



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXII, Issue 3, APRIL 2015

**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN
GREGORY P. WILSON TO SPEAK ON
“JONATHAN ROBERTS - THE CIVIL
WAR QUAKER SCOUT AND SHERIFF”
AT APRIL 9th MEETING**

By Mark Trbovich

When our April speaker, Gregory P. Wilson, began researching his family history, he never expected to uncover an ancestor as unique and fascinating as Jonathan Roberts. A devout Quaker, Roberts wore many hats throughout his life. He was a farmer, surveyor, husband, and father. He was also a firm abolitionist, creating a curious circumstance, as he was also a scout and sheriff in northern Virginia during the Civil War.

A native of Ravenna, Ohio, Gregory graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1974, with a double major in History, as well as in politics and government. Greg worked in both the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government and spent much of his career as a partner and senior adviser with McKinsey & Company. Now managing his own consulting firm, he provides policy and regulatory advice for the financial sector. Greg has both authored and coauthored two books on financial crises in the United States and around the world. A resident of Fairfax County, he currently lives in Great Falls, Virginia.

Come on out to meet Greg on April 9th at Dickey's BBQ Pit (14260 Centreville Square) for dinner at 5 p.m. and enjoy supper and some fellowship. If, unfortunately, you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Regional Library to enjoy some pre-lecture chat with your fellow and sister historians, and to buy some books. See you there!

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THURSDAY, April 9, 2015

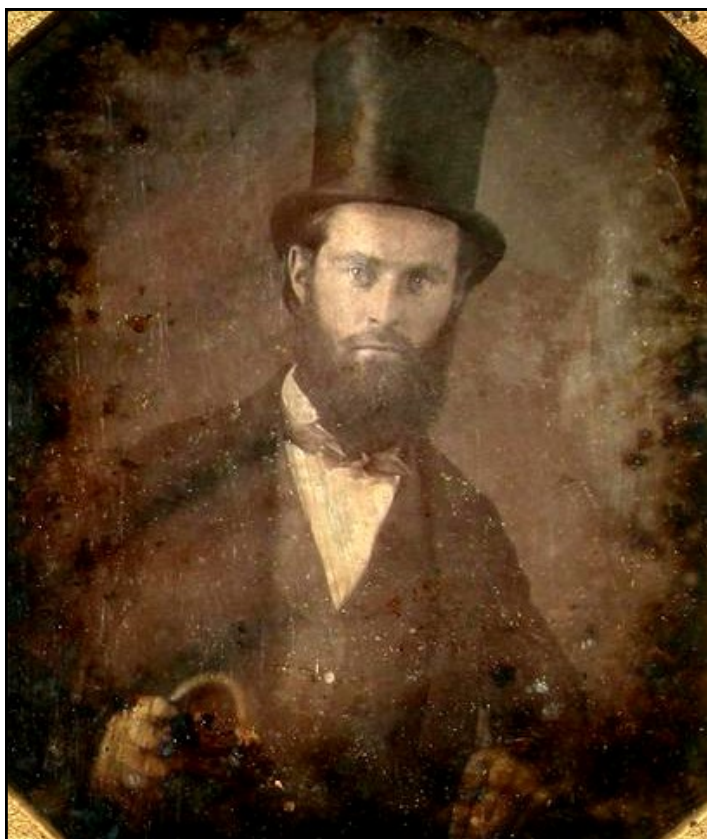
7 p.m. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

AUTHOR GREGORY P. WILSON

TOPIC:

**“JONATHAN ROBERTS -
THE CIVIL WAR QUAKER SCOUT AND
SHERIFF”**



Jonathan Roberts' non-combatant military service began shortly after his secessionist neighbors tried to kill him for his political and antislavery views. Fleeing his Fairfax County home after Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard ordered his arrest, Roberts volunteered his surveying experience to the Union's Army of the Potomac, guiding troops to and from First Manassas (Bull Run). Over the course of the war, he was injured twice, once seriously while chasing John Singleton Mosby, the "Gray Ghost" of the Confederacy.

