



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVI, Issue 1—February 2009

## D. REID ROSS TO SPEAK

By Nancy Anwyll

Our featured speaker for the general membership meeting on February 12th is D. Reid Ross who has written a book about four brothers who fought in the Civil War. Their decisions to enlist, the battles in which they fought, and the life they lived between battles are all well narrated. Since the Ross brothers fought in many major battles, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Chickamauga, the reader learns about most of the Civil War as it was fought in both the eastern and western theaters.

Daniel Ross, one of the older Ross brothers, was the grandfather of our speaker. Daniel and his brothers grew up on a farm in upstate New York. As the war approached, two of the Ross brothers moved to Illinois where they joined Illinois regiments. The other two brothers joined New York regiments.

Although all four brothers served in the war, the three older brothers were part of the 136,000 Veteran Volunteers who answered Lincoln's call in 1861 and then re-enlisted as battle-hardened soldiers in 1864 to help end the war. Why the brothers reenlisted is an interesting aspect of their story.

*Lincoln's Veteran Volunteers Win the War: The Hudson Valley's Ross Brothers and the Union Fight for Emancipation* was published in November 2008 by SUNY Press with positive reviews. Edwin Bearss called Ross' book "a major breakthrough in Civil War history." Others, such as Joel Jones, Ft. Lewis College President, praised Ross' extensive research of primary and secondary sources, saying that Ross transforms a book from a "found-letters-in-attic-story" into a powerful and meaningful story about the Civil War.

D. Reid Ross is now a retired urban planner, living in Durango, Colorado. After graduating with a degree in economics from Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master Degree in urban planning from the University of Chicago. Mr. Ross earned a second master's degree in American History from the University of Wisconsin specifically to assist in the organization of his family history. In addition to his featured book, he has published several Civil War articles and his family's history.

We know you will be captivated by our speaker's topic. So please join us on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, to hear about Lincoln's Veteran Volunteers.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**7:00 P.M. Centreville Library**

### GUEST SPEAKER:

**D. Reid Ross**

### TOPIC:

**Lincoln's Veteran Volunteers  
Win The War: The Hudson  
Valley's Ross Brothers And The  
Union Fight For Emancipation**

Books will be available for purchase and signing before the start of the meeting.



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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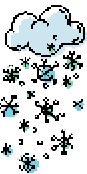
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For specific meeting dates and information, please  
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**INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP**

**If adverse weather conditions exist or are  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**MARCH 12**

**SPEAKER:**

**Dr. James S. Robbins**

**TOPIC:**

**Last in Their Class: Custer, Pickett and  
 the Goats of West Point**

**APRIL 9**

**SPEAKER:**

**Peter Cozzens**

**TOPIC:**

**Shenandoah 1862: Stonewall Jackson’s  
 Valley Campaign**

**MAY 14**

**SPEAKER:**

**Ed Bearss**

**TOPIC:**

**Second Manassas**

**JUNE 11**

**Speaker:**

**Marc Leepson**

**TOPIC:**

**Desperate Engagement:  
 Battle of Monocacy**

**JULY 9**

**SPEAKER:**

**Doug Wicklund**

**TOPIC:**

**Sharpshooters During the Civil War:  
 Their Weapons and Accoutrements**



## The President's Column

### By Nancy J. Anwyll

I begin by saying thank you very much for placing your trust in me to lead your organization. I will do my best, and since no one will ever be able to top John McAnaw as president, my goal will be to do *almost* as well as John did *some* of the time.

Thanks to all of you who attended our December meeting. It was a great time for members to socialize over refreshments as well as to honor John McAnaw. The Executive Committee gave John one of those unique mugs that he has been wanting for a long time. John also received a congratulatory letter from Congressman Gerald Connolly and a beautiful trophy from the Executive Committee.



Treasurer Mark Knowles presents outgoing President John McAnaw with a beautiful trophy for his eight years as President of the BRCWRT. Photo by Janet Greentree.

Thanks to John DePue for writing such a great *Stone Wall* article in the December issue about all that John has done, and thanks to the Executive Committee for honoring John.

Our December speaker was John McAnaw, whose topic, "The Civil War History Along Bull Run and the Occoquan River," proved to be very interesting. John informed us thoroughly about the Civil War history of the Fords, beginning with Sudley Ford on the northern edge of the Manassas Battlefield and ending with the Sally Davis Ford farther to the south. John's use of several contemporary aerial photographs as well as Civil War era photographs, charts, and maps made his talk truly special. Thank you, John!

