



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Frederick W. Lander:

Nationally Known and Locally Forgotten, Why?

George Lewis

What do the Lander Post Office in Catoctin, Maryland, an early day Shirley Temple, the Overland Wagon Road to California, and the Battle of Rich Mountain have in common?

A Union Brigadier General, Frederick West Lander.

At the February meeting of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable, George Lewis, whom many of you may know as the man who spearheaded the Catoctin Creek Aqueduct restoration, will explain the mystery of why in April of 1862 the Lander Post Office was established at Catoctin, Maryland. George has unraveled the now forgotten short life accomplishments of "The Bravest of the Brave" and those of his internationally famous spouse and will share them with us.

George Lewis is a veterinarian, retired army colonel, amateur historian, and occasional medical research and development consultant. He has lived in Frederick County on-and-off for the past thirty eight years; the last eighteen of which he has owned, built, and managed a grass fed cow/calf operation -- Catoctin Station Farm -- in Lander, MD.

In what will be a lively presentation, George will tie together and bring home to Frederick County such diverse places and players as the Overland Wagon Road to California, Ball's Bluff, the Willard Hotel, Lander Mountain, Governor Houston of Texas, Blooming Gap, General McClellan, the Northern Pacific Railroad, Stonewall Jackson, Camp Chase, President Lincoln, the C&O Canal, Secretary Chase, General Order No. 5, the Battle of Rich Mountain, a poet from Massachusetts, Edward's Ferry, an early day Shirley Temple, and Catoctin Switch.

Join the FCCWRT!

As a member of our group, you'll enjoy these benefits:

- receive the current newsletter
- receive email updates of local events related to Civil War history

Our yearly dues are:

- \$30.00 for an individual
- \$50.00 for a family up to four
- \$5.00 for out of state members and members under 16 years of age

The Prez Says.....

Pop Quiz: Do you know what Union Civil War General was sometimes known as Autie, Curley, Ringlets, Yellow Hair, Son of the Morning Star, and Old Iron Butt, graduated last in his class,(34th of 34) in 1861, yet rose rapidly through the ranks from 2nd lieutenant to Brevet Major General of U.S. Volunteers, participated in most of the Army of the Potomac's battles and was present at the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox in 1865 ? You probably guessed it, the answer next month with tougher questions.

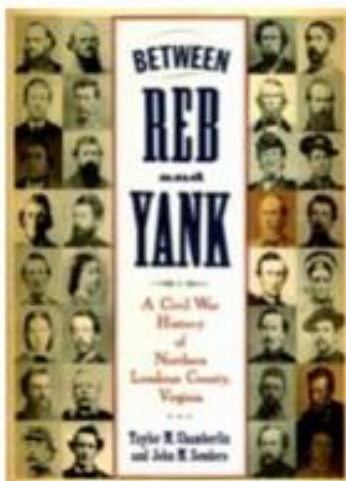
~Jack



Raffle Table Ramblings

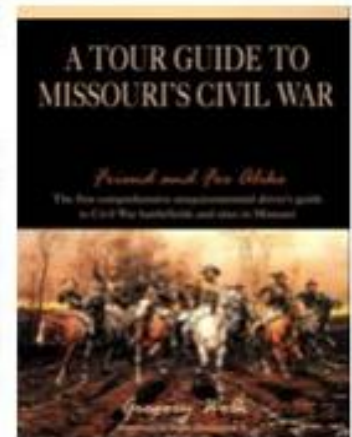
Even during the Civil War Valentine's Day was celebrated by the exchange of cards. Some were commercially produced and some were handmade but loved ones separated by the War still found a way to express their regards for each other. I have no great love stories to offer this month – do you really want a copy of Gone With the Wind? But doesn't the sentiment expressed on this card make your heart beat a little faster?

*"My country's cause to serve, For her to do or die;
Thy love my arm to nerve, Thy name my battle cry."*



This area saw so much conflict and probably epitomized the "brother against brother" more than any other region. Loudoun County Virginia saw more than its fair share of conflict and families torn asunder. This month's featured book Between Reb and Yank is a very comprehensive look at the land beyond the Potomac, just over the bridge.

I am always amazed at the variety of offerings that come my way and this book opens up another theater of our Civil War. Yes, there was action west of the Mississippi! Goodness knows the violent activities out there were happening long before the raid on Harpers Ferry or Fort Sumter was even fired on. Expand your knowledge of the Western Front with this volume.



So **Happy Valentine's Day!** Yes, you are all my Valentines because you support our Raffle Table with such enthusiasm every month!



Thank you, Kathi

Next Month's Speaker:

March 19, 2015

Speaker: Kevin Pawlak, author, Antietam National Battlefield Guide

Topic: The Battle of Shepherdstown

Civil War& More

February Events in Frederick!

History Lover's Dinner

February 9, 2015

Join the National Museum of Civil War Medicine for a night of Civil War love stories paired with exquisite food and libations. The Wine Kitchen, on Carroll Creek in downtown Frederick, has reserved the entire restaurant for this private event, which includes love stories as told by Executive Director George Wunderlich. These stories of passion, longing and loss, paired with the one-of-a-kind interpretations of these stories by the Wine Kitchen chef and staff, will create an historic and unforgettable dining experience. Seating is limited, RSVP as soon as possible to the Wine Kitchen at 301-663-6968. \$

*The Wine Kitchen
Frederick, MD*

Museum Scavenger Hunt and Fire and Ice First Saturday

When: Sat, February 7, 10am – 4pm

Where: The Museum of Frederick County History

Description: Join us for an entertaining and free "Hands on History" program! Discover Frederick's history through a museum scavenger hunt! Uncover clues, have an adventure and learn along the way. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of Frederick County History. In the evening, stop by the museum to see our Fire and Ice First Saturday ice sculpture! Sponsored by Edenton Retirement Community.

African Americans in Medicine During the Civil War Era

February 7, 2015

Robert Slawson, MD, FACR, and author of Prologue to Change: African Americans in Medicine in the Civil War Era, will tell the unlikely story of a handful of African-American physicians who rose against discrimination to serve as surgeons for the Union Army during the Civil War.

National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 E. Patrick Street
Frederick, 21701

NEW! Our very own FACEBOOK Group

If you are on Facebook, give our group a like!



<https://m.facebook.com/fccwrt>

Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with posting interesting Civil War facts and discussions. Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!!



Our MISSION

TO cultivate and preserve Frederick County's Civil War heritage and broaden the understanding of the Civil War Era and its impact on our nation.

TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing public interest and appreciation of our Civil War history, both locally and nationally.

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FCCWRT Winter Weather Policy

Sadly, winter storm season is upon us. Due to foul weather conditions, We may need to cancel our monthly meeting. If Frederick County Schools and/or the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (meeting location) announce closures for the afternoon/evening of the meeting our meeting will be cancelled. We will make every attempt to send an email notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.

