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Next Meeting
Thursday September 10, 1998 at the Yankee Diner. 6 PM Social Hour with dinner at 7 PM. Choice of London Broil or Chicken Dejoin. The main entree is served with Caesar Salad, Biscuits, fresh vegetables, potatoes or rice with the chicken along with coffee or tea. Price is $17.00 a person. Please write your menu choice, name and the name of any guests on the enclosed card and mail it ASAP. If you choose not to mail the card in be sure to call Rachel Roberts if you plan to attend. The staff at the Yankee Diner can accommodate our needs if we can provide them with an accurate count of the number of dinners that they can expect to serve.

NEW BOOKS
Two new eyewitness accounts on the war west of the Mississippi have been published recently. The Camp Pope Bookshop [P.O. Box 2232, Iowa City, Iowa 52244] has published the letters, diaries and reminiscences of two Missouri brothers who served in the Confederate Army in Missouri Brothers in Grav: The Reminiscences and Letters of William J. Bull and John P. Bull; Edited by Michael E. Banasik [$12.95 & shipping] A Damned Iowa Greyhound: The Civil War Letters of William Henry Harrison Clavton; Edited by Donald C. Elder III [Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1998 $25] contains the letters of a member of the 19th Iowa who saw service at Vicksburg, Louisiana and Florida.

FROM THE EDITOR'S TABLE
We have our opinion that the following anecdote is true. If not, it is 'well founded' -- or founded.

Not long since an eminent "Conserve" of Boston was arguing with a certain eminent official in Washington, drilling away, of course, on the old pro-slavery, pro-Southern, pro-give-it-up platform.

'But what can you do with the Southerners?" he remarked, for the frequent' time. 'You can't conquer them--you can't reconcile them--you can't bring them back--you can't do any thing with them'

'But we may annihilate them was the crushing reply.

And Conserve took his hat and departed.

The Continental Monthly September 1862
The Potomac at Sharpsburg
by H. L. Spencer

Once smiling fields stretched far on either side
Where bowed to every breeze the ripening grain;
But now with carnage are those waters dyed,
And all around are slumbering the slain.
Patriots and heroes! unto whom in vain
Ne'er cried the voice of Right, --their names shall be
Graved on a million hearts, and with just pride
Shall Children say, "For Truth and Liberty
Our fathers fought at Sharpsburg, where they fell--
They bravely fought as history's pages tell" Not for the fallen toll the funeral bell, -
Their rest is peaceful--they the goal have won
Let the thinned ranks be filled, and let us see
Complete the glorious work by them begun.

Time for dues once again.
Membership dues for the 1998 - 1999 year are now payable.
$5.00 for individual or $20.00 for couples. For new members there is a $5.00 initiation fee which covers the cost of a name tag.
Please mail your check (payable to PSCWRT) to H. E. Craine, 17126 68th Ave W, Edmonds, WA 98026-5206.

Preservation News
Brandy Station Foundation is seeking to buy 14 acres of battlefield. For $25.00 a square foot, you can become an "honorary landowner" owner and receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing. Send your donations to Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714.

Upcoming Events
The Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair will be held once again this weekend of October at the Seattle Exhibition Hall. Hours are 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. As in past years, the $5 ticket price will be good for both days.

The 14th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table will be meeting at Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite National Park November 6 to 8th, 1998. The subject of the meeting will be The Vicksburg Campaign, and will include the following speakers, Ed Bearss, Terrence Wincel, James Stanbery, & Craig L. Sysmonds. Cost is $145.00 if booked before October 1st, and $165 after that date. A special room rate of $85.00 per night is available. For more information call Bill Head (209) 432-8746 or Tim Johnson (209) 431-4832.

On the Net
There is an excellent source of information on the internet on "Stonewall" Jackson at the Virginia Military Institute site at www.vmi.edu. The site contains Frequently Asked Questions about Jackson, biographical information, his teaching career at VMI, full text of selected correspondence and a section of contemporary reaction. The site is constantly being added to and is well worth a visit.

Raffle, Displays & Misc. Stuff
Please feel free to bring items to donate to our raffle. This is an important source of funds for our round table and members contributions are appreciated by all. If you have Civil War related items that you wish to display please feel free to bring them to the meeting. If they require special handling then please let our President Sue Crichton know ahead of time. Finally if you have any Civil War letters, or diaries which you would like to share with our members than feel free to send a copy to Jeff Rombauer so that it can be published in the bulletin. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact any officer or board member, they will be happy to listen to your concerns. Remember also that we will hold our annual silent auction sometime this fall or winter, so plan now on what you would like to contribute to that event.

Notices to be placed into the bulletin should be sent to Jeff Rombauer, 22306 255th Ave SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038 or by E-mail at jeffrombauer@fotointernet.net.
"there stands Jackson"

Since his death in May 1863 there have been numerous works on the life of Thomas J. Jackson. It was Jackson, not Robert E. Lee, who received the adoration of the Confederacy during the first two years of the war. Shortly after his death numerous quickie biographies appeared, both North and South. Today the most outstanding work is the latest by our speaker James I. Robertson, Jr. which the historian Charles P. Roland "confidently predicts the Robertson's work will become the classic study of Stonewall Jackson." For those members interested in earlier biographies of Jackson the following are recommended.


  Three articles written for the Southern Illustrated News in the winter of 1863 by noted writer John Esten Cooke. Cooke was an ordnance officer under Jeb Stuart and had numerous chances to see Jackson in person. These sketches are unique in that they give a "Confederate View" of Jackson before his death.

- **The Life of Stonewall Jackson From Official Papers, Contemporary Narratives and Personal Acquaintance by a Virginian**: New York: Charles B. Richardson, 1863.

