

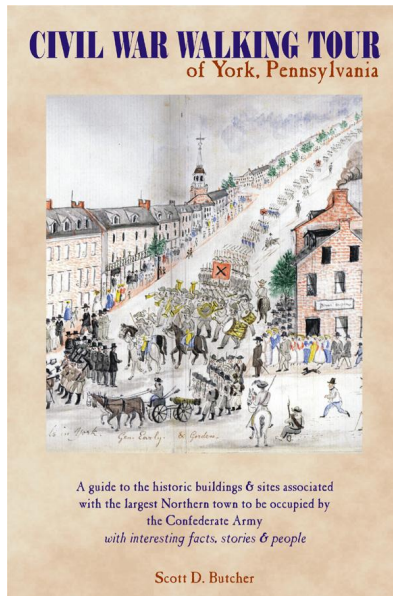


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New Book Promotes York's Civil War Heritage



Civil War Walking Tour of York, Pennsylvania by Scott D. Butcher

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In late June 1863 York became the largest Northern town to be occupied by the Confederate Army during the Civil War. However, the local community has tended to focus on York's role during the American Revolution, and many Civil War facts and anecdotes have only recently been rediscovered. But now that York has become one of the key components of the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development's new Pennsylvania Civil War Trails program, author and historian Scott Butcher decided that it was time to bring the city's unique role to the forefront.

The result of his efforts is the new, full-color *Civil War Walking Tour of York, Pennsylvania*, a 28-page guide to the City of York's buildings and sites associated with the Civil War. Within weeks of the opening salvos of the War Between the States, the York Fairgrounds had been transformed into Camp Scott. One year later, a major U.S. Army Hospital opened on Penn Common, today known as Penn Park. Over 14,000 wounded soldiers were treated here during the war. Gen. Jubal Early's Division of the Army of Northern Virginia occupied York in the days leading up to Gettysburg, but why were they here? Could a battle have been fought in York? Butcher's concise narrative includes anecdotes and interesting facts, supported by quotes from the participants, photos of historic buildings, and several images from the Lewis Miller collection at the York County Heritage Trust. Miller was an eyewitness to the occupation.

Butcher authored the popular *Postcard History Series: York* book released last year and has been active in promoting York's Civil War heritage. He helped create the York Patriot Days event and recently developed www.yorkcivilwar.com, a Web site that gives an overview of York County during the Civil War and promotes upcoming living history events. "York is now one of the gateway communities on the Pennsylvania Civil War Trail," states Butcher, "so I wanted to make sure that there was a product available to give visitors and residents a quick overview of our great history." Butcher feels that *Civil War Walking Tour of York, Pennsylvania* complements recent publications on the topic,

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including James McClure's in-depth *East of Gettysburg* and Lila Fourhman-Shaull's *A Walking Tour of Civil War-era Residents of Prospect Hill Cemetery*.

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Civil War Walking Tour of York, Pennsylvania is available exclusively at the Museum Shops of the York County Heritage Trust – Historical Society Museum and Library, 250 East Market Street, York and Agricultural & Industrial Museum, 217 West Princess Street, York. Contact Travis Wachter at twachter@yorkheritage.org or (717) 848-1587 x232 if you would like to receive a review copy, photos for promotional use, or to contact the author for an interview.

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