers" in four states: Colorado, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Minnesota. Superintendent Ed Clark accompanied me on each of these trips, and we met with individuals who may have been Friends members for many years, or some of whom have never been to Gettysburg. At each of the mixers, Ed

and I had the opportunity to speak to the group, often following a Civil War Round Table meeting, and to talk with members individually as we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship together. Some of those we met had attended the 150th commemoration in 2013 and the Friends 25th celebration in 2014. In all instances, it was wonderful to engage personally with members who have been supporters of preservation and education at Gettysburg. Perhaps you may recognize someone in the photo included in this column. Ed and I are hoping to have more Friends mixers when we are traveling around the country on Foundation business.

In my travels I have also had the privilege to spend some quality time with Jim Dietrich before he died. As you will read on page 39, Jim wanted to leave a legacy to Gettysburg and did so in his estate planning. He wanted me to keep him up-to-date on the progress of the Spangler farm rehabilitation, especially. He so exemplified the courage of the human spirit and the desire to "give back" to this sacred place called Gettysburg.

The Spring Muster in April will begin with a Friday evening panel discussion moderated by retired NPS Park Ranger Scott Hartwig, highlighting the 100-year history and anniversary celebration of the Licensed Battlefield Guides (LBG). The

Gettysburg Foundation considers them as very important and crucial partners. The Saturday evening banquet speaker will be renowned Abraham Lincoln historian, author, and educator Dr. Matthew Pinsker, who holds the Brian Pohanka Chair of Civil War History at Dickinson College. In this last Civil War Sesquicentennial year and the sad anniversary of Lincoln’s assassination, much of our focus will be on Lincoln.

As you will read in the cover story, the Gettysburg Railroad Station, known to us as the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station, is on its way to being officially part of GNMP as of December 2014, when legislation was passed to include the station within the boundaries of the park. We are proud to showcase this historic building in downtown Gettysburg as the beginning point of the Lincoln Gettysburg Experience, which is available as a self-guiding walking tour, or as an iOS smartphone app.

Volunteers have been an integral part of every project of the Friends since 1989, and I know you will enjoy reading about some of those accomplishments in the article on page 36. The annual Volunteer Workday on the first weekend of June draws over 250 members from across the country, often with two or three generations of a family working. It is wonderful to watch as very young children learn to paint fences standing next to parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. This is most meaningful as we continue to build a legacy of preservation and education for future generations. The output of fresh vegetables from the Sherry House historic farm garden is incredible and is being shared with the Campus Kitchen through the partnership with Gettysburg College students working with Foundation volunteers. At the Member Services Desk in the Museum & Visitor Center lobby, volunteers are on duty and recruiting new members every day. At the Rupp House during the spring and summer seasons, there are visitors who



GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION PRESIDENT JOANNE HANLEY (RIGHT) AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD BARBARA FINROCK PUT UP A FENCE AT VOLUNTEER WORKDAY.

stop in to learn more about the civilians who were hostages to the ravages of battle in their small town. It has not mattered which type of project we have undertaken, the volunteer “corps” is thriving. The honor of “giving back” is becoming a tradition among volunteers, and I am so proud of all who step forward in this way.

Speaking of giving back, we had the honor of featuring Barbara Finrock, our Vice Chair of the Board, on page 8. Barbara has been a stalwart of support, guidance and friendship for me over the last four years. I know I can always count on her positive outlook, her candor and her ability to see the big picture, as well as her love for both our organization and the national parks. Nationally, she is viewed as a treasure trove of advice and experience for other Friends organizations, and is frequently sought out by fledgling groups. We are blessed and fortunate that she “belongs to Gettysburg!”

As we look to the future years, we will need the continued loyalty of members in all of these same ways, as we celebrate anniversaries, honor sacred ground, and always educate ourselves and others about the rich national heritage we are fortunate to be part of in Gettysburg. Thank you all so much. I look forward to welcoming you back again and again in 2015 and beyond.

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FROM THE PARK



REAL VIPs OF GETTYSBURG

Volunteers in Parks

By Ed Clark, Superintendent

In the special language of the National Park Service, volunteers are VIPs, *Volunteers in Parks*. Everywhere you look in Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site you'll see volunteers helping accomplish the mission. It's easy to see that *volunteers are the life blood of the National Park Service*.

FY14 VOLUNTEER NUMBERS – Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site literally could not exist without our volunteers. Gettysburg had volunteers in the cannon shop, library, museum

services, visitor services, park watch patrol, living history, and adopt-a-position. In all 2,266 people donated 35,270 hours of service. At Eisenhower, 844 people donated 19,136 hours of service – a record year for volunteers there!

The total impact of this volunteer service is tremendously beneficial to both parks. These hours are equivalent to more than 52 additional seasonal employees and are valued at \$1,226,855.

The annual Friends of Gettysburg volunteer day is our biggest volunteer

event of the year and includes fence building projects, painting projects, brush removal and other important tasks at both the Gettysburg and Eisenhower sites. We also use volunteers in Park Watch patrol; living history programs; Adopt-a-Position; the park library; care of museum collections; the cannon carriage restoration shop; visitor services; and more.

PARK WATCH – Park watchers serve in highly visible roles, sporting Park Watch jackets, hats, and car decals, and sometimes they are covert, quietly serving as the eyes and ears of park



A LONG-TIME EISENHOWER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE VOLUNTEER ASSISTS VISITORS



AIR FORCE SERGEANTS VOLUNTEERING AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK THIS SUMMER



VOLUNTEERS FROM THE USS EISENHOWER VOLUNTEER AT THE EISENHOWER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

protection rangers. They have been awarded the Governor’s “Citizen’s Crime Prevention Award” on numerous occasions. Park Watch has also received the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce “Someone Special Award” and the National Park Service Northeast Region’s “Protection Award for Excellence.” During special events, Park Watch volunteers help with parking details and other tasks.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS – Every year on weekends from April through October we offer weekends of living history presentations to park visitors using all-volunteer units. The units represent every aspect of the Civil

War including infantry, artillery, cavalry, medical, signal corps, and more than a dozen different civilian units. These extremely popular volunteer programs help illustrate the life of the soldier and military drills.

ADOPT-A-POSITION – These hard-working volunteers cut brush, pull weeds, rake, plant grass, pick up litter and do many more tasks to help maintain the historic setting of the battlefield. Without Adopt-a-Position volunteers, most of this work simply wouldn’t get done due to budget and staffing restraints.

AT THE EISENHOWER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE – Volunteers present orientation tours, give living room talks

in the Eisenhower home, build and paint fences, review oral histories, scan archival historic photos, tend the Eisenhower vegetable garden, present World War II weekend events and more. New this year, living history volunteers at the site will present World War One day on May 9.

You can read more about the incredible impact the Friends of Gettysburg volunteers have on the Park landscape and at several events and programs on page 36.

To find out more about how you can be a part of these opportunities go to: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS



THE KENTUCKY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

THE KENTUCKY ROUND TABLE VISITS GETTYSBURG

Gettysburg Foundation Board Member Kent Masterson Brown and the Kentucky Civil War Round Table toured the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center in October. Several members of the Round Table are direct descendants of relatives who fought in the Civil War and particularly in Gettysburg. Many members of the Round Table are Friends of Gettysburg and others joined at our Member Services Desk! Mr. Brown also served as the keynote speaker at the 151st Dedication Day Ceremony—read more about his speech and all of the November events on page 28.

ATTENTION: GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE TRUST DONORS

As we mentioned in our last issue, the new Gettysburg Remembrance Trust plaque is now located near the Member Services Desk in the Visitor Center. As a result, we are happy to return the wooden plaques displayed in the former Visitor Center to the original donors. If you would like your plaque mailed to you or pick it up from the Rupp House, please call Beth Kirby, Director of Membership & Leadership at 717.339.2102 or you may e-mail her at ekirby@gettysburgfoundation.org.

EVENT REGISTRATION FOR SEVERAL POPULAR EVENTS NOW OPEN

We have several exciting events in the upcoming months, including Volunteer Workday and the Heritage Hike! Check out the special events section in this issue for more information, and you can always find event details and registration online at friendsofgettysburg.org.

SMOKEHOUSE PROGRESS

Thanks to the generosity of several members, we are nearly halfway to our goal to restore the smokehouse at the George Spangler Farm Civil War Field Hospital Site! We will be mailing additional information about the project this month—thank you in advance for your continued support of this critical Friends restoration project. Let's work together to meet our goal this year!

CONSIDER GOING GREEN WITH OUR NEW DIGITAL NEWSLETTER OPTION

A fully interactive digital version of our quarterly newsletter is now available! If you prefer to receive this publication digitally, please E-mail Elle at elamboy@gettysburgfoundation.org with "Digital Newsletter" in the subject line. Get the full scoop about this new offering on page 7.

GET THE SAME NEWSLETTER YOU LOVE-ONLY DIGITALLY!

To meet a demand from our Friends members, we are now pleased to offer the quarterly newsletter in both paper and interactive digital editions.

The new digital edition will be an exact replica of the print version and includes some bonus features including live links allowing you to easily:

- register for events
- purchase merchandise
- renew, upgrade and give memberships
- donate to preservation projects
- watch videos
- And more!

To sign up to receive the digital edition of the newsletter, simply e-mail Elle at elamboy@gettysburgfoundation.org. Please include "Digital Newsletter" in your subject line. You may choose to receive the digital edition only, or both the digital and paper editions. You may, of course, change your mind at any time.

