

Impact of Confederacy subject of Wednesday forum

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There were many facets to the Confederate States of America – including Southerners who did not support the war against the Union. And those facets should elicit some interesting discussion Wednesday during a presentation at the Old Capitol museum entitled “Rebellion, Reconstruction and Restoration: 150 Years Since Secession.” The event is another in a series of observations of the sesquicentennial of the U.S. Civil War.

The featured speaker will be Harvard University history professor John Stauffer, author of several books about 19th century America. His latest book, co-authored with Washington Post writer Sally Jenkins, is “The State of Jones: The Small Southern County that Seceded from the Confederacy.” It is the story of Jones County, Miss., which was a haven for deserters from the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Three local scholars will also speak: Anthony Dixon, a history professor at Florida A&M; Andrew Frank, a history professor at Florida State University; and Boyd Murphree, of the Florida State Archives.

The event begins with a 6 p.m. reception. The discussion begins at 7 p.m. and will be in the former Senate chamber (south wing) of the Old Capitol Museum. The event is sponsored by the Harvard Club of Tallahassee and the Florida Humanities Council.



Harvard University history professor John Stauffer will speak at a Wednesday symposium at the Old Capitol. Stauffer is the author of eight books, including books about abolitionists, Frederick Douglass and a recent book he co-authored about a Mississippi county that served as a haven for deserters from the Confederate Army during the Civil War. (Special to the Democrat)