



MADISON HISTORY ROUNDTABLE

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GENERAL ORDERS No. 8

RE: April 2021, Encampment

Main Presentation: This month we welcome Matthew Prigge. Matthew is the author of "*Damn the Old Tinderbox: Milwaukee's Palace of the West and the Fire that Defined an Era*". In the dead of an unassuming January night in 1883, Milwaukee's Newhall House hotel was set on fire. Two hours later, the building—once among the tallest in the nation—lay in ruins and over seventy people were dead. *Damn the Old Tinderbox* is the gripping tale of one of the Gilded Age's forgotten calamities, a fire that remains among the deadliest unsolved arsons in American history, and a significant chapter in both the history of Milwaukee and the Midwest. Please welcome Matthew Prigge in this most interesting presentation on his book, *Damn the Old Tinderbox*.

Date: April 8th, 2021, 7:00pm (Second Thursday)

PresentationLink:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87811131236?pwd=YkN6OUxtMTRDMEFzb2pLek9RVllkQT09>

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Upcoming Events:

- **May 13th 2021 – MHRT Meeting – *Home of the Braves The Battle for Baseball in Milwaukee* - Patrick W. Steele**

Past Meeting Presentations:

- **September 10th, 2020.** Presentation by Keighton Klos titled *Medical practices and the impact on death and dying during the Civil War* can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/yaODy3J1v40>
- **November 12th, 2020.** Presentation by David Powell titled *Union Command Failure in the Shenandoah* can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/dw225lr8cDc>
- **January 14th, 2021.** Presentation by Rick Berry titled *Army Aviation In Vietnam: Flying for an Assault Helicopter Company* can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/dUvOu3tiTY0>
- **February 11th, 2021.** Presentation by Jeff Kannel titled "Make Way for Liberty: Wisconsin African Americans in the Civil War" can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/80d6JStBMRg>
- **March 11th, 2021.** Presentation by Jim Heinz titled "The 1917 Milwaukee Police Bombing" can be viewed on the MHRT YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/t814xo4HOml>

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MHRT Website: Check out our web site at: www.madisonhistoryroundtable.com. You can find information on the MHRT schedule, list of speakers and meeting dates amongst other information. You can also "signup" for MHRT membership. We will be periodically updating the web site with meeting notices, upcoming events and activities. Let us know what other information you might want posted on the site.

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