

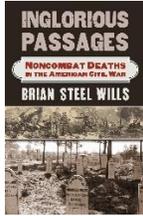
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## *Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War with Brian Steel Wills*

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) hosts Brian Steel Wills as he presents *Inglorious Passages: Noncombat Deaths in the American Civil War* on Saturday, May 19, 2018, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers who died in the Civil War, two-thirds, by some estimates, were felled by disease; untold others were lost to accidents, murder, suicide, sunstroke, and drowning. Meanwhile thousands of civilians in both the north and south perished—in factories, while caught up in battles near their homes, and in other circumstances associated with wartime production and supply. These “inglorious passages,” no less than the deaths of soldiers in combat, devastated the armies in the field and families and communities at home. *Inglorious Passages* for the first time gives these noncombat deaths due consideration.

The 2018 Lessons in History program is free to the public. Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.

*About the Speaker:* Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga. Dr. Wills is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including biographies of Confederate generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and William Dorsey Pender, and an award-winning study of Union general George Henry Thomas. A graduate of the University of Richmond, Va., and the University of Georgia, he spends time on his farm in Virginia when not teaching and working in Kennesaw.

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website: [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) or call 717.260.1861.

*About The National Civil War Museum:* Opened in February 2001, The National Civil War Museum, a member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program, is a non-profit private educational institution dedicated solely to the American Civil War. It is one of the largest museums in the world which interprets the entire American Civil War from a military and civilian perspective. The Museum preserves and exhibits some of the nation's treasures, including General Robert E. Lee's personal Bible, and more than 24,000 artifacts, documents and photos. Admission to the Museum is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for seniors, and \$10.00 for students with reduced rates for children and families. The Museum offers complimentary ample parking. For more information, please call 717.260.1861, or visit the Museum's website at [www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org). Connect with us! [Facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum); [Twitter.com/NCWM](https://twitter.com/NCWM); and [FourSquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.foursquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum)

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