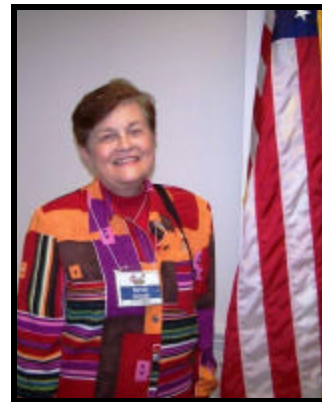
Our speaker in January was our own member and past president, Keith Young. Keith has spoken to us a few times before, and as he has done in the past, he presented a special topic of interest for us: "Saints and Sinners, the Civil War in the West." The events leading up to what was known as the Gettysburg of the West and the events that ensued were clearly outlined. Thank you, Keith!



Thanks, Keith!  
Photo by Janet Greentree

I encourage all of you to renew your membership or to join for your first time. Your dues not only help to run the round table day to day, but you also receive the following benefits: a top-notch newsletter, quality tours at reasonable prices, nationally and locally known speakers, and a good feeling that comes from belonging to a group that contributes to a few deserving Civil War preservation organizations each year.

Under John McAnaw's leadership and the Executive Committee's work, in 2008 we reached a total membership of 220 members. With your help, we will exceed that in 2009. I look forward to seeing you at the 12 February 2009 meeting.



Congratulations to new President Nancy Anwyll!  
Photo by Janet Greentree

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP FOR  
2009**

**See new dues cost  
& mailer on  
page 10.**



## THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph G. Swanson

If you are like me, you've probably always thought of reenactors as a bit nutty and similar to boys who like guns, playing at war in the woods. If so, you need to read *Confederates in the Attic, Dispatches From the Unfinished Civil War* by Tony Horwitz. This is a light-hearted travelogue through ten states of the old Confederacy looking for the people and places that are today's connection to our Civil War.

Re-enactors populate the book and serve as both theme and anchor for Horwitz's message. He writes with undisguised reverence for the "hardcores," reenactors who tolerate only the closest allegiance to the authentic Civil War interpretation and experience. These are men who choose to march barefoot for miles, sleep out in the rain (even sneaking onto National Battlefield Park property for a night's repose on the actual battle ground), and eat only hardtack fried in pork fat. Some of these guys actually consider taking a self-inflicted gunshot in order to appreciate that ultimate Civil War experience. A hardcore reserves his highest disdain for "farbs," reenactors with less than totally authentic kit who turn out mainly for a week-end of camping and gunfire. Tony joined them for awhile and I freely confess I would like to meet some of these true living historians, if only to discuss the correct color of "butternut."

The greater importance of Horwitz's book, however, is in his subtitle, *Dispatches from the Unfinished Civil War*. While he writes with tongue firmly lodged in cheek about such matters as flying the Confederate battle flag or the propriety of a high school mascot dressed as a rebel officer, Horwitz wants us to think seriously about the depth of 19<sup>th</sup> century sentiment that still lingers in some southern minds and communities. I am reminded of an interview in Ken Burns's documentary on the war when one historian said, "We could still lose the Civil War."

Some dispatches, in fact, are downright disturbing. More than once Horwitz stumbles into encounters with the unevolved who somehow cannot abide the founding principles of our society. They simply will not accept that the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Constitution have been tested and resolved for all time in that hard crucible of violent conflict. Thankfully, they are not us. These are not the ways we study and honor the great internal struggle of our nation. You will emerge from these few chapters wondering how anyone can possibly reach these crippled individuals.

Best to hurry on down the road, for there is always another interesting character to meet, one earnestly searching for his ancestry or another just trying to attract a tourist dollar by means of the Confederate legacy. You will delight in meeting Ms. Alberta Martin, possibly the last surviving Confederate widow.

Horwitz has not written a serious essay on the sociology of our times, but ultimately he poses a serious question: Is there any reverent way to remember the war? Or is every attempt to honor the cause and those who suffered overweighted with the baggage of slavery, states' rights arguments, or the simple inability to just let it go?

*Confederates in the Attic* is written half in jest and all serious.

Until next time, keep reading.