  An expanded biography of Jackson by Cooke, the second of 4 he was to write. It was originally published in Richmond, but quickly "pirated" by New York Publisher, Charles B. Richardson, who incorrectly attributed authorship to John Moncure Daniel.


The first "Northern" biography on Jackson. An example of a "instant" book of its time.


  Dabney, a Presbyterian minister, and for a short time on Jackson's staff, was appointed by Jackson's family to write the "official" biography of the general. Originally published in London in 1864.


  An expansion of Cooke's early work on Jackson, with the what Richard Harwell calls "the opprobrious epithets cast at Federals" removed.


  & **Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson by his widow** Mary Anna Jackson. Louisville: Courier-Journal Job Printing Co., 1895.

  Two works by the widow of Stonewall Jackson which are important for reprinting the selections of letters from the General.


  As A. Wilson Greene notes "this two volume work for the first time systematically explored Jackson's performance in the field, using extensive correspondence with Stonewall's surviving comrades and opponents as the foundations of its conclusions." The Englishman's work is partial to Jackson.


  The first serious attempt to examine Jackson's early life by one who had lived in General Jackson's home as a boy, and went to V.M.I. The work concentrates on Jackson's life before the Civil War.


  A good one volume biography of Jackson by a noted historian.


  For years the standard work on Jackson, until surpassed by Robertson's book.


  Noted historian Knick provides an excellent summary of the accidental shooting of Jackson by his men at Chancellorsville.
Theodore Irving was only 18 when he enlisted with hisrother William in the 1st Regiment Minnesota Volunteer
infantry. After the Peninsula Campaign he wrote to his
parents to let them know that he was alive and give them
news. Both Theodore and William reenlisted in the
1st Minnesota Battalion in the spring of 1864. Neither
would survive the war however as William died of
wounds June 28, 1864, and Theodore died of illness in January 1865.

Camp Near Harrison Landing, VA

July 18th, 1862

Dear Father & Mother

I take this opportunity of writing to you to let you know
that I am still in the land of the living and enjoying good health
and hope that you are enjoying the same blessing. I wrote home
hurtly after we arrived here which was nearly three weeks ago
and I have had no letters from you for over a month. I got those
papers which you sent. I was very glad to get them as we get
very few papers here to read. I also got a letter from Don a short
while ago which was the only news we have had from the prairie
or a long time, we think sometimes that you have almost
forgotten us or else you are having to warm weather to write
on what I can learn. I should think that it has been a rather dry
summer in Minnesota this year and that the grain has suffered
thereby. We had a letter from Warren saying that some
pieces of wheat would not be worth cutting. I wish that you
would have had some of the rain which has fallen in this country the
weather here is not beginning to be as warm as it was in
Minnesota last year at this time. I expected it would be warm a
great deal.

Well the President has called for 300,000 more men the
question is can they be raised without resorting to drafting, US
soldiers here how our doubts about its being done anyhow if this
regiment was in Minnesota and they were discharged from
service uncle Sam could look in vain for any more than twenty
of fifty men to volunteer again, any person may start from
home with all the patriotism imaginable and before he has been
in the service two months his patriotism has left him. This is the
use invariably. Not that he is tired of the life of a soldier but he
sick of the way things are conducted. There is too many
sockets to be filled for this war to cease very soon and all of the
raged Generals here not off to be Major Generals, yet besides
great many other reasons that go to show that this war is not
ended yet. Perhaps you may think that I am sick of a soldiers life
but I am not. I like the business well enough when there [is]
some prospect ahead such is not the case now however I would
be well enough to get the news that the 300000 men were
ready in the field. I think Minnesota will have all she can do to
raise her quota of it will leave but very few at
home to raise the provisions which is necessary for
the army, If the troops were at command now I
should design to believe that the war was going to be
brought to a close sometime within the next year.

We are having a pretty easy time of it
considering what we have had. Our camp is about a
mile from James River on the river bottom. We go on
extra duty every other day which is either throwing up
fortifications or making road or falling trees so as to give the
cannon good ranges. The health of the regiment is not very
good. Our Co had 101 men at Camp Stone, it now musters
about forty for duty, the remainder are either sick or wounded or
have been killed by the enemy. Co. G had thirty men reported
sick the other morning besides those in the hospital. We have
plenty to eat such as it is. We draw sugar, coffee, salt beef, fresh
beef, pork & bacon also rice, soup beans, etc., the rice salted
beef, pork bacon are of little account as we hardly ever eat any
we subsist on sugar coffee fresh beef and beans the latter is our
best dish, we dig a hole in the ground and the beans having been
previously parboiled in large camp kettles we set the kettles in
the hole and put coals all around them and cover them up and let
them remain till morning we then take them out for breakfast
they are pretty good cooked this way, when we go out on extra
duty we occasionally come across an apple tree, we appropriate
the apples. It is the same with blackberries, new potatoes,
apricots and all such things. Peaches are not ripe yet when they
do get ripe we will have a good feast as they are thick here. I
suppose you have plenty of green potatoes, peas and all such
delicacies. I wish I could be at home to have a meal and a chat with you
and a little chat about things in general. Nearly all or our relations
which joined the army have been discharged or are sick and
Mitchell is in the hospital at Yorktown. Lieut. William Calkin
was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks in the small of the foot, it
was not a very bad wound and he will soon be with the regiment.
Vail I suppose has been discharged. The two Hubbard boys are
with their regiment and the last time we saw them they were
well. Our boys are abut the same as when last I wrote. I hear
that Newell wrote home that Web was not in the Battle of Fair
Oaks. I would like to know whether he did or not as Web was
there. The mail is about going out and I must close this poor
letter. Hoping that you will write soon. I remain your dutiful
son

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