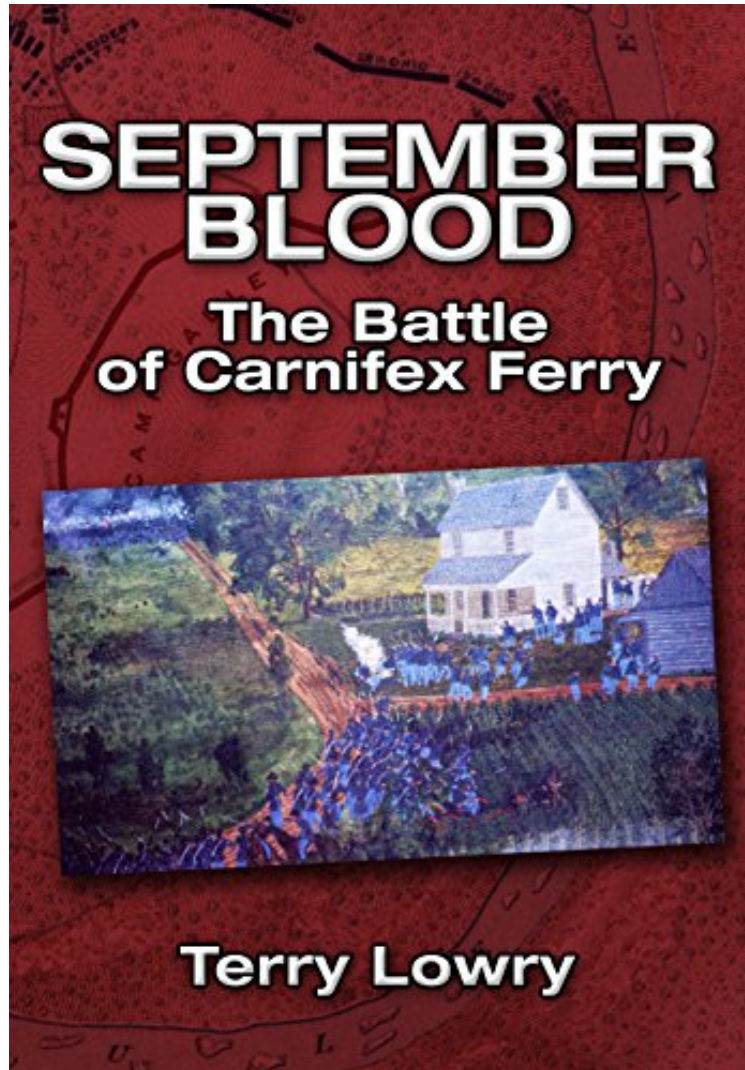


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Confederacy won the battle but was left in a dangerous position and had to retreat, abandoning their campaign to reach the Ohio River. The Union troops were left in possession of the field and in control of the whole region. This is a kind of souvenir history with an emphasis on the West Virginia state park on the battle site. The writing is pretty straightforward and clear, though the battle narrative gets confusing sometimes, with references to left and right which do not specify what army is being referred to. Of course the battle itself must have been confusing. There are mini-biographies of a lot of the combatants which are interesting, and plenty of pictures. The circumstances leading up to the battle are very well explained. There is also an account of the preliminary conflict at Kesler's Cross Lanes on the day before the Carnifex Ferry encounter. Interestingly, two future U.S. presidents fought in this battle, both on the Union side: Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley. Also a future Supreme Court justice, Stanley Matthews. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mr Lowry By John Gadd Was the head researcher at the W.Va Archives. Most all of his books are written from the perspective of the Union army.

This is the definitive work on a battle where both sides claimed victory, but in reality neither side won. It is the story of the disorganization of the Confederate forces and the dogged persistence of the Union army. Filled with personal reflections by soldiers, detailed yet highly readable descriptions of the battle, plus maps photos, this book brings Carnifex Ferry back to life. The highly sought after and rare book on the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, September Blood by Terry Lowry is available again, after being out of print for almost 25 years. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of this important early battle of the Civil War, Quarrier Press has reprinted a small number of this well-researched and highly entertaining book. The book has a new introduction by Terry Lowry and is full of maps, photos, drawings, and engravings Here is what was said about September Blood 25 years ago: The definitive account of the engagement at Carnifex Ferry ... a high-quality book ... covers the subject thoroughly ... highly recommended. Jeffry Wert, Blue and Gray Magazine Lowry is thorough in his treatment ... three cheers for Lowry in his pursuit of regional history. John Dwyer, Military Images Magazine An excellent digest of the action at Cross Lanes and Carnifex Ferry... no stone was left unturned (in research). And, it shows. Harold C. Gadd, The Charleston Daily Mail A detailed account of a significant Civil War battle fought in Western Virginia. Goldenseal magazine Although a small engagement, the author's attention to detail produces a historical document which will record the events of September 10, 1861 for history. - George McDonald III, North South Trader magazine The author expertly described the battle and explains why it took place ... the author has provided an accurate and detailed account of this early Civil War engagement. Michael Mullins, Civil War Book Exchange Mr. Lowry states this is not the definitive work on this battle, however, I would disagree. This is the most comprehensive coverage I have read on this relatively unknown site ... well-written coverage of every aspect of the engagement. Military Explorations magazine

About the Author Born in Charleston, West Virginia, in 1949, Terry Lowry is a 1967 graduate of South Charleston High School where he worked on the school newspaper. He graduated in 1974 with a B. A. in History from West Virginia State College (now University) and studied Civil War History at Marshall University Graduate School. A professional musician since 1965, he was contributing music editor for The Charleston Gazette 1970-75 and music editor 1977-78. Lowry spent two years with the Circulation Department of The Atlanta Journal and was employed for 20 years with the circulation department of Charleston Newspapers, Inc. He published his first book, The Battle of Scary Creek: Military Operations in the Kanawha Valley, April-July 1861, in July of 1982, and also published September Blood: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry (1985); two volumes in the Virginia Regimental Series, 22nd Virginia Infantry (1988) and 26th (Edgar's) Battalion Virginia Infantry (1991); and Last Sleep: The Battle of Droop Mountain November 6, 1863 (1996). He co-authored with Stan Cohen Images of the Civil War in West Virginia (2000). Additionally his Civil War articles have been published in North South Trader, Wonderful West Virginia, and Confederate Veteran magazines, as well as the West Virginia Hillbilly. He has also been a contributor to the Time-Life series of books on the Civil War and remains an avid collector of Civil War memorabilia. He was historian/curator of the Craik-Patton House, Charleston, West Virginia, for two years and since 2001 has been a historian at the West Virginia State Archives, Charleston, West Virginia. In 2009 he published Bastard Battalion: A History of the 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion in World War II, which critics have called one of the best World War II unit histories ever written. The surviving members of the 83rd appointed him Official Historian of the unit.