## HUNTER MILL ROAD CORRIDOR CIVIL WAR TOUR

**Date:** March 14, 2009

**Arrival Time:** 8:30 AM

**Departure Time:** 9:00 AM

**Departure Location:** Freeman House and Museum in Vienna, VA, 131 Church St., N.E., Vienna, VA 22180 next to the W&OD Trail

**Duration:** 3 1/2 – 4 hours

**Cost:** \$15 per person (non refundable)

**Walking Requirements:** Minimal

**Rain or Shine**

Join esteemed local historian and BRCWRT member Jim Lewis on a narrated excursion that will enable you to visit the locations of skirmishes, encampments, graves and historical structures of the Civil War period. Jim will incorporate a unique approach including the terrible ordeal of the local citizenry as well as the soldiers and raiders of the time.

The tour will begin at the historic Freeman House and Museum in Vienna, VA and will continue up Hunter Mill Road to Baron Cameron Avenue in Reston. The bus will return to the Freeman House at the tour's conclusion.

The round table has reserved a small passenger bus for the excursion. Nineteen seats will be available, first come first served, based on when the Treasurer Mark Knowles has received your payment.

Tour guide books with photos will be available for purchase at cost (\$7) prior to the tour at the March meeting (3/12) as well as the day of the tours.

Since bus seating is limited, the round table has reserved Jim and another bus for a second tour date scheduled for April 18, 2009.

For those that are interested, there may be a post tour "debriefing" lunch at the Vienna Inn, a notorious local landmark eatery, at approximately 1:00 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding the tour, you may contact Jim Lewis (703 620-2956). If you have any questions regarding seat reservations, contact Mark Knowles (703 787-9811)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



*NOTE: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted, please e-mail Dale Maschino at [smasch1@verizon.net](mailto:smasch1@verizon.net).*

**7 Feb** – Lecture, "Slavery IS the Cause of the Civil War," at the C.Burr Artz Public Library in Frederick, MD, 110 E. Patrick St. 1 pm. Free. Call 301-662-3515 or link to [www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono).

**7 Feb** – Lecture, "Abraham Lincoln Under the Radar," by Gary Ecelbarger, at the Handley Library in Winchester. 2 pm. Free. Call 540-662-9041 or [www.hrl.lib.state.va.us](http://www.hrl.lib.state.va.us).

**7 Feb** – Lecture, "Crisis at the Union Center: The Second Corps Front on July 2," at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. Call 717-334-1124 ext. 8023, or link to [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

**8 Feb** – Opening of "Many Thousands Go: African Americans and the Civil War," exhibit at the Manassas Museum, 1-3 pm. Book review of "Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent" and living history. Free with museum admission. Call 703-368-1873 or [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org).

**8 Feb** – Lecture, "We Drop a Comrade's Tears," The Second New Hampshire at the Peach Orchard." Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 1:30 pm. Free. For details link to [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

**14 Feb** – "Liberty's Father: George Washington and the American Civil War," at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. 1 pm. Free with admission. Call 804-780-1865 or [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org).

**15 Feb** – "President Lincoln in Petersburg," a special program at the Petersburg City visitor center, 425 Cockade Alley downtown. 11 am, 1 and 3 pm. Free. Call 804-733-2400 or [www.nps.gov/pete](http://www.nps.gov/pete).

**20 Feb** – Lecture, "Marines at the Battle of First Manassas," at the Manassas Museum. 7 pm. \$5. 7 pm. Call 703-368-1873 or, [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org).

**21 Feb** – Lecture, "Maryland & Emancipation" at the Thurmont [MD] Regional Library, 76 E Moser Road. 1 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono).

**21 Feb** – Lecture, "Take That Hill If Practicable," Cemetery Hill and the end of the First Day's Battle. Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

**26 Feb** – Lecture, "Newby Family and Harpers Ferry, 1859. Focus is on local residents Dangerfield and Harriet Newby and their role in John Brown's Raid, at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave.. 7 pm. Free. Call 703-792-4754.

**28 Feb** – Lincoln Day Celebration at the Manassas Museum. Book talk: "Lincoln's First Nomination: Champagne, Deals, and Dirty Tricks." 2 pm. Free with admission. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org).

**28 Feb** – Lecture, "The 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Infantry on July 2," at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

### CIVIL WAR FORUM AT THE FAIRFAX STATION RAILROAD MUSEUM

Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 PM

#### "Voices From City Point" presented by Jon Vrana

City Point was a vital factor in Union Gen. Grant's strategic plan to lay siege of Petersburg and force Gen. Lee to surrender. If Petersburg fell, the Confederate supply lines to Richmond would be severed and Gen. Lee's Army would either have to come out to fight, be caught in the open, or ultimately surrender. It was a small port town, but from June 1864 when the siege started until May 1865 after Gen. Lee's surrender, City Point was greatly expanded. At the end of the war, the port facilities included eight wharves on eight acres and the support depot included over 280 buildings, repair shops, seven hospitals, numerous bakeries, and 22 miles of track connecting the wharves to the Union lines. This entire infrastructure was constructed to unload approximately 25 supply ships arriving there daily to provide all the supplies necessary for the Union force of 125,000 men and 65,000 animals. It was an amazing engineering feat and an enormous logistical endeavor, essential to ending the war.

