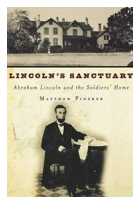


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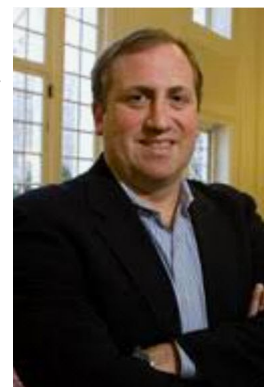
January 22—Dr. Matthew Pinsker Slave Stampedes and Wartime Emancipation

Dr. Pinsker holds the Pohanka Chair for Civil War History and serves as the Director of the House Divided Project at Dickinson College. He has published two books and numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, including *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home* (2003). He has served as a visiting fellow at the National Constitution Center, U.S. Army War College, and the New America Foundation. He regularly leads K-12 teacher workshops on topics such as the Underground Railroad.



He received his BA from Harvard University and Ph.D. from the University of Oxford.

In his presentation, Dr. Pinsker will share insights from the House Divided Project's current joint research initiative with the National Park Service on "slave stampedes" or mass escapes from slavery. He will detail some of the now-forgotten stories behind wartime stampedes at places like Hampton, Virginia or Loutre Island, Missouri and their impact on Lincoln's emancipation policy.



The links below are a sample of the research.

[Slave Stampedes on the Missouri Borderlands](#)
[Great Emancipators and the 1862 Loutre Island Stampede](#) (video)

Dr. Pinsker will deliver his talk via Zoom. To join the meeting, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85158484692?pwd=K2JkRk16SkhSUKF5a08wSXZTVjZUZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 5848 4692

Passcode: 782 746

Or call 1-301-715-8592

Please join the meeting by 6:45 pm

Attending Zoom Meetings

To download the Zoom app (one time only):

1. Click on the Zoom link in the newsletter or Web site and then click *OK* to skip the prompt
2. At the bottom of the browser window click the link *download & run Zoom*
3. Type your name and select *Join Meeting*
4. Select *Join with Video* and *Join with Computer Audio*

To join a Zoom meeting—2 ways:

- ◆ Click on the invitation link—to see attendees and speaker
 - ◆ Dial in on the phone number—to only hear meeting
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"Now is the winter of our discontent..."
—Shakespeare, "Richard III"

The euphoria we experienced in December with the announcement that the FDA had approved two highly effective vaccines to combat the coronavirus pandemic has largely evaporated in the wake of estimates that, at the current rate of vaccination, it could take years to reach herd immunity. While there is reason to hope the vaccination rate will improve, it remains unclear whether the vaccines will be effective against mutant versions of the coronavirus that are rearing their ugly head and are much more transmissible. Meanwhile, our ICUs are filled to capacity and our medical personnel are exhausted. It's not a pretty picture.

All this underscores the necessity to continue our efforts to avoid exposure to the virus. Given the demographics of our membership, it would not be wise to attempt to resume our dinner meetings anytime soon. The good news is that we keep getting better at conducting our engagements virtually by Zoom, and have even picked up a few new members as a result. If you haven't joined us for a Zoom engagement yet, make a New Year's resolution to do so beginning this month. It's a great way to see familiar faces and hear some world-class historians, while broadening your knowledge of the Civil War.

Please tune in 15 minutes prior to our 7:00 pm start time, and invite your friends and family members to join us by forwarding a copy of this newsletter to them. They do not have to be members to participate in our Zoom sessions. One way we can grow our membership during this pandemic is to invite others who share our passion for history to Zoom with us.

Steve Smith

Donations to the Harrisburg CWRT have been made in honor of **Ronald Coleman**.

And in memory of all our late members who worked to make the Round Table
the great organization that it is

Gettysburg Winter Lecture Series Goes Virtual

On Saturday, January 16, 2021 Gettysburg's popular Winter Lecture series begins. These free digital programs will be broadcast every Saturday at 9:00 am from January 16 through March 27 via the Gettysburg National Military Park Facebook page. All presentations will also be archived on the park's website at www.nps.gov/gett.

Featuring National Park Service rangers and historians from both Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site, the 10-week Winter Lecture Series will examine some of the treasured artifacts on display at Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS. Together, the two parks have one of the largest museum collections in the National Park Service, featuring compelling artifacts that serve as a window into the past.

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 62

2/26/21

William B. Cushing

Jim Brommer, HCWRT Member

3/26/21

Hinsonville's Heroes

Cheryl Renee Gooch

4/23/21

George G Meade and the Pursuit After Gettysburg

Eric Wittenberg

5/21/21—Nye-Sommers Lecture

R. E. Lee

Allen C. Guelzo

6/11/21

Cold Harbor

Bert Dunkerly

Odds & Ends

HCWRT History.

Thirty years ago: January 1991. *J.E.B. Stuart in His Own Words* was the topic presented by HCWRT member Adele Mitchell who was also the founder of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. She spoke from her book, *The Letters of J.E.B. Stuart*. Spotlighted in the newsletter was veteran member, Jack Davis, AKA William C., whom we all know as a most prolific writer and speaker. Also the newsletter reported that the HCWRT Historical Recognition Committee submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for a historical marker to be placed commemorating the Battle of Sporting Hill. The marker stands to this day at the intersection of Sporting Hill Road and the Carlisle Pike in Camp Hill.



Twenty years ago: January 2001. Eric Campbell from the Gettysburg National Military Park presented a talk about the wartime experiences of a Union Medal of Honor recipient. Mr. Campbell's book, *'A Grand Terrible Drama'—The Civil War Experiences of Charles W. Reed*, is based on Reed's letters home. The National Civil War Museum was getting ready to open in Harrisburg. The spring field trip was announced—April 21 and 22, The Seven Days Battle led by Robert E. L. Krick.

January 21 would have been Stonewall Jackson's 197th birthday.

Civil War Quiz

1. January 1, 1863 Confederate army and navy units under the overall command of General John Magruder attacked Union forces occupying an important Southern port city. Although most of the Federal ships escaped, one was captured and another destroyed. Name this port city that was surrendered and restored to Confederate control after four hours of combat.
2. In the spring of 1864, a new Union army was formed under the command of General Butler to operate against Richmond from the east while the Army of the Potomac advanced from the north. What was the official name of this army originally composed of the X and the XVIII Corps?
3. Identify the battle which occurred March 17, 1863 when Union cavalry under General Averell attempted to cross the Rappahannock. Although Federal troopers were forced to fall back, the Confederate victory was marred by the death of the young and promising artillery major, John Pelham.
4. On May 25, 1864, Sherman's troops found Johnston strongly posted 25 miles northeast of Atlanta. Hooker's XX Corps attacked the Southerners who were in position near Pumpkin Vine Creek. In a blinding thunderstorm, the Confederates repulsed several Union attacks and inflicted high casualties. Name this battle.

Civil War Study Resources

- ◆ The *American Battlefield Trust* continues to sponsor interesting and thought-provoking virtual events. Check under Events at <https://www.battlefields.org/>
- ◆ The *Emerging Civil War* blog posts multiple short articles every day or so; enough to satisfy most every Civil Warrior. <https://Emergingcivilwar.com>
- ◆ The Army Heritage Center Foundation has an abundance of YouTube videos and monthly virtual presentation on Civil War and other military history. <https://www.youtube.com/user/AHCFoundation/videos>
- ◆ The Civil War Round Table Congress has a lecture series of interest to students of the Civil War. <https://www.youtube.com/c/cwrtcongress>

Civil War Quiz Answers

1. Galveston, Texas
2. Army of the James
3. Kelly's Ford
4. New Hope Church



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