See a sample of the digital edition by visiting friendsofgettysburg.org/announcements.



DUE TO THE VAST SUCCESS OF OUR 2015 CALENDAR, WE ARE AGAIN OFFERING A FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST!

CONTEST ESSENTIALS:

- Contest is open to current Friends of Gettysburg members, only.
- Only photos of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site are eligible. No photos of people, please.
- Images may be submitted only in JPEG format with a minimum of 5 MB.
- Submissions will be accepted now through July 1, 2015. Winners will be announced September 1, 2015.
- Contest winners will be featured in the Friends of Gettysburg 2016 calendar.
- Members can submit up to 5 photos and must ensure they own full rights to submitted photos.
- Only photos submitted to the contest via the Friends of Gettysburg Tumblr page (friendsofgettysburg.tumblr.com) will be considered.
- Photos need to contain member number, name of photo and the tag FriendsPhotoContest.
- For full rules and instructions, please visit friendsofgettysburg.org or contact the membership department at elamboy@gettysburgfoundation.org or 717.339.2158.

We look forward to seeing your photos!



BARBARA AND FORMER FOUNDATION PRESIDENT BOB WILBURN SIGN THE MERGER DOCUMENTS IN 2006



ENJOYING ONE OF HER FAVORITE THINGS, CLIMBING FENCES IN 1996



HARD AT WORK DURING THE VOLUNTEER WORKDAY EVENT IN 2000



WITH FELLOW VOLUNTEERS ON THE CLOSING DAY OF THE RUPP HOUSE'S 2008 SEASON



POSES WITH THE PLANS FOR THE FINROCK CENTER AND BARBARA'S LIBRARY IN 2004



IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER IN 2008

Editor's Note: Originally, we wanted to run a lengthy feature on Barbara not only to celebrate her 80th birthday but also express our gratitude as an organization for all that she's contributed—time, talent and treasure—over the past two decades. In typical Barbara fashion, she replied that she wouldn't agree to "anything more than the general membership received." So we scheduled a 'Spotlight on Members' type interview for her. This statement of hers is such a testament to Barbara's character. While her contributions warrant it, she will never willingly accept any sort of special recognition, treatment or fanfare. She contributes for the sole reward of bettering the organization and making the Friends of Gettysburg the strongest Friends group in the country.

During the Friends 25th Anniversary celebration, we interviewed Friends members and asked "In one word, describe the Friends of Gettysburg." Several of you answered with two: Barbara Finrock. She has also been referred to as "Mother Friends." Both fitting tributes.

We had the privilege of interviewing Barbara in her home for this article and, much as you would expect, her devotion to this organization is prevalent throughout the house. Strewn among family photos are highlights of her time with the Friends of Gettysburg. A picture of the Cyclorama demolition hangs next to photos with friends. A piece of power line from Emmitsburg road sits on her bookshelf. Her Park Watch hat rests on her coat rack alongside her beloved NPS Ranger hat and NPS Ambassador vest. A large nut and bolt from the demolition of the National Tower are displayed on her mantle along with a brick from the David Wills House. The dedication and enthusiasm she has for the Friends is not just part of her responsibility as Vice Chair of the Board, it is a part of her heart.

Barbara came to Gettysburg to retire from a lengthy career as a teacher and government employee. She explained to her former colleagues at the Library of Congress that she enjoyed doing NOTHING on the weekends here in peaceful Gettysburg—oh, how times have changed!

Read on to see how her weekends (and weekdays!) were quickly filled with Friends' business, explore a list of her favorite things, relive her proudest Friends moments, and discover how she became the remarkable woman she is today.

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

BARBARA J. FINFROCK

INTERVIEW BY: MARLIESE NEIDERER

GF: CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR MARTIN FINFROCK?

BJF: My great grandfather Martin was 25 when he was mustered into Company F, 147th Ohio National Guard Infantry in May of 1864. Four days later his regiment left Ohio for duty in Washington, DC, attached to 1st Brigade, DeRussy's Division, XXII Corps. Martin was one of the "100 Days Men" and was assigned to garrison duty at some of the forts that were the defenses of Washington until August 23. The regiment was part of the repulse of Early's attack on Washington July 11-12. The 147th Ohio Infantry mustered out of service August 30, 1864.

GF: CAN YOU SHARE A LITTLE DETAIL ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE THE FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG?

BJF: I grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana as did all my siblings. I went to Elementary, Junior High, and High School there. I did not particularly like school, and was not planning on attending college. After graduating from South Side High School I got a job working for *Lincoln Life Insurance Company* in Fort Wayne working on something called "double indemnities." My parents really wanted me to go to college, so they enlisted my brother to try and convince me to go. He said, "I've been thinking, why don't you just try college for one year? Would you go for me?" Well he had always been a cool guy and he and his wife Mary Alice would have me visit when they were in college. I said, "OK", and he said "Good deal, where do you think you'd like to go?" and I just looked at him and said, "Well, Purdue, of course!!!" I guess he had some money with him because he walked me to the admissions office the next day and said something like, "I'm here to enroll my sister at school." Two weeks later I was a student at Purdue. I

graduated with a major in English and two minors, one in Science and the other in Public Speaking. I used to hate speaking in public and wanted to take the extra classes to fix that so I graduated with 172 credits!! I think we only needed about 125 to graduate. It was quite ironic for someone who didn't even think she would attend college to enjoy taking so many credits and it's one of my proudest accomplishments.

GF: WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER COLLEGE?

BJF: I taught in the public school system, which I believe is a great system, and I loved teaching. I taught English for thirteen years. I taught in Cleveland first. My college roommate was from there so it was a smooth transition. That's when I "turned into me!" I decided I wanted my Master's Degree but taught for 10 years before I earned it. Then I started working for the government. I had several different government jobs and worked in places like California, New Orleans, and finally Washington D.C. at the Library of Congress as the Resources Manager of the Information Technology Services division.

GF: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GETTYSBURG AS YOUR RETIREMENT DESTINATION?

BJF: I would vacation in Gettysburg on weekends. I was at work one day and I said I know where I want to go when I retire. My co-workers asked, "Where?" and I said, "Gettysburg!" About three people popped up from their cubicles and asked, "Why would you want to go there?" I said, "Because it is so peaceful." They asked, "Well what do you do when you are there?" I said, "NOTHING!!! I sit in my chair at the campground and read." So one weekend while I was at the campground the office



BARBARA FINFROCK ON THE GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD IN 2013 (PHOTO CREDIT: HANOVER EVENING SUN)

managers alerted me of a modern house for sale that they thought I would like. I looked at the house on Sunday of Labor Day weekend in 1991 and knew immediately that it was "the one". I commuted daily from Gettysburg to Washington D.C. until I retired in October 1993.

GF: HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED WITH THE FRIENDS?

BJF: In November of 1993 a friend (Joan Hankey) and I were walking in the square of Gettysburg and noticed a sign that said, "Join the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg" on a window of an office. I asked Joan if she knew what these people did. She said that she didn't, but that we should go in and find out. So we did. This was my first time meeting the Friends founding executive director, Vickie Greenlee. She showed us the membership materials they had available. After we looked around a bit, I turned to leave and said, "Ok, nice to meet you." And then Joan said, pointing to me, "If you talk to her just

A FEW OF BARBARA'S FAVORITE THINGS:

Favorite Book – *Little Women* and *Caddie Woodlawn*

Favorite Movies – *You've Got Mail* and *Lincoln*

Favorite Place to Visit – New York City, NY and the National Parks of the Northwest – Glacier, Yellowstone, and the Grand Tetons.

Favorite Music Artist – Elvis Presley

Favorite Food – Pizza with Pepperoni, mushrooms, and black olives from Pizza Hut and home-made noodles and chicken or beef like my mother used to make.

Favorite Pie – Cherry Pie

Favorite Gettysburg Restaurant – One Lincoln located on the square – I get the salad with chicken, cranberries, and gorgonzola

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor – Butter Pecan

Favorite Color – Blue, but for cars I like Black

Most Prized Possession – College Ring from Purdue University and my cell phone so I can stay connected!

Favorite Sporting Event – Final 4 College Basketball – It's the best sporting event there is. I've been lucky enough to go to about six of them, there's just nothing like it.

right, she will volunteer for you, because she is looking for something to do." So Vickie said, "OH, GOOD!" And I joined right then and I filled out a membership form.

GF: TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR FIRST FRIENDS EVENT.

BJF: After I joined the Friends I had gone on a three-week RV trip. When I got back Vickie told me that the Friends had a committee that was forming to do the first "March for Parks" event which would raise funds for a specific preservation project on the Gettysburg battlefield. She told me that she had a gentleman from the Philadelphia area that was on the committee who was Jeff Anderson, as well as Al and Sally Atkinson, Dean and Judy Schultz, herself, her staff and

a few others. Jeff chaired the meeting and asked if I wanted to help, and I agreed. I don't know what exactly I did, but that was the first event I helped with. Vickie called to follow up with me, and asked if I wanted to help again, and I did, and that's how I got involved volunteering with the Friends.

GF: WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS BEEN THE MOST CHALLENGING PROJECT FOR THE FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG?

