

THE OHIO VOLUNTEER

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are now back after our summer break, and ready to go with our September meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:00, September 25 at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church.

Our speaker will be Richard Troup from McConnelsville. His topic will be "Relics and Reminiscences". He has a treasure trove of Civil War relics and will show a slide show of his collection and how to find and preserve Civil War artifacts. Richard also has a model of the battle of Chickmauga in his home which he can use by a means of a series of lights to explain the entire battle.

We will also be discussing plans for "Civil War 150" (scheduled for April).

150 YEARS AGO

Democrats nominate candidates for President. Southern and Northern delegates split their vote. This eventually allows the Republican Abraham Lincoln to win the presidency.



Chicago had never hosted a national political convention until 1860. When it was picked as the site of the national Republican convention of that year, a convention center had to be built at a cost of \$5,000. Nicknamed the "Wigwam," it was erected on the southeast corner of Market and Lake Streets and provided the setting for Abraham Lincoln's nomination to what would be the first successful Republican national ticket.



There was little hope of compromise when Democratic party delegates met to choose their candidate for president in 1860. Northern Democrats. led by Stephen A. Douglas, stood by their "Popular Sovereignty" platform, while their Southern counterparts called for passing laws to protect the rights of slaveholders in every corner of the Union. When the party nominated Douglas, unhappy Southern Democrats broke away and nominated President James Buchanan's vice president, John C. Breckinridge, shown here.

Question of the Month:

What was the real name of Burnside Bridge, the span made famous by the Battle of Antietam?