

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Pickett's Charge: Another Perspective

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
Priest, John Michael	<i>Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg</i> . Shippensburg, PA: White Mane Publishing, 1998. This battalion level study of the battle, has 24 maps and describes the attack from both sides' perspectives, including a description of the attack dying as soon as it started.

Books and Articles

Author	<i>Title</i> . City: Publisher, Year.
Frey, Donald J.	<i>Longstreet's Assault – Pickett's Charge: The Lost Record of Pickett's Wounded</i> . Shippensburg, PA: Burd Street Press, 2000.
Gallagher, Gary W., ed.	<i>The Third Day at Gettysburg & Beyond</i> . Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1994.
Harman, Troy D.	<i>Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg</i> . Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2003.
Hess, Earl J.	<i>Pickett's Charge – The Last Attack at Gettysburg</i> . Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2001.
Reardon, Carol	<i>Pickett's Charge in History and Memory</i> . Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1997. An excellent social history about how the soldiers interpreted the impact of the charge upon history, this is a

	must read for anyone interested into how the legend of the charge evolved.
Rollins, Richard, ed.	<i>Pickett's Charge! Eyewitness Accounts</i> . Redondo Beach, CA: Rank and File Publications, 1994. This work contains only primary accounts of the battle. It is a very good primer, however, the student should check every source associated with the accounts to make sure the citations are correct.
Stewart, George R.	<i>Pickett's Charge: A Micro History of the Final Attack, July 3, 1863</i> . Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1959. A tactical level study of Pickett's Charge, read this to see how the battle's interpretation has changed in 55 years.

Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Gettysburg National Military Park	The Gettysburg National Military Park is located in Gettysburg PA 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100 Gettysburg, PA 17325-2804. Telephone 717 334 1124 x 8023. The Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. April 1-October 31 and 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. November 1-March 31. The Museum and Visitor Center is open 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. November 1-March 31 and 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. April 1-October 31. The website is: http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm

Web Resources

Other Sources

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At 2:00 p.m. on July 3, 1863 following a heavy artillery barrage, approximately 11,500 Confederates under James Longstreet's command stepped off from Seminary Ridge to begin Pickett's Charge against the center of George Meade's Union army on Cemetery Ridge. The force was composed of three brigades, those of James Kemper, Richard Garnett, and George Pickett. Suffering heavy casualties after it crossed the Emmitsburg Road, the attack broke by the Stone Wall, at The Angle, by the Copse of Trees, a place thereafter known as the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy". The Confederates suffered 4,323 casualties and retreated from the field the next day July 4, 1863 and returned to Virginia, ending their invasion of Pennsylvania.