BJF: It was the removal of the power lines along Emmitsburg Road because we had no money. It was a huge project and the Park really wanted to see us accomplish it. I'm always amazed that it got done. We figured out it cost a million dollars a mile because there were so many utilities

involved. It also helped put the Friends "on the map" because it was such a big undertaking. I think that we were the first Friends group to accomplish something that made such an immediate difference in a national Park's landscape. Another one of the biggest challenges we faced (as the Gettysburg Foundation) was the removal of the old cyclorama building which was a huge project because of all the opposition. We also had to raise funds for it and it had to clear all kinds of legal hurdles.

GF: WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE FRIENDS' BIGGEST SUCCESS STORY?

BJF: I think the merger between the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation and the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg to form the Gettysburg Foundation is a success story. The missions of the two organizations differed in scope, but we were both involved in the ultimate goals of education and preservation. The Friends had always been an advocate of a new museum and visitor center (the major goal of the Museum Foundation), and the Museum Foundation wanted to become a membership organization with the same goals of the Friends (acquiring land, removing modern intrusions, and acquiring artifacts). We were told by the GNMP superintendent at the time, John Latschar, that it would be much more productive if our two organizations would merge. We each selected a team of negotiators and scheduled six meetings (supposedly secret) to discuss details. After four meetings, we agreed on all points, told the members at the Spring Muster in April 2006 ... and the Gettysburg Foundation came to life!

GF: WHY WOULD YOU TELL PEOPLE TO BECOME A FRIEND TODAY?

BJF: It's something you can do by yourself or with your family and you will meet so many other like-minded people. It's about preservation. It's about education, your own, and what you can pass on to other people. If you become involved it will be one of the finest things you have ever done. You can give up to your limit of giving. We



BARBARA WITH FRIENDS AT THE RUPP HOUSE ON REMEMBRANCE DAY IN THE MID 2000S



FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VICKIE GREENLEE AND BARBARA FUNDRAISING AT A FIRST CORPS EVENT IN THE MID 1990S

“My generation is an aging generation that made all this happen. It will be a challenge to make the education and preservation of this place interesting for younger people.”

don't force people to give any particular amount. If it is a \$32 membership we value it. We don't ever want to forget the importance of that as an organization. I always think about an older lady in Chicago who, years ago, used to send us a check for about \$20 every year. Her donation meant a lot. She never came here, but she would always write us notes on a little piece of paper, and it really meant something to her to be a Friend and to me that she was a Friend! It is an honor to be partners with the National Park Service. If you want to do something that makes you feel good, then this is the organization for you to join.

GF: WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER SOME OF THE IMPORTANT FUTURE GOALS FOR THE GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION?

BJF: I am concerned about our younger generation. My generation is an aging generation that made all this happen. It will be a challenge to make the education and preservation of this place interesting for younger people. And are we? I don't know. There will always be fun stuff to do. If you

want to come and paint fences and get dirty and hot carrying fence rails and bring your kids you can do that. Preservation work is ongoing, and so there will never be a time that we don't have more work to do. We will always have fun events, always have speakers. This kind of work is a solid foundation for the things we have to offer. I just hope that the kind of work we do now will be engaging to the younger generations. Everybody doesn't have to have big bucks. Service means so much to us. I want people to join to get the passion for this. I hope that I have instilled enough in the people that come to these events and Friends across the country to continue this momentum.

GF: WHEN YOU ARE NOT WORKING FOR THE FRIENDS WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

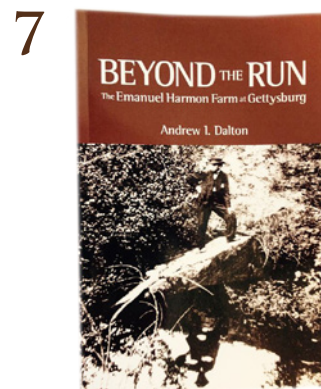
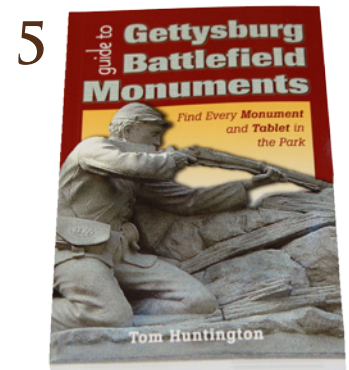
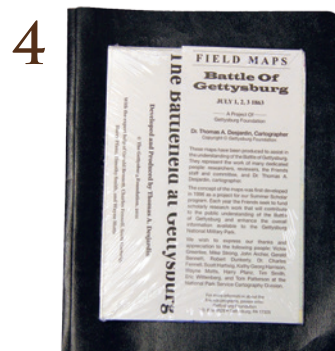
BJF: I have always loved reading. As a child my mother would read to me before bed. Once I learned to read, she would sit on the edge of my bed as I read to her every night. I am still an avid reader today. I love to drive my tractor and mow the grass. I have

a John Deer and I pull the mower behind the tractor. I can't climb the fences anymore, which was a blow to my ego, but I can't so I got over that. I love to be outdoors. I like to travel. I like to keep up relationships. I like to see my cousins from Indiana, and my high school friends at our reunions. I like learning new things on the computer. I like to keep current with that and learn, I'm no guru but I like to learn what I can.

GF: WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE FRIENDS?

BJF: My hope is to keep forever ignited the flame of passion to preserve and always value our friendship with the National Park Service. The NPS has an enormous number of places and responsibilities, but a much smaller financial capability to care for everything, so we have the opportunity to be good and loyal partners with them in every way that we can. That is my greatest hope—that we can always have the capability to be a good partner.

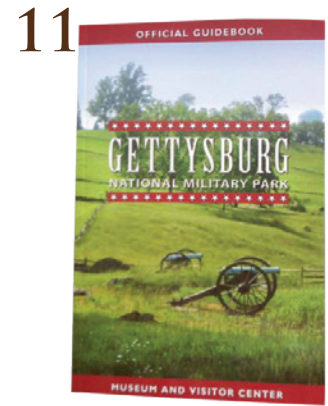
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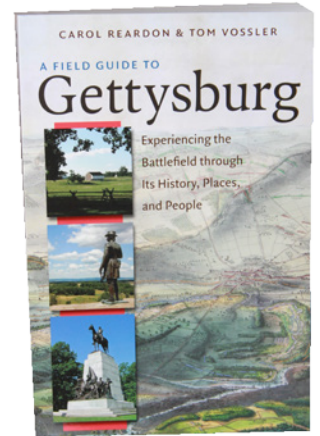
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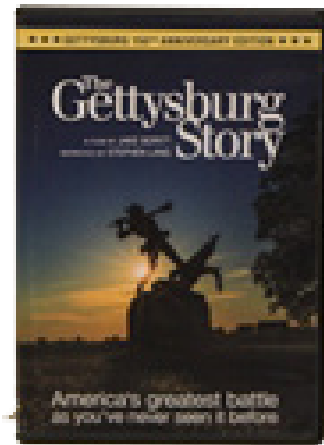
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The Historic GETTYSBURG "LINCOLN" TRAIN STATION

BY: BARBARA J. FINROCK





A CLOSE-UP VIEW OF THE MODEL OF THE ORIGINAL GETTYSBURG LINCOLN RAILROAD STATION TRACKS



A MODEL OF THE CONEWAGO ENGINE AND THE CAR IN WHICH LINCOLN TRAVELED

By modern definition and standards the railroad station on Carlisle Street in Gettysburg is small, currently non-functioning as a train depot for either freight or passengers, and has very few trains pass by on its adjacent tracks. Yet it is one of the most famous train stations in the United States and one of the most well-known buildings in Gettysburg. Its construction began in December 1858, and the station opened to passengers in May 1859. President Abraham Lincoln arrived at the station on November 18, 1863 and departed from it on November 19, 1863 after speaking a few “appropriate” words at the dedication ceremony for the new national cemetery in Gettysburg.

Legislation to include this railroad station in the boundary of the Gettysburg National Military Park was passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in December 2014. Gettysburg Foundation, the current owner of the station, will donate it to the National Park Service on a yet-unspecified date.

Dr. William “Bill” E. Aldrich, a Gettysburg resident since 1997, has an extensive educational background and professional experience in the study of railroads, chemistry, metallurgy, paints, textiles, and all manner of related topics. He holds both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in organic chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a doctorate in organic chemistry from University of Illinois, a doctorate in physical chemistry from University of Bonn, and is a Senior Fellow of the Mellon Institute. Dr. Aldrich was Director of Research and Chief Operating Officer of a Fortune 500 textile company. He was also a technical advisor for railroads in the United States and Germany as well as a director of several railroads: the New Haven, Conrail, and the Norfolk Southern. He is a sought-after lecturer, has publications in significant professional journals, and holds 12 patents in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and the Republic of China. Besides his academic achievements, he has also served in the U.S. Army Special Services, Ordnance and Research Commands,

commissioned in 1963 as a Captain and rising to the rank of Major General in 1979.

Although his professional awards are numerous and his membership in academic and technical societies is prestigious, he thinks being a volunteer for preservation in Gettysburg is one of his highest achievements. For this newsletter, Dr. Aldrich willingly shared his vast knowledge and discoveries as they relate to the history of the railroad and the station in Gettysburg.

