

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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November 14 Event Features Fitzhugh Brundage On Frederick Douglass' Thoughts on the Civil War



The Raleigh Civil War Roundtable's Nov. 14 meeting will feature author, historian, and educator W. Fitzhugh Brundage.

Fitz is the William B. Umstead Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Chicago

and his master's degree and Ph.D., both in history, from Harvard University. He has taught history at the University of Georgia, Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and the University of Florida prior to his employment at UNC.

His general research interests are American history since the Civil War, with a particular focus on the American South. Fitz's published works include *Lynching in the New South: Georgia and Virginia, 1880-1930* (1993), *A Socialist Utopia in the New South: The Ruskin Colonies in Tennessee and Georgia, 1894-1901* (1996), and *The Southern Past: A Clash of Race and Memory* (2005). Fitz currently is working on a book covering debates about torture in the United States from the time of European contact until the 21st Century.

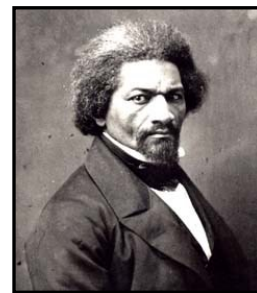
He has received a number of awards and honors for his writing and teaching skills, including being awarded the Choice Outstanding Academic Book of the Year in 1997 for *Socialist Utopia* and being named National Humanities Center Fellow.

At our November meeting, Fitz will be presenting a program on Frederick Douglass' thoughts on what the Civil War would accomplish and whether those goals were achieved.

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~ Frederick Douglass ~

Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey was born as a slave in Maryland in 1818. At the age of 20, he escaped to New York, declaring himself free and renaming himself Frederick Douglass.



Douglass became a famed abolitionist and orator, speaking throughout the North and Midwest prior to the Civil War. When the war broke out, Douglass worked tirelessly to ensure that one of it's outcomes would be emancipation. He recruited black troops, advocated for their equal treatment and helped influence President Lincoln to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.



Tennessee

The States During the Civil War



‘The Volunteer State’

Tennessee entered the Union in 1796, the 16th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The “Volunteer State” was at first reluctant to secede, but would provide a significant number of men to both the Confederate and Union forces after the war began. Tennessee was the first Confederate state to adopt the Fourteenth Amendment and was readmitted to the Union on July 18, 1866.

In 1860, Tennessee had 1,109,801 residents. Of those, 275,719 were slaves. The Volunteer State was the second most populous in the South and the geographical center of the Confederacy. It was not only strategically important, but also served as a important source of munitions, gunpowder and other war materiel, as well as mules, horses, corn, and wheat. The state also was a crossroads for vital Southern rail lines and was bordered by three rivers.

Tennessee was the site of many significant battles fought during the Civil War.



Tennessee Monument, Shiloh

1860 Election Results:

John Bell (Union)	69,728 (47.7%)
John C. Breckenridge (Dem)	65,097 (44.6%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	11,281 (7.7%)

Secession Vote (6/8/61 Referendum):

For	102,172
Against	47,328

Governors:

Isham G. Harris (Dem)	Nov. 3, 1857 – March 12, 1862
Andrew Johnson (Union)	March 12, 1862 – March 4, 1865
Edward H. East (Rep)	March 4, 1865 – April 5, 1865
William Brownlow (Rep)	April 5, 1865 – Feb. 25, 1869

‘Loyal Mountaineers’

Tennessee provided some 115,000 men to serve in the Confederate forces and about 42,000 men from the state fought for the Union cause, primarily from the eastern region.



Tennessee Cavalrymen

Among the “Loyal Mountaineers” who fought for the Union cause was the 7th Infantry Regiment (U.S.) from Sevier County. The 19th Tennessee (C.S.) was raised from pro-Southerners in the Unionist eastern region of the state. Other notable units were the 8th Tennessee (C.S.) that suffered 68.7 percent casualties at Stones River. At Chickamauga, seven Confederate regiments from Tennessee — the 2nd, 6th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 23rd, and 37th — lost more than half of their men.

More than 1,000 battles were fought in Tennessee, including Shiloh, Stones River, Franklin, Fort Pillow, Fort Donelson, Lookout Mountain, Parker’s Cross Roads, and Chattanooga. In February 1862, when it was captured by Union forces, Nashville became the first Confederate capital to fall. The Civil War effectively ended in Tennessee in December 1864, when the Confederate Army of Tennessee withdrew after being destroyed at the battle of Nashville.

