

# Nashville Civil War Roundtable

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**October 17th, 2023 – Our 152nd meeting!! We continue our fourteenth year!**

The next meeting of the Nashville (TN) Civil War Roundtable will be on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, in the visitor's center of Ft. Negley Park, a unit of Metro Parks, Nashville, TN. This is located at 1100 Fort Negley Blvd. off I-65 just south of downtown between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South on Edgehill Avenue/Chestnut Avenue. Take Exit 81, Wedgewood Avenue, off I-65 and follow the signs to the Science Museum.

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and is always open to the public. Members please bring a friend or two – new recruits are always welcomed.

**July is our fiscal year so please plan on paying your membership dues at this meeting if you missed that. Without dues we cannot get speakers and programs so please support the Nashville CWRT.**

**Our Speaker and Topic – “Logistics in U.S. Grant’s Vicksburg Campaign”**

Union General U.S. Grant set his sights on Vicksburg starting in December 1862. His troops would move down the railroad from west Tennessee towards Jackson, Mississippi and then turn west towards the fortified Confederate city. In the meantime, General William T. Sherman’s corps would move down the Mississippi River and attack Vicksburg at Chickasaw Bluffs which was directly north of the city. Grant’s goal was to hit the Confederates on two sides and squeeze out a victory.

Confederate reinforcements sent from Bragg’s army in Middle Tennessee along with Confederate cavalry raids by Earl van Dorn and Nathan Bedford Forrest, cut Grant’s railroad supply line forcing him to abandon his maneuver while entrenched Confederates stopped Sherman cold. Vicksburg 1.0 was a failure. But Grant already had other plans in the works including using the river itself with secure US Navy power and transports to move his needed supplies south, set up a supply point in Louisiana and draw from there for the campaign. While Vicksburg would not fall until July 4, 1864, it was Grant’s multi-faceted planning and his mastery of logistics that would bring him the victory.

Our speaker this month is Dr. Philip Kemmerly, retired professor from Austin Peay State University. The program is based on his recent essay in the journal “Military History,” a prestigious military history publication for which he won an award this year.

Dr. Kemmerly received his PhD in Environmental Geology at Oklahoma State University in 1973 after earning degrees at Kansas State University. He became a Professor of Geology at Austin Peay State University from 1972- 2011 and chaired the Department of Geosciences

from 1991-2004. Additionally he is a Geological Consultant to federal, state, and private sectors, 1973-present (licensed professional geologist, States of Kentucky and Tennessee, since 1975).

Upon retirement he began publishing articles on the application of my science and civil engineering to the environmental and logistics problems of the Civil War with ten currently have ten in print (Journal of Military History, Tennessee Historical Quarterly, and Naval History and three more in press). Over his career he has given more than forty illustrated public and professional lectures in geology. Since 2015, he has given programs on the battles of Shiloh, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Spring Hill to Civil War Round Tables and served as lecturer on the Civil War on the Tennessee River for American Queen Steamboat Company in November 2021.

His numerous Civil War essays include, *“Logistics of U.S. Grant’s 1863 Mississippi Campaign: From the Amphibious Landing at Bruinsburg to the Siege of Vicksburg”*, *Journal of Military History* (July 2022); *“Rivers, Rails, and Rebels: Logistics and Struggle to Supply U.S. Army Depot at Nashville, 1862-1865”*, *Journal of Military History* (July 2020); *“Environment as a Contributor to Hood’s Debacle at Spring Hill”*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2019); *“Dead Animals, Starving Men, and Treacherous Anderson Road: 1863 Siege of Chattanooga”*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2018); *“Defending the Final Line at Shiloh”*, *Naval History* (August 2017); *“Lew Wallace’s Controversial March to Shiloh: A Time-Distance-Rate Analysis”*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2016); *“Environment and the Course of Battle: Flooding at Shiloh (6-7 April 1862)”*, *Journal of Military History* (October 2015); *“Fighting and Dying in a Frozen Hell: The Impact of Ice, Snow, Fog, and Frozen-hard Ground on the Battle of Nashville”*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2015); and *“Into the Muck and Mire: Mud, Soils, and Sediments of Shiloh”*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2014).

We hope you will join us for an interesting and detailed program on what made Grant’s campaign possible. Never forget the military maxim – amateurs look at war in terms of strategy; professionals look at war in terms of logistics.

