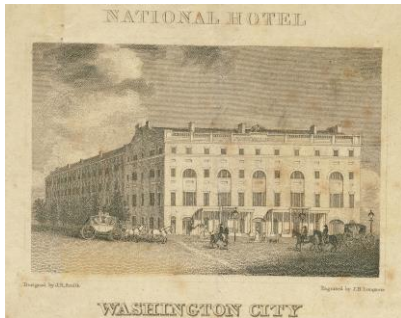


MONTHLY NOTