



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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This Month!!! RARE IMAGES OF ANTIETAM

Our **September** speaker will be Stephen Recker presenting his talk on “Rare Images of Antietam and the Photographers who took them”.

Recker is a member of Antietam Battlefield Guides, a service he founded in partnership with WMIA, the non-profit at Antietam National Battlefield. His talk will describe Alexander Gardner’s photographic wagons crossing the battlefields taking images many unknown and unseen.

In his talk, Recker will discuss his efforts to collect, catalog, and interpret photographs of the Maryland campaign of 1862 of sites as well as the years following the battle.

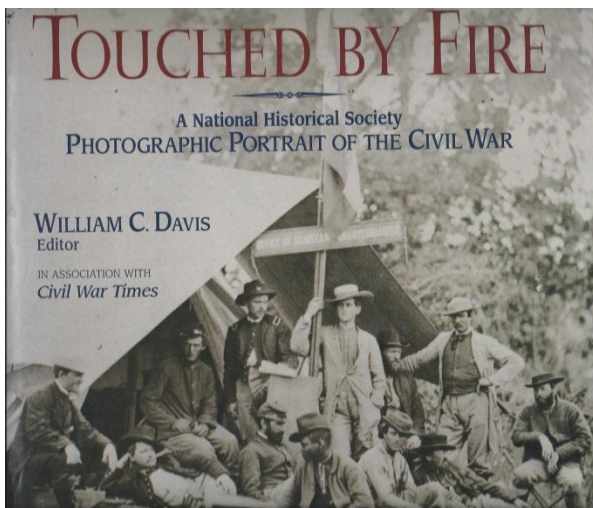
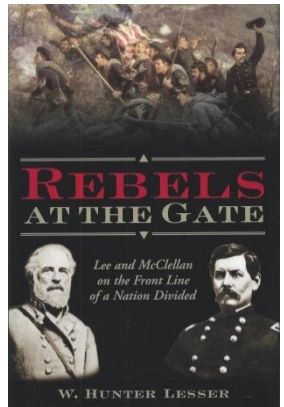
His book, *Rare Images of Antietam and the Photographers Who Took Them* was released in September 2012. Recker currently resides in Smithsburg, Maryland and is a Web Developer at High Rock in Hagerstown

Press info :<http://www.virtualantietam.com/press>

Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Welcome back. Hope you all had a great summer! The term NIMBY had no effect on Jubal Early in 1864 and we all turned out for the wonderful week long commemoration of our own backyard battle at Monocacy. We are kicking off our new season featuring two selections from a very generous donation from Eve & Regis Raffensberg. They donated a box of books at the last meeting in May and here are just a few being offered to you:

Rebels at the Gate by W. Hunter Lesser sheds light on the conflict in the early days that tore the homeland of so many of this county's founding fathers (George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, etc) asunder. Not all Virginians saw the issues of secession clearly. And the great state of Virginia experienced its own division as West Virginia, birthplace of Stonewall Jackson declared for the Union. Relive the struggles of the infant days of the greatest turmoil our nation has ever experienced.



Nothing is as moving as looking into the eyes of the battle weary as captured by contemporary photographers during the Civil War. The boy soldiers, growing old before their time, willing to fight and die for ideals, attempting to appear suave and debonair for the camera. We can be grateful we do not have to smell the smells as we turn the pages of crowded campgrounds, fetid and swollen swamps and rivers, the stench of blackened chimneys reaching skyward in a savaged landscape. Touched by Fire brings us yet more images of the War we love to study and helps bring us a more thorough understanding of the Civil War

experience. And... of course the Mystery Magazines are returning. So I am looking forward to seeing you at the Raffle Table,

~Kathi

Join 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.....



Welcome back Members and Friends to our first meeting of the new season.

We have an interesting and varied line-up for you this fall as well as comments and articles from your new board members. Try to attend all the meetings and bring a friend.

~ Jack

Civil War Symposium

The Historical Society of Frederick County presents its tenth annual history symposium on the Frederick County experience in 1864 on Friday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The symposium is presented in conjunction with the Historical Society's 2014 special exhibit, Huzza for Liberty! 1864 in Frederick County and will be held at Trunk Hall, Evangelical Lutheran Church, 35 E. Church St. in Frederick.