In the early part of the 19th century, industrial transportation between the east coast and the Ohio Valley was limited to the Erie Canal, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O), and the Pennsylvania Main Line of Public Works. By the mid-1830s there were 150 railroads chartered in Pennsylvania, but only a small number of those were constructed. Thaddeus Stevens secured a publicly funded grant for a railroad in 1835, and a survey was started that would include tracks from Columbia, Maryland to Gettysburg, Orrtanna, and Blue Ridge Summit. Stevens was historically significant in the Gettysburg area as an attorney, a member of the borough council, a large land owner with an interest in several iron furnaces west of Gettysburg. He served in Congress during Lincoln’s presidency and was instrumental in the passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1851 a charter was granted to three Gettysburg men: Robert McCurdy, Josiah Benner, and Henry Myers. This charter granted permission and authority to build a privately funded railroad extending as far as Gettysburg, connecting from Hanover Junction, PA. In 1856 construction began, and the tracks reached Gettysburg in November 1858. A brick freight station, engine house, and turntable were completed, and a passenger station was started. The line officially opened with a passenger excursion train arriving in Gettysburg from Hanover at 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 1858. The following day regular freight and passenger service started with two round trips daily between Hanover and Gettysburg. Each leg of the trip was one hour in duration. Passenger coaches, 54 feet in length, could hold 48



DR. ALDRICH EXPLAINS HOW THE SWITCH TIE OPERATES TO BRING THE TRAIN TO THE PASSENGER PLATFORM SIDING

people. The locomotives were wood burning, and water they required was taken by hoses from the creeks between Hanover and Gettysburg.

In May 1859, the passenger station named Gettysburg Station was opened on the Gettysburg Railroad, but today we call it the "Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station." This short railroad line prospered until the Civil War started in 1861. There was a traffic loss due to disruption of the Northern Central Railroad which ran from Baltimore, MD to Harrisburg, PA to Hanover. Passenger service was halted in June 1863 and the station was used as a hospital for both Union and Confederate troops.

General Herman Haupt was a native Pennsylvanian, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at age 18, married a girl from Gettysburg, taught mathematics and engineering at Pennsylvania College (now Gettysburg College), and had gained favor with President Lincoln for his quick action in repairing railroad bridges in the Washington, DC area. In 1862 he was appointed as chief of a new Federal bureau responsible for constructing and operating military railroads in the United States. Immediately following the battle, Haupt took over the Gettysburg railroad and managed the repair of tracks so the wounded could be transported. Haupt was promoted to the rank of brigadier general of volunteers, but he and the government had disagreements about how a bureau chief should work. His promotion was rescinded in September of 1863 and Haupt soon after resigned from the U.S. Army and continued in private railroad business.

The restored line was used for the transporting of wounded and

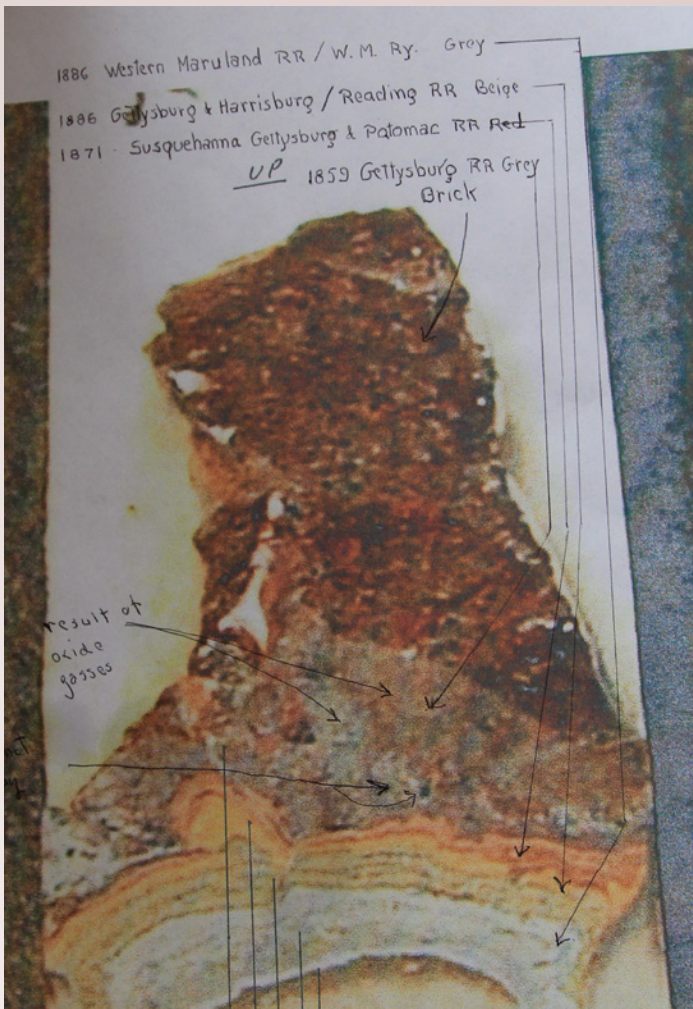


OBSERVING AN ORIGINAL CONCRETE PYLON THROUGH A CUTOUT IN THE MUSEUM FLOOR

dead soldiers and to provide medical services but not to supply the army. There were five or six trains, each with eight to ten cars carrying the wounded out of Gettysburg, then returning for more. By the end of August 1863 the Gettysburg railroad line was returned to private operations with limited service until the tracks and bridges were fully repaired.

For Lincoln's visit in November 1863, there were four cars pulled by a B&O engine between Washington DC and Camden Street Station in Baltimore where the locomotive was removed and horses dragged the train to the Bolton Street Station of the Northern Central Railroad. At that point a Northern Central engine was coupled to the train and a baggage car which served as a dining car was added. This five-car train proceeded to Hanover Junction, where Lincoln changed to a two-car train of the Hanover Branch Railroad. A lighter weight engine, the Conewago, replaced the heavier Northern Central engine, and Lincoln's two-car train proceeded to Gettysburg.

Between the Civil War years and today there have been multiple owners of the railroad and the station on Carlisle Street. The railroad itself continued to grow and be connected to additional communities. By 1889, the line was extended and joined with the Western Maryland main line to Hagerstown and to the B&O line on to Cherry Run, Virginia - Thaddeus Stevens' dream for railroad service and connections had become a reality. Passenger service to and from Gettysburg ended December 31, 1942. Western Maryland leased the station to the Gettysburg Travel Council (now Destination Gettysburg) in 1955. Through the years from 1955 to 1998 the railroad merged several times



SPECTROGRAPHIC PHOTO OF THE STATION'S VARYING PAINT COLORS OVER THE YEARS

to become CSX in 1970. In 1998 ownership of the station was transferred to the Borough of Gettysburg, who owned it until 2014.

In 2000, Dr. Aldrich was asked to join a small group of Gettysburg residents, all interested in historic preservation and restoration of historic buildings in Gettysburg. He accepted a new challenge. A grant allowed this group to begin the thorough study of the building itself and the adjacent tracks. Dr. Aldrich took paint samples for spectrographic analysis to determine the exact color and time period that was on the station during Lincoln's visit. He also arranged for excavation, during which was discovered a four-foot long section of ash where the locomotive dropped hot coals from the firebox before proceeding to the station and allowing passengers to leave the cars. During the excavation, some ties were also discovered including one switch tie, now on the wall of the restored station. This tie indicated the location of the siding entering the station.

To discover the exact paint color, Dr. Aldrich scraped paint from the bricks at the northwest corner of the station and made a spectrographic photo of the six layers of paint. Each layer of paint was traced to the owner of the railroad at a specific time. The Gettysburg Foundation is grateful to Dr. Aldrich who used



A PHOTO OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRAIN STATION DEPICTING ITS SIX DIFFERENT PAINT COLORS THROUGH THE YEARS



OBSERVING THE DIORAMA OF THE STATION WHICH SHOWS THE SWITCH TIE

his chemical knowledge and analysis to discover the authentic paint color, and also to an anonymous Friends member who donated the funds for the repainting.

During the removal of interior walls to learn about the structural safety of the building, Dr. Aldrich and the other volunteers found historic ledgers and papers, some signed by Attorney David Wills, Attorney David McConaughy and other prominent citizens of Gettysburg during the Civil War period. Currently, these priceless artifacts are safely stored or displayed in exhibit cases in the restored train station. The current restoration of the station which was begun in 2005, ended in May 2006 and was dedicated and reopened to the public on November 18, 2006, the 143rd anniversary of the arrival of Lincoln in Gettysburg.

A tour of the restored station is a must for visitors, including a model of the original station, a diorama of the station and the 1860s tracks, a model of the Conewago engine and the car in which Lincoln would have traveled; all models were built by Dr. Aldrich. The expanded parts of the current building cover the original tracks, but there are diagrams showing where those tracks were and where Lincoln's short train was switched to the siding that entered the station for his historic visit in November 1863.

WHERE AM I & WHAT DO I SEE?

The photographer for each of these photos was William Tipton, a Gettysburg resident. His images were initially produced on glass negatives and then printed on paper to become positive images. Though these four photos are black and white and may seem a bit grainy, they provide pieces of visual history of Gettysburg as it was in the 1860s. Because 2015 is the final year of the American Civil War sesquicentennial commemorations and includes the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, this photo quiz focuses on his historic visit and shows us what he saw when he walked the streets of Gettysburg. Can you recognize these four buildings and locations and explain the significance both in 1863 and today? Clues are in the photo captions; answers in the next issue (*save your newsletters* and check how successful you are in photo identifications). *Answers to the photo quiz from Volume 25, Issue 4 are on the back cover.*

Thanks to Sue Boardman who shared not only the photos from her vast private collection but also her knowledge of Civil War photography.



