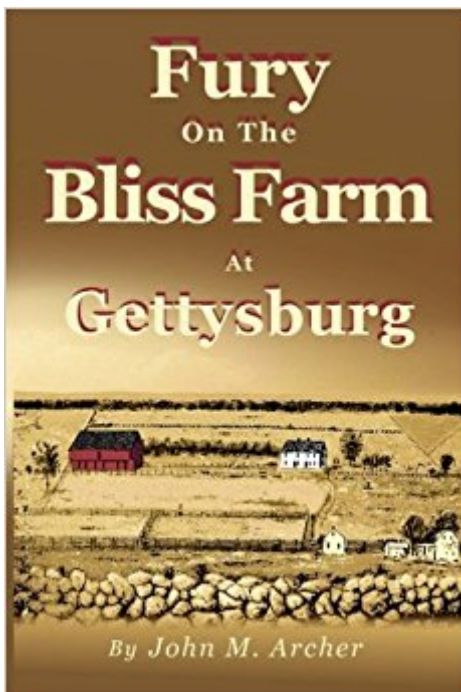


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Fury On The Bliss Farm At Gettysburg



Synopsis

The odd grassy mound between the long ridges south of Gettysburg might arouse the curiosity of a visitor, but the site of the Bliss Farm lies hundreds of yards from modern tour routes. Certainly, more infamous sites on the battlefield vie for one's attention, and the struggle for this once prosperous homestead is overlooked. Yet on July 2 & 3, 1863, the incongruously named farm was a no-man's land that changed hands some ten times- possibly more than any other ground at Gettysburg. The reader is invited to tour this seldom explored area of the battlefield using maps, photos, and first-hand accounts to discover how that struggle impacted Lee's plan for victory, the lives of those who fought here, and the Bliss family.

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Customer Reviews

Although Yankee born and bred, John Archer's fascination with the Civil War stems from a childhood discovery of Confederate ancestors in his family tree. He now lives in Gettysburg, where in addition to writing, he is employed at Gettysburg College and as a Licensed Guide for Gettysburg National Military Park. His interpretive tours have been featured in PCN TV's Gettysburg Battlewalks Series. His written work includes two histories of the battle, "The Hour Was One of Horror: East Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg" and "Culp's Hill at Gettysburg," as well as articles in "Blue and Gray," "Gettysburg Magazine," and other periodicals. His first work of historical fiction, "After the Rain: A Novel of War and Coming Home," was released in 2011, and was a finalist to receive the Langum Prize in American Historical Fiction.

Price is fair. Covers a lost part of the battlefield. Too bad the southern part of town intrudes and makes it hard to imagine how the fight went. If you take this with you to Gettysburg, you will be able to find the foundations of the Bliss House and barn and see the relationship to the unit markers for those who fought over this ground. It makes for an interesting walk over ground that is usually ignored by 99% of the visitors to the battlefield.

An interesting look at an important, yet little remembered, incident and rough fighting on the edge of the field that Longstreet Assault would roll over. After reading the small book, I did go and walk over to the site on the Battlefield where the house foundations still exist as well as some markers. Anyone interested in Pickett's Charge ought to buy this book and walk to the Bliss Farm.

John Archer is one of the very best license battlefield guide that Gettysburg has I try to get every book he has written his tours in his books are great it is very easy to follow and a good way to spend an afternoon

Very interesting book on a small and usually and usually forgotten fight at Gettysburg. Everyone that likes the battle at Gettysburg shirt I hold an must read this book.

I bought this book because Woody Crist's book is out of print and carries a big \$ price tag. John Archer is an excellent ALBG field guide and he writes in a manner that is concise. I took the book to the field and wandered around the Bliss Farm area. Good book.

I have been a student of the Civil War for over 50 years. This is a great reference for the action that is over looked at Gettysburg.

Interesting but could have been better with better maps

Archer does a very nice job of bringing the Bliss Farm to life in between the dueling armies.

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