Andrew Johnson, who became the President of the United States after Lincoln’s assassination, was born in Raleigh, N.C., but moved to Tennessee and would be its military governor prior to his becoming Vice President. Confederate generals that hailed from the Volunteer State include Nathan Bedford Forrest, Benjamin Cheatham, Alexander P. Stewart. On the Union side, Rear Admiral and Brig. Gen. Samuel P. Carter and generals James G. Spears and William B. Campbell hailed from Tennessee.

Restoration Complete!

On Oct. 28, the Civil War Trust announced the completion of efforts to restore Lee's headquarters at Gettysburg to its wartime appearance.



The \$5.5 million project has spanned more than a year and has been supported by a number of groups, companies, and individuals. As part of the effort, 10 modern buildings were removed from the four-acre site and changes to the Thompson House structure, land contours, and fencing were made based on historical photographs. Next spring, 24 trees will be planted to recreate the historic apple orchard on the property.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 3. Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site near Four Oaks, N.C., offers a living history event with period music and holiday decorations. Learn how the common soldier spent his time on furlough with friends and family. Cider and cookies. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or phone (910) 594-0789 for more information.

Dec. 9. Bennett Place Historical Site in Durham, N.C., offers candlelight tours every 15 minutes so participants can view how both soldiers and civilians attempted to celebrate the holidays during the Civil War. Cider and cookies. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Call (919) 383-4345 or go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm>.

Dec. 10. Ashley's Art Gallery in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., is hosting famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain, who will be available to embellish and autograph purchased works. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For details, telephone (919) 552-7533 or see <http://www.ashleyart.com/art-events>.

Dec. 13. Fort Fisher Historical Site in Kure Beach, N.C., celebrates the season with a holiday open house. Free refreshments, live music, holiday decorations, and a gift shop discount. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher> or call (910) 458-5538.

Beach Balls

In addition to causing destruction and flooding, last month's visit by Hurricane Matthew uncovered items not seen for about 150 years.



The storm unearthed more than a dozen cannonballs on a beach near Charleston, S.C., near Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began.

For safety reasons, the munitions were detonated and disposed of by ordnance experts.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve key ground at the Trevilian Station battlefield in Virginia.



The two acres targeted for preservation are the site of the Confederate cavalry's opening attack against George Custer's Michigan horsemen in June 1864. The ground saw the opening action of the largest all-cavalry battle of the Civil War.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$11,000. Donations are matched at a 1:1 rate!

For details, go to <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/trevilianstation/trevilian-station-2016>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

December: annual Holiday Party

January: Ed Bearss event

February: Michael Zatarga, Battle of Roanoke Island

March: Jim Gaddis, Gen. Richard Gatlin

April: John Quarstein, USS Monitor

May: TBA

June: John Peacock, NC in the Maryland Campaign

Wyse Fork Tour Still On!

Hurricane Matthew has not stopped a Wyse (Wise's) Fork battlefield tour that is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 19. Our guide will be Wade Sokolosky, author, historian and retired U.S. Army Colonel. Wade has authored a book on the March 1865 fight and was the featured expert on Aversboro on the RCWRT's documentary DVD.

The group still plans to meet at the visitors' center in Kinston off of Highway 70 at 10 a.m. The tour will also include the 1862 battle of Kinston. A meal is planned, as is a visit to the CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center.

Details are available from Pattie Smith at (252) 450-5040 or rvpls00@yahoo.com.

Dues Reminder!

Members, it is time to remit your annual dues for the new fiscal year. If you have not already done so, please bring your payment to the Nov. 14 meeting or mail it to:

Griff Bartlett, Treasurer
908 Kinsdale Drive
Raleigh, NC 27615

What You Missed on Facebook!

Recent posts on our Facebook page include video clips from last year's Fort Branch re-enactment, announcements about local and nationwide events, features on "this day in the Civil War," and book reviews. Regular stories about Confederates from Iowa have also been provided. It's a great way to share and solicit information about the Civil War and related topics.



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The Raleigh Civil War Round Table was formed on March 12, 2001 and is a 501(c)(3) "tax exempt organization."

We meet on the second Monday of most months at 7:00 pm, at the N.C. Museum of History (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). Members and guests are encouraged to meet for supper at K&W Cafeteria, 511 Woodburn Rd., in Cameron Village before the meeting, at 5:15 pm.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Students are free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20.