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New Meeting Site

for September 15th meeting

7 PM

Eastwood Baptist Church
3212 James Street
Eastwood, NY

Parking in the rear. Enter by rear door. Sign will direct you to the meeting room.

Handicapped Accessible

Directions: Route 690 East to Exit 9, Midler Ave. North on Midler to James St. Right on James. Church will be two blocks from Midler on the right.

Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through June and are free and open to the public.

Spectacular Opening of the OCCWRT'S 12th Season on September 15, 2005

Our first meeting of the season is one you won't want to miss. Dr. Ben Dixon, a professor in the Department of Geography at the State University of New York at Oneonta, will showcase more than 100 of the very best photos of the Gettysburg battlefield from his large collection of historic images of Gettysburg. Many are rare and never-before-published images of special events and moments including: early battlefield scenes, people and events; original markers, monuments and dedications; Union and Confederate veterans and generals visiting long after the battle; battlefield construction; park structures long since gone; and anniversary celebrations and festivities. The photos celebrate the magnificent history of the Gettysburg battlefield and park and were acquired from such places as the US Military Academy at West Point, the National Park Service, the National Archives, and the US Army Military History Institute.

This talk is drawn in part from Dr. Dixon's Ph.D dissertation, *Gettysburg, A Living Battlefield* that was supervised by a committee which included two renowned historians - Dr. Jim McPherson of Princeton and Scott Hartwig of Gettysburg National Military Park - and on his forthcoming book: *Memories of Gettysburg*. Ben gave this same riveting presentation to the 2003 Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.

Dr. Dixon was born, raised, and married in Gettysburg. He is a professional geographer having earned Master's and Doctoral degrees in geography under the direction of Guggenheim, NSF, MacArthur, Fulbright, and Pulitzer award-winning scholars. Since the age of 22, Ben has taught college courses at the universities of Kansas, Oklahoma, Shippensburg, and now Oneonta. His research interests focus on Civil War Battlefields, photography, and American landscapes. He just completed the book, *Learning the Battle of Gettysburg: A Guide to the Official Records* (to be issued by Thomas Publications in spring 2006), and is the author of numerous articles appearing in more than a dozen academic journals and books. He is working on three books about the Gettysburg battlefield for Johns Hopkins University Press. The first book, *The Gettysburg Battlefield* is to be issued in the near future, followed by a companion volume *Memories of Gettysburg: A Photographic History of America's Greatest Battlefield*, and finally *The Gettysburg Battlefield: An Historical Guidebook*.

Join us at the Eastwood Baptist Church on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 PM. It's a meeting you will long remember.

Board Decision

The officers and board members of the OCCWRT voted to cancel the annual Adopt-A-Position weekend held during early October in Gettysburg due to the soaring gas prices. However, we do plan a spring clean up in April. We are proud of our work at the summit of Culp's Hill and hope that our decision will allow for a larger round table representation in April. We welcome any opinions you have on the board's decision. Just let us know.

Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
New Membership/Renewal Form

Membership dues of the OCCWRT are:

Please Check one of the Following

- \$20.00 a year
 O.H.A. members \$5.00
 Seniors and Students \$15.00
 Family rate (2 or more) \$30.00

Name _____

Address _____

Dues may be paid at meetings or sent to:

Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
ATTN: Dave Osborn, Treasurer
2 Thistlewood Lane
Fayetteville, NY 13066

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone _____

Please find \$ _____ enclosed in form of
Circle One:

Check M.O. Cash

E-Mail _____

The Onondaga County Civil War Round Table was organized in 1994 and is now an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. The purpose of the OCCWRT is to stimulate and encourage interest in the American Civil War, to assist in community service in order to enhance the study and understanding of the Civil War, to provide educational and historical research of the period, and to promote historic preservation.

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