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to educate and to commemorate the battles
and events of the Civil War**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 9, 2015 - Author and Historian Gregory P. Wilson - "Jonathan Roberts: The Civil War's Quaker Scout & Sheriff of Fairfax County, VA"

May 14, 2015 - Author and Historian Brian McEnany - "The West Point Class of 1862"

June 11, 2015 - Author and Historian William Connerly - "Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia"

July 9, 2015 - Authors and Historians Mosby Panel (Dave Goetz, Chuck Mauro, Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland) - "The Life of Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby"

August 13, 2015 - Author and NPS Historian Emeritus Mr. Ed Bearss - "Lee's Retreat to Appomattox: 1865"

September 10, 2015 - Author and Historian Christopher Kolakowski - "CSS *Alabama*"

October 8, 2015 - NPS Ranger Elizabeth Parnicza - "Looting of Fredericksburg, VA: 1862"

November 12, 2015 - Author and Historian Christopher Mackowski - "Battle of North Anna, VA: May 1864"

December 17, 2015 - NPS Ranger Matt Atkinson - "Battle at the Devil's Den - Gettysburg, PA: July 1863"

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The President's Column

By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

April has arrived and the Easter holiday brought to us warm hopes for the pleasant temps of Spring. As the weather gets a *little* warmer, we are just heating up for our final 150th Civil War Sesquicentennial speakers' series at the BRCWRT. The end of the Civil War came to Appomattox, VA, 150 years ago this month, but there is still more to reflect upon this commemorative year.

Next year we resume our "un-bracketed" offering of outstanding speakers and topics that you have grown accustomed to for the past 24 years. The BRCWRT Executive Committee plans to send out another member survey to hear your suggestions regarding 2016 lectures. 'Stay tuned' for that.

I want to thank everyone who attended Robert "Bert" Dunkerly's "Civil War Surrenders in the West" lecture in March. I sat and just took in all that new information on five Western Theater surrenders (besides Appomattox) that we heard in this outstanding lecture. At the conclusion, I bought his book and have since learned even more reading it. Excellent talk *and* book, Bert! I'm sure we'll be seeing you again soon.

Please remember that April is our last month for our 2015 membership drive. Renew as soon as you can. You don't want to miss receiving any issues of the BRCWRT *Stone Wall* after the April deadline. Remember - you can sign up online and also at the meeting. Dues can be paid at the April meeting or you can send a check to the address on page 12. Your yearly membership support is needed for our budgeted financial commitments each year, voted on by the BRCWRT membership (in attendance at the meeting) each January.

Our BRCWRT Facebook (FB) page now has close to 355 folks who "LIKE" it, adding to

their list of Facebook correspondents. Now is the time to do so, if you haven't yet "SHARED" the page with your friends. There's lots of Civil War news and information on that site, which is: <https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt>. Visiting the site, you can receive real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War activity updates, local and regional news and information, and BRCWRT highlights that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge. Please



March speaker Bert Dunkerly pictured with the new BRCWRT banner. His new book, "To the Bitter End: Appomattox, Bennett Place, and the Surrenders of the Confederacy (Emerging Civil War Series) is out in the book stores and online.

Photo by Janet Greentree

continue to spread the word to your family and friends, younger folks and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the hub of Civil War activity and information in Northern Virginia, including preservation efforts, and is a tremendous organization to join. Bring your friends, family and colleagues out to our next meeting! All are welcome to come on out at 5 p.m. to our new dinner location in the Centreville shopping center - Dickey's BBQ Pit at 14260, #H, Centreville Square, Centreville, VA 20121; (571)281-4846. If you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Library for fellowship, and to buy some books. See you there!

Let us never forget those who served, and what they did for us.

God bless all of you, and have a happy and safe Easter holiday season!



THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph G. Swanson

Our 16th President was dead - brutally murdered. It was a tragic and senseless twist of fate that robbed us of a post-war euphoria that might have energized the rebuilding of our nation and, instead, inaugurated a period of vindictive retribution that has harmed us for all time. *"Twenty Days"* by Dorothy Meserve Kunhardt and her son Philip B. Kunhardt, Jr. (Harper and Row, New York, 1965) takes us through national grief and mourning that followed Lincoln's assassination. It is another superb offering from the incomparable Civil War photography collection of Frederick Hill Meserve. This book is not enjoyable reading; but we must read it.

