



73½ South Professor Street  
P.O. Box 455  
Oberlin, OH 44074-0455  
Phone: 440-774-1700  
Website: [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org)  
E-mail: [members@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:members@oberlinheritage.org)

For Immediate Release: April 13, 2021

Contact: Liz Schultz, Executive Director, at [liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:liz.schultz@oberlinheritage.org)  
or (440) 774-1700

*Civil War Personalities: A Presentation by Historian and Author Gene Schmiel*

Join Civil War historian and author Gene Schmiel as he highlights a variety of people, famous and unsung, black and white, Union and Confederate, who influenced the outcome and aftermath of the conflict. Schmiel has written several books related to the Civil War, including six books in his series, *Civil War Personalities: 50 At a Time*, as well as an award-winning biography of Oberlinian, Civil War General, and Ohio Governor Jacob Cox, the namesake of Oberlin College's administration building.

This free, 40-minute Zoom program will end with a Q&A session. Advance registration is required at: <http://bit.ly/3ddDNMc>. Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Gene Schmiel holds a PhD in History from The Ohio State University. He is a student of the Civil War, whose book *Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era*, was published in 2014 by Ohio University Press. The book, a History Book Club selection, was deemed "best biography of the year" by *Civil War Books and Authors*. (This book can be purchased at the OHC Museum Store and online at <https://secure.oberlinheritage.org/store.shtml?details=101>.)

Last year, Schmiel began working on the six-book series "Civil War Personalities, 50 At a Time." Each book highlights 50 people via short essays, and highlights their impact on the Civil War era. Using period photographs and other information from the era (such as political cartoons), Schmiel brings these interesting personalities to life. Each essay also includes a reading list for further information.

You can learn more about Schmiel by visiting his website at [civilwarhistory-geneschmiel.com](http://civilwarhistory-geneschmiel.com), or you can shop for his books at: <https://www.amazon.com/-/e/B00HV4SSWK>.

###