



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Laura Keyes

Presentation Overview: Mary Lincoln and her personal Photo Album

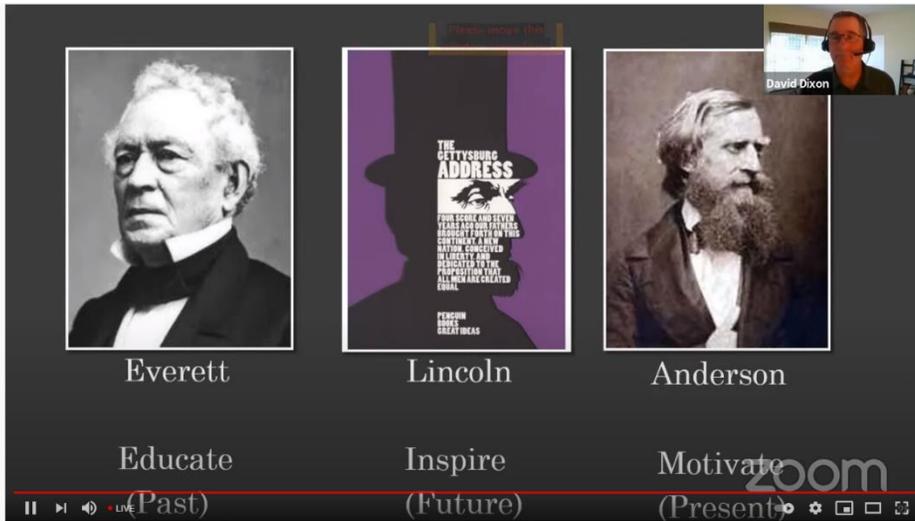
Mrs. Keyes will provide a unique perspective on our Nation's Civil War, through the lens of photographs of the period. Mary Todd Lincoln lived a life filled with triumphs and tragedies, but few people know her story. One piece to the myriad puzzle of her life is her personal photograph album, which was compiled over many years. This precious artifact tells not only Mary Lincoln's story, but the Lincoln Family story as well. Come to hear scholar Laura Keyes share the history of this personal item, Mary Lincoln's photograph album, and see for yourself what photographs Mrs. Lincoln kept (and the ones she didn't). Mrs. Keyes will be delighting our Civil War Roundtable, virtually hosted by our

partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

BIO Laura Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies and is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. She enjoys researching literary symbolism and is contracted to write a book on that subject. Laura is currently the Director of the Dunlap Public Library District in central Illinois. In 2017, Mrs. Keyes won the Mary Todd Lincoln oratory contest at the Lincoln Days Celebration in Hodgenville, Kentucky.



In Case You Missed it...