PHOTO 1: This house, sometimes called a “cottage home,” is no longer standing but its replacement, built in 1868, is on the original foundation. It was the site of fighting and army occupation during the Battle of Gettysburg. President Lincoln passed this house and neighboring houses on his way to dedicate a cemetery. Today it houses a small museum and offices. From a Tipton stereoview card.



PHOTO 2: Lincoln and a local Gettysburg hero attended a patriotic service in this building. The 1840s building is no longer in existence, but its replacement stands on this site and bears a bronze plaque commemorating it as a Civil War hospital of the Army of the Potomac Cavalry Corps. The plaque was originally on a granite marker which was removed when the building was reconstructed. The plaque is now located on the front of the building itself. From a Tipton glass lantern slide. (Photo Credit: Adams County Historical Society)



PHOTO 3: Looking north from Baltimore Street across the diamond and north on Carlisle Street, this cityscape is the one that Lincoln saw and walked through to begin his trip back to Washington on November 19, 1863. He was headed toward the building shown in the upper right. This building has been part of the business and industry in Gettysburg since just prior to the Civil War until today. Many parts of the building and artifacts of its original use are preserved. From a Tipton glass plate negative.



PHOTO 4: The structure in this photo holds a prominent place in the borough of Gettysburg today just as it did in the 1860s. It has been a family home, a law office, a drug store, an antique “mall.” It has been restored in part to its 1860s appearance and holds artifacts of the period and of the 16th President’s visit to Gettysburg, as well as offices on its upper floors. From a Tipton glass lantern slide.



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VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015



Join the Friends of Gettysburg for a full day of battlefield preservation at Gettysburg National Military Park. Participants will work alongside fellow Friends members as they complete projects determined by the National Park Service Maintenance Team. Work assignments vary each year, but include the following categories: building and painting fences throughout the battlefield, detail painting or cleaning headstones in Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, or clearing brush throughout the battlefield.



Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the National Park Service Maintenance Facility located at 405 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Lunch will be provided for all participants at 12:00 p.m. at the National Park Service Maintenance Facility.



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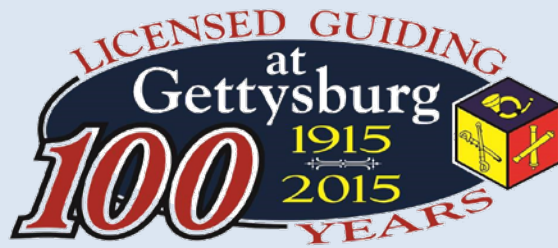
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First Corps members are invited to gather at the historic Sherfy House, located at 1137 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, for an open house from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The open house will feature tours of the house and property by expert Sherfy House historians. A light breakfast and coffee will be served. Registration fee: \$25.00 per member. Registration is available at www.friendsofgettysburg.org



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FIRST CORPS EVENT AUGUST 28 AND 29, 2015

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015

“IT WAS, INDEED, A SCENE OF UNSURPASSED GRANDEUR AND MAJESTY” – AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE’S COVERAGE OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISUAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST OF THE NORTHEAST REGION JASON MARTZ

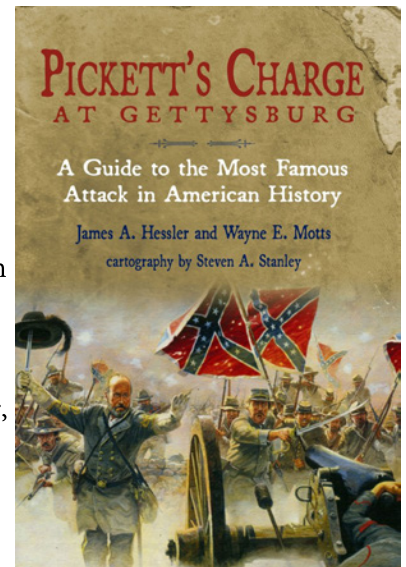
Over the past four years, the National Park Service has covered the commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War through extensive photography and video projects. From behind the camera, Jason’s team of passionate and dedicated staff and volunteers have spent countless hours capturing these once-in-a-lifetime events. The media has been used for immediate use on web and social media sites for a worldwide audience and have been saved and cataloged for ages to come. Beginning with the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run) in July, 2011, Jason will highlight some of the most remarkable and stunning pictures and videos from the past four years.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015

PICKETT’S CHARGE AT GETTYSBURG
LICENSED BATTLEFIELD GUIDES JAMES HESSLER
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152 years after the event, the grand near-suicidal attack against the Union position on Cemetery Ridge still emotionally resonates with Gettysburg enthusiasts like no other aspect of the battle. On the afternoon of July 3, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee ordered more than 12,000 infantry to undertake what would become the most legendary charge in American military history. This attack, popularly but inaccurately known as “Pickett’s Charge,” is often considered the turning point of the Civil War’s seminal battle of Gettysburg. Although much has been written about the battle itself and Pickett’s Charge in particular, *Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg* is the first battlefield guide for this celebrated assault. Join *Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg* authors and Licensed Battlefield Guides James Hessler and Wayne Motts for an all-day program, a morning of indoor lecture and an afternoon battlefield tour, discussing *Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg*.

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Pickett's Charge: 1922: The Marine Maneuvers at Gettysburg with Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr

An Adams Seminar is a full-day program consisting of a half-day indoor lecture and a half-day battlefield tour.

In 1922, 5,500 United States Marines journeyed from Quantico, Virginia to Gettysburg. The Marines spent ten days at Gettysburg performing a series of field maneuvers on the battlefield. The highlight of these maneuvers were several reenactments of "Pickett's Charge," using both Civil War and "modern" military tactics and equipment. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Rich Kohr as he leads the program that will examine why the United States Marine Corps came to Gettysburg and how the 1922 maneuvers impacted the history of the Gettysburg National Military Park and the United States Marine Corps.



May 2 and 3, 2015: Heritage Trail Hike



Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Larry Korczyk for a two-day, fifteen-mile vigorous battlefield hike following the Billy Yank trail and the Johnny Reb trail. The Heritage Trail Hike will cover various areas of the battlefield, tell brief stories of the men who fought there, and the history of the monuments that pay homage to those who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. Both days the tour will start and end at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Backpacks, hiking shoes and walking sticks are suggested. Registration fee includes lunch on Saturday.

May 16, 2015: Adams Seminar

Off the Beaten Path with Licensed Battlefield Guide Sue Boardman

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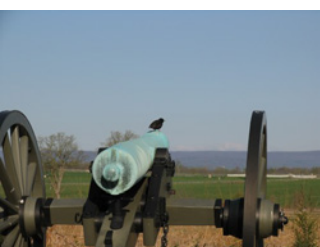
There are many little side stories to the big story of Gettysburg – the ones that take you "off the beaten path" to places you may not have thought to go. Some of these places are part of the history of the field itself rather than the battle, such as out-of-the-way monuments and traces of long gone landmarks. Come and explore, and be prepared to "off-road" with Licensed Battlefield Guide Sue Boardman!



July 18, 2015: Adams Seminar

Gettysburg: Day Two— "Oh, So Close" July 2nd— The Real High Water Mark of the Confederacy? with Licensed Battlefield Guide Ed Suplee

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On July 2nd The Confederate forces almost won a decisive victory over the Federal army. There were four attack points on July 2nd which the southern forces almost converted — Little Round Top, the Union center from the Peach Orchard to the "Angle," Culp's Hill, and Cemetery Hill. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Ed Suplee as he examines each of these attack points and discusses what went right and what went wrong in each.

August 8, 2015: Encounters with History

"The Hidden Battle of Gettysburg:" Intelligence, Time and Logistics with Licensed Battlefield Guide Tony Nicastro

An Encounters with History seminar is a full-day indoor lecture program.

While most students of Gettysburg study the actual fighting, decisions of the battle were often decided by information, windows of opportunities, and supplies. Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Tony Nicastro for a full-day seminar that discusses the intelligence, time, and logistics surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg.



