

LECTURE Series

Friday, September 11, 2026

7 pm, Eastern / 4 pm, Pacific

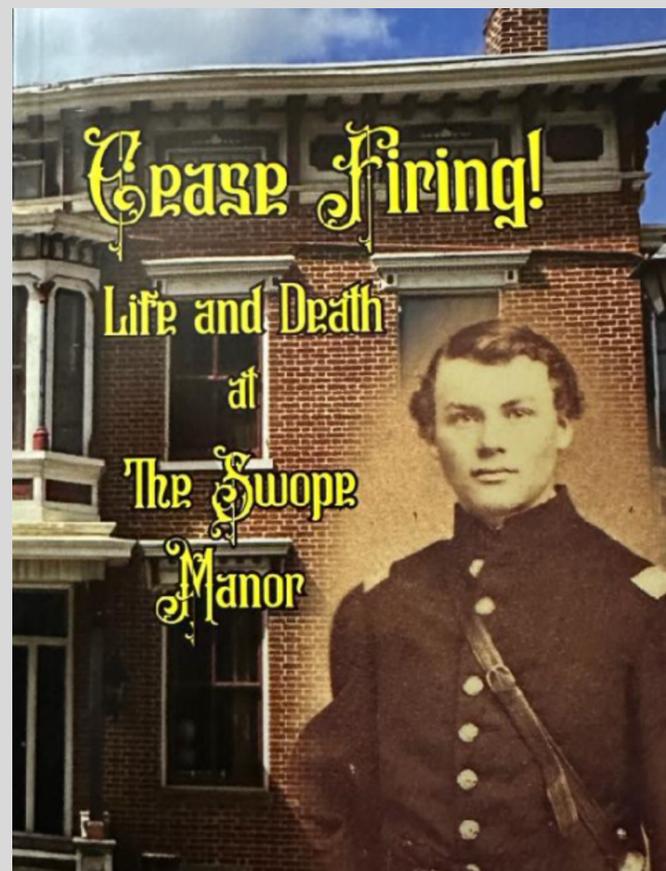
with **Kellie Gormly**

CEASE FIRING

Life & Death at the Swope Manor

William Henry Pohlman enlisted as a private in Company G, 1st New Jersey Infantry on May 28, 1861. Later he was transferred to the Signal Corps. He served aboard the USS Knickerbocker, participated in the Peninsula Campaign, the Battle of Savage's Station, Thoroughfare Gap and Antietam. Willie was promoted to Lieutenant of Company H, 59th New York Infantry in January 1863.

At the time of Gettysburg, he had survived 13 battles. On July 3rd, he was facing the brunt of Pickett's Charge at the Copse of Trees. Twice wounded, he made his way to a field hospital. Here, he began to recover and was transferred to the Swope Manor on July 11th. But, on the 20th, he suffered a secondary hemorrhage. The next day, in a delirium he exclaimed, "Cease firing!". He did not survive.



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