"Twenty Days" is grim and somber. Every page takes you deeper into a depression over this last, needless tragedy of the war. It is those photographs -- so solemn, yet so moving in their grainy black and white. The trees are not yet leafed-out in April and look dead. The streets and buildings are grimy and dead. The people are distraught and homely in their baggy, unkempt attire. Black crepe is everywhere. The large format of the book adds to the impact of the photos, because you get in so close.

The writing is equally compelling. The description of the assassination, the ghastly death watch and the autopsy is meticulous and fascinating, but it will drain you. The book is loaded with facts, anecdotes and trivia, but throughout, you will ask: How could this have happened? Why did this have to happen?

You travel with the funeral train in its long, circuitous journey from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Ill. Twelve funerals followed over the next 12 days. You will join every grim cortège, attend every funeral. Poor Mrs. Lincoln could not bear to accompany her husband to his final rest. We can barely stand it, more than a century later.

In reflection, even the slightest change in any of a hundred small events that day could have prevented this tragedy. If only Ward Hill Lamon had not been out of town; if only the First Couple, already running late, had decided to cancel that night. And most of all, if only policeman John Parker had not

deserted his post at the door to the presidential box to watch the play from the dress circle.

The ironies of this dastardly deed abound. The war was over. What good could possibly come from killing the commander in chief? A "tyrant" Booth called him? Yes, he pursued a brutal war. But all soldiers in the field, including commanders, were paroled; all prisoners were headed home. Booth, thinking himself a great patriot, was, in fact, a shirker, never having served.

Only the chapter on the pursuit and capture of Booth and the trial of the conspirators interrupts the somber ordeal of funeral upon funeral. Those awful execution photos pile cruel vengeance upon tragedy.

Booth, and probably others, had been thwarted in previous attempts on the life of Lincoln. That he succeeded on the night of April 14, 1865, was a mere product of chance and fate. It is testimony to the influence of small events on great matters.

Would our nation have been markedly different had Lincoln lived? Hatred and resentment against freed blacks might have been suppressed over the next four years, but it is unlikely such primal feelings would have been assuaged for all time. Key constitutional amendments and important civil rights legislation, all of which Lincoln would likely have supported, were enacted after his death. Yet all were effectively perverted in the decades after the Civil War. It is unlikely Lincoln could have altered that national trajectory with just four more years of leadership.

Lincoln's life, and especially his death, are endlessly fascinating to us. *"Twenty Days,"* prepared for the centennial of his death in 1965, is still relevant today. It will be equally fascinating and relevant at the tri-centennial. The Lincoln assassination will never relinquish its hold on us because it will never cease to be tragic in our minds and important in our history.

Until next time, keep reading.

*Note: As we near the end of our sesquicentennial observances, **The Book Corner** wishes to solicit the views of the membership on new themes to be pursued in the literature of our Civil War. Two such themes under consideration are "Reconstruction" and "the Subordinate Generals," books by or about the generals that served under the army commanders. Your suggestions will be welcome at renataralph@gmail.com.*

Meet the Member ~

by E.B.Vandiver III

Tim Duskin attended the very first meeting of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table at the Manassas Public Library; indeed, he is a Founding Member.

Tim and Bill Miller both belonged to the Alexandria Civil War Round Table (Tim since 1969) when Bill started the Bull Run Civil War Round Table in order to have one closer to his home. He invited Tim and others to join this new organization. Today, Tim is the only Founding Member still active. He attends the monthly lectures, goes on many of the field trips and has written for the *Stone Wall* on preservation and other important topics.

Tim has loved history all his life, making it his major in college and later working in the field as an archival professional. He has been active in Civil War round tables since high school, and has been active in the American Revolution Round Table of D.C., of which he is currently vice president (as well as immediate past president). He belongs to numerous history, preservation and archivist organizations, including the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, the Society for History in the federal government, the Historic Centreville Society, the Friends of Mount Vernon, and others.