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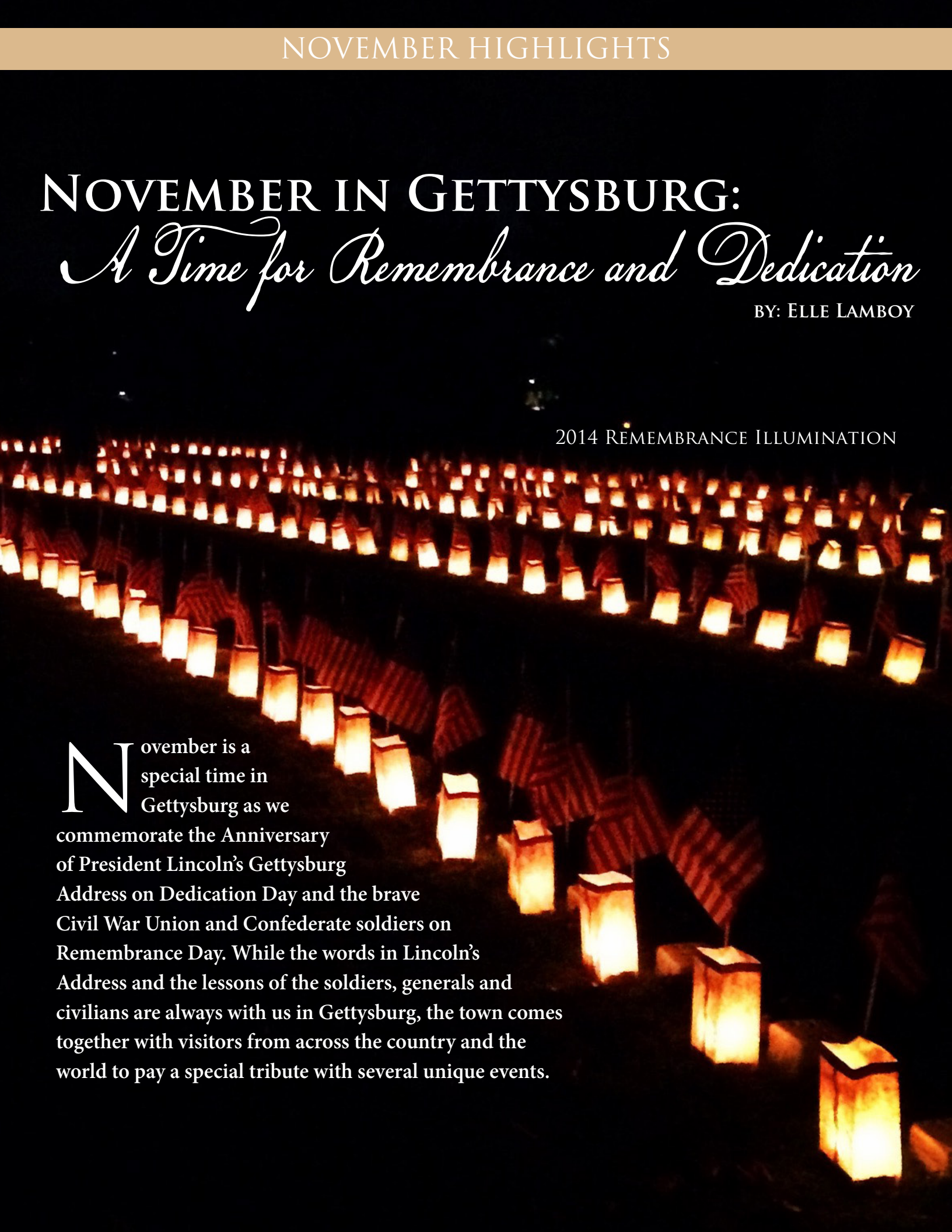
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NOVEMBER IN GETTYSBURG: *A Time for Remembrance and Dedication*

BY: ELLE LAMBOY

2014 REMEMBRANCE ILLUMINATION



November is a special time in Gettysburg as we commemorate the Anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on Dedication Day and the brave Civil War Union and Confederate soldiers on Remembrance Day. While the words in Lincoln's Address and the lessons of the soldiers, generals and civilians are always with us in Gettysburg, the town comes together with visitors from across the country and the world to pay a special tribute with several unique events.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION PRESIDENT JOANNE HANLEY AND A CREW MEMBER OF THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN LAY A WREATH AT THE DEDICATION DAY CEREMONY



KEYNOTE SPEAKER KENT MASTERSON BROWN STANDS WITH GETTYSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CEREMONIAL BRASS BAND



THE CROWD AT DEDICATION DAY



WENDY ALLEN, LOCAL ARTIST AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LINCOLN FELLOWSHIP OF PENNSYLVANIA SERVED AS EMCEE OF THE DEDICATION DAY CEREMONY

President Lincoln directs in the Gettysburg Address that, “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.” The Gettysburg Foundation’s annual Remembrance Illumination ensures those who gave “the last full measure” are remembered in a reverent and profound way each November. This year, on November 15, 270 Friends volunteers donated their time and talent to place and light luminary candles on more than 3,500 graves of Civil War soldiers in the Soldiers’ National Cemetery. Volunteers also read the names of the fallen soldiers as a solemn tribute of their sacrifice, greeted guests as they entered the cemetery, and served as the Honor Guard at Soldiers’ National Monument. Nearly 3,000 visitors came to honor and remember the fallen at this special event.

In commemoration of the 151st Anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address on November 19, the Gettysburg Foundation, in partnership with Gettysburg National Military

Park, the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and Gettysburg College, hosted a ceremony at the Soldiers’ National Cemetery. Noted historian and Gettysburg Foundation board member, Kent Masterson Brown, served as the keynote speaker. His riveting speech focused on his extensive research of Medal of Honor winner, Alonzo Cushing, an artillery officer for the Union Army who valiantly died defending the Union position at Cemetery Ridge during Pickett’s Charge. The ceremony also included a memorial wreath laying, recitation of the Gettysburg Address, hymns, period-themed music, and the naturalization of 16 citizens from 14 different countries.

In addition to these annual commemorative events, the Gettysburg Foundation also hosted a premiere of the film *The Better Angels* to a sold-out crowd on November 15. The film told the complex story of Abraham Lincoln’s childhood in the harsh wilderness of Indiana and the hardships that shaped him, the tragedy that marked him forever and the two women who guided him to immortality. On November 15 renowned Lincoln scholar and historian Harold Holzer presented a well-attended lecture and book signing in the Visitor Center of his newest book: *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion*.

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CHIEF AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE KEN GAAL FROM CLIFTON PARK N.Y. PLACES FLAGS ON GRAVESTONES IN THE NEW YORK SECTION OF THE GETTYSBURG SOLDIER'S NATIONAL CEMETERY. SAILORS, ASSIGNED TO NIMITZ-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), ARRIVED IN GETTYSBURG, PA, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 151ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS DELIVERED BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN HERE ON THIS DAY IN 1863. EVENTS SUCH AS THESE ALLOW SAILORS TO TAKE A BREAK FROM THE REFUELING AND COMPLEX OVERHAUL (RCOH) ENVIRONMENT TO REFLECT ON THE SHIP'S NAMESAKE AND THE FUTURE FOR LINCOLN. USS LINCOLN IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING RCOH AT NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING, A DIVISION OF HUNTINGTON INGALLS INDUSTRIES. (U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS GARY A. PRILL/RELEASED)

“Go Out and Be Present”

THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN VISITS GETTYSBURG



CHAPLAIN BUFORD GIVES THE BENEDICTION FOLLOWING THE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY AT THE DEDICATION DAY CEREMONY



USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CREWMEN JOIN THE NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS IN THE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



SAILORS, ASSIGNED TO NIMITZ-CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), POSE AT LITTLE ROUND TOP ON THE GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK DURING THE *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEADERS* PROGRAM

On November 19, the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln visited Gettysburg National Military Park to take a reprieve from the Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH) environment. According to the ship's Chaplain, Commander Maurice A. Buford, "We thought it would be a good connection to come here and literally allow the sailors from this ship to walk the steps of each major engagement and in so doing try to take a step back and ask ourselves the question, How would I have responded in the situation and what was it like for these brave men back then? ...Lincoln understood the power of presence. He took the time not

to quarterback, if you will from D.C. but he took the time and he went to the hospitals, he took the time to go talk to the generals on the field, he took the time to walk slowly through the crowds and allow people to touch him and I think that is a powerful leadership lesson that we can take...To go out and be present..."

The crew began their day at 2:00am on November 19, traveling from Newport News, VA where their ship is docked, to the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, PA. Upon their arrival, they listened to one of their crewmen recite the Gettysburg Address from memory to prepare them to brave the frigid early

morning temperatures to place a flag at each of the Civil War graves in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The crew also participated in the Dedication Day ceremony before attending the Gettysburg Foundation's *In the Footsteps of Leaders* program. Leadership Program facilitator Sue Boardman reflected on the experience saying, "I was absolutely honored to take the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln on the leadership program. This group was outstanding... they had a 22-hour jam-packed day and did not complain once. They were engaged, respectful and inspiring."

THE GETTYSBURG FOUNDATION'S *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEADERS* LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IS A PREMIER SOURCE FOR CLIENTS WORLDWIDE WHO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND VALUE OF GETTYSBURG AS A DEFINITIVE TOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. RATHER THAN FOCUSING SOLELY ON THE MILITARY STRATEGY OF THE BATTLE, *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEADERS* EMPHASIZES AN ESSENTIAL PRECEPT OF DECISION-MAKING: THE PEOPLE, THEIR DECISIONS AND THE OUTCOMES BASED ON THOSE DECISIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE *IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEADERS* PROGRAM, CONTACT LEADERSHIP@GETTYSBURGFOUNDATION.ORG

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

JENNY SCHUMACHER AND MAYNARD WAITE

JENNY SCHUMACHER AND MAYNARD WAITE ARE LONG-TIME FRIENDS MEMBERS FROM FORT PLAIN, NEW YORK. AFTER VISITING GETTYSBURG ON VACATION THEY BECAME INTERESTED IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY, THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, AND JOINING THE FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG. READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT EVENTS THEY MOST ENJOY, THE TRADITIONS THEY HOPE TO PASS ON, AND WHAT NEW FRIENDS MEMBERS SHOULD DO ON A TRIP TO GETTYSBURG.



MAYNARD, JENNY, AND GRANDSON IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL OF WAR PRINT IN THEIR CIVIL WAR ROOM.

GF: HOW DID YOU FIRST BECOME INVOLVED IN THE FRIENDS OF GETTYSBURG?

M: Well I've been involved for 10 to 12 years, and Jenny longer since about 1999.

GF: WAS IT A PARTICULAR EVENT THAT SPARKED YOUR INTEREST?

M: Well, mostly just the history. We went on vacation in the area and wanted to continue with the joy and connection we felt while we were there.

GF: HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY?

M: Somewhat, but not until I retired did I become more involved with it.