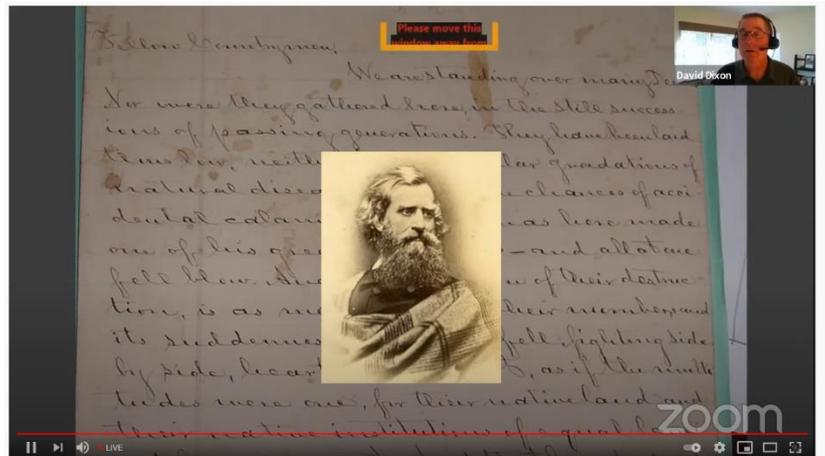


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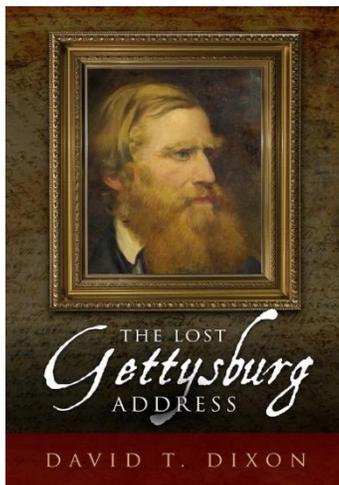
Mr. David Dixon delighted the RoundTable in his March presentation of Charles Anderson’s fiery address. Accepting Anderson was known by Lincoln to be “not a fan”, his oration stirred the audience to fit Lincoln’s purpose masterfully. Lincoln leaving the thoughtful education on our past to Everett in his speech preceding and then to Anderson to end in a rousing tone to finish the work not yet done. The Kentucky native Charles Anderson’s oration,

which concluded the day’s events, was never published, and the lost manuscript only recently uncovered at a ranch in Wyoming. Dixon argued, to a virtual audience exceeding 30 attendees’, that the three featured speeches of November 19, 1863 need to be viewed as a rhetorical ensemble to better understand the political context of the Gettysburg dedication.

The back story to this is the saga of Anderson himself, a slaveholder who sacrificed nearly everything to help Lincoln save the Union. An escapee from a Confederate prison in Texas, he became Lincoln’s emissary to Great Britain. He then nearly died commanding a Union regiment at Stones River. He eventually became governor of Ohio. His wartime exploits abound with intrigue and adventure.



The Lost Gettysburg Address Presented by David Dixon for the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable
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Prez Sez

While we have covered a number of topics this season ranging from local and regional fights, as well as numerous political and social personalities of the Civil War era, one aspect that we have not touched on in a while is the first family. Fortunately, this month we will be able to rectify that as our speaker, Ms. Laura Keyes, will be presenting on Mary Lincoln and her personal photo album. This presentation will look at those who were close to the White House and first family, as well as Mary Lincoln's relationship towards those individuals. Ms. Keyes is connecting with us from out west and to help her schedule we will be starting half an hour early at **6:30pm**. This will be a fascinating discussion!

Now that we are into April, our host, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, is starting up their walking tours of Frederick once again. Beginning on Saturday, April 3 and continuing each weekend, the museum will host their "One Vast Hospital" tours of downtown. Space is limited to 15 people per tour and masks are required. Contact the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to reserve your spot. The museum and the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers' Office in Washington DC continue to be open by appointment as well.

Finally, we had hoped to take a micro field trip up to the Maryland School of the Deaf (MSD) for our May program for a visit to the Hessian Barracks, better known as General Hospital #1 during the Civil War. We were going to have special presentation there with the museum staff. While we had laid the groundwork for this event last spring, with the hopes of including some of the MSD students, the pandemic has put the brakes on those plans. It is still our intention to have the presentation however, just not at the barracks. So, stay tuned and we will keep you informed as this develops.

I hope to see you all on-line this April 15 at **6:30pm** for our presentation from Laura Keyes!

~ Matt Borders

April Book Report by Matt Borders

REVIEW:

Robert Orrison & Dan Welch, The Last Road North: A Guide to the Gettysburg Campaign, 1863. 192 pp. Maps, Pictures, \$14.95 ISBN: 978-1611212433 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

The Last Road North, is a very honest book, it is a guidebook. While you can certainly sit down and read the material at home, as I did, where this book excels is out in the field. Specifically, this work provides detailed information on the routes and stops utilized by the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac in the summer of 1863 on their way north to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. These stops are not just the well-worn routes used by the main corps of the contending armies, but also many of the side trips, mistakes, and alternative routes used by the various brigades. It covers a lot of ground and as such has detailed instructions for those using the book in the field to follow, including GPS coordinates.

As the Army of Northern Virginia was the first to move in the spring of 1863, the first chapter is about the Confederate advance into Pennsylvania. While the Confederate army was able to slip away from the Army of the Potomac on the Rappahannock River in Virginia, the Confederate cavalry under Major General James Ewell Brown (JEB) Stuart had a significant role to play, following a grand review of his horse soldiers, the Confederate cavalier had his first clash of the campaign with the Union cavalry at Brandy Station. After which he fought a series of battles in the Loudoun Valley to keep the Federal horsemen from gaining the gaps in the Blue Ridge to the Shenandoah Valley and pinpointing the Confederate army. Subsequent chapters follow the Union pursuit on the Confederates first into Maryland and finally Pennsylvania. These movements, the various battles that occurred, as well as the eventual retreat are all laid out with the excellent maps of Hal Jespersen, a long-time contributing cartographer to the American Battlefield Trust and the Civil War Trails program. The Civil War Trails interpretive signage is also noted repeatedly in the guidebook in part due to Mr. Orrison being on the board of Civil War Trails.

