

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table
The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

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August 13 Event Features Angela Robbins, Ph.D., Speaking on Businesswomen in the Piedmont, 1865-1900

The Raleigh Civil War Round Table's August 2018 meeting will feature a presentation by historian Angela Robbins, Ph.D.

Angela is an assistant professor in the Department of History, Political Science, and International Studies at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. She received her Ph.D. in U.S. History in 2010 from UNCG where she specialized in women's history and attained a minor in Atlantic World Studies. Angela's dissertation research examined strategies used by women in the North Carolina Piedmont to support themselves and their families in the unstable post-Civil War economy.

Angela has presented papers addressing the status of women in the 19th and 20th centuries, with a particular focus on southern women's labor and activism, and, most recently, the home front during WWI. Her publications include the following:

- **Alice Morgan Person: My Life Has Been Out of the Ordinary Run of Woman's Life**, in volume one of *North Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times* (University of Georgia Press, 2014).
- **Doing Their Big Bit: North Carolina's Women on the Home Front** in the volume *North Carolina during World War I* (University of Tennessee Press, 2018).

Angela's presentation to the RCWRT at our August 9 meeting will be titled *Poor but Honest and Industrious: Businesswomen in the Piedmont, 1865-1900*.

It will examine how women negotiated the demands of white womanhood - particularly that of economic dependency - while earning a living. Women capitalized on opportunities to offer goods and services in the Piedmont's growing towns and cities, as dressmakers, boarding house operators, and merchants.

This study questions why we have favored an idealized image of women in a separate sphere, apart from capitalism, even as the historical record documents their business activities, and finds some responsibility with the women themselves, who worked equally as hard to preserve their respectability.

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~ Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy ~



Alice Morgan Person, born in 1840 and known professionally as Mrs. Joe Person, was a North Carolina patent medicine entrepreneur and musician. She manufactured and marketed a patent medicine of Native American origin from 1878 until her death in 1913. One of her sons, Rufus, continued to manufacture and distribute the medicine until 1943.



North Carolina Museum of History

Focusing on Current Exhibits in the Civil War Gallery
By Charlie Knight, Curator of Military History



J. Johnston Pettigrew

In an army filled with colorful characters, James Johnston Pettigrew was certainly one of the more unique brigadiers. Pettigrew could really be described as a “Renaissance Man” – an intellectual genius who was valedictorian of his class at UNC and mathematics professor at the National Observatory; a gifted lawyer, musician, and engineer; fluent in a half-dozen languages and so taken with European culture that he wrote a history of Spain; and in the years leading up to the Civil War he educated himself in the military arts as well.

Pettigrew was born July 4, 1828, in Tyrrell County, NC. At the outbreak of the war he was living in Charleston, SC, where he had a law practice. Upon South Carolina’s secession, he became military aide to Gov. Francis Pickens and was also Colonel of the First SC Rifles. When Federal forces under Maj. Robert Anderson moved from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter just after Christmas 1860, it was Col. Pettigrew who delivered the Governor’s objections to Anderson at Sumter. It was Pettigrew also who led the troops which occupied Castle Pinckney, another of the harbor fortifications.

Pettigrew went to Virginia in 1861 as a private in the Hampton Legion but soon was named Colonel of the 22nd North Carolina Regiment. During the Peninsula Campaign, Pettigrew led a mixed brigade and was badly wounded at Seven Pines; although he was reported as killed, he was captured and nursed back to health by the Federals. He was exchanged during the summer and was given command of a brigade in the Old North State, where he served until the spring of 1863, when he and his men joined Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia.



Pettigrew’s Sword and Scabbard

On June 30, 1863, Pettigrew led his men eastward from Cashtown, PA, toward Gettysburg, where they heard reports of Union cavalry nearby. His brigade was heavily engaged in the fighting on July 1 west of Gettysburg along McPherson’s Ridge, and when Maj. Gen. Henry Heth was wounded, Pettigrew assumed command of Heth’s Division, as its senior brigadier. The division remained in reserve on July 2, but was assigned a key part in the assault planned for the next day.



Hilt Detail on Pettigrew’s Sword

Heth’s Division – under Pettigrew – formed the left wing of Lt. Gen. James Longstreet’s assault column on July 3, with George Pickett’s Virginians on the right and a portion of Dorsey Pender’s “Light Division” in support. The division sustained massive losses in the Pickett-Pettigrew assault, and the ANV withdrew the following evening.



Pettigrew’s Frock Coat

With recent rains flooding the Potomac and trapping the army on the Maryland side, the army dug in against an attack which never came. When the army was finally able to cross the river, Pettigrew’s men formed the rear guard and in a skirmish at Falling Waters on the 14th, Pettigrew was mortally wounded. He succumbed to his wounds three days later at Bunker Hill, WV.

Today, Pettigrew’s frock coat and sword, the latter presented to him by the officers and men of the Carolina Light Infantry in December 1860, are on exhibit in the Civil War gallery of the NC Museum of History.

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Nominees for Officers and Directors of Raleigh CWRT for 2018-2020

Election of Officers and Directors of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table will occur at the Aug. 13 meeting. The Board serves as the nominations committee and proposes the following slate:

President: Ted Kunstling*

Vice President: Adam Medlin

Secretary-Treasurer: Griff Bartlett*

Director: Jack Milani* (Trip Coordinator)

Director: Pattie Smith* (Program Chair)

Director: Bob Graesser (Knapsack Editor & Webmaster)

Director: John Woods

Director: Frank Gordon

Director: Beverly Thomas

*Incumbents

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

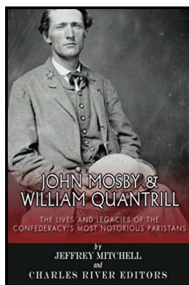
We appreciate the loyal and productive service of outgoing board members George Mills, John Kucik, Frank Ragsdale, and Steve Savia and look forward to their continued support and comradeship.

