

The Filson Historical Society

June 2012 Programs

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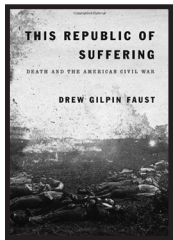
Book Discussion

This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War

A. Glenn Crothers

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, June 6 • 3:30 p.m.



Please join us for a book discussion of *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust. The book, which studies the American struggle to comprehend the meaning and practicalities of death, explores the impact of the enormous death toll during the Civil War

from every angle.

Dr. A. Glenn Crothers is the Director of Research at The Filson Historical Society and an associate professor in history at the University of Louisville. He is the author of *Quakers Living in the Lion's Mouth: The Society of Friends in Northern Virginia, 1730-1863*.

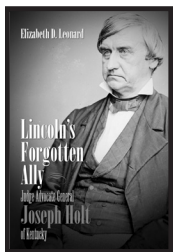
Reservations are required

Lincoln's Forgotten Ally: Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt of Kentucky

Elizabeth Leonard

The Filson Historical Society

Thursday, June 14 • Noon



Joseph Holt, the stern, brilliant, and deeply committed Unionist from Kentucky, spent the first several months of the American Civil War successfully laboring to maintain Kentucky's loyalty to the Union, then went on to serve as President Lincoln's judge advocate general. In *Lincoln's Forgotten Ally: Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt of Kentucky*, Elizabeth Leonard offers the first full-scale biography of Holt, who has long been overlooked and misunderstood by historians and students of the war. The book seeks to restore Holt, who dedicated both his energy and his influence to ensuring that the Federal victory would bring about lasting positive change for the nation, to his rightful place in American memory.

Elizabeth D. Leonard is the John J. and Cornelia V. Gibson Professor of History at Colby

College. She is the author of several books, including *Lincoln's Avengers: Justice, Revenge, and Reunion after the Civil War*.

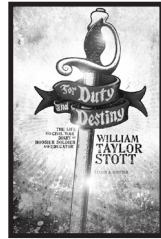
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For Duty and Destiny: The Life and Civil War Diary of William Taylor Stott, Hoosier Soldier and Educator

Lloyd A. Hunter

The Filson Historical Society

Wednesday, June 20 • 6:00 p.m.



William Taylor Stott was a native Hoosier and an 1861 graduate of Franklin College, who later became the president and took the college from virtual bankruptcy in 1872 to its place as a leading liberal arts institution in Indiana by the turn of the century. The story of Franklin College is the story of W.T. Stott, yet his influence was not confined to the school's parameters.

Stott's diary reveals a soldier who was also a scholar in camp and on the march, one who took every available moment to read theology, philosophy, great literary works, the classics of ancient Greece and Rome, and a few novels. He was as familiar with Burns and Byron as he was with ramrods and knapsacks. While amazingly ecumenical for that era, he was nonetheless a Baptist through and through, insisting on baptism only by immersion and displaying a hatred of alcohol and its effects on his cohorts. A scion of Baptist preachers, Stott championed temperance in the army and inherited an antislavery fervor that prompted his belief that, in God's eyes, there were no walls erected between the races.

Lloyd A. Hunter is Professor Emeritus of History and American Studies at Franklin College, where he founded and directed the American Studies Program and occupied the Roger D. Branigin Chair of History. Hunter received recognition by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) as the 2003 Outstanding Indiana Professor of the Year.

Reservations are required.

FILSON FRIDAY

"Treat Them as Wild Beasts:" Civil War Bandits and Guerillas in the Ohio Valley Region

Mark Wetherington

The Filson Historical Society

Friday, June 22 • Noon

After the fall of 1862 and the Battle of Perryville, most of the conventional fighting between large Union and Confederate armies took place beyond Kentucky's borders, and on the surface the commonwealth was controlled by Federal forces. But the Union army was



never able to adequately occupy and protect the entire state, focusing its resources instead on key transportation arteries and garrison cities and towns. The remainder of Kentucky could be a chaotic and dangerous "no-man's-land" threatened by bandits and guerillas. This lecture explores some examples

of wartime activities by these groups.

Mark Wetherington was born in Tifton, Georgia and served in the U. S. Navy from 1968-1971. He received the BA and MA degrees in history at Georgia Southern University, and earned a Ph.D. in history at the University of Tennessee. He has served as Director of The Filson Historical Society since 1993. Dr. Wetherington is the author of two books on the Civil War and New South in Georgia, and the author of numerous articles and reviews, including an essay in the forthcoming University Press of Kentucky book entitled *The Idea of the Athens of the West*, which explores the history of central Kentucky.

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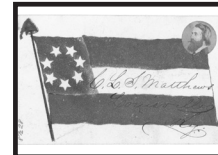
FILSON FRIDAY

"A Government on Wheels:" Kentucky's Confederate Government

Jim Holmberg

The Filson Historical Society

Friday, June 29 • Noon



When war between the North and South erupted in April 1861 Kentucky as a whole hoped the conflict would be quickly resolved. Although a slave state, Kentuckians strongly believed in the sanctity of the Union. The commonwealth's initial stand of neutrality was unrealistic. Summer elections to the state legislature clearly decided Kentucky for the Union. But tens of thousands of Kentuckians disagreed with that decision and either joined the Confederacy as soldiers or civilian refugees. Many Kentuckians stayed home but lent aid and moral support to the Confederate cause. A number of Kentucky politicians refused to accept Kentucky's decision not to secede and formed a Confederate government. It was, as Confederate general Albert Sidney Johnston described it, a "government on wheels."

Jim Holmberg is a native of Louisville and holds a BA and MA from the University of Louisville in History. He joined the staff of The Filson in 1982 and currently serves as the Curator of Special Collections. In addition to curatorial duties, he writes and lectures on a variety of topics, the Lewis and Clark Expedition being a primary focus. The Civil War also is an interest, especially given the important collection The Filson holds.

Reservations are suggested

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 - reservations are requested to assure seating for all programs.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

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Save the Date!
The Nineteenth Annual House Tour
Sunday, September 30, 2012

Save the Date! Filson Friday Talks

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Melville Otter Briney and Old Louisville
 Jennie Cole, Associate Curator of Special Collections

July 13

Rare Pamphlets: An Underutilized Asset in The Filson's Collections
 Judith Partington, Kara Hennis, and Cassie Bratcher, Library Staff

July 20

The Process of History: Cataloging the Bullitt Family Papers
 Shirley Harmon, Special Collections Assistant

July 27

Lucy Nichols and the Limits of Freedom in the Post-Civil War Ohio Valley
 Glenn Crothers, Director of Research

August 3

The Language of Buildings: An Introduction to The Filson's Architectural Collection
 Sarah-Jane Poindexter, Associate Curator of Special Collections

August 10

Distillers and the 18th Amendment
 Michael Veach, Associate Curator of Special Collections

Our Mission: To collect, preserve and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and the Ohio Valley history and culture

Reservations are important to ensure seating. Now enjoy the convenience of our new online registration system - www.filsonhistorical.org

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