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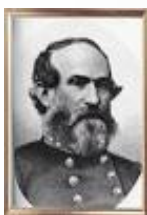


Our April speaker: **Dr. Mark Bradley, historian and author**

Dr. Mark Bradley is a historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, DC and the authority on the surrender of Joseph Johnston to William T. Sherman on April 26, 1865. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Bradley has written two books on the end of the Civil War in North Carolina: *LAST STAND IN THE CAROLINAS: THE BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE*, and *THIS ASTOUNDING CLOSE: THE ROAD TO BENNETT PLACE*, which was a finalist for the 2001 Lincoln Prize.

The title of Mark's talk is Bentonville: THE LAST GRAND CHARGE OF THE CONFEDERACY.

In February 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman led his army northward from Savannah, Georgia, into the Carolinas. His objective was Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederacy. Sherman planned to join forces with the Union Army's general in chief, Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant, and the Army of the Potomac to defeat Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, thus bringing the war to a victorious conclusion. On February 22, 1865, Lee placed Gen. Joseph E. Johnston in command of the Confederate forces in the Carolinas and directed him to stop Sherman's advance. On March 19, Johnston attempted to defeat an isolated column of Sherman's army at Bentonville, North Carolina. Occurring just three weeks before Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, the battle of Bentonville was the last major Confederate offensive of the war.



Lt. General Jubal
Anderson Early

Next Month's Speaker

Our May speaker: Old Jube returns to Frederick for our May meeting. Mike Sipes will portray Lt. General Jubal Anderson Early, the Confederate commander at the battle of Monocacy.



The Prez Sez

Hide Your Yankee Dollars! The Rebs Are Coming!

Checkout the Hagerstown Fair on July 1st and the exhibit of the Ransom of Hagerstown for \$ 20,000, plus a planned replica of the CSA Henley to be on display.

Next, on July 12th we have the Ransom of Middletown with Gen. Early on horseback, expecting \$5,000, but, since he left early, Early only got \$1,500. (Clever play on words don't ya think?)

Thirdly, don't forget about the Ransom of Frederick at Monocacy National Battlefield on July 5th thru July 11th. Gen. Early gets his act together here as he collects \$200,000 from the town fathers, never to be repaid in spite of former Sen. Mac Mathias's best efforts over a twenty year span.

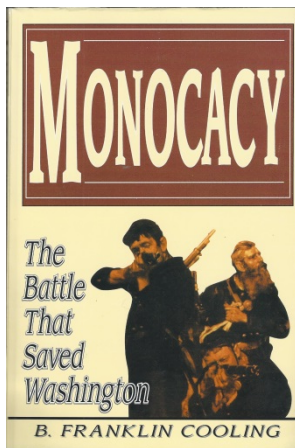
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At Last Month's Meeting...

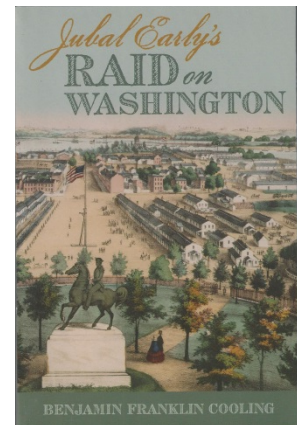


Ramblings from the Raffle Table

The informative program this past month introducing us to Frederick in the simmering heat of the summer of 1864 has inspired this month's selections for the Raffle Table. The citizens of Frederick County had already endured two years of Confederate activity on their doorstep and now Jubal Early is preparing to sweep through our towns and fertile farmlands again.



B. Franklin Cooling's studies of the Battle of Monocacy right here in Frederick County and the subsequent drive on to Washington have produced not one but two books that have been called "the definitive scholarly account of the campaign." *American Historical Review*.



Be informed and prepared as we commemorate our very own significant moment in Civil War history 150 years ago. If you haven't bought them before, this is the month to buy raffle tickets!

Thank you for your steadfast support of our Round Table's efforts to keep history vital and alive.

See you at the Raffle Table,

Kathi

Seeking New Board Members

The Roundtable is in need of new Board members to help our organization continue. We will be voting on Board members at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please let us know!! You may talk to any current Board member at the April meeting, or call/email one of us for more information.



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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