Ted Kunstling MD

President, Raleigh Civil War Round Table

Guerrilla Warfare in the Civil War

The website of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, <http://www.raleighcwrt.org>, features a weekly quiz. Quiz #24 (Jul-29-2018) concerns Guerrilla Leaders.



Two such leaders are the subjects of the book *John Mosby and William Quantrill: The Lives and Legacies of the Confederacy's Most Notorious Partisans* by Jeffrey Mitchell and Charles River Editors. 2014. ISBN-13: 9781497528338. Available at Quail Ridge Books as well as other book stores and online at Amazon.com.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 4, 5: The Eastern Front Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield presents living historians who will discuss and demonstrate life in the trenches for Civil War soldiers. Sat., Aug. 4: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sun., Aug. 5: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free. For details go to <https://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm> or contact Ranger Maggs Vibo at 804-732-3531 ext. 222 or by email at Margaret_Viboolsittiseri@nps.gov with any questions.

Aug. 12: The Eastern Front Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield presents a Civil War Cooking Program. A Park Ranger follows recipes from the Civil War era and interprets topics such as Union soldiers' recipes versus Confederate soldiers' barely-there-bacon-fat. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Free. For details go to <https://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm> or contact Ranger Maggs Vibo at 804-732-3531 ext. 222 or by email at Margaret_Viboolsittiseri@nps.gov with any questions.

Aug. 18: The Eastern Front Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield provides a ranger-led bicycle ride on Park Tour Road and within the nature trail system. The free event will begin at 9:00 am at the Eastern Front Visitor Contact Parking lot next to bicycle rack. Please contact Ranger Maggs Vibo at 804-732-3531 ext. 222 or by email at Margaret_Viboolsittiseri@nps.gov with any questions.

Aug. 18-19: CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center is offering an overnight program at the museum for Scouts, who will have the opportunity to learn about the Civil War, soldiers, sailors, nurses, textiles, and more! Saturday, Aug 18, 2018 6:00 pm to Sunday, Aug 19, 2018 8:00 am. Cost is \$25.00 per person and PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! All Scouts will receive an activity patch. Go to <https://goo.gl/7EteGS> or contact Rachel at 252-526-9600 ext. 222 for more information and to register.

Aug. 25: Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks, NC, offers a program showing how artillery regiments loaded and fired during the Civil War. Infantry displays by the 27th NC Co. D will showcase a common soldier's daily life. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For details, go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or contact Amanda Brantley, amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov, (910) 594-0789.

Aug. 26: The Eastern Front Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield presents an artillery demonstration by the Pegram Battery (CSA), showing the steps involved in firing a Civil War cannon. 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Free. For details go to <https://www.nps.gov/pete/index.htm> or contact Ranger Maggs Vibo at 804-732-3531 ext. 222 or by email at Margaret_Viboolsittiseri@nps.gov with any questions.

Preservation News



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Help the American Battlefield Trust (formerly the Civil War Trust) save 28 acres comprising three crucial tracts on three 1862 battlefields – Shiloh in the West, and Glendale (aka Frazier's Farm) and Fredericksburg in the East – where key battle action occurred.

The goal is to raise \$243,000 and each donation is matched \$4.85-to-\$1.00. For more information, go to <https://www.battlefields.org/give/save-battlefields/save-three-1862-battlefields>.

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

Date	Speaker	Topic
Sep 10	Chris Fonvielle	Gen. Braxton Bragg
Oct 8	Wade Sokolosky	NC Hospitals in 1865 (tentative)
Nov 5	TBD (Nov 12 is a gov. holiday.)	Special flag conservation event (tentative)
Dec 10	TBD	Holiday party (venue TBD)

Message to Members of the Raleigh CWRT

This year we are seeing significant leadership transitions in our Civil War Round Table with Pattie Smith assuming the role of Program Chair from David Waller and Bob Graesser the role of Webmaster from George Mills. Bob will also be taking over from Andrew Ballard as Editor of The Knapsack.

In addition, four members of our Board will be rotating off including Past President Steve Savia, George Mills, John Kucik, and Frank Ragsdale. We recognize the efforts and contributions of these friends have been critical to the success of our organization, we extend to them our thanks, and anticipate their continued support and comradeship. We also welcome new leadership and ideas to the Round Table and look forward to a bright future.

Thanks also to all of you who attend our meetings and support our program!

Ted Kunstling, M.D.
President, Raleigh CWRT
July 22, 2018

A Message from the New Knapsack Editor

As the new Knapsack Editor, I'd like to thank the outgoing editor, Andrew Ballard, for his eight years of dedicated service and for his advice and guidance as I transition into the position. As someone who has been a student of the Civil War since its centenary, I hope to continue in Andrew's footsteps of providing interesting and informative news on a subject which remains embedded deeply in America's psyche even beyond the sesquicentenary of the event.

Bob Graesser
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster, Raleigh CWRT
July 31, 2018

New Members

The Raleigh CWRT welcomes two new members:

- ◆ John Robert Harman, Jr., Raleigh, NC
- ◆ Kenneth Sommerville, Raleigh, NC



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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 6:30 pm, at the N.C. Museum of History (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). The programs begin at 7:00 p.m. Check the RCWRT website (<http://www.raleighcwrt.org>) for program dates and timing.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Student membership is free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to the Treasurer by September 1 of each year.