



# The Scout's Report

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Buffet at 7:00 PM

Speaker at 8:00 PM

Dinner & Speech

\$15.00 Members

\$17.00 (Non-members)

Speech Only

\$3.00 Members

\$5.00 (Non-members)

RESERVATIONS ARE

REQUIRED FOR DINNER

AND MUST BE MADE BY

11AM, MONDAY, DEC 12

CALL (865) 671-9001

AND LEAVE MESSAGE

## MENU:

Oven Roasted Turkey w/

Cornbread Dressing

Glazed Ham

Garden Salad

Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy

Green Beans

Rolls, Beverages

Assorted Desserts

LOCATION:

Bearden Banquet Hall

5804 Kingston Pike

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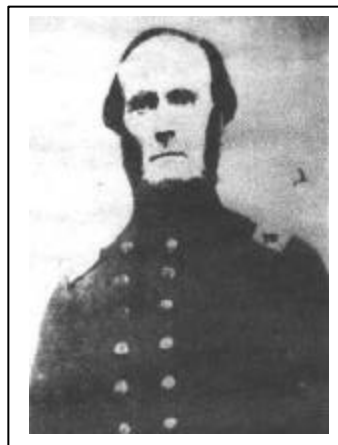
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## RESISTING THE CONFEDERACY: COLONEL WILLIAM CLIFT, LOWER EAST TENNESSEE UNIONIST, AND THEIR "WAR," FALL, 1861



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Many thanks for the expressions of sympathy during the death of my brother-in-law, Craig. We had a hurried trip to Iowa, literally arriving back to the Roundtable meeting before going back home.**

**The Living History Weekend was GREAT! We had an excellent turnout, and we couldn't have asked for more perfect weather. It was cold early in the morning, but warmed up nicely, and the sunshine was most welcome. Pictures have been posted to our Facebook page; if you do Facebook, it's worth checking out.**

**Here's what happened in December during "The War".**

**1861-Stonewall Jackson destroys a dam on the West Virginia side of the Potomac, disrupting the C&O Canal and B&O Railroad; John T. Ford leases the First Baptist Church building on 10th Street in Washington and turns it into a theater.**

**1862- Battles of Parker's Crossroads and Stones River**

**1863- Longstreet's troops withdraw from Knoxville following the Siege; Battle of Bean's Station**

**1864- Battle of Nashville; Sherman occupies Savannah, Ga.**

**1865- The 13th Amendment is official, abolishing slavery; the last issue of William Lloyd Garrison's "The Liberator" is published, its purpose fulfilled.**

**Don't forget our December meeting is the time for fellowship after the lecture. We welcome James Ogden as an annual tradition. Bring your favorite desserts and join the fun! Hope to see you there!**

**Tammie McCarroll-Burroughs**



# KCWRT NEWS



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS 2011

**December 13**---James H. Ogden, Historian Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP  
“Resisting the Confederacy: Colonel William Clift, Lower East Tennessee  
Unionist, and their ‘War,’ Fall, 1861”

**2012**

**January 10**---Michael Toomey, LMU/Historian, “From Gateway to Outpost:  
Cumberland Gap in the Civil War”

**February 14**--- Richard McMurry, Author/Historian, Topic TBA

**March 13**--- Greg Biggs, Clarksville, “The Battle for Fts. Henry and Donelson”

**April 10**---Thomas Flagel, Columbia State Community College, Topic TBA

**May 8**---Frank O’Reilly, Historian Fredericksburg NMP, “Battle of McDowell and  
Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign”

**June 12**—Tom Parson, NPS Ranger, Corinth, MS “The Battles for Corinth”

**July 10**--- Lester Horwitz, Author, “*The Longest Raid: John Hunt Morgan Crosses the  
Ohio.*”

## FORT DICKERSON WORK DAY

The clean-up day was a great success, thanks to the best turnout ever of Round Table members, (and others). Special thanks to Eric Wayland for bringing his ATV and trailer, what a time and effort saver! Also, great thanks to Paul Tanguay for taking over the project on short notice.

Kudos also to Dot Kelly for her liaison work with the City Parks Dept. Good job to Jim Lyle and all others involved. I am told that the work went very quickly due to the great turnout and a good time was had by all.

With great thanks to all,  
Brian Burroughs, Preservation Chairman

## **WELCOME BACK JIM OGDEN**

**James (Jim) Ogden, III is a native of St. Mary's County, Maryland. Interested in the Civil War since childhood, he obtained a degree in American History through the Civil War period and American Military History from Frostburg State College. During college, he worked summers for the Maryland Park Service at Point Lookout State Park, Maryland, site of the largest Civil War prison, where historical interpretation and research were among the many positions he held. As part of a college internship, he worked for four months at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia, doing research and writing on an aspect of that site's Civil War history that had not previously been addressed.**



**Beginning work with the National Park Service in 1982, he has been stationed at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Georgia and Tennessee, Russell Cave National Monument, Alabama, and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Virginia. In November, 1988, he returned to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park as the Historian, the position he presently holds.**

**He speaks regularly on aspects of the Civil War to historical organization across the eastern half of the U. S. including Civil War Round Tables in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, and Austin. In addition to doing tours of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga battlefields, he periodically takes groups to Stones River, Nashville, Franklin, and some of the Atlanta Campaign sites.**

**He has taught a number of Civil War history courses for the Continuing Education Department of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and has published a number of short articles in several local publications. He has appeared in Greystone Communications/Arts and Entertainment Network's "Civil War Journal" episode on the Battles for Chattanooga and in the History Channel's "Civil War Combat" program on Chickamauga as well as several other educational and public television programs. He has also appeared in an episode of PBS's "History Detectives."**

**Since 1986, he has been an instructor for over four hundred groups of officers of the U. S. Army conducting Staff Rides (an in-depth analysis of a historical military event) at Chickamauga and Chattanooga. For a decade, his Staff Ride clients even included two to six hundred officers annually from the British Army's Joint Services Command and Staff College. Jim, his wife Lora, and their son Jamie (born on the 133rd anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg) live in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.**

## RESISTING THE CONFEDERACY: COLONEL WILLIAM CLIFT, LOWER EAST TENNESSEE UNIONIST, AND THEIR "WAR," FALL, 1861

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Refugee Salmon W. Wilder, on the Summer of 1861*



For thousands and thousands across Tennessee and particularly in East Tennessee, the June 8 referendum on Tennessee's Declaration of Independence and possible representation in the new Confederate States of America had settled little. The old government, the government of their forefathers hard won four score years earlier, was not to be given up merely on a vote where a statewide majority was certainly not the case in one division. In that division, the old government majority would take steps to resist, directly, in flight, and indirectly, a government they saw as illegitimate.

In Hamilton County and Lower East Tennessee, these men for the Union turned to a prosperous landowner and industrialist who was an outspoken foe of disunion, William Clift. Despite divisions within his own family, Clift's residence north of the Tennessee River and north of Chattanooga became a point of rendezvous either in preparation for open, armed encounters with Confederate authorities or for flight to "Union lines" where organization could be effected for the redemption of at least East Tennessee if not the entire Volunteer State. So much a concern was Clift's growing "army" that state authorized officials entered into the short-lived "Crossroads Treaty" in an effort to hopefully avoid armed conflict.

When East Tennessee Unionist did rise up in the "Little Rebellion in the Big Rebellion" in November of 1861, Clift's concentration of Unionist was the target of a multi-column Confederate infantry and cavalry expedition that included the use of the railroad and a steamboat to facilitate the movement.

Join Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden as he examines "Clift's War" in his talk for us this evening, "Resisting the Confederacy: Colonel William Clift, Lower East Tennessee Unionist, and their 'War,' Fall, 1861."

## **CIVIL WAR TRUST GIVES \$10,000 FOR BATTLE OF ARMSTRONG'S HILL SITE**

--Norman Shaw

As part of the ceremonies at the annual fundraising luncheon of Legacy Parks Foundation last October 14th, Executive Director Carol Evans announced that the Civil War Trust had committed to a gift of \$10,000 to help defray the remaining debt due on the 70 acre tract known as River Bluff Park. This is the site of the Battle of Armstrong's Hill fought on November 25, 1863, during the siege of Knoxville by Gen. Longstreet's Confederate forces.

Union troops on Armstrong's Hill were attacked by the well-known brigades of Generals Law and Robertson, units also involved in the efforts to take Little Round Top at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Here is the complete announcement:

(Knoxville, Tenn.) – The Civil War Trust, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting America’s vanishing Civil War battlefields, has announced a \$10,000 commitment to the Knoxville-based Legacy Parks Foundation’s effort to purchase an approximately 70-acre property associated with the November 25, 1863, fighting on Armstrong’s Hill. The contribution was announced today by Foundation executive director Carol Evans during the organization’s annual Legacy Luncheon for the Parks, with keynote speaker Gov. Bill Haslam.

Civil War Trust president James Lighthizer gave the following statement to confirm the commitment:

“The Civil War Trust is honored to participate in this landmark acquisition on the site of the Battle of Armstrong’s Hill, and to help complete the vision for urban parkland espoused by the Legacy Parks Foundation. Today, we join Gov. Haslam and other civic leaders in praising this group’s inspirational efforts to preserve their community’s irreplaceable historic and natural sites.

“Armstrong’s Hill is truly hallowed ground, and the Civil War Trust is proud to be a partner in its protection. In the Legacy Parks Foundation, these battlefields have found a great champion, one that we are confident will continue working to enhance this historic site and, in doing so, encourage heritage tourism and provide recreational opportunities for local residents.”

Since many sites associated with the Knoxville Campaign have been lost to development, in 2009 the Legacy Parks Foundation jumped at the chance to purchase a 70-acre parcel on Armstrong’s Hill that had previously been slated for condominiums. Once fundraising for the project is completed, the site will be donated to the City of Knoxville as a public park. The effort marks the Civil War Trust’s first project associated with the Knoxville Campaign, although it has been involved in the preservation of nearly 2,500 acres across the Volunteer State.

The Civil War Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciations of these hallowed grounds. To date, the Trust has preserved over 30,000 acres of battlefield in 20 states. Learn more at [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org), the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

<http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/news/news-releases/2011-news/legacy-parks-contribution.html>

# YOU NEVER KICK A PULLING MULE



**Fred Brown is a retired journalist who has been a writer for more than 46 years. He has won many awards for his journalism over those four-plus decades and isn't about to stop writing just because he has retired from the daily grind of journalism.**

Now Fred has embarked on a new JOURNALISTIC JOURNEY.  
<http://www.pullingmulepress.net>

**.Pulling Mule Press is a creation of Fred Brown and Zacque Hitchcock to offer eBooks and eStories for sale on the Internet**

**What sorts of books and stories can you expect to see on PMP? Well, for starters, we will offer links to both *Growing Up Southern: How the South Shapes Its Writers*, and *The Serpent Handlers: Three Families and their Faith*, which are already in eBook format editions by other book publishers. Both books were co-authored by Brown and McDonald.**

**PMP will also feature the best of Brown's journalism over the years, including many of his serial newspaper columns on the people and places of East Tennessee. These include Faces of East Tennessee, Backroads, East Tennessee Chronicles, Appalachian Journal and other stories he wrote during his 25 years as a reporter and writer in East Tennessee.**

**Also Last Full Measure: A Civil War Chronicle: <http://www.pullingmulepress.net/lfm/>**

**"Pulling Mule Press," derives from one of Brown's friends, the famed Roger Brashears, former public relations guru for Jack Daniel's Distillery in Lynchburg, Tenn.**

**In an interview about the new Jack Daniel release of its newest whisky, "Gentleman Jack," which Brown broke—a scoop, or wrote first in newspaper parlance—Brashears came out with one of the best lines Brown said he had ever heard for a newspaper story. Brashears was talking about the Jack Daniel's brand, one of the best known on the globe, and its sustainability.**

**"You never kick a pulling mule," said Brashears.**

## THE SCOUT'S REPORT

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The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable welcomes any person who has an interest in the American Civil War. New members are always welcome.

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