Bernard S. Duskin, Jr, his father, was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and a fighter pilot in World War II who subsequently had a long career in the aerospace industry, working primarily on projects for NASA. Captain Duskin flew the F4U Corsair Fighter in the Solomon Islands and the Philippines, taking part in the great Battle of Leyte Gulf. After the war, he studied engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He had known Tim's mother Helen since high school. She studied at Chicago's Sherwood Music School and had singing parts in early television, but once they were married and children arrived, she became and remained a valued homemaker. Tim was born in Dallas, Texas, moved to Northern Virginia when he was four and has lived here ever since. He has an older brother and a younger sister. His parents are now retired, living in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After graduating from Oakton High School in 1973, Tim got a B.A. in History from American Christian College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Later, he earned a M.A. in International Relations from the University of Oklahoma (Northern Virginia Campus), did graduate studies in history at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and studied archives man-



Tim Duskin

Tim Duskin
Since 1991
A Founding Member!

agement at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Tim worked for 22 years at the National Archives as an Archives Technician and a member of the Research Room Staff, in which capacity he also lectured on advanced archival research related to the Mexican War, Civil War,

Revolutionary War, and our first President, George Washington. He has recently moved to a higher level position as an Archives Specialist with the Naval History and Heritage Command at the Washington Navy Yard.

Tim's original Duskin ancestor immigrated to America in the 1600s. His Revolutionary War ancestors included both Patriots and Loyalists (Tories), and his Civil War era ancestors wore both the Gray and the Blue, with a paternal great-great grandfather serving from North Carolina, and a maternal great-grandfather serving from Minnesota.

Great-grandfather Lindsay Duskin was a private in the 6th North Carolina Senior Reserves, serving as a guard at the Salisbury, North Carolina prisoner-of-war camp. His great-grandfather, Francis W. Carleton was a private in a Minnesota Cavalry Company that became part of the 5th Iowa Cavalry, which conducted operations mostly in Tennessee in 1861-1863. In January 1864, the Minnesota companies returned home but were recalled for the Northern Indian Wars as Brackett's Battalion of Cavalry.

Tim credits the Civil War round tables he attended with helping him develop a thorough understanding of this part of American History. He is active in Civil War preservation and is currently working on preserving the endangered site of Camp Letterman, a huge field hospital in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania that held the most seriously wounded until they could travel. Congratulation, Tim, for being one of our founding members, and for being such a loyal and dedicated member.

P.S.: Tim encourages you to check out the Revolutionary War Round Table of D.C. at their Web site: http://www.xenophongroup.com/patriot/arrrt_web.htm.

Ed. Note: Ms. Rebelle is taking a well-deserved rest from her travels this issue and will be back in this location next month!

BRCWRT Members Walk In Footsteps of History at Wolf Run Shoals (December 1862 - April 1865)

by Gwen Wytenbach

Despite cold and windy winter weather conditions, 29 stalwart Bull Run Civil War Round Table participants gathered Saturday, March 28th at the University Mall McDonald's (across from George Mason University) to receive our 'marching orders' for this interesting tour, along with an overview of events that occurred at Wolf Run Shoals from 1781 through the Civil War.

Historical events there included Fairfax County (Union) and Prince William County (Confederate) sites; bringing us along through this history were tour leaders Jim Lewis, Brian McEnany and Kim Brace.



Tour leaders Brian McEnany (left) and Jim Lewis point out site locations.

Photos by Gwen Wytenbach



"Corduroy road log" relic .

To begin, our group walked to and visited an area of the mall parking lot to see where a section of a Civil War-era corduroy road once existed along Ox and Braddock Roads, and which was unearthed in April 2014, during excavations to widen the mall parking lot. A special treat was brought along for us to see ... one of the historic logs

from the excavation of that corduroy road.

Our 14-car caravan then headed for Wolf Run Shoals. Upon arrival, we followed the old trace of the Wolf Run Shoals Road (Rte. 610) down to the location of the Occoquan River, where it was forded on numerous occasions during the Civil War by both Union and Confederate troops. The route is also known as the Washington-Rochambeau Wag-

on Trail that was used during the Revolutionary War in 1781. [Note: Kim Brace compiled an extensive 106-page document of maps and photos of various places where we stopped and walked, and that some people downloaded onto their tablets for use during the tour. The packet is available on the BRCWRT Web site.]

Brian and Jim pointed out several

additional sites at Wolf Run Shoals: the Buckley-Fairfax Cemetery where Mosby Ranger Wellington Fairfax is buried, and Quailwood, the house where Mary Willcoxon lived. She nursed an injured Ver-



Willcoxon House

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Wolf Run Shoals path to the Occoquan.