The focus of the forum will not be the traditional battle descriptions, but from the perspectives of the military and civilian individuals that are thrust together into that small town.

### ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES



Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.

IN MEMORIAM  
HARVEY SIMON, JR  
1937—2009



Harvey and his pal Pagan

By Nancy Anwyll

Harvey Simon, a long-time member of the BRCWRT, died on January 18, 2009, at Georgetown University Hospital. Born in Idaho, he was a Navy veteran and worked as a Capitol Hill policeman for 22 years before retiring in 1993.

Besides belonging to the BRCWRT, Harvey helped to organize the Friends of Manassas Battlefield where he served as its vice president, organized annual fund-raising tours, and spoke out for the battlefield's interests.

In the process of working with the Friends organization, Harvey became knowledgeable about all transportation plans for Fairfax, Prince William, and Fauquier Counties. He attended many public meetings to speak on proposed road issues or developmental plans as they related to the Manassas Battlefield.

Harvey served as a past president of the Friends of Chinn Ridge Regional Library, and in that capacity found many Civil War books that were later sold in our round table's monthly book sale.

Many of our round table members participated in the annual Friends of MNBFP tours that were organized by Harvey. With Ed Bearss as tour guide, Harvey saw to all logistics, such as buses, meals, and lodging for participants. His last tour in October 2008 was one based in Fredericksburg that took people to North Anna and Cold Harbor. As usual, Harvey's hard work was evident.

Ten BRCWRT members attended Harvey's memorial service on January 31 in Dale City. Needless to say, the round table, together with all Civil War historians and preservationists, will miss Harvey.

COMMEMORATIVE  
PIN & BELT PLATE



By Rob Orrison

Last year, the Prince William/City of Manassas/City of Manassas Park Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee was created to help coordinate the commemorative events and programs in the Prince William region for the next seven years (2009-2015).

As part of this commemoration, the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division is offering for sale a pin based on a Virginia button that was originally produced by James S. Smith and Sons of New York before and during the war.

These pins are cast from an original button. Also for sale will be a reproduction belt plate made for modern belts and a paper weight based on a Virginia breast plate. If interested, please contact Dave Born at [dborn@pwccgov.org](mailto:dborn@pwccgov.org) or 703-257-5243. Prices range from \$12 for pins to \$28 for the belt plate.

NEW BOOK ON THE  
HISTORY OF  
CLIFTON AND VICINITY

Lynn Garvey-Hodge, resident of Clifton and Clifton tour guide for a Bull Run Civil War Round Table tour in 2008, has written a book, *Clifton: Images of America*. Lynne, a resident of Clifton as well as a member of the Fairfax County History Commission, did considerable research, taking several years to complete her book. One of her many sources that Lynn consulted while writing her book was BRCWRT Immediate Past President, John McAnaw; other BRCWRT members were also helpful as Lynn completed her work. The book should prove interesting to BRCWRT members as well as anyone interested in the history of our county. It can be found at Barnes & Noble, Borders, Fairfax City Museum, City of Manassas Museum, and other sites.

## OX HILL FUNDS REMAIN FOR SOLDIERS' KIOSK PANEL AND TWO OR THREE OFF-SITE MARKERS; POD-CAST AUDIO COMING SOON

By Ed Wenzel

The Fairfax County Park Authority's Ox Hill Interpretive Planning Team reassembled in January to discuss a number of unfinished matters pertaining to the Ox Hill Battlefield Park. At the outset, team leader Mike Henry said that about \$10,000 remains in the Ox Hill budget, but the money will not be there long if we don't use it soon.

Accordingly, the first item discussed was the status of the biographical kiosk panel, entitled "Who Fought Here: The Soldiers". This panel is a companion to "The Generals" panel which is already installed in the kiosk. "The Soldiers" panel was designed last year by Innovative Projects but was only three-quarters complete when the park opened. It currently has photographs and short bio sketches of four Union soldiers and two Confederate soldiers. To finish the panel, photos and bio information are needed for two more Confederates—one each from Gregg's and Early's brigades. The writer has some leads on Gregg's brigade but has yet to run them down at the Library of Congress and National Archives. We also have a lead on Early's brigade. So with only two soldiers to find, the Team made the completion of this panel a top priority.