While the book has the before mentioned excellent maps and numerous pictures of both historical figures and the landscapes, it is lacking several important points. Specifically, it has no citations, notes or even a bibliography. While this may not be an issue for some or even most readers as this is set up to be a guide book, I have found this to be a disturbing trend with the Emerging Civil War Series as a whole. I believe that by choosing to leave out these elements the publisher is hurting the authors' credibility. To help with this the book has a link in the table of contents where some of the notes and citations can be found on the Emerging Civil War website, on this pdf: <http://emergingcivilwar.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/lrn-footnotes.pdf>.

On a personal note, *The Last Road North* also follows a recent trend to make it sound like Gettysburg was the final time Confederates moved north in force, see Guelzo's *The Last Invasion* for the same issue. This is of course completely wrong, ignoring Frederick's own battlefield of Monocacy, and the 1864 invasion. These sorts of titles may sound good to a publisher, but they appear to give support to the Gettysburg the war wrapped up

misunderstanding that after quickly, which sadly it did not.



Upcoming Virtual Events

(For any event listed please remember to confirm it's happening before hitting the keyboard)

The upcoming Speaker Series sponsored by the Civil War Roundtable Congress (CWRT), to register for one of these events, follow the link at the bottom.

Apr 7 @ 7 PM EST – Disaster on the Mississippi: Gene Salaker briefs us on the explosion of the sidewheel steamboat Sultana in April of 1865 seven miles upriver from Memphis, TN, Registration is here: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/83-salecker.php>

Apr 14 @ 7 PM EST - Historian Robert Girardi will tell the story examines the murder of General William “Bull” Nelson by General Jefferson C. Davis in Louisville’s Galt House from a police investigators perspective. Register here: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/79-girardi.php>

Apr 21 @ 7 PM EST - Historian Lisa Samia tells the story of through a series of narratives and poems, of a number of the nameless and faceless women of the Civil War. Register here: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/69-samia.php>

Apr 28 @ 7 PM EST - Historian Ronald E. May presents a unique perspective on the expansion of Slavery to Cuba just prior to the American Civil War. Register here: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/71-may.php>

You can subscribe to the Congress YouTube Channel at: [YouTube channel - CWRT Congress!](#)

To Register follow this link: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.html>

FCCWRT Lectures Available

For those of you who may have missed any of the Virtual Presentations from the FCCWRT, all presentations can be found on the National Museum of Civil War Medicine YouTube channel found here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/nmcwm/videos>

Other Virtual Offerings for casual viewing (tip of the cap to the CWRT Congress for providing many)

American Civil War Game Club Virtual Offerings

<http://www.wargame.ch/wc/acw/>

Woodman Museum in Dover, NH has a YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85KAlvJbxM&t=500s>

History Channel's documentary on U. S. Grant

<https://meaww.com/history-leonardo-di-caprio-documentary-ron-chernow-grant>

Loudon County CWRT – The Battle of Island #10

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundOfTheGuns/posts/10157017701015913>

Gettysburg CWRT – The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War

<https://www.facebook.com/CivilWarRoundTableOfGettysburg/live/>

American Battlefield Trust's distance learning classroom

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn>

[Visit Gettysburg with War Photographer Louie Palu](#)

National Museum of Civil War Medicine Facebook Page, offering Facebook live opportunities weekly: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CivilWarMed/videos/>

National Museum of Civil War Medicine now offering its own YouTube Channel, tons of content available: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdGkf5-Y7aEZsXEBhRhEKjg?>

SWCW member Lavonda Kay Broadnax, Digital Reference Specialist at the Library of Congress, has compiled a web guide to the historic full text of works, now available in digital format with free and open access, written by and about African American women who lived during the U.S. Civil War. Access the guide here: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/aacivilwarwomen/>

The CWRT Congress' Annual Report is Available:

https://mcusercontent.com/4ed2502d26ff277723afd52f5/files/5a85fff0-4f74-4c51-af18-1eff908a6e72/Annual_Report.2020.pdf

CWI Conference 2021 Registration is Now OPEN

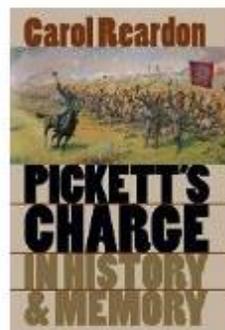


2021 Conference Registration is Now OPEN

Register for CWI 2021 Today!

