



**You are Invited to Attend the Second Annual Summer Symposium of the CWEA:
The Spring Mill Civil War Symposium**

August 16-18, 2018

at the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana, with

**Stephen Lee Ritchie, Bruce Allardice, Kent Masterson Brown, Stephen Davis,
Gary Ecelbarger, A. James Fuller, Leslie Goddard, Scott C. Patchan,
Dale K. Phillips, Marc Ramsey and Brian Steel Wills**

Our inaugural gathering at Spring Mill in August, 2017 was a resounding success. 97 men and women from 15 states attended and liked it so much that many of them have already enrolled for our 2018 gathering at which we expect an attendance of 125. We have again assembled an **All-Star Faculty of Historians**, presenting talks on various intriguing aspects of Civil War history.

Positioned smack dab in the Midwest, our base at the Spring Mill Inn is an easy drive for so many who live in the heartland. It is accessible from three airports: 68 miles from Louisville; 81 miles from Indianapolis; and 124 miles from Cincinnati. The historic 73 room Inn features cozy country decor, with fully modern accommodations including an indoor/outdoor pool, and full service dining. The nightly **room rate for our attendees is terrific: \$80.99 + tax.**

The **food is hearty** – buffet-style group lunches and Friday dinner will feature such entrees as roast beef, fried chicken, baked fish and eggplant parmesan, with sides and salads, and desserts like cherry cobbler and persimmon pudding. Our Saturday night dinner will be an old-fashioned cookout.

On the grounds you can **visit the Limestone Grist Mill** at the restored **Pioneer Village**, dating back to the early 1800's and the **Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom Memorial** which honors America's second man in space. The resort is a haven for lazy summer repose, with plenty of opportunities for recreation – nature hikes, cave tours, mountain biking and the like. There is some free time during our program – on late Friday and Saturday afternoons - but the best arrangement if you want to explore the Park, is to do so earlier in the day on Thursday, and on Sunday, before and after our symposium.

So now it is time to enroll for this wonderful adventure in Civil War history at the quaint and comfortable Spring Mill Inn amid the cool, shady forest of Spring Mill State Historic Park. Space is limited. **HURRY & ENROLL – and BOOK ROOMS** - and **Don't Miss This One!**

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STEPHEN LEE RITCHIE is the co-founder and co-director of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Institute, and the vice-president of the Robert E. Lee Fellowship. He is a frequent speaker, and a veteran leader of Civil War tours. In 2013, he was awarded the *William Woods Hassler Award* for his many notable contributions.

BRUCE ALLARDICE is professor of history at South Suburban College (Illinois), and the author or co-author of six books, including *Two Years Before the Paddlewheel: Charles F. Gunther, Mississippi River Confederate; More Generals in Gray; Confederate Colonels: A Biographical Register* and *Kentuckians in Gray*.

KENT MASTERSON BROWN is the author of many books including *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander; The Civil War in Kentucky: Battle for the Bluegrass State; Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*; and the soon to be released *General George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign*. In 2002, he was awarded the *William Woods Hassler Award* for his many distinguished contributions.

STEPHEN DAVIS is the author of more than a hundred articles in such scholarly and popular publications as *Civil War Times Illustrated* and the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, and writes a regular column, "Critic's Corner," on Civil War bibliography, for *Civil War News*. He is the author of several books including *Atlanta Will Fall: Sherman, Joe Johnston and the Heavy Yankee Battalions; What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and the Wrecking of Atlanta; A Long and Bloody Task: The Atlanta Campaign from Dalton through Kennesaw Mountain to the Chattahoochee, May 5-July 18, 1864* and *All the Fighting They Want: The Atlanta Campaign: From Peach Tree Creek to the Surrender, July 18-September 2, 1864*.

GARY ECELBARGER is the author of many books including *We Are In For It!: The First Battle of Kernstown; Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal & Winchester; The Day Dixie Died; The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination*, along with biographies of "Black Jack" Logan & Frederick W. Lander.

