

My Fellow Roundtable Members: Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7 pm at La Navona, 154 North Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Our speaker will be Ron Coddington. Ron's topic will be "**Cardomania! The Rise and Fall of the *Carte de Visite* in Civil War America.**" Ron explains "During photography's early years, daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes ruled the portrait world. Then, on the eve of the Civil War, a curious new format landed in America—the *carte de visite*. After hostilities began, hundreds of thousands of citizen soldiers and sailors posed for their likenesses. Countless millions of photographs were produced. Significant numbers of these most intimate and personal artifacts survive today." Ron, who is the author of four books of collected Civil War portraits and editor and publisher of Military Images magazine, will tell the story of the rise and fall of the *carte de visite*—and what became of them.

Please see our website <https://centralohiocwrt.wordpress.com> for more information on Mr. Coddington.

Tom Ayres was unable to attend our September meeting, so I will provide a brief summary. Harry Smeltzer discussed the current Civil War history environment and where it is headed. Harry explained trends in academic, public and "amateur" history delivery systems, the impact of document availability, and what our roles are, may, should, and can be. Harry pointed out that most academic historians are becoming more concerned with the social aspects of the Civil War period, and that most of the work being done today on battles, regiments, and the other military aspects of the War are being conducted by amateur historians accessing documentation through the Internet.

Here is our Treasurer's Report from Dave Delisio:

Treasurer's Report for September 2018

Beginning checking account balance 9/1/2018 = \$2313.93

September receipts = \$45.00 from book raffle

September expenses = \$240.00 (\$100.00 to Harry Smeltzer for speaker fee; \$140.00 to Mike Peters for speaker travel expenses)

Ending checking account balance 9/30/2018 = \$2118.93

I have also attached an Excel Spreadsheet that Dave maintains with our most recent member information.

I have attached two PDF files regarding the 2019 Civil War Institute in Gettysburg. If anything changes, the website (<http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/>) has the most updated information. If you want to attend, contact civilwar@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6590 to get the appropriate discount code. The codes are package-specific, so when you call, you will need to know which package you are planning on purchasing. The discount is 15% off any package.

Finally, I want to remind everyone about the great conference scheduled for Fremont, Ohio at the Hayes Library on October 13, 2018, which includes our own Eric Wittenberg as one of the five outstanding speakers. If you have never been to the Hayes home, library and museum, they are worthy on their own of a trip north; with this outstanding panel of speakers, there is almost no reason not to go.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 10.

Jamie Ryan, President COCWRT