

On Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2018 at 2 p.m. the Washington County Historical Society will present "Experiences of a Wounded Washington County Soldier at Chancellorsville, May 1864." Historian Robert Mulligan will be portraying Rice Bull, a soldier in the Union Army, 123rd Regiment (Washington County, NY), Co. D. The presentation will be in the freight depot behind Hubbard Hall on East Main Street in Cambridge, NY.

Rice Cook Bull was born at Hartford, Washington County, NY on June 9, 1842. At the age of 19 years he joined Company D of the 123rd NYS Volunteers on August 13, 1862. His account of his service, written fifty years after the event in 1913, reposes in the Rensselaer County Historical Society. It was edited by Professor K. Jack Bauer, of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and published in 1977 as *Soldiering, the Civil War Diary of Rice C. Bull*. It is not a diary, but a memoir, and one of the best ever published by a soldier of the Union Army.



Robert E. Mulligan Jr. was born in Albany, NY and graduated from SUNYA and the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Studies. He was, for a quarter century, the Military Curator of the NYS Museum. One of his hobbies was "re-enacting" soldier life of the Civil War. He knew Professor Bauer, and developed a program based upon Bull's harrowing account of his wounding at Chancellorsville, and the eleven days Bull spent as a prisoner of war, without medical attention.

Bull settled in Troy after the war, married and became a respected businessman and civil leader. Mulligan, now retired, has given this "recreation" of a lecture Bull "might" have given in 1913, to numerous local audiences.



To find the Freight Depot, turn onto Washington Street which is to the right of Hubbard Hall if you are facing the front of the building. The Freight Yard buildings are located on the left behind Hubbard Hall, across

the grass from the Washington Street Parking Lot. The Yellow Brick Road footpath connects the buildings of the Freight Yard. The Freight Depot Theater is located at the end of the Yellow Brick Road.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray expenses. Come to Cambridge and learn about one of Washington County's finest who served in the War Between the States.