Talks will include "Guarding the Junction: The 14th New Jersey Infantry at Monocacy," "Fighting for Freedom: African American Civil War Soldiers from Frederick County," "The Final Invasion of the North," and our 1864 Civil War Walking Tour of Downtown Frederick.

The registration fee \$35 for HSFC members, and \$50 for non-members, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is September 12.

For more information or to register, download the form from <http://bit.ly/1pHUpMF> or contact program coordinator Kristen Butler at 301-663-1188 x105, or kbutler@frederickhistory.org.

OUR PROGRAM & SPEAKERS

GUARDING THE JUNCTION: THE 14TH NEW JERSEY INFANTRY AT MONOCACY

Few know the full story of the regiment whose monument stands guard 150 years after the battle or why it was placed at Monocacy Junction, rather than on the Thomas Farm where they were heavily engaged during the battle. This is largely because of the role of the 14th New Jersey prior to the Battle of Monocacy, when they spent nearly a year guarding the junction.

BRANDON BIES is the Legislative Liaison for the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. He previously served as the Site Manager of Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, and as a Cultural Resources Specialist for the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Bies began working in national parks in 2001 as a contract archeologist at Monocacy National Battlefield, where he conducted extensive research on Civil War encampments. He holds a master's degree in Applied Anthropology from the University of Maryland, and bachelor's degrees in American History and in Anthropology from the University of Delaware.



FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM: AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS FROM FREDERICK COUNTY

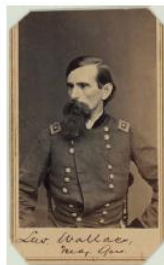
In May 1863, the U.S. War Department created the Bureau of Colored Troops to oversee the enrollment of African Americans into military service. African Americans flocked to join the Union Army, and by war's end almost 200,000 had served their country, including many from Frederick County, some of whom fought against their former masters.

DEAN HERRIN is the Chief Historian of the National Capital Region of the National Park Service in Washington, DC. Herrin holds a doctorate in American History from the University of Delaware and has been a historian with the NPS for twenty-five years. He is the author of *America Transformed: Engineering and Technology in the Nineteenth Century*, and co-editor of *Montgomery C. Meigs and the Building of the Nation's Capital*.

THE FINAL INVASION OF THE NORTH

In an effort to deflect Ulysses S. Grant's focus on the main body of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee sent his "Bad Old Man," Jubal Early, to clear the Union out of the Shenandoah Valley and on to threaten Washington, DC. The fate of the Union and President Lincoln's reelection hung in the balance, with only a few, including Lew Wallace at Monocacy Junction, understanding the full nature of the threat.

BRETT SPAULDING was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army and attended the Pennsylvania State University where he received a degree in Geography with a minor in History. In 2001, Spaulding took a position as a seasonal Park Ranger on the Blue Ridge Parkway and later that year was hired as a full time Park Ranger at Monocacy National Battlefield. While at Monocacy he wrote and published the book *Last Chance for Victory: Jubal Early's 1864 Maryland Invasion*, and appeared as a historian in the Maryland Public Television documentary "Heart of the Civil War."



1864 CIVIL WAR WALKING TOUR

Delve into what Frederick was like 150 years ago during the ransom of Frederick and the Battle of Monocacy on this 90-minute walking tour of historic downtown Frederick.

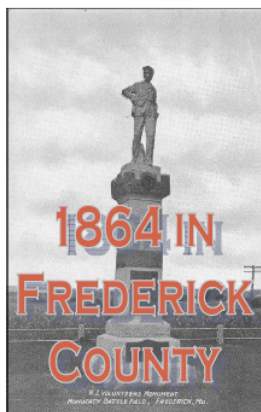
(Symposium attendees who are not able to go on the walking tour are welcome to visit *Huzzo for Liberty! 1864 in Frederick County* at the Museum of Frederick County History during that time.)