### **September 2023 meeting**

Ed Lowe (US Army Colonel, retired) gave a fine program covering the ins and outs of Confederate General James Longstreet’s East Tennessee Campaign. Coming west with two divisions of his corps to reinforce Braxton Bragg’s Army of Tennessee for the Battle of Chickamauga, Longstreet would soon get caught up in the command miasma of Bragg’s army whose officers fell into pro and anti-Bragg camps; Longstreet took the latter. As such, when Bragg pushed some of his troops northeast towards Knoxville, Bragg saw the chance, as did Longstreet who wanted his own independent command, to swap them for the latter’s corps (plus two AOT brigades) to go after Knoxville. Longstreet soon fell into his own internal command issues including with childhood friend Lafayette McLaws among others. Knoxville was a failure, the corps had fractured and Longstreet and his men wintered in northeast Tennessee fighting several smaller battles before moving back to Virginia in 1864.

Col. Lowe's presentation covered all of this in fine details and with full knowledge of a professional soldier's point of view as to how a command should run and, in this case, certainly did not. Thanks, Ed, for the finer program. Ed's book on this campaign will be out in a few months via Savas Beattie.

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

**November 2023** – Dr. Minoa Uffelman, Austin Peay professor/historian – *“Sarah Kennedy Letters: A Clarksville Woman Looks at Her Civil War”*

**January 2024** – John Banks, historian/author – *“A Civil War Trip Of A Lifetime”* – based on his new book

**February 2024** – Joseph Ricci, Battle of Franklin Trust historian, *“John Schofield Versus Jacob Cox at Franklin”*

**March 2024** – Tommy Smith, NPS historian, Meriwether Lewis National Monument, *“The Battle of Ringgold Gap”*

**No date scheduled** – Chris Mekow – Shiloh National Battlefield

**Some of our speakers are authors and bring books to sell at our meetings. Please support them by buying their books.**

**MEMBERS AND DUES** – July is our new fiscal year and that means it is time for your dues! Please plan on taking care of your membership renewals at this meeting. The annual dues structure for the Nashville CWRT is as follows:

Single membership - \$20

Family - \$30

Military – Active duty and Veterans - \$15

Military Family – Active duty and Veterans - \$25

Student - \$10

Senior (age 60 plus) - \$15

Senior couple - \$20

**Your dues for the 2022-2022 fiscal year will be due at this meeting if you have not paid as yet!** Please plan on paying them at that month's meeting if you have not already.

**PLEASE PLAN ON PAYING YOUR DUES THIS MONTH SO WE CAN KEEP BRINGING IN GREAT SPEAKERS AND HELP SAVE CIVIL WAR SITES.** If you cannot make a meeting then please drop off your check at Fort Negley.

**BOTTOM LINE FOLKS** – without your dues we do not have programs so please support the efforts of the Nashville CWRT. We could also use new members so if you have friends or family interested in the Civil War bring them along!

When your dues are paid you will be issued a new name badge with the fiscal year on it. If you do not have a name badge then you are not current.

Our dues go to paying for speakers as well as donations for Civil War preservation causes especially those of a local nature. Please be sure to pay your dues so we can offer the best programs possible for you! We also utilize donated items for sales each month to help add to the treasury. If you have something you would like to donate for these auctions, please bring them to the meetings. Books, art, or anything Civil War, works very well. Thanks very much to all of you who have made such donations!

**A Note from Greg Biggs, Program Chair** – Folks, July is our fiscal year and that is when the dues are due to the Nashville CWRT. Without the dues we cannot function. We have to pay for speaker expenses (travel, meal, sometimes lodging) so that we can secure programs. It is also nice to be able to make donations for battlefield preservation like so many other CWRTs do. We meet at a Civil War site, one of the very few in the country that can make that claim.

We have wonderful members and a new president but we need your financial support to carry forward with what we do. We are still behind on members paying dues. If you cannot be at a meeting you can send them to our treasurer Philip Duer at – 1304 Red Oak Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027. Make the checks out to the Nashville CWRT. It would really help us budget for speakers if everyone paid in July too. We share speakers with the Clarksville and Evansville (Southern Indiana) CWRTs at times and that helps us with the costs of bringing in someone from further away.

The Nashville CWRT also accepts any financial donations to the treasury for our continued operations and getting in speakers. I try very hard to get programs of interest and variety to keep all of us informed. If you know of anyone who offers programs please let me know at a meeting.