Hazarding a stream.



"Crimean Oven" located along the tour route.

mont soldier, Lieutenant Carmi Marsh, back to health.

Also located in this area are remnants of the miller's house at Ford's Mill, with adjacent root cellar; we also viewed the site of the old road that led down to the river.

In addition, we saw the campsites of the 2nd Vermont Brigade, their earthworks, artillery battery positions, tent sites and a probable "Crimean oven" built of rocks into the hillside (and thought possibly to have been used to heat a hospital tent).

After touring the Fairfax County side, we headed for the Prince William County side of Bull Run for our noon-time lunch break and refreshment at the lovely home of Kim and Trish Brace. Trish pre-

pared and had waiting for us three huge crockpots of her marvelous chili for everyone's enjoyment. After being out in the cold and harsh weather, her hot bowls of chili were a most welcome respite, and Kim and Trish were the perfect hosts!

After lunch, we headed back to our cars and followed Kim Brace to visit the site of Bacon Race Church and to meet Bill Olson (acclaimed member of the Prince William County Historical Commission and local historian of the church and cemetery). He gave us a history of the church and cemetery, which contained the remains of Civil War soldiers, including several members of Mosby's 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry.

After Bacon Race Church, we headed to Sally Davis' Ford and walked to the earthworks that are still observable along the river front. Here we could look back across the river and see the Wolf Run Shoals area we had visited in the morning. Afterwards, we followed Bill Olson back to his lovely hillside home overlooking the Occoquan for relaxation and conversation, and received some beautiful "*Prince William: A Past to Preserve*" books. Here, also, we could look back not only across the river and see the area we had visited in the morning, but also the continuation of the Wolf Run Shoals/

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Popular History Professor Dr. Charles Poland Retiring - Will Give NVCC's Prestigious Legacy Lecture

Dr. Charles Poland, one of the longest-tenured instructors at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and a great friend of the Civil War community, is retiring in June from his career teaching History and is being honored by the school by being chosen to present its annual Legacy Lecture on Monday, April 13th in the Ernst Center on the Annandale campus.

BRCWRT members may have studied under or worked with Dr. Poland during the many years he has devoted to the study of the Civil War, or perhaps have read one or more of the seven books he has authored on local history and Civil War era. Teaching courses in U.S. and local history and Western civilization, Poland is a renowned Civil War scholar who has traveled more than 120,000 miles to battlefields. Placing special emphasis on his research on now forgotten heroes and little known military activities, Poland created a mobile Civil War Museum that toured schools throughout Northern Virginia.

He received the 2012 Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, an honor given to those who have demonstrated superior accomplishments in teaching, research and public service at public and private colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 2008, the NOVA Alumni Federation awarded Poland the Faculty of the Year Award. Prior to that, the Annandale Campus Student Government Association presented him with its Most Outstanding Faculty Member award.

A native of Loudoun County whose ancestors

can be traced back to Colonial times, Poland earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from American University and a doctoral degree from Western Colorado University.

The Annual Legacy Lecture was established by the Annandale Campus Council in 2010 to honor distinguished retiring faculty members.

The first lecture was presented by Terrence Doyle (2011), former communication studies professor; he was followed by Liz Lieberman (2012), former mathematics associate professor; Mary Zimmerman (2013), former history professor; and Duncan and Betsy Tebow (2014), former art professors.

This event is jointly hosted by the Annandale Campus Lyceum Committee and the Annandale Campus Council. Poland joined the faculty in 1967, the year the Annandale Campus opened its doors.

The event begins at 12:30 p.m. and is free to the public and refreshments will be served. It is hoped that all who have met or studied with Dr. Poland will want to attend and wish him well upon his retirement from a long and satisfying career.



NVCC Prof. Dr. Charles Poland

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits!