GF: TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR AFFINITY WITH THE REMEMBRANCE ILLUMINATION.

M: The Illumination is what really sparked our interest recently. It's been great to come to Gettysburg and be involved with the set-up and tear-down. We think it's a really nice way to honor the soldiers and to connect with other Friends' members and people in the community.

GF: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ACTUALLY MADE SOME WOOD WEIGHTS FOR THE ILLUMINATION THIS YEAR?

M: Well, yes, we made some of them. There was a group of people that made them in the past. Jenny and I decided to volunteer to make new ones this year and to be sure to make extra. We brought them to Gettysburg with us last summer.

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INTERVIEW BY: MARLIESE NEIDERER

GF: AND YOUR GRANDSON ALSO HELPED YOU WITH THIS?

M: Yes, we want to get the family involved and interested in those kinds of activities. We want to pass on this tradition to our family. There seem to be a few that help a great deal at the Illumination, so it is a whole group effort.

J: As a matter of fact, last year we brought our eleven year old granddaughter to Gettysburg to help. And our grandson has been helping us set up and tear down for the last 3 years. We have already booked our hotel for next year!

GF: BESIDES THE ILLUMINATION WHAT ARE SOME OTHER FAVORITE EVENTS?

J: First Corps weekend, Spring Muster, and Fall Muster, but we enjoy all the events that the Friends hold.

M: I really enjoy meeting people from all over the country at the events. It is nice to be involved with something we find to be beneficial to society and to our country. We are losing so much of our history and if we can do a little to help preserve it, then that is very important to us.

GF: WHAT WAS ONE OF YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES COMING TO GETTYSBURG?

M: I would say our first year helping out with the Illumination. We helped to set it up and tear it down, but just seeing it after all the candles were lit was very pretty and so moving.

GF: WHAT CURRENT PROJECT OF THE FOUNDATION ARE YOU MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

J: We are passionate about the Spangler Farm. We have already sent our donation in for the restoration of the Spangler Smokehouse.

M: We have been out to Spangler several times. We were there for a program after the Foundation purchased it before any renovations were done. It's interesting to go there now and see the changes that were



MAYNARD AND JENNY VOLUNTEER AT THE 2014 REMEMBRANCE ILLUMINATION WITH FELLOW FRIENDS. FRONT ROW: (FROM LEFT) EMMA LEMMON, CHRISTOPHER LEMMON AND CATHERINE TWITCHELL BACK ROW: (FROM LEFT) MAYNARD, WENDY REPICI, STEVE BORYS, PAT FOWLER, DILLIAN MOAK AND JENNY

made as far as cleaning and fixing it up. There has been great progress.

J: This past summer we went to an evening at the Spangler Farm program. I enjoyed learning about the family and what it was like for them during the battle.

GF: I HEAR THAT YOU HAVE A CIVIL WAR ROOM IN YOUR HOME?

J: Yes, we made our family room into a Civil War room. We have our Council of War and our Lincoln prints both of which we won at past First Corps events hanging close to our fireplace. The room also features a Lee and Grant Civil War border.

M: We have memorabilia that we collected in Gettysburg over the years showcased in the room. We also have photos of places that we like to visit in Gettysburg, like Sachs Bridge, in the room. It makes us feel close to Gettysburg even when we are in New York.

GF: DO YOU HAVE ANY ANCESTRAL TIES TO GETTYSBURG?

J: I recently found out that I have a great-great grandfather who fought in the Civil War. I don't know where exactly he fought,

but I am trying to trace it. There were three other boys from this area with the same last name, and one of them died while fighting in Gettysburg.

M: Also we found that up by the Angle there was a battery formed by men in our village here in Fort Plain, New York. It took us a couple years to find out where it was because they are listed on the backside of the monument, Battery K First N.Y. Light Artillery. It lists all the battles they were in. We came back to the Fort Plain area, went to the county archives and found all the names of the individuals in that group. Many of the surnames are still in our community.

GF: ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NEW FRIEND OF GETTYSBURG TO DO ON THEIR VISIT?

M: They should go to the Museum and Visitor Center and see the Film, Cyclorama and Museum. They shouldn't try to do everything in one day. The more you come to Gettysburg the more you appreciate it.

J: I recommend coming for a week if you can!

PARTNERS MAKE IT RYAN LEVINS

BY: BARBARA J. FINFROCK

Ryan Levins is a native of Anderson, Indiana, a state that has three national parks, but none near his home. However, he knew from an early age that he wanted to work in a national park in some capacity. He is now the Chief Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. His responsibilities span the full breadth of duties at both parks, although his primary duty is in law enforcement, often called protection.

Levins earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Park Administration from Shepherd College (now University) and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Florida State. While still in undergraduate school in 1992-

93, Levins started his National Park Service (NPS) career at Harper's Ferry National Historic Park as a volunteer, then as a seasonal ranger in interpretation. However, even before that official experience, he had been reenacting as persuaded by his 8th grade history teacher, Joe Spangler, and had attended the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg for his first reenactment.

Another link to Gettysburg occurred when Levins was in high school, beginning to look at different colleges. He had read an article written by an NPS park ranger named Scott Hartwig, a graduate of the University of Wyoming. Levins wrote a letter to Hartwig enquiring about Wyoming and



CHIEF RANGER RYAN LEVINS, A NATIVE HOOSIER, POSES ALONGSIDE THE INDIANA STATE MONUMENT

HAPPEN:



probably general questions about Civil War history. He got a reply and, to his regret, he does not have the letter he received. It seemed to be fate, however, that he should end up at GNMP.

Between Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg, his experience in the Park Service has covered much of the country and many different parks. He has used both his administrative and his criminal justice degrees well. In 1995 he served in his first law enforcement position at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas, then he moved to Lake Mead National Recreation Area, followed by a tour of duty in St. Louis at Gateway Arch (part of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial). In 1998 Levins went to Yosemite National Park as a Corrections Ranger, referred to as a "jailer." This was followed by a Protection Ranger position on the east coast at Everglades National Park in Florida. By moving from place to place and working in many different parts of the country and of the National Park System, Levins was constantly learning more about the people who visit national parks and the differences in management styles.

By 2001 he was back at Harper's Ferry as a Protection Ranger, a position that protects both the cultural resources of a park and the visitors who come to experience those resources. From 2003 to 2005 Levins served in his first battlefield ranger position at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park in Virginia. From Virginia he went back to Florida, 2005-2009, as the North District Ranger at Big Cypress National Preserve in south Florida, a park with many off road vehicle trails, hunting and camping sites. This assignment provided Levins with more administrative and management experience, primarily in law enforcement and resource protection.

In February 2009, Levins arrived in Gettysburg as part of the Protection Division (law enforcement) of GNMP and ENHS. During the intervening years, he has been a major part of planning and execution of all sesquicentennial events, prescribed burns on the battlefield, annual illuminations in the National Cemetery, workdays by Friends volunteers, and the demolition of the former cyclorama building. As he explained it, "Basically anything

that happens on the battlefield or at Eisenhower, whether it is a planned event or an occurrence of weather or any gathering of visitors, Protection Rangers are in the area to keep the park and the visitors safe." For any large interpretive event, for example, he must ask "what are the issues?" like directing traffic, adequate parking, comfort stations, and first aid or emergency services availability for visitors - all things that the visitor takes for granted.

Promoted to the position of Chief Ranger, Levins is not only on the field but also he is in charge of others to ensure the safety and protection of the resource itself and the visitors. In the winter months when visitation and outdoor activity is far less than during the summer months, Levins is able to catch up with budgeting, updates to the operating procedures, finish annual reporting requirements and conduct property inventories.

His goals for the national parks, in general, are to make things interesting to the younger generation. He says "We have many education programs with opportunities for more ... these are not only opportunities but they are essential" for the younger generations and to attract people in all demographic areas. For the Gettysburg parks he hopes it is possible to continue to acquire land and maintain it, as appropriate, when it is available.

When Levins isn't actively "on duty," he enjoys reading, especially history of the American Civil War and the Pacific theater of World War II. He and his Jack Russell Terrier enjoy being outdoors, and Levins is an avid bike rider, even bike racing. If you are at any event on the battlefield, look for him and say thank you - he will undoubtedly be there, watching carefully.

At the time of press, Ryan Levins was an employee at Gettysburg National Military Park. He has since accepted a new position at Harper's Ferry. We thank him for his years of dedicated service at Gettysburg and wish him luck and success in his new endeavor!

Working from the Heart: THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERS IN 2014

Throughout this entire newsletter issue, there is one common thread that ties all of the stories together: the power of volunteerism.

As both Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent Ed Clark and Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley stated in their columns, Gettysburg would not be the national historic landmark it is today without the passion, dedication and perseverance of loyal volunteers.



