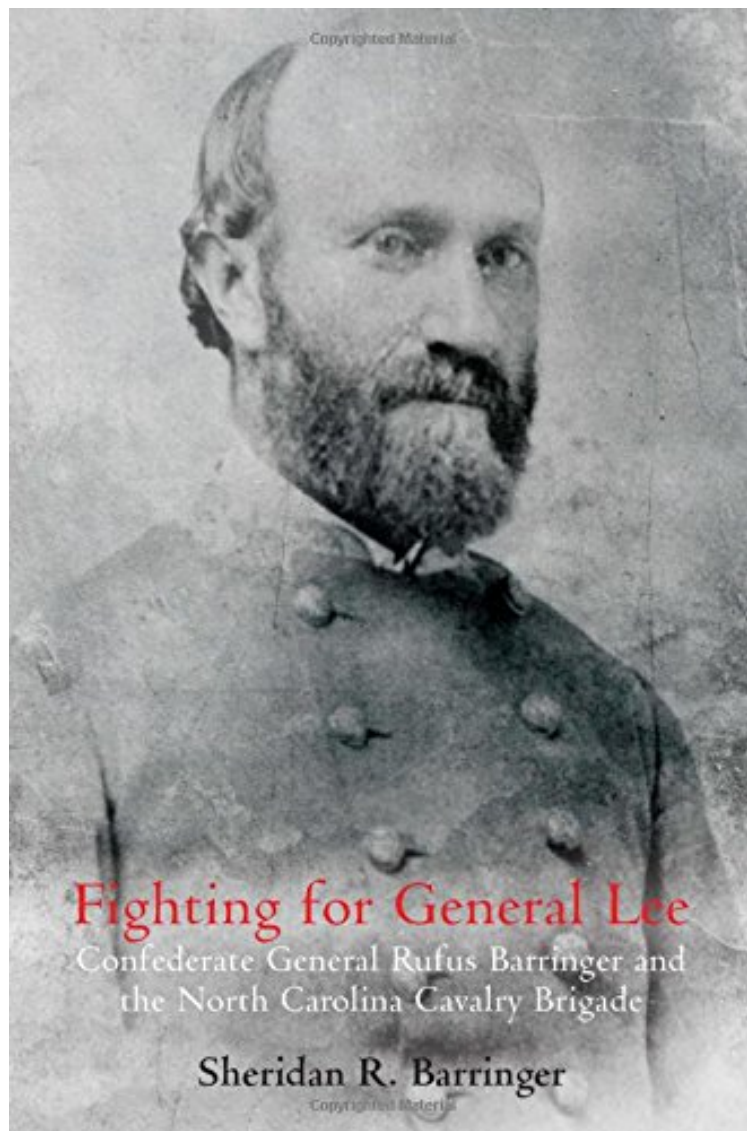


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Rufus Barringer fought on horseback through most of the Civil War with General Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, and rose to lead the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade in some of the war's most difficult combats. Fighting for General Lee: Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade details his entire history for the first time. Barringer raised a company early in the war and fought with the 1st North Carolina Cavalry from the Virginia peninsula through Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. He was severely wounded in the face at Brandy Station, during the opening hours of the Gettysburg Campaign. Because of his severe wound, he missed the remainder of the Gettysburg Campaign, returning to his regiment in mid-October, 1863. Within three months he was a lieutenant colonel, and by June 1864 a brigadier general in command of the North Carolina Brigade, which fought the rest of the war with Lee and was nearly destroyed during the retreat from Richmond in 1865. The captured Barringer met President Lincoln at City Point, endured prison, and after the war did everything he could to convince North Carolinians to accept Reconstruction and heal the wounds of war. Fighting for General Lee by Sheridan R. Barringer draws upon a wide array of newspapers, diaries, letters, and previously unpublished family documents and photographs, as well as other firsthand accounts, to paint a broad, deep, and colorful portrait of an overlooked Southern cavalry commander. Despite its subject matter, the book is a balanced account that concludes Barringer was a dependable, hard-hitting warrior increasingly called upon to lead attacks against superior Union forces. This remarkable new biography teaches us many things. It is easy today to paint all who wore Confederate gray with a broad brush because they fought on the side to preserve slavery. Here, however, was a man who wielded the sword and then promptly sheathed it to follow a bolder vision. Barringer proved to be a bold champion of the poor, the black, and the masses? a Southern gentleman and man decades ahead of his time that made a difference in the lives of North Carolinians.

