

The Knapsack

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

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October 10 Event Features Doug Mattox On Confederate Currency and Stamps



Numismatist and philatelist Doug Mattox will be featured at the Raleigh Civil War Round Table's October 2016 meeting.

Doug is the founder and president of Mattox Coins and Stamps, with 45 years experience in dealing, appraising, and collecting coins and stamps. He is the Estate Advisor for the American

Philatelic Society and serves as a representative for the Professional Coin Grading Service and ANACS Coin Grading Service.

Doug began his career in 1953 as a philatelic and numismatic collector and show exhibitor. From 1964 until 1975 he was a bourse dealer and grader and describer to the American Airpost Company.

In 1976, Doug became the principal in his own coin and stamp firm. Since then, his corporation has been involved in buying and selling coins, stamps, and autographs on a wholesale and retail level.

Doug also has vast experience at writing auction lots and working as an auction agent in coins, stamps, and autographs on an international level.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with a split major in American History and Music Composition and Theory from North Carolina State University.

Doug's presentation to the RCWRT will be about Confederate currency and stamps.

EDITOR'S NOTE: 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 Oct. 10 meeting or mail it to:

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~ Confederate Coins ~

While you probably are aware that many types and denominations of Confederate paper money were issued, did you know that coins existed as well?



1861 Confederate Half Dollars

When Louisiana seceded from the Union, the state took over the federal mint in New Orleans. The state continued production of U.S. silver and gold coins there, but the Confederate government sought to produce their own coins. Four such half dollars are known to have been produced before New Orleans fell in the Spring of 1862.



Kentucky

The States During the Civil War



The 'Bluegrass State'

Kentucky entered the Union in 1792, the 15th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. The "Bluegrass State" was a slave and border state. President Lincoln said of its importance that "I hope to have God on my side, but I must have Kentucky."

In 1860, the Commonwealth of Kentucky had 1,155,684 residents. Of those, 225,483 were slaves. About 90,000 men from Kentucky served in the United States army, navy, and marines and some 35,000 served in the Confederate forces.

When the war broke out, Kentucky declared itself to be neutral, a position initially respected by both the Union and Confederate governments. However, in August 1861, a Union recruiting camp was set up within the state and, shortly thereafter, Confederate forces under Maj. Gen. Leonidas Polk moved in. By late 1862 the state was firmly under Union control and a rival secessionist government had little power.



Kentucky Monument, Chickamauga

1860 Election Results:

John Bell (Union)	66,058 (45.2%)
John Breckenridge (Dem)	53,143 (36.4%)
Stephen Douglas (Dem)	25,651 (17.5%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	1,364 (0.9%)

1864 Election Results:

George McClellan (Dem)	64,301 (69.8%)
Abraham Lincoln (Rep)	27,787 (30.2%)

Governors:

Beriah Magoffin (Dem)	Aug. 30, 1859 – Aug. 18, 1862
James Robinson (Dem)	Aug. 18, 1862 – Sept. 1, 1863
Thomas Bramlette (Dem)	Sept. 1, 1863 – Sept. 3, 1867

'Orphan Brigade'

Kentucky contributed dozens of infantry regiments, 17 cavalry regiments, and a few batteries of artillery to the Union cause. More than a dozen infantry units, some artillery units and numerous cavalry units were provided by the Bluegrass State to the Confederate cause. About 24,000 blacks from the state served in the Union forces during the war.



Men of Orphan Brigade in late 1860

Among the notable units from the state was the First Kentucky Brigade, better known as The "Orphan Brigade." That Confederate brigade included the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th Kentucky infantry regiments and was involved in several significant battles including Shiloh and Chickamauga and fought in the Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. A total of more than 10,000 Kentuckians — Union and Confederate — were killed in battle during the war while approximately 20,000 more died of disease or exposure.

Several major Civil War battles were fought in the Bluegrass State, including the 1862 battles of Mill Springs, Forts Henry and Donelson, and Perryville. The state also was the target of Confederate raids by John Hunt Morgan, William Quantrill, Nathan Bedford Forrest and Jerome Clark ("Sue Mundy").

President Lincoln and his wife, Mary, were born in Kentucky, as was Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Other notable individuals from the Bluegrass State included John C. Breckenridge, former U.S. Vice President and Confederate general. Union generals from the state included John Buford, John Pope, William "Bull" Nelson and John McClelland. Confederate generals from Kentucky included John Bell Hood and John Hunt Morgan.

'The Free State of Jones'

The *Free State of Jones* movie, an action-drama set in the Civil War starring Matthew McConaughey, became available on DVD on Sept. 20.

