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So You Think You Know Gettysburg? Think Again.

John F. Blair to Publish *So You Think You Know Gettysburg? The Stories Behind the Monuments and the Men Who Fought One of America's Most Epic Battles* by James and Suzanne Gindlesperger

Winston-Salem, N.C. (February 24, 2010) — You've probably heard the story of the battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the national military park that commemorates it. You might remember that the battle left 50,000 men wounded or killed, and that it changed the course of the Civil War. You might have even visited the park and seen the monuments dedicated to General Robert E. Lee and General George Pickett.

But what do you know of the men who fought the battle? What about the monuments of the park, the people they commemorate, and the stories of those who built them?

Tales like these are not taught in schools or shown in movies, but they are the ones that need to be told. These little-known stories go beyond facts and figures to expose the human side of war. They are the kinds of stories you'll find in *So You Think You Know Gettysburg?* by husband-and-wife team James and Suzanne Gindlesperger, to be published May 15, 2010.

You'll discover the story of John Burns, the seventy-two-year-old President Lincoln personally thanked for his courage after he fought as a private citizen with the Iron Brigade.

You'll read about Jennie Wade, who was struck by a stray bullet as she was baking bread and became the Battle of Gettysburg's only civilian casualty.

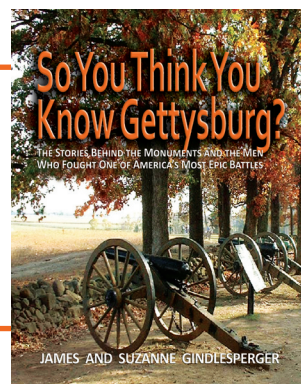
And you'll learn about the Reverend Joseph Sherfy, whose home and peach orchard were caught in the crossfire on the second day of fighting. While the battle severely damaged his home and land, Sherfy profited by advertising his peaches as fruit from trees of the Gettysburg battlefield.

So You Think You Know Gettysburg? goes beyond the typical guidebook to open up areas of the battlefield seldom visited and share anecdotes rarely heard. It also features more than 270 photos, accompanied by maps and GPS coordinates.

The Gindlespergers hope their book will help preserve the memories of the men who fought the Battle of Gettysburg and the people who lived through it. Through *So You Think You Know Gettysburg?* you will discover the unknown history behind the most monumental battle of the Civil War.

James and Suzanne Gindlesperger are members of the Friends of Gettysburg Foundation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Civil War Preservation Trust. Suzanne is a cofounder of Pennwriters, a professional organization for published and aspiring authors. James is the author of three previous Civil War books: *Escape from Libby Prison*, *Seed Corn of the Confederacy*, and *Fire on the Water*. The couple lives in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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