JOSEPH COLLINS has a bachelor's degree from Juniata College, a secondary teaching certificate from California (PA) State University, and an MBA from Hood College. He retired in 2000 after a career in commercial real estate lending. Collins is a volunteer at Frederick Memorial Hospital, a Master Docent and walking tour guide at the Historical Society of Frederick County, and a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is the Executive Director of the Nancy Collins Memorial Cancer Fund, a nonprofit that honors his late wife. He is the author of *Farmers That Helped Shape America* and *The Battle of West Frederick*.

The Historical Society of Frederick County is a nonprofit educational institution dedicated to preserving the history of Frederick County, Maryland, and sharing that history with a diverse audience through engaging programs. The History Symposium is presented in conjunction with the new exhibition, *Huzzo for Liberty! 1864 in Frederick County* open at the Museum of Frederick County, through December 2014.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY of FREDERICK COUNTY Presents the Tenth Annual HISTORY SYMPOSIUM



Friday, September 19, 2014
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Evangelical Lutheran Church
35 East Church St., Frederick, MD

PROGRAM

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m.
Welcome
Carrie Blough, HSFC Curator
9:15 a.m.
Guarding the Junction: The 14th New Jersey Infantry at Monocacy
Brandon Bies
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m.
Fighting for Freedom: African American Civil War Soldiers from Frederick County
Dean Herrin
11:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m.
The Final Invasion of the North
Brett Spaulding
1:30 p.m. Break
1:45 p.m.
1864 Civil War Walking Tour of Downtown Frederick
Joseph Collins
3:15—4:00 p.m.
Self-guided tour of
Huzzo for Liberty! 1864 in Frederick County at the Museum of Frederick County History (located across the street)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:
\$35 for HSFC members
\$50 for non-members
Light breakfast and lunch are included
Registration Deadline: Sept. 12

Name _____
Affiliation (if any) _____
Street Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____
Email _____

☐ I require a vegetarian lunch

To Register:
Mail this information with payment information to
History Symposium
24 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701

or email to: kbutter@frederickhistory.org

Make checks payable to:
Historical Society of Frederick County

Credit card information:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard
No. _____ Exp. _____

Confirmation, directions, and parking information will be sent by email upon receipt of registration. If you have no email address, or do not provide one, the confirmation will be sent to you through the mail. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Butler at 301.663.1188 x105 or kbutter@frederickhistory.org.

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Frederick, MD 21701





THE FREDERICK COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

26 Years of Preserving Civil War History

Meets the 3rd Thursday
of the month (September-May) at 7:30 pm
at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 East Patrick Street, (Downtown) Frederick, MD

Program Speakers and Topics 2014-2015

2014

September 18, 2014

Speaker: Stephen Recker, author, historian,
and Antietam National Battlefield guide
Topic: *Rare Images of Antietam*

October 17, 2014*

Speaker: Harold Holzer, renowned Lincoln
scholar and award-winning author, will present
the Historical Society of Frederick County's
annual P. Newman Lecture
Topic: *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The
War for Public Opinion*

*The lecture will begin at 7pm at the Delaplaine
Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick.

November 20, 2014

Speaker: Matthew Borowick, author, historian,
and *Civil War News* columnist
Topic: *The Court-Martial of Fitz John Porter,*
a Civil War Round Table Handbook

December 18, 2014

Annual Christmas Party

Speaker: Dr. John Tole, Civil War musical
historian will perform Civil War Christmas songs.
(Please bring a snack or dessert to share)

2015

January 15, 2015

Speaker: Mary V. Harris, author, historian
Topic: The US Colored Troops of Frederick County

February 19, 2015

Speaker: George Lewis, Civil War Master Docent
Topic: Union Army General Frederick W. Lander

March 19, 2015

Speaker: Kevin Pawlak, author, Antietam National
Battlefield Guide
Topic: The Battle of Shepherdstown

April 16, 2015

Speaker: Brad Gottfried, Civil War author
Topic: Women of Gettysburg and the Sisters
of Charity in Emmitsburg

May 21, 2015

Speaker: Joseph V. Collins, author, historian, and
Master Docent at the Historical Society of
Frederick County
Topic: *Battle of West Frederick, July 7, 1864: Prelude
to Battle of Monocacy*

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We hope you had a chance to check out the 150th Anniversary this summer!



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!!

We hope you all had a great....



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.

Summer Member Outreach:

Rose Hill Manor 7/12-13



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