Book : "Fighting for General Lee: Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade" Posted on April 13, 2016 by Ryan Quint - Emerging Civil War Books Great Confederate cavalry commanders in the Civil War's Eastern Theater continue to evoke admiration amongst some and fascinating study. But for every Jeb Stuart or Wade Hampton there were numerous subordinate commanders who brought just as much to the table in terms of command ability and tenacity. One of those commanders, Brig. Gen. Rufus Barringer, now has a full-fledged biography devoted to his extraordinary life thanks to the efforts of one of his descendants, Sheridan R. Barringer. Fighting for General Lee: Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade (Savas Beatie, 2016) brings to the front the life of a man who is usually found in the background of military studies and monographs. Barringer's war experience with the North Carolina cavalry brigade is narrated from his rise to command from the early days of war as a company commander all the way to leading the brigade into action with the war's closing days. These actions included a grievous wound at Brandy Station in the war's largest cavalry battle and leading a desperate rearguard at the Battle of Namozine Church on April 3, 1865. The book's battle narratives are accompanied by maps excellently created by Hal Jespersen--a mainstay that now accompanies most Savas Beatie publications. Rufus Barringer's life story involved more than just the four years of warfare, however, and Sheridan Barringer does a commendable job of contextualizing his ancestor within Rufus' own time period. One of the more striking elements of this life was Barringer's support of Reconstruction politics, breaking ranks with such former rebels as Jubal Early. Further shattering the mold, "Rufus held progressive positions. .. including strong support for black suffrage" (246). Such political positions put Barringer in direct confrontation with men like his brother-in-law, D.H. Hill, who treated Barringer much like they did James Longstreet, another notable Confederate who joined ranks with Republicans after the war and were treated as pariahs because of it. Such political ostracizing was nothing new to Barringer's life, as even before the war one such political spat almost led to his assassination--another story that Sheridan Barringer dramatically conveys. This work is a welcome addition to Civil War historiography, especially cavalry aficionados and those who wish to know what some Confederate officers did after their swords were beaten into plowshares. Sheridan R. Barringer, Fighting for General Lee: Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade. Savas Beatie, 2016. 304 Pages. Footnotes, Bibliography, Index, 10 Maps. Signed (and personalized, if you wish) copies of this book can be ordered for \$ 32.95 - free shipping - from the author, Sheridan Barringer, at: 23 Horse Pen Road, Newport News, VA 23602. From the Author May ??, 2016 -- Special Announcement: To be added shortly! From the Back Cover Advance Praise - Savas-Beatie "General Rufus Barringer was a major figure in Confederate military history and enjoyed a colorful postwar career, but this is the first full biography of the soldier and the man. The undeserved historical neglect has been ably redressed in this volume, which relies to a large extent on primary research sources. It will be of interest to all Civil War enthusiasts, especially fans of Confederate cavalry operations and personalities." -- Edward G. Longacre, retired historian for the Department of Defense and author of numerous books,

including Lee's Cavalrymen, Lincoln's Cavalrymen, and The Cavalry at Gettysburg. "Comrades described him as 'a most excellent officer' who displayed 'great skill and valor' in battle, and as 'one of the best organizers and disciplinarians in the service,' but until now, General Rufus Barringer escaped the attention of serious biographers. It fell to Sheridan 'Butch' Barringer, a cousin of the Tar Heel cavalryman, to pen this welcome and deeply researched biography. Fighting for General Lee fills a gap in the literature of North Carolina's contribution to the war that will stand as the definitive word on General Barringer."-- Chris Hartley, author of *Stuart's Tarheels: James B. Gordon and His North Carolina Cavalry in the Civil War*. "General Rufus Barringer was a capable and accomplished cavalry commander who, for a variety of reasons, remains one of the least well-known of the Confederate mounted leaders. The capable Barringer was involved in battles large and small. Mix in the fact that he was Stonewall Jackson's brother-in-law, and his story becomes even more interesting. The author, a relative of the general, spent years documenting the general's life and service to produce this well-written and deeply researched biography. It is a must-read for any student of Confederate cavalry operations in the Eastern Theater of the Civil War."-- Eric J. Wittenberg, historian and author of numerous books, including *One Continuous Fight: The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863*, and *Out Flew the Sabers: The Battle of Brandy Station, June 9, 1863*. "Fighting for General Lee may be an obvious labor of love for the author, but it is also a serious biography that ably captures the life of a Tar Heel cavalry general whose account has long been neglected. Rufus Barringer fought at the head of a regiment, was wounded at Brandy Station, and ended the war as a brigadier general in Rooney Lee's division. He was captured by Custer's cavalry near Namozine Church on April 3, 1865--the first Confederate general taken prisoner during the final campaign in Virginia. Sent back to City Point near Petersburg, the general's chance meeting with Abraham Lincoln exemplifies the healing the president would show toward the North's former enemies."-- Chris Calkins, historian, Petersburg, Virginia, and author of *The Petersburg Campaign*