SEVERAL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED A RECOGNITION PICNIC AT THE REFRESHMENT SALOON THIS SEPTEMBER



CHRISTOPHER AND HIS SISTER EMMA LYNN HARD AT WORK ON VOLUNTEER WORKDAY



ERIN BRENNAN, THIS YEAR'S STUDENT COORDINATOR FROM GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, PICKS BEANS FOR THE CAMPUS KITCHEN



FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS RICHARD AND CAROLYN SIMPSON SELL A MEMBERSHIP AT THE MSD



HOWARD BURRELL, OUR VOLUNTEER OF MANY TRADES, IS ONE OF SANTA'S HELPERS AT THE RUPP HOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT PRESERVATION PROJECTS

As the cover story tells, the preservation work at the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station would not be possible without the hard work of Dr. William Aldrich and a team of concerned townspeople and the generous voluntary donation of a long-time Friends member. In addition to the train station, our volunteers have helped accomplish countless preservation projects on the battlefield. Here is a snapshot of the preservation work our volunteers assisted with in 2014:

Volunteer Workday

The impact that this annual event has on the landscape of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site is both impressive and inspirational. This event proves that when a dedicated group of people band together to make a difference, real change happens. Just this June alone, 317 Friends volunteers from all over the country (and Canada!) cleaned and detail-painted headstones at Soldiers' National Cemetery; painted fences at the Eisenhower National Historic Site and at the Millerstown Road Reaver farm fence; painted the Codori equipment barn and built fences at the Forney Farm, along Oak Ridge and also along McPherson Ridge.

Volunteer Vacation

The term vacation is misleading here, as this event requires four consecutive days of hard labor! This September, 21 devoted Friends members donated their time and talent to a packed-schedule of volunteer work which included building fences around Meade's Headquarters, detail-cleaning at the Eisenhower National Historic Site, and painting fences at the Philip Snyder Farm, Rogers Farm and Codori Farm.

Sherfy Garden

The garden at the historic Sherfy House on the Gettysburg battlefield is the perfect example of the exponential value in partnerships. The Sherfy Historical Garden is a collaboration among Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg College and the Civil War Institute. The Gettysburg National Military Park leases the grounds to the Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg Foundation oversees the garden from organizing volunteers to planting and harvesting, the Gettysburg College provides a student coordinator and volunteers to help with garden logistics and the Civil War Institute provides funding for the student coordinator, seeds and additional garden supplies. The garden not only enhances historic interpretation it also supports the local community. The majority of the harvest



OUR VOLUNTEER VACATION CREW TAKES A QUICK BREAK FOR A GROUP PHOTO ON THE SHERFY GROUNDS



VOLUNTEERS CASEY DOUGHERTY AND WARREN WILDE ASSIST A VISITOR AT THE FORD FAMILY DAY EVENT

is donated to the student-founded Campus Kitchen at Gettysburg College. The Campus Kitchen distributes weekly meals to needy organizations, families and individuals throughout Adams County. In 2014 alone, the garden donated 905 pounds of food to the Kitchen. Guests to the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center also reap the benefits of the garden—herbs from the Sherfy Garden are harvested and used in dishes served in the Refreshment Saloon!

VOLUNTEERS ARE EDUCATORS AND STORYTELLERS

Our volunteers not only get their hands dirty, they are also very knowledgeable about the Civil War, the Battle of Gettysburg and the people and places that played a major part in the outcome. In 2014, our volunteers told the powerful story in various venues including:

George Spangler Farm Civil War Field Hospital Site

In addition to supporting the restoration of the structures at the George Spangler Farm Civil War Field Hospital Site, volunteers are critical in ensuring visitors have an educational and impactful experience. This season, volunteers donated 150 hours of their time and talent giving tours, providing interpretative programming and serving as docents.

Rupp House & Visitor Services

We were very fortunate to have a fantastic group of reenactors hold encampments in the side yard at the Rupp House this summer as well as several who volunteered to give informative “Courtyard Chats” in the Finrock Cottage courtyard on a wide range of topics. Volunteers also serve as docents and interpreters in the Rupp House History Center.

Visitor Services

In addition to the Rupp House, volunteers in period attire donated nearly 65 hours greeting and assisting guests at the Visitor Center. We also had a crew of dedicated volunteers donate over 400 hours to assist with various Visitor Services duties, help at the Ford Family Day event, donate time at the annual Sacred Trust Talks & Book Signing event and provide support at various seminars and lectures.

THEY KEEP OUR OPERATIONS RUNNING SMOOTHLY

The Membership, Development and Leadership offices are blessed with a handful of very dedicated volunteers who come at least weekly to assist with various administration functions including everything from stuffing envelopes and filing to hanging holiday decorations and compiling guide books! The staff would surely be lost without the support of the admin crew who donated nearly 300 hours in 2014.

Member Services Desk (MSD)

The MSD, located in the lobby of the Visitor Center, sold more than 700 memberships in 2014 and assisted over 16,000 visitors. These are most impressive stats and are direct results of a dedicated, and proactive volunteer crew. The MSD is supervised by only one paid staff person, who rarely needs to be physically at the desk thanks to the nearly 5,000 hours of volunteer time from our MSD crew!

As you can see, our volunteers were huge contributors to our successful 2014 and we look forward to accomplishing even greater things together in 2015! If you are interested in volunteering, visit our website at friendsofgettysburg.org or contact Ray Matlock at 717.339.2155.

Leaving Your Legacy at Gettysburg:

JIM DIETRICH

BY: DAVID R. COOPER,
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Gettysburg National Military Park lost a true *Friend* earlier this year when James “Jim” Dietrich passed away on April 11, 2014 at the age of 54 after a battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. Before the disease took its toll, Jim was a 19-year veteran EMS first responder with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Besides his family and friends, Jim had two great passions in his life, hiking and Gettysburg National Military Park.

Jim grew up outside Lebanon, PA. He visited Gettysburg for the first time as a child thanks to his mother who made sure he and his family visited historic sites across the region. Jim loved the experience right away. He was always active, becoming an avid hiker in his early 20s. In fact, on summer trips to visit family in New England, Jim hiked all 48 of the official peaks over 4,000 feet in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Jim’s love for hiking impacted his visits to Gettysburg, too. In any of the four seasons, Jim could be found hiking on the battlefield. Jim loved coming out to the Park with family and friends but just as frequently could be found alone enjoying the beauty of the countryside or lost in reflection. Like many who care about Gettysburg, Jim was an avid reader of books and articles about the battle. He refused to let family call him an “expert,” but he found great inspiration in the stories of the individual soldiers who engaged in battle the summer of 1863.

Before he passed away, Jim made a provision for both the ALS Association and the Gettysburg Foundation in his will. Jim was not a very wealthy person, but he cared deeply about these organizations and wanted to make a

difference, he wanted to leave a legacy for generations to come.

Jim worked with the staff at the Gettysburg Foundation to find just the right project, the restoration of the barn at the George Spangler Farm Civil War Field Hospital Site, which served as a field hospital during and after the battle. As a first responder, Jim certainly understood the value of on-site emergency medical care. He also was moved by similarities between the care that medical personnel gave the wounded after the battle and the care he himself received from medical staff while he struggled with ALS. Jim’s family said that “Jim got tears in his eyes talking about how the soldiers were cared for at Spangler just as those around him were caring for him.”

Gettysburg Foundation president Joanne Hanley says “He was an inspiration and wanted to be part of the rehabilitation of the Spangler Farm. His good humor, interest, and courage never failed as he planned for his legacy at Gettysburg.”

The gift that Jim made from his estate helped us cross into the final threshold of our fundraising for the barn. Because of Jim and several other donors and Friends, the start of the restoration work will occur in the near future. For generations to come, the stories of heroism and sacrifice will be shared where they happened, and they will not be forgotten.

This is Jim Dietrich’s legacy at Gettysburg.

If you would like more information on how you could include the Gettysburg Foundation in your will or estate plans, please contact David Cooper at dcooper@gettysburgfoundation.org or at 717-339-2134.



ACCORDING TO JIM’S COUSIN, EMILY MARSHALL, “THE BEST GIFT JIM GAVE [HER] SON WAS GETTYSBURG.” HERE JIM WORKS WITH HIS NEPHEW ON HIS JUNIOR RANGER WORKBOOK.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 21, 2015

Adams Seminar - "Pickett's Charge: 1922: The Marine Maneuvers at Gettysburg" with Licensed Battlefield Guide Richard Kohr

April 17 and 18, 2015

Spring Muster

April 19, 2015

First Corps Open House

April 19, 2015

FriendsFest

May 2 and 3, 2015

Heritage Hike: Walking Fields of Glory with Licensed Battlefield Guide Larry Korczyk

May 16, 2015

Adams Seminar - "Off the Beaten Path" with Licensed Battlefield Guide Sue Boardman

June 6, 2015

Volunteer Workday

July 18, 2015

Adams Seminar - "Gettysburg Day Two -- "Oh, So Close" -- the Real High Water Mark of the Confederacy?" with Licensed Battlefield Guide Ed Suplee

August 8, 2015

Encounters with History

"The Hidden Battle of Gettysburg" - Intelligence, Time and Logistics with Licensed Battlefield Guide Tony Nicastro

August 28 and 29, 2015

First Corps Event - "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg" with Licensed Battlefield Guides James Hessler and Wayne Motts

For more information or to register for upcoming events, visit www.friendsofgettysburg.org

ANSWERS TO PHOTO QUIZ IN VOLUME 25, ISSUE 4

Photo #1 HQ marker of Union Maj. Gen. Henry W. Slocum, XII Corps, on Baltimore Pike south of the GNMP entrance at the foot of Powers' Hill; Photo #2 HQ marker of Confederate Lieut. Gen. Richard S. Ewell, on the Hanover Road west of Rock creek; Photo #3 HQ marker of Union Brig. Gen. Henry J. Hunt, Chief of Artillery, on Taneytown Road south of General Meade's headquarters; #4 HQ marker of Confederate Lieut. Gen. Ambrose P. Hill, III Corps, on West Confederate Ave. south of McMillan Woods.

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A full list of upcoming events is available on the Events Calendar at www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

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