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Reservations are required.

**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. In the army, he could only be a Baptist 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.

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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.”

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**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.
June 2012 Programs

Wednesday, June 6
3:30 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society
Book Discussion - This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War
A. Glenn Crothers

Thursday June 14
Noon • The Filson Historical Society
Lincoln’s Forgotten Ally: Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt of Kentucky
Elizabeth Leonard

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Friday, June 22 • FILSON FRIDAY
Noon • The Filson Historical Society
“Treat Them as Wild Beasts:” Civil War Bandits and Buerillas in the Ohio Valley Region
Mark Wetherington

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