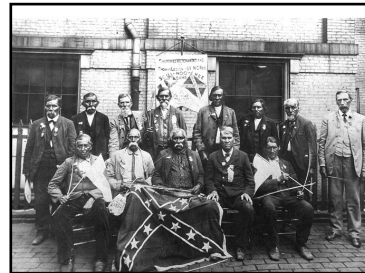


The movie is based on a revolt of Southerners in Jones County, Miss., against the Confederacy in early 1864. The guerilla war was led by Newton Knight, a poor white farmer who had deserted from the Seventh Battalion of Mississippi Infantry.

In its March edition, *The Smithsonian Magazine* took an in-depth look at the event. That article also is available to read free of cost online at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-free-state-jones-180958111/?no-ist>

The Thomas Legion

One of the significant contributions made in support of the Confederate cause by Native Americans was the "Thomas Legion."



Thomas Legion reunion, 1901

The Thomas Legion was comprised of Cherokee from North Carolina and whites that were led by William Holland Thomas. The unit operated in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, areas generally pro-Union. The Thomas Legion enforced conscription, guarded mountain passes, and fought Federal forces.

Thomas wrote of an 1863 battle in Tennessee that "the enemy have at least been taught that while we hold the Smoky Mountains, western North Carolina and adjacent portions of east Tennessee are hard to subjugate."

Upcoming Events

Oct. 8. Bennett Place State Historic Site in Durham, N.C., presents a living history event, "A Soldier's Return Home: Reunion and Remembrance" with personal stories that reveal the human costs of the war through vignettes and narratives. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bennett/bennett.htm> or call (919) 383-4345 for details.

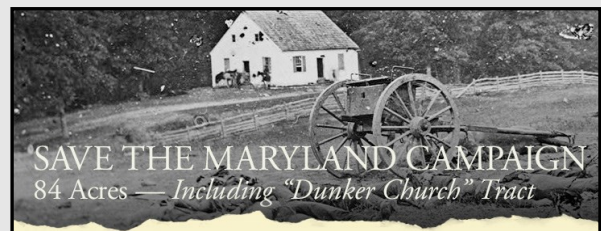
Oct. 22. Bentonville Battlefield Historic Site near Four Oaks, N.C., offers its Fall Festival with hayrides, 19th century games and a living history on the Southern Homefront during the Civil War. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details, go online to <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm> or call (910) 594-0789.

Oct. 24. The CSS *Neuse* Civil War Interpretive Center in Kinston, N.C. presents a program about shipbuilding techniques during the Civil War. Includes living history, demonstrations, and crafts for kids. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/neuse/neuse.htm> or phone (252) 522-2091 for more information.

Nov. 5-6. Fort Branch near Hamilton, N.C., holds its 29th annual battle re-enactment. Ladies fashion show, period music, night fire of artillery, period dance. Parking fee. Event opens 9 a.m. both days. See <http://www.fortbranchcivilwarsite.com> or call (252) 792-6605.

Preservation News

The Civil War Trust is seeking to preserve key ground from Gen. Robert E. Lee's 1862 Maryland Campaign.



The property targeted by the Trust is 84 key acres at the battlefields of Antietam, South Mountain, and Shepherdstown, including land next to the Dunker Church at Antietam.

The Trust's goal in this campaign is to raise \$413,375. Donations are matched at a 3.69:1 rate!

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

News of the RCWRT



Upcoming RCWRT Meetings

November: Fitzhugh Brundage, Frederick Douglass

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

At Our Library

On Sat., Oct. 8, historian and author Eric Lindblade will be presenting "Where Defeated Valor Lies," at the Olivia Raney Local History Library. The talk is about the role soldiers from North Carolina played at Gettysburg, their initial burials on those hallowed grounds, and the later efforts to bring those soldiers back home to Southern cemeteries. Linblade's presentation runs from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and is the third in a series about North Carolina and the Civil War. Address is 4016 Carya Drive, telephone (919) 250-1196.

Wyse Fork Tour Planned

A Wyse (Wise's) Fork battlefield tour for our members and friends has been 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 Averasboro on the RCWRT's documentary DVD.

The group plans to meet at the visitors' center in Kinston off of Highway 70 at 10 a.m. The tour will also include access to breastworks and other areas of Wyse Fork and the 1862 battle of Kinston not normally accessible to the public. 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.

Four New Members!

The RCWRT welcomes our four newest members, Larry Eckerlin, Roger Kosak, and Gerald Woolard all of Raleigh, as well as David Winslow (Winston-Salem). If you know someone with an interest in the Civil War, bring them to a meeting and encourage them to join!



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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.