Focusing primarily on the Gettysburg Campaign, [the 2021 conference](#) will feature lectures and battlefield tours exploring the battle from a variety of angles, including military leadership, civilian experiences, Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg, the commemorative landscape, and battlefield artifacts. The conference will also include special sessions on political disputes within the Army of the Potomac, drug addiction in the Civil War, race and Civil War memory in the literature of William Faulkner, the future of interpreting Confederate monuments, slave kidnappings, and more.

Speakers will include Gary W. Gallagher and Kent Masterson Brown, with battlefield tours led by Garry Adelman, Jennifer Murray, and an impressive lineup of expert National Park Service rangers and Licensed Battlefield Guides! This year's tours will take a new direction and follow individual regiments from battlefield to field hospital, with special visits to some of the lesser-known historic farms in Gettysburg which housed scores of wounded soldiers in the wake of the battle and which still stand today.



We are excited to feature Carol Reardon's classic [Pickett's Charge in History and Memory](#) as this year's book of the conference! All registered attendees will receive a 40% discount from UNC Press on copies of Dr. Reardon's book in preparation for a panel discussion of her work with several distinguished historians, including Dr. Reardon herself. If you're interested in purchasing the book from UNC Press, please contact the CWI for the discount code.

Due to the pandemic, some scheduling specifics and conference details, including availability of full on-campus amenities, are still in flux. We will continue to update [the website](#) as soon as we can confirm further details, so please check back frequently! All deposits and payments will be fully refundable.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we move through the conference planning process and continue to navigate the uncertain waters of the global health crisis.

Questions? Check out our [FAQ page](#). Still have questions? Please contact the CWI office.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteerism and the ability to volunteer has been interrupted by the COVID-19 circumstances we find ourselves in. We will keep members and friends informed about future volunteer opportunities.

Interested in volunteering to keep the FCCWRT running and growing? Let us know at a meeting or send an email to our President Matt Borders (mattborders@comcast.net). Areas of need are listed below. We will have board elections at the end of the season for members interested in leadership positions.

Areas in which to assist the Round Table:

Programs (help with acquiring possible speakers, field trips, etc.)

Website (maintain and update group's website)

Outreach, Marketing, Newsletter, Others

Who We Are, Where to Find Us



We are on Facebook! Please check out our page for timely updates, local events, or comments. Please read and share our posts!

<https://www.facebook.com/fccwrt> Gary Dyson is our “face” for Facebook, help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!! 963 likes and 1,051 follows !

Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with keeping up 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.

Our membership drive is still active as we continue thru our 20-21 season. Please consider renewing your membership as well inviting friends to join. Your membership provides the space for our meetings, attracting well known speakers, and website and P.O. Box maintenance.

For those who remembered to renew your FCCWRT membership, thank you! Your dues make it possible for us to continue to fulfill our mission. We can't continue without your support! If we had more members, we could do more to promote our Civil War history!

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
- always have a place to be on the third Thursday of the month

Our yearly dues are:

- \$30.00 for an individual (\$25.00 for current dues paying members.)
- \$50.00 for a family up to four
- \$5.00 for out of state members and members under 16 years of age

You can renew your membership at our meeting or by mail. The membership form is attached and may also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/>.

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NAME (If family membership, please list all names and email addresses)

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NOTE: *We will protect your privacy. None of the above information will be shared.*

ANNUAL DUES: Individual - \$30; Family - \$50 (Please make check payable to FCCWRT)

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

- I would like to volunteer to assist with registration and other tasks at our monthly meetings
- I am interested in helping with outreach activities

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For additional information about the FCCWRT and to see meeting dates and times
and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

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