## **CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS**

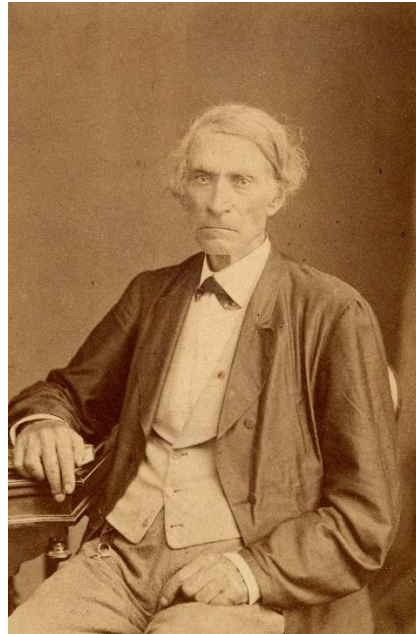
### **Notes From President Howard Mann**

*Jesse T. Cox and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry (Maney's and Fields), CSA*

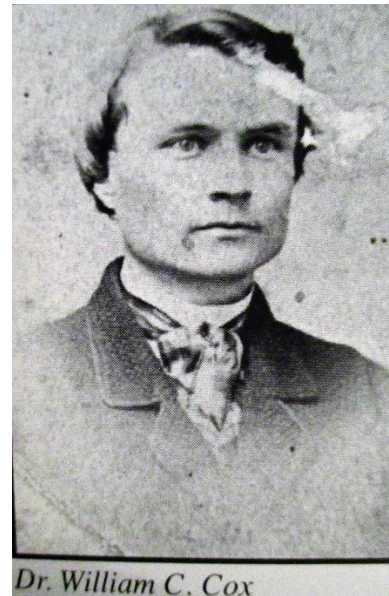
Jesse T. Cox, was born in 1829 to Dr. Jesse Cox and Elizabeth Brown Cox. Jesse T. Cox graduated from the Medical School of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1850. His brothers, William Carroll Cox also followed in his father's footsteps and graduated from medical school in Cincinnati and Garner McConnico Cox, who may have gone there as the oldest brother. All of the sons returned to Franklin to practice medicine. Garner died (according to family records) November 2, 1851. William practiced medicine in Franklin and was followed by his son, William E. Cox. Jesse worked in Franklin in 1851, possibly taking his brother's practice but also had patients in White and Craigfield. Dr. Jesse Cox died in 1902 and his brother, William Carroll Cox died in 1905.



Dr. Jesse T. Cox Jr.  
1829-1902  
Co D 1st TN Inf



Elder Jesse Cox



Dr. William C. Cox

When the Civil War erupted in 1861, Jesse joined the Williamson Grays (Company D), 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry at the age of 32, probably in April 1861. He is listed as 5' 9" tall, with hazel eyes and black hair. He is listed as having been a physician but is noted as being a private. In September and October 1861 he was listed as being in the hospital at Hot Springs, Virginia. He was discharged at Tupelo, Mississippi on July 23, 1862. He would have been in action as part of Stonewall Jackson's brigade at Cheat Mountain, the movement to Winchester, camped at Huntersville for winter, to Romney in January 1862. He was in the wing that did not fight at Shiloh but was sent to Cumberland gap. The regiment was reorganized when Maney was promoted to General and Lt. Colonel Hume Field was promoted to Colonel. While Company D kept their captain, James P. Hanner (another Williams County physician), they informed Cox he was a Non-Conscript and too old at Tupelo. Hanner was later promoted and replaced by Captain John L. House, and subsequently Captain Oscar F. Atkeison.



Maney, at the start of the Civil War was a native of Nashville and a successful lawyer when elected Colonel of the 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment. He led the 1st Tennessee in actions at Manassas Junction, Chattanooga, Corinth and after the Battle of Shiloh, he was

promoted Brigadier General in April, 1862. In command of a brigade in the Army of Tennessee, he participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. During the Atlanta Campaign in 1864, he fought at the battles of Kennesaw Mountain, Jonesboro and Franklin. After the Battle of Atlanta, he retreated into northern Mississippi and joined the remains of his Army of Tennessee forces with General Johnson and moved to South Carolina for the final Battle at Bentonville. On April 26, 1865, he surrendered the 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment to the Union. After the war, he resumed his legal practice.