A JAMES FULLER is associate professor of history at the University of Indianapolis. He is the author of many books including *Chaplain to the Confederacy: Basil Manly and Baptist Life in the Old South, 1798- 1868; America, War and Power: Defining the State, 1775-2005, most recently Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction*.

LESLIE GODDARD based in Chicago, Illinois, is one of America's leading portrayal artists of notable historic women, including Louisa May Alcott, Amelia Earhart and Clara Barton.

SCOTT C. PATCHAN is widely regarded as the leading authority and tour guide of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. He is the author of *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign; Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge; The Battle of Piedmont and Hunter's Campaign for Staunton; The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont*; and most recently, *The Last Battle of Winchester: Phil Sheridan, Jubal Early, and the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, August 7 - September 19, 1864*.

DALE K. PHILLIPS recently retired as Superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site (NPS) in Springfield, Illinois. Previously he served as Superintendent at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (NPS) in Vincennes, Indiana. He is a veteran tour leader and speaker on Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 themes.

MARC RAMSEY, along with wife Jill, is the proprietor of Ramsey and Owens Historical Booksellers based in the Richmond, Virginia area. He is an expert book appraiser, and also is the author of many articles on books and *The Seventh South Carolina Cavalry: To the Defense of Richmond*.

BRIAN STEEL WILLS is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War including *The River Was Dyed with Blood: Nathan Bedford Forrest and Fort Pillow; A Battle From the Start: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forrest; The War in Southeastern Virginia and George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel*.

Thursday, August 16

7:00 PM-8:30 PM Welcome Reception – Cash Bar - and Civil War Book Display and Sale
– **Owens & Ramsey Historical Booksellers**

Friday, August 17

8:30 AM-9:30 AM *The Rail-Splitter and the Wigwam – The Nomination of Abraham Lincoln in 1860*
– **Gary Ecelbarger**

9:45 AM-10:45 AM *The Battles of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson: The Rest of the Vicksburg Story*
– **by Dale K. Phillips**

11:00 AM-12:00 N *Stonewall Jackson and Turner Ashby: Partners in Command*
– **Stephen Lee Ritchie**

12:00 N - 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch in Main Dining Room

1:15 PM-2:15 PM *Obnoxious to a Free People: Conscription and the Civil War* – **Bruce Allardice**

2:30 PM- 3:30 PM *What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman’s Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta*
– **Stephen Davis**

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM *Civil War Books: What’s Hot; What’s Not* – **Marc Ramsey**

6:00 PM Cash Bar

6:45 PM Buffet Dinner – in Conference Meeting Room

7:45 PM – 8:30 PM Presentation of the 13th William Woods Hassler Award – to **Brian Steel Wills**

Saturday, August 18

8:30 AM-9:30 AM *Lee’s Retreat from Gettysburg* – **Kent Masterson Brown**

9:45 AM-10:45 AM *Philip Sheridan: Viking Soul* – **Scott C. Patchan**

11:00 AM-12:00 N *Oliver P. Morton and the Civil War in Indiana* - **A. James Fuller**

12:00 N-1:00 PM Buffet Lunch in Main Dining Room

1:15 PM-2:15 PM *Gone with the Glory: History and Hollywood* – **Brian Steel Wills**

2:30 PM-3:30 PM *Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse* – **Leslie Goddard**

5:00 PM Cash Bar and Dinner Cookout Begin – in Conference Meeting Room
– Room Open until 8:00 PM for Socializing and Book Perusal

Registration Fee: \$395 – includes Thursday PM reception, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday dinner, Saturday PM cookout.

We will be based at the **Spring Mill Inn**, 3333 State Road 60-E, Mitchell, IN 47446 where we have reserved rooms at the discounted nightly rates of **\$80.99+ tax – Single or Double. Call 812-849-4508** and identify yourself as a registrant for the **CWEA conference**.

TO ENROLL: Call 800-298-1861, or Complete and Mail in the form below:

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