Here's a grateful "Huzzah!" for these folks who have recently joined the BRCWRT:

- ♦ **Tom Jensen**
- ♦ **John-Robert Divietri**
- ♦ **John Price**
- ♦ **Gil Baldwin**
- ♦ **Bonnie Baldwin**

The BRCWRT Spring Tour Petersburg Breakthrough ~ Pamplin Park

Tour Marching Orders:

Date: May 2, 2015

Cost: \$12/person (group rate for Pamplin Park). Checks should be made out to BRCWRT and can be mailed to Mark Knowles, BRCWRT Treasurer, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164. Mark will also accept checks or cash at future meetings.

Assembly Location/Time: 7:30 a.m. - Route 234 Commuter lot off of Rt. 95 (or meet us at Pamplin Park at 10 a.m.)

Tour Duration: Expect to be finished by 5 p.m.

Lunch: At one of the fast-food restaurants in the area.

Exertion: Will be light, all the trails are flat and there won't be a lot of walking.

Sign Up: Please sign up for the tour by visiting the BRCWRT Facebook page; electronic sign-up will also be available the meetings. There will also be a sign-up sheet available at the BRCWRT meeting.

Inclement Weather: Weather cancellation notice will be sent via e-mail the morning of the tour. If you do not have e-mail, please call Rob Orrison for an update.

Special Suggestions: Dress according to the weather and be sure to wear a hat and comfortable walking shoes.

Background: On April 2, 1865, the Union Army of the Potomac assaulted the Confederate fortifications around Petersburg. Knowing Lee's army was stretched thin and dwindled from desertions, Grant knew Lee's lines would break somewhere. That breakthrough took place west of Petersburg in what is now Pamplin Park. The tour will include the breakthrough (including newly restored landscape), mortal wounding site of Confederate Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill and the popular and award-winning National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. Part of the tour will be led by Edward Alexander of Pamplin Park, who has authored a new book about the events in early April 1865.

Chief Tour Guide: Edward Alexander (Pamplin Park) and Rob Orrison; contact includes Rob's cell: 571-641-0223 and e-mail: Orrison76@hotmail.com

Itinerary: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Visit the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Lunch nearby (fast food)
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Tour of the Breakthrough by historian and author Edward Alexander

'Fairfax Scene' Now Includes BRCWRT Member-Featured Video on Mosby

The current edition of *The Fairfax Scene* at Fairfax City community cable TV now features a video on Mosby's Raid, as well the BRCWRT talks by Don Hackenson and Eric Buckland from last May. Rachel Roth of cityoffairfaxva invites all to "take a look into the exploits of Colonel John Singleton Mosby and his rangers during the Civil War with talks by historians Don Hackenson and Eric Buckland and a reenactment of Mosby's famous Raid on Fairfax Courthouse."

The Web address for the YouTube-hosted video series about Fairfax City events is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04LAzQARDQw&feature=em-uploademail>.

"Marylanders During the Civil War" Presented at RFL Museum

Lisa Crawley, Resource Center Manager at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum at 830 E. Pratt Street in Baltimore, MD announces their next Genealogy Lecture – "Life on the Border: Marylanders During the Civil War" – taking place Saturday, April 11th at 11 a.m., with Nathania A. Branch Miles and Eric F. Mease. In this talk, author Nathania A. Branch-Miles looks at the local impact of the conflict from her book "*Prince George's County & the Civil War: Life on the Border*." She is joined by local historian Eric F. Mease, who shares the contributions of black veterans of Cecil County who served in major Civil War battles and campaigns, including: The Crater, Petersburg and Richmond. Mease is the author of "*Black Civil War Patriots of Cecil County, Maryland*."

This annual program is sponsored with the Baltimore Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (BAAHGS) and will begin with a Genealogy Expo in the museum's upper lobby at 11 a.m. The lecture begins at 12 noon. Special admission is \$5. Let us know you're coming by RSVP-ing at the museum's Web site: www.rfLewismuseum.org.

The mission of the RFL Museum is to be the premier experience and best resource for information and inspiration about the lives of African American Marylanders. The Museum seeks to realize its mission by collecting, preserving, interpreting, documenting, and exhibiting the rich contributions of African American Marylanders from the State's history to the present and future.

Wolf Run Shoals - (con't from page 7)

Washington-Rochambeau Road on the Prince William County side.

This brought to a close another great and educational BRCWRT tour. BRCWRT Web site manager Alan Day has placed various individual's pictures of the day on the Web site, and Kim has added maps of the areas that were walked, with GPS links to the paths and pictures.

