

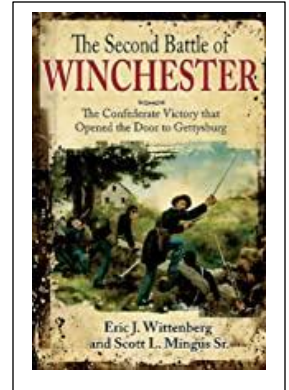
Harrisburg-Hershey Civil War Round Table Field Trips
The Second Battle of Winchester, Winchester, Virginia

Saturday, November 4, 2023 ~ \$95.00 pp ~ Depart: Lower Dauphin High School 6:30 AM ~ Camp Hill Shopping Center 7:00 AM

Please join the **Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables** on Saturday, November 4, 2023 as we visit Winchester, Virginia, the site of the Second Battle of Winchester, the Confederate victory in mid-June of 1863 that opened the door to Gettysburg.

As the Army of Northern Virginia pushed west into the Shenandoah Valley and then north to the Potomac, the one significant force that stood in its way was Major General Robert H. Milroy's Union division of the Eighth Army Corps in the vicinity of Winchester. Milroy was convinced the approaching enemy consisted of nothing more than cavalry or was merely a feint, and so defied repeated instructions to withdraw. In fact, the enemy consisted of General Lee's veteran Second Corps under Lt. General Richard S. Ewell. Milroy's outnumbered and largely inexperienced men were up against some of Lee's finest veterans.

The complex maneuvering and fighting on June 13-15 cost Milroy hundreds of killed and wounded and about 4,000 captured (roughly one-half of his command), with the remainder routed from the battlefield. The combat cleared the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley of Federal troops, demonstrated Lee could obtain supplies on the march, justified the elevation of Ewell to replace the recently deceased Stonewall Jackson, and sent shockwaves through the Northern states.



Many of the Union troops captured at Winchester were Pennsylvania-Germans from South Central Pennsylvania. They spent a lifetime seeking redemption, arguing their three-day "forlorn hope" delayed the Rebels long enough to allow the Army of the Potomac to arrive and defeat Lee at Gettysburg. We are fortunate to have the York-based co-author of the leading book on this forgotten battle to lead us on this field trip, to see where so many of our ancestors put up such a gallant fight against overwhelming odds.

Recommended reading: [The Second Battle of Winchester: The Confederate Victory that Opened the Door to Gettysburg](#), by Eric J. Wittenberg & Scott L. Mingus, Sr. [Gateway to Gettysburg: The Second Battle of Winchester](#), by Larry B. Maier. [Winchester's Three Battles: A Civil War Driving Tour Through Virginia's Most War-Torn Town](#), by Brandon H. Beck. [The Maps of Gettysburg, eBook Short #1: The March to Gettysburg, Including the Battles of Second Winchester and Stephenson's Depot, June 3-30, 1863](#) (Kindle version only), by Bradley M. Gottfried. [Richard S. Ewell: A Soldier's Life](#), by Donald C. Pfan.

OUR GUIDE: Multiple award-winning author Scott L. Mingus, Sr. is a retired scientist and executive in the global specialty paper industry. The Ohio native graduated from Miami University. He was part of the research team that developed the first commercially successful self-adhesive U.S. postage stamps, and he was a pioneer in the early development of bar code labels. He has written more than 30 Civil War and Underground Railroad books and numerous articles for Gettysburg Magazine and other historical journals. He has appeared on C-SPAN, C-SPAN3, PBS, PCN, and several other TV networks. Mingus writes a blog on the Civil War history of York County, PA, where he and his wife Debi live. He also has written six scenario books for miniature wargaming. He received lifetime achievement awards from the York County History Center and the Camp Curtin Historical Society for his many contributions to local history. His books and wargaming scenario books have received or been nominated for numerous national awards.

REGISTRATION FORM

The price of this field trip is \$95.00 per person. This includes round-trip motor-coach transportation, lunch, driver tip, guide honoraria and entrance fees. To register, complete the form below and mail to: **Steve Williamson, Harrisburg CWRT, 121 Windrush Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9236**. Your \$25.00 deposit will hold your seat with the \$70.00 balance due not later than October 4, 2023. Cancellations received before October 4, 2023 will receive a full refund. Cancellations after October 4th will receive a refund ONLY if the open seats have been filled. **Make checks payable to: HCWRT**. Questions: contact Steve Smith at 717-433-0209 or email: smith337@erau.edu, Ricky Hollis at 717-805-7502 or email: rickyhollissr@gmail.com, or Steve Williamson at 717-580-0443 or email: steve.williamson.WCCS@outlook.com.

Name: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Cell: _____ # of seats: _____

Pick-up point (check one): [] Lower Dauphin High School, Hummelstown at 6:00 am [] Camp Hill Shopping Center at 6:30 am