The next unfinished business is the six off-site markers planned for the neighborhood beyond the park. Preliminary texts have been written and graphics identified for all six, but only two or three can be completed with the money remaining in the budget. All the off-site markers will present information about specific incidents of the battle that occurred beyond the park. The initial thinking was that we could locate the markers along the asphalt "connector trail" in the "linear park" that parallels Monument Drive. This hiking, jogging and biking trail traverses the battlefield and runs close to where the various subject matters occurred. However, the linear park is entirely on private property throughout its length, and is owned by the Fairfax Towne Center and various homeowners associations (HOAs).

According to Mr. Henry, dealing with HOAs is not something the Park Authority wants to do, as it would require legal work and meetings/discussions with multiple private associations. Therefore, the Park Authority is looking at placing *all the markers* in the Fairfax Towne Center's buffer area immediately across the street from the park. Permission has already been granted by the shopping center to erect four markers there. This would be the easiest situation for the park staff. However, the downside is that some of the markers would not be located in the vicinity of the actions described or interpreted. Also, by grouping the markers in one place, and

probably adding others later, a kind of "mini-park" would be created across from the park itself, and this would create safety and liability issues as visitors cross Monument Drive to view another group of markers.

Considering the above headaches for the Park Authority, a suggestion was made that perhaps the Virginia Civil War Trails (VCWT) program might be a better choice to erect the off-site markers since they are a private entity and deal routinely with private property owners and VDOT. That way, the off-site markers would be a separate presentation of VCWT and would be permanently maintained by them. People would discover these markers on their own. The Park Authority would only be responsible for the Ox Hill Battlefield Park and would not have to confront bureaucratic or legal situations or liabilities on non-park property. The writer has since contacted Mitch Bowman, director of the VCWT program, about the possibility of their involvement. Mr. Bowman will contact the Park Authority for discussions soon. (Note: Mr. Bowman has already erected one of Ox Hill's off-site markers. Off-site #7, which interprets the Reid-Ballard House and its role in the Ox Hill battle, was erected by VCWT in the Cedar Lakes neighborhood in 2001. That marker is located 300 yards south of the park and was paid for by the developer.)

Lastly, David Ochs, manager of Stewardship Communications for the Park Authority's Resource Management Division, is creating a "pod-cast" for the Ox Hill battle. This will be an internet-accessible audio presentation that can be listened to at home or, downloaded to an "iPod" device such as an MP-3 player, and used elsewhere. The pod-cast will tell the whole story of Ox Hill independent of the interpretive panels and markers at the park. It may even tell a broader story, perhaps including the off-site marker information as well as background on Lee's Second Manassas Campaign, or his objectives in Maryland. Visitors can listen to the pod-cast while touring the park, or commuting to work. They're an additional tool utilized by the Park Authority to interpret historic and cultural resource parks. The money needed to produce a pod-cast is not tied to the park's funding. Stay tuned.

### BRCWRT TO RECEIVE GENEROUS GIFT

An acquaintance of member Larry Soufal has decided to sell a valuable collection of *Civil War Times Illustrated* and to donate the funds from that sale to our organization. The collection is remarkable, totaling 20 volumes stretching from the 1960s to the current day. Many of the volumes are bound and no doubt would add greatly to anyone's home library of Civil War resources. If you are interested in buying the set, and by doing so, contributing to our round table's treasury, contact Larry Soufal at 703.448.9321.

## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### Katerina, Me, and Abraman Lincoln

By Janet Greentree



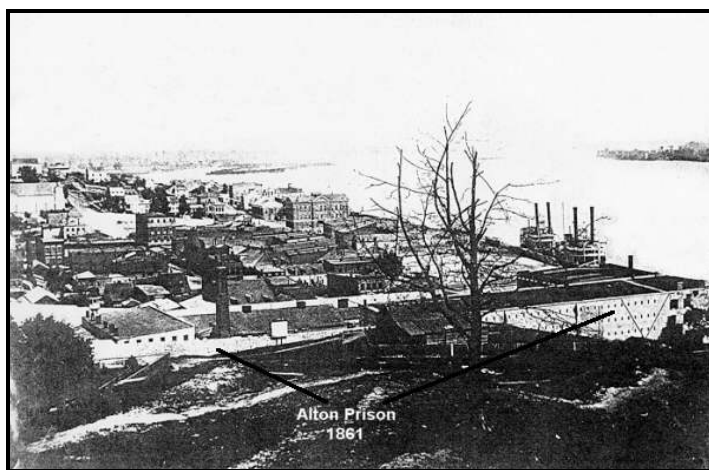
No, no, no, that's not a typo on our 16<sup>th</sup> President's name up there. That's what my little four-year old granddaughter, Katerina, calls him. She's been able to recognize 'Abraman' Lincoln since last year when we all went to Springfield, Illinois. At that time she got to play in Mr. Lincoln's leaves at his home in Springfield. This year she got to stand next to his statue and see how tall he really was.