Captain and later Colonel Hume R. Feild, Company K  
Promoted to Colonel in 1862 and commanded a brigade  
at war's end  
*Ronnie Townes Collection*





Capt. James D. Hanner,  
Co D, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry  
April 1861 – December 1861

## DR. JAMES P. HANNER SUCCEUMBS TO ATTACK

Prominent Citizen and Physi-  
cian of Franklin Answers  
Last Call.

FRANKLIN, Tenn., March 6. (Special.)  
The death at 1:10 o'clock this morning of  
Dr. James P. Hanner, one of the town's  
best loved and most prominent citizens, has  
brought sorrow to many hearts through-  
out the section. Dr. Hanner succumbed to  
an attack of bronchial pneumonia, which  
lasted only ten days.

The funeral will be held at the Franklin  
Methodist Church, Thursday afternoon at  
2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. P. An-  
derson, Rev. W. Z. Taylor and Rev. W. B.  
Haggard. The interment will take place at  
Mt. Hope.

Dr. Hanner was born in the parsonage  
of McKendree Church, in Nashville, July  
4, 1825, his father, Rev. John W. Hanner,  
being one of the leading Methodist minis-  
ters of the days before the Civil War. He  
was educated at the University of Pennsyl-  
vania, graduating there in medicine. He  
was a man of culture, both classical and  
modern, and possessed an intellect of re-  
markable clearness and vigor. His wife,  
who was Miss Mary Walker, died four  
years ago.

Surviving him are the following children:  
Mrs. John Bead of Des Moines, Iowa; Miss  
Elizabeth Hanner, and one son, Lieut. Col.  
John W. Hanner, of the United States  
Navy.

Dr. Hanner was an active Mason from  
his early manhood and was highly honored  
by the fraternity. He was Past Grand  
Commander of the Grand Commandery of  
Knights Templar.

His record in the Confederate Army was  
one of gallantry. He entered the service  
as captain of Company D in Maney's fa-  
mous First Tennessee Regiment and took  
part in the battles of Perryville, Chicka-  
manga, Murfreesboro, Franklin, Nashville,  
Bentonville and others. Judge H. H. Cook  
and George Nichol are the only surviving  
members of Company D who live in Frank-  
lin. Judge W. M. Pollard of Nashville was  
another member.

The Methodist Church had no more de-  
vout member than Dr. Hanner. He was  
a faithful member for fifty years and held  
various offices in the church.

Dr. Hanner had been several times mayor  
of Franklin and was a successful prac-  
ticing physician for many years.

Nashville Tennessean  
07 March 1918

James Park Hanner was born to Jonathan W and Bettie (Park) Henner in Nashville and graduated from the Western Military Institute in Kentucky in 1853. He then received his MD at the University of Pennsylvania in 1857. He became Principal of Harpeth Academy in Franklin, Tennessee. James was commissioned to start a company at the onset of the Civil War and recruited most of his class to form the core of the Williamson Grays. In Dec, 1861, he was discharged due to ill health. Later he was appointed Assistant Surgeon of Capt. Morton's Battery in June 1863 and served out the remainder of the war with them. James was Captain of Co. D, 1st TN INF. He lived in Franklin until he died in 1918 of pneumonia. James served as Mayor of Franklin twice. James married Mary L. Walker (1840-1914) on 30 Nov 1865. They had the following children: Lonla, July 1872, James Park Jr., 25 March 1873, John W., Feb 1877 and Lizzie, Oct 1879, all born in Franklin, Williamson Co, Tennessee. (FindaGrave)



Capt. John S. House

COLONEL HOUSE'S BODY  
was removed to the residence of William  
House, where his only daughter, about six-  
teen years old, has been lying sick for the  
past two weeks. Marse House was taken five  
miles out into the country, and was not per-  
mitted to know of his father's death. He  
seemed to care nothing for his own wounds,  
but spoke almost continually of his father.  
Colonel House had but the two children.

The following funeral notice, printed at the  
*Review and Journal* office, will be distributed  
to-day:

"Died in this place at a quarter before ten  
o'clock yesterday morning, Colonel John I.  
House, aged forty-seven years, six months  
and sixteen days. The friends and acquaint-  
ances of the family are respectfully invited  
to attend the burial, from the residence of  
William House, at three o'clock this after-  
noon. Services at the grave by Rev. William  
Burr. Interment in the new cemetery."

