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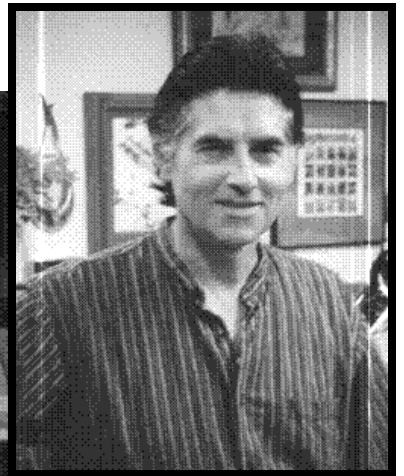
Capital District Civil War Round Table

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The October Meeting
Friday
October 13, 2000

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
DELAWARE AVENUE
DELMAR, NY

SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 P.M.
BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 P.M.
PROGRAM BEGINS 7:30 P.M.

journalist and free-lance writer, and has been researching the life of Abner Doubleday for the past ten years, in preparation for writing his biography. JoAnn is a frequent speaker for groups visiting Gettysburg and has spoken to round tables. (Maybe we will hear the TRUE story of baseball, and not the Ken Burns version).

CDCWRT NEWS

CDCWRT MEETING

Our next regular meeting of the Round Table will be after the Fall trip, and will be Friday, October 13th - - YES, FRIDAY THE 13TH. Our non-superstitious speaker will be D. JoAnn Smith Bartlett of Gettysburg, PA. The title of the talk will be ABNER DOUBLEDAY: THE MAN AND HIS TIMES.

Abner Doubleday spent his early childhood in Ballston Spa where his home is on the National Registry of historic homes. At age nine, his father sent him to live with his uncle in Cooperstown. He was an officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Sumter when it was shelled. In 1862 he was Brig. Gen. Doubleday in charge of Camp Doubleday near Fort Stevens in northwest Washington, D.C. This is the basis of our unique baseball cachet and T-shirt design, which Elwyn Doubleday has graciously allowed us to reproduce. He was present at Gettysburg and assumed command of 1st Corps after Reynolds was killed. After Gettysburg, Doubleday "disappears," and is put aside by the military. Why? Come to the meeting and find out why!

JoAnn Smith Bartlett is a native of Chenango County, New York and a graduate of S.U.N.Y. Morristown. She is a

SEPTEMBER MEETING

A crowd of over 65 attendees were present at the September meeting where our own RT member, Jeff Sauter, spoke about the 18th New York Infantry. Portions of the regiment were from Schenectady County and 3 were relatives of Jeff. He spoke about several of the regiment's soldiers and officers who exhibited exceptional bravery in battles in which the regiment was engaged. Two of his relatives were "good" soldiers, while the third refused to go on the infamous Mud March. Jeff's research in this labor of love hopefully will culminate in a history of the regiment.

BOARD MEETING

The September meeting was held on September 21st. The October trip, *On to Richmond: A Study of Lee the Soldier and the Man*, was discussed. Shortly, an itinerary will be sent to those members who are going on the trip. Final portion of the trip cost (\$175/person) is due by **October 1st**.

CDCWRT ACTIVITIES

- The visit to Ron Tunison's home and studio was a highlight for the 30 members who signed up for the tour. Although the weather was rainy, by the time we arrived at the studio, the rain had stopped. Ron showed us his

earliest works, and talked about the process to make a large sculpture such as the Soldiers' Monument at Pamplin Park. The group also had the opportunity to see the preliminary small wax sculpture of his commissioned work for Gettysburg honoring the women of Gettysburg.

- The Cover of this month's newsletter highlights the visit to the Tunison's. The upper panel shows the artist's work desk with some of his sculptures, the clay model of the women's monument, and the artist himself. The bottom panel is a group picture with Ron, his gracious wife, Alice, and his three children, Elizabeth, Wesley and Trevor. The family cat did not pose for this picture.
- Details are being finalized on making available to members of the RT a limited number of Ron's latest sculpture, which will be engraved with **CDCWRT** and which will be signed by the artist. Stay tuned.
- Members of the RT were at Fort Pickett, Virginia for the 137th Anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville. Sponsored in part by the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, our RT provided commemorative cachets cancelled at the event on September 22-24th. Cachets will be available for collectors at the October meeting.
- Matt Farina spoke to the Green Mountain RT and the Joshua Chamberlain RT in September. He will be speaking at the New Scotland Historical Association meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, at the Osterhout Community Center. The topic will be "Medical Practices During the Civil War."
- **Harmony Grits**, the RT member period musical group will perform for the Ulster County Civil War Round Table in Kingston on Friday, October 27th. The boys have recently acquired several new musical instruments, including a harmonica and a washboard.
- CDCWRT member, Bob Keatings will speak to the Green Mountain CWRT on Tuesday, October 10th, at the Elks Club in Hartford, VT.
- On October 21st-22nd, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, in Frederick, MD, will celebrate the reopening of the expanded museum. The CDCWRT will participate with a stamp cancellation event.
- Just arrived from Atlanta are First Day of Issue cancellations of the 20-stamp series on the Legends of Baseball. The commemorative envelopes feature three designs. They include, the Baseball Centennial Stamp Diamond Anniversary 1939-1999, or the Baseball Centennial 1839-1939 at Cooperstown, or the New York Baseball Club. This last cachet design is courtesy of the NYS Archives Special Collections. The club was formed in Troy, and later moved to New York City. Because so many of the team members were tall, they became known as the New York Giants.
- With World Series season here, and the holidays not far off, these very limited sets will make excellent gifts. Each set is \$60 for 20 cachets. A total of some 50 sets are available.