For my annual Thanksgiving visit to see my son and family this past November, we went to Alton, Illinois, the site of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates on October 15, 1858. Alton sits on the confluence of three rivers: the Mississippi, the Illinois, and the Missouri. In 1995 the city made the site of the debates the Lincoln Douglas Square. It's located at the intersection of Broadway and Market Streets just across the street from the beautiful 4,600 cable-stay Clark suspension bridge going west into Missouri. The site of the de-

bates was in front of City Hall, however, the building was destroyed by fire in 1923. As you look at the photo, notice the stone wall behind us. That is the east wall of City Hall, and it was saved to be part of the Square.

In 1837 pre-Civil War Alton, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, an abolitionist and newspaper editor, was killed while protecting his presses from a pro-slavery mob. Mr. Lovejoy's press was thrown in the river.

Alton had a history during the Civil War. It was a hotbed of politics as well as the site of a Union Prison. The prison, previously closed in 1860, was re-opened per Union General Henry Halleck, and the first prisoners were detained there on February 9, 1862. Confederates [11,764] passed through the gates of Alton prison in the next three years.



Seven debates were held, one in each of the Congressional districts of Illinois between Lincoln and Douglas. The main issue of the debates was whether slavery would be allowed in the new territories of the U.S. At first Lincoln was kind of a political groupie as he would appear at Stephen Douglas' speeches and then speak after Douglas was finished. As a result, he became well known around the country by doing this. Later he challenged Douglas to a series of debates, and Douglas accepted. There were debates in Ottawa (9,000 spectators), Freeport (15,000), Jonesboro (1,500), Charleston (15,000), Galesburg (15,000), Quincy (15,000), and the last one in Alton, Illinois. The spectators arrived by foot, on horseback, carriage, wagons, steamers, and the railroad. The charge for a round-trip steamboat ride from St. Louis was \$1.00. The Chicago and Alton Railroad offered half-price fares from Springfield and other locations. Around 5,000 people attended the Alton debate. It was the first one that Mrs. Lincoln and her son Robert attended.

The National Park Service has the whole text of the Alton debate on the Internet. Here are some of Lincoln's more interesting statements:

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**MS. REBELLE**  
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"First, in regard to his doctrine that this Government was in violation of the law of God, which says that a house divided against itself cannot stand, I repudiated it as a slander upon the immortal framers of our Constitution."

"We had slaves among us, we could not get our Constitution unless we permitted them to remain in slavery, we could not secure the good we did secure if we grasped for more; and having by necessity submitted to that much, it does not destroy the principle that is the charter of our liberties. Let the charter remain as our standard."

"I shall very readily agree with him that it would be foolish for us to insist upon having a cranberry law here, in Illinois, where we have no cranberries, because they have a cranberry law in Indiana, where they have cranberries. I should insist that it would be exceedingly wrong in us to deny to Virginia the right to enact oyster laws where they have oysters, because we want no such laws here."

"And I understand as well as Judge Douglas, or any body else, that these mutual accommodations are the cements which bind together the different parts of this Union that instead of being a thing to "divide the house" – figuratively expressing the union – they tend to sustain it; they are the props of the house tending always to hold it up."

"There was never a party in the history of this country, and there probably never will be, of sufficient strength to disturb the general peace of the country. Parties themselves may be divided and quarrel on minor questions, yet it extends not beyond the parties themselves."

"There are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time; and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity and the other the divine right of kings."

I don't know about you, but I can hear Mr. Lincoln in my mind saying those words in his folksy way of talking. After Alton we drove down the Great River Road to Pere Marquette Park passing great white cliffs on the way. I tried to get Katerina to believe there were Indians up on the cliffs looking at us, but she didn't buy it. Ms. Rebelle needs to explore more of Illinois in the future.

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