



Kristopher White – The Bliss Farm

The Gettysburg battlefield is dotted with farms that are now famous to many Civil War buffs: the McPherson Farm, the Trostle Farm, or the Brian Farm. Yet, one overlooked farmstead owned by William and Adeline Bliss was caught in a raging man-made tempest. Situated between the Federal and Confederate lines, the farm played host to some of the fiercest small unit actions at Gettysburg. Join Kristopher White as he explores one of the forgotten actions at Gettysburg, the Battle for the Bliss Farm. And learn how this now tranquil landscape witnessed the genesis of the United States Army Tank Corps.

He will be speaking about the turmoil at the Bliss Farm during the battles at Gettysburg. The farm is yards from battlefield tour routes and seldom visited. However, this same area became a vital tank training ground for General Eisenhower, Camp Colt.

About our Speaker:

Kris is the deputy director of education at the American Battlefield Trust. He is a graduate of Norwich University with an M.A. in Military History, as well as a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in History. For nearly five years he served as a ranger-historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. White is the co-founder and chief historian of Emerging Civil War and is also the co-creator of the Engaging the Civil War Series, which is a partnership between Southern Illinois University Press and Emerging Civil War. An award-winning speaker and editor, White has authored, co-authored, or edited nearly two-dozen books; and he frequently leads tours in the United States and abroad. He also served as a historian for the Penn-Trafford Recreation Board and a continuing education instructor for the Community College of Allegheny County near Pittsburgh, PA.