

7th Annual Symposium:



Glory and Honor in the Columbia Region: Col. Thomas Welsh in the War of the Rebellion

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“A Visit from Capt. Henry Haines of Maytown, formerly of Co. B, 45th Pennsylvania Regiment,” portrayed by Glenn Bachert

Capt. Henry Haines, of Maytown, served in three different units during the Civil War, including 18 months as captain of Co. B, 45th Penn^a Regiment, under Col. Thomas Welsh. After re-enlisting in the 184th Penn^a Regiment, he was captured in the Petersburg/Cold Harbor area in 1864, and held in a Confederate prison camp for 11 months. Columbia’s own Glenn Bachert brings him to life again, detailing the personal saga of this local Civil War veteran and prominent resident.

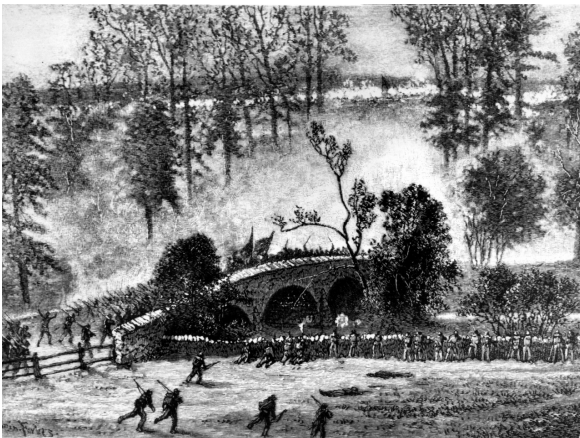
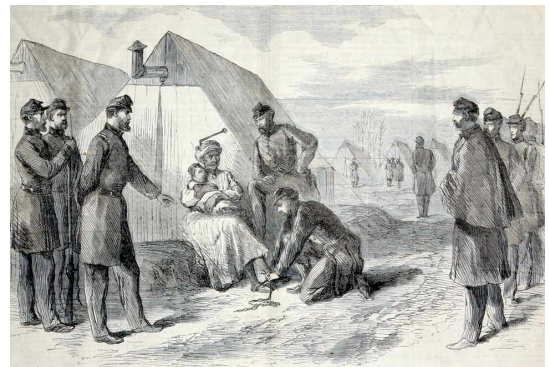


“The Duties of an Officer and Gentleman: The Diary of Capt. Emanuel Roath,” by John Mulcahy, editor of *A Fine Day: The Civil War Diary of Capt. Emanuel D. Roath*

Despite the romantic image of the gallant Union officer leading his troops into battle, most of an officer’s time was spent in more mundane but equally important pursuits: recruiting, training, letter writing, dealing with the politics of military command, and reinforcing popular support for the war effort. Emanuel Roath of Marietta served as captain of the 107th Penn^a Regiment, in a career that had many parallels with Columbia’s Thomas Welsh. John Mulcahy, editor of Roath’s wartime journal, will explain the activities of a Union officer during the 97-99% of the time he was *not* leading his troops in actual combat.

“Human Contraband and Military Operations: Col. Thomas Welsh and Federal Troops in the Sea Islands,” by Mike Coker, author of *The Battle of Port Royal*

Following the Battle of Port Royal, in November 1861, Federal troops were confronted with ten thousand hastily-abandoned plantation slaves and a developing humanitarian crisis. Without established policy guidelines, the Northerners improvised—resettling them, building huts, putting some to work, and otherwise trying to prevent the distraction from interfering with their military objectives. Mike Coker, author of *The Battle of Port Royal*, will tell the little known story of the experiences of Col. Welsh and his local boys in South Carolina, amidst an evolving Federal policy and a grand social experiment over how to deal with these “contrabands” of war.



“The Maryland Campaign as a Proving Ground: Col. Thomas Welsh’s Rising Star,” by Tim Ware, author of the blog “Bloody Prelude: The Battle of South Mountain”

When Confederate General Robert E. Lee moved his army into Maryland in 1862, he unleashed a massive Union response that revealed many strengths and failures of the Union command. The Maryland campaign, as it came to be known, demonstrated the gallantry of the men of the 45th Penn^a Regiment, and served as a proving ground for Col. Welsh’s leadership. Blogger, historian Tim Ware (“Bloody Prelude: The Battle of South Mountain”) will walk us through the Maryland Campaign as it unfolded, and parse Welsh’s leadership qualities, through which he earned his promotion to Brigadier General.