FRANKLIN, TENN., Friday, October 22.

Griffin and Allison were taken into custo-  
dy, and the question of their admission to  
bail will come up to-day. The grand jury will  
proceed at once to a full examination of this  
sad affair.

Hanner was the 2nd company commander for Company D and was elected Captain in December 1861 when Captain Hanner resigned. At regiment's reorganization was elected Major of the regiment on April 30, 1862 at Tupelo, MS. He was eventually promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as the position became vacant. After General Maney was relieved and Colonel Feild took over the brigade, House took command of the 1st Tennessee.

He was noted by another Confederate officer at the Battle of Nashville trying to rally the 1st TN after Shy's Hill had been overrun but realizing none would stop fled with them and was present at the surrender in N.C. in 1865 as Field & Staff.

House apparently had a hot temper, after the war in 1867 turned a gathering of the Color Union League on the Square in Franklin into a shootout where there were several casualties. Then on October 21, 1875 he got into a fight with a policeman where John and his son were both shot. John did not survive. (FindaGrave)

Other soldiers in Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Infantry (Maney/Fields)

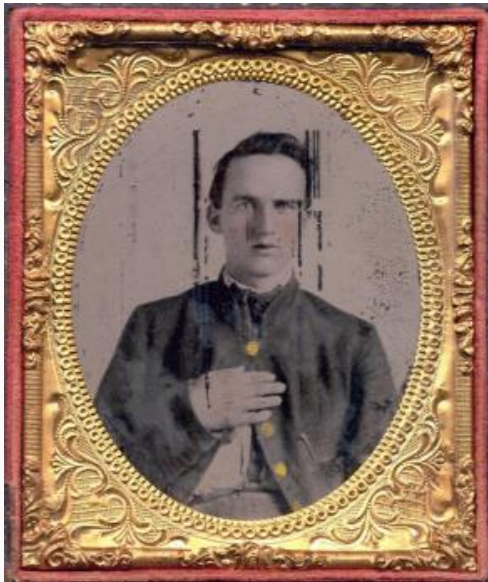


Private Henry Cook  
Company D "Williamson Grays"  
Discharged 1861  
*Tennessee State Library and Archives*



Private John M. Thompson  
Company D "Williamson Grays"  
Killed at Perryville 1862  
*Williamson County Heritage Foundation*





Private George Nichols, Co. D, "Williamson Grays"



Private George Searight Nichols  
Company D "Williamson Grays"  
Joined Cavalry 1863  
*Tennessee State Library and Archives*



Private James R. Neely  
Company D "Williamson Grays"  
Lost his leg at Perryville and served on Invalid Corps  
*Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans*



3rd Lieutenant Carey Harris  
Company D  
Resigned in 1862  
*Ronnie Townes Collection*

Jesse T. Cox returned to Franklin and on January 21, 1865, married Lucy M. Slaughter by minister, M. L. Andrews. Lucy must have died early and Dr. Cox remarried in 1868, Mary Ellen Meadows. They had five children. Three have been identified as Ina Cox Capley (1871 – 1937), Garner Floyd Cos (1871 – 1954) and William Ewell Cox (1879 – 1967)

Reverend Mark Lyell Locke Andrews .



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The mystery is where is Dr. Jesse T. Cox buried. I have received several messages with suggestions, one of which said he is at Craigfield Cemetery in Williamson County Tennessee. Another message from Carol aka CAHH56, told a descendent mentioning he was "buried at Craigfield". I received the following from contributor Bob 47395133: Jesse is not buried in this cemetery, it is a tiny area and I did not see any indication that any other graves were there other than the 4 Sullivans. A Sullivan cousin said that only 4 people were buried there, all family members of James Daniel and Hannah Sullivan.

There are several old cemeteries in the Craigfield community that he could be buried in.

The Anglin and the Beard Cemeteries have many graves marked with stones so it's possible he could be in one of

them.~

Until further information comes to light, sadly, he will remain "unknown".

From Linda Moore Mora 48168017:

He enlisted in Franklin, TN May 9, 1861. Discharged as a non-conscript at Tupelo, Ms. July 23, 1862.

