OUR HISTORY

The Roundtable actually originated in October 1990 when the Rev. Charles Smith of the New Covenant Congregational Church placed an article in local newspapers inviting anyone who was interested to come and view the Ken Burns' PBS series on the Civil War. A portion of the series was shown each week at the New Covenant Church for eight weeks. When it was over, Rev. Smith said he would like to continue the meetings on a monthly basis. He then explained the roundtable format. An organizational meeting was held in December 1990, and the Housatonic Civil War Roundtable was formally founded. George Geer of Derby, Conn. was named President and Craig Heyse of Shelton, Conn. was named Vice President/Program Chairman. The HCWRT continues to this day and is one of five such organizations in the state of Connecticut.