Those BRCWRT members and guests attending were: Nancy



BRCWRT members and guests shown here enjoying the Wolf Run Shoals tour last month.

Anwyll; Lakhwant Aulakh; Charlie Balch; Kim Brace; Mike Buckley; Paul Cunningham; Alan Day; Dennis Delehanty; Bob Eldridge; Eric Fowler; Charles Grymes; John Hickox; Steve Jones; Christopher Kern; Jim Lewis; Janee Lindner; Dan Lundeen; Debbie Page-Maples; Tom Maples; Brian McEnany; John Needham; Bill Olson; John Pearson; Randy Perry; John Price; Ed Wenzel; Mark Whinton; Brian Whinton; and my-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission

2015 Signature Conference

Saturday, April 18, 2015

"Causes Won and Lost: The End of the Civil War"

Conference Chairs: Gary W. Gallagher
and Elizabeth R. Varon

University of Virginia
Old Cabell Hall
Charlottesville, VA 22904

The 2015 Signature Conference is at capacity and registration is *closed*, but the conference will air LIVE on CSPAN3, American History TV, on Saturday, April 18 at 8:45 a.m. The entire day's proceedings will also be re-broadcast that evening at 6 p.m.

Appomattox Court House: The capstone event in the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission's Signature Conference series brings together leading historians to discuss the Civil War's dramatic closing scenes, its turbulent aftermath, and its long-term legacy in American life.

Panel I: Surrenders and the Assassination

Panelists: Elizabeth Varon, Harold Holzer,
Elizabeth Leonard, and James McPherson

Panelists will survey the surrenders of the Confederate armies, take up the controversial issues of why the Confederacy succumbed and the Union triumphed, and assess how Lincoln's presidency and his assassination shaped the peace.

Panel II: The Lost Cause

Panelists: Gary Gallagher, Ed Ayers, John Coski,
and Caroline Janney

Discussions will trace the origins of the pro-Confederate "Lost Cause" understanding of the war, examining its reverberations in postwar politics and its potent role in shaping popular memory.

Panel III: The Union Cause

Panelists: Gary Gallagher, Matthew Gallman,
John Neff, and Joan Waugh

Panelists will explore the countervailing understandings of the Union Cause, which represented the dominant meaning of the war among Northern soldiers and civilians, and address the postwar efforts of Northerners to enshrine their vision of a righteous Union in American politics and culture.

Panel IV: African American Memory

Panelists: Elizabeth Varon, Barbara Gannon,
W. Fitzhugh Brundage, and Thavolia Glymph

The final panel will consider African American interpretations and memory of the war, elucidating the experiences of emancipated slaves, of U.S.C.T. soldiers, and of prominent political leaders such as Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. Du Bois.

This wide-ranging conference will serve as an occasion for scholars and the public to join in reflecting on what we have learned collectively during the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.



Sesquicentennial Finale Concert Memorial Day - May 25

Virginia State Capitol
Richmond
6:30 p.m.

Bringing a ceremonial close to Virginia's multifaceted commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission is pleased to present a Sesquicentennial Finale Concert that brings together music, songs, images, and narration in a profound exploration of the Civil War and emancipation.

The Sesquicentennial Finale Concert will be held outdoors on the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol on Memorial Day (May 25). Rich in Civil War and emancipation history, Capitol Square provides a majestic and fitting setting for the culminating event in the seven-year statewide commemoration.

Narrated by award-winning historian James I. Robertson, Jr. and featuring the Roanoke Symphony, the Sesquicentennial Finale Concert explores the strong emotions and dramatic patterns of the Civil War, which gave rise to more music than any other event in American history. As the Civil War began, enthusiastic melodies combined with romantic songs to produce an early motivation for soldiers.

However, the fervor of army life quickly melted into loneliness and despair for soldiers, while songs of praise and gospel spirituals brought guarded hope for 3.5 million enslaved people. The war ended, freedom was secured, and the nation became whole, with songs like The Battle Hymn of the Republic forever becoming part of the national heritage that we share.

The Sesquicentennial Finale Concert is free and open to the public. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not required, but please pre-register to let us know that you are planning to attend.

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