Taken from the book Williamson County Confederates by Michael Cotten. (FindaGrave) Additionally, Dr. Jesse T. Cox is listed in the Tennessee Census of 1900 as living in Fairview, Tennessee. As his father, brother and other Cox relatives are buried in the McConnico Cemetery, East of I-65 near Franklin/Cool Springs, it is most likely he is buried in an unmarked grave there.

The men of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee saw significant action from the east to the western theater during the Civil War, as documented by Sam Watkins, Co. H, 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee in his book "Co Aytch".

### **Noted Civil War Film Maker and Reenactor Robert Hodge Hosts Civil War Event In Franklin – Saturday, October 14, 2023**

Civil War film maker and veteran reenactor Robert Hodge is hosting with The Franklin Theatre an event on Saturday, October 14th. One-third of the ticket sales will toward preservation at Franklin's emerging battlefield. There will be five concerts, three award-winning films, and three discussions. One can purchase a ticket for the whole day, or for just one of the three event programs.

The Confederate Brass Band Music -- played in authentic uniforms -- is documented music played during the Southern attack at the battle of Franklin -- "Dixie, Bonnie Blue Flags, The Girl I Left Behind Me", and a tune perhaps not played since the battle "Ben Bolt". There will be a Federal Brass Music session as well. There will be three banjo and fiddle shows -- all played in period style and dress. Narrated and very authentic.

[Getting into the Civil War: Through Music, Film, and Discussion](#) (click the link and a link to the Franklin Theatre website will appear -- then click that)

<https://secure.franklintheatre.com/websales/pages/info.aspx?evtinfo=401359~cfe40b7d-1c56-4c4b-b937-600bdd7c5904&showing=401362&>

We hope you can support this wonderful event and have some great fun too!

### **Sam Davis Home In Smyrna, TN is Fundraising To Conserve Sam's Trunk For Future Generations To See.**

Every year, as the leaves begin to fall, we are pulled closer to the story of Sam Davis as these two months, October and November, mark both the anniversaries of his birth and his death. This year is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his execution in Pulaski, Tennessee. When Sam's family home opened as a museum in 1930, the Sam Davis Memorial Association began to collect objects of significance that related to the life of Sam Davis, as well as items that once belonged to the Davis family. These objects were placed on display in the historic house and were used to tell Sam's story and the stories of those who once lived and worked on the Davis farm. These objects remained on exhibit for many decades and as time passed, several of the most significant pieces had become more fragile and were removed from display and placed in storage.

Some of the most significant pieces in the Sam Davis Home collection are also items in need of the most care and preservation. Sam's personal possessions, like the quilt from his bed, made by his mother, and the trunks that accompanied him to the Western Military Institute in 1860, are items in most desperate need of attention.

To commemorate the life and death of Sam Davis, an ongoing conservation plan is now in place to send items to conservators for stabilization, cleaning, and repair. The first items on our list are Sam's trunks.

While at the Western Military Institute in Nashville in 1860 and 1861, Sam kept his school uniforms in two custom made, leather covered trunks. Sam's younger sister Andromedia Davis Mathews mentioned one of the trunks in a 1919 interview.

"Sam's trunk was upstairs. Mother and Grandmother would go up there and cry over it. The trunk had contained his military school uniform and two caps. The uniform was dark blue with a red stripe down the leg. The caps, one plush one, were both black with small bills and a red feather sticking up. Mother burned them after the execution for fear Yankees would get them. She burned all but the coat. The coat had brass cadet buttons. Mother got a teacher to cut them off and put them in a frame around a piece written about him."

Sam's trunks and his quilt have been packed away in storage for several years. This week, they were removed from storage and placed on temporary exhibition in our museum gallery. They will remain on display from his birthday on October 6, until the end of the year. Please

make plans to visit the museum and see these beloved family treasures while they are out on temporary display. You can also help us preserve these items by making a financial contribution towards their care and conservation.

If you wish to make a donation please click on this link:

<https://www.samdavishome.org/checkout/donate?donatePageId=5a1c905d0d92971bbc3344b8>

You can also join the Sam Davis Home and become a member and help support their educational and preservation efforts.



### **Books Still Available at the Nashville CWRT This Month!**

We appreciate those of you who bought from this great book selection last month! The CWRT needs funds to keep getting in speakers and the book sales go towards that so thank you! The prices for these great books are 50 per cent off or more off retail prices so there's some great deals here for your library! Please keep buying and supporting your CWRT!

We keep selling books which helps us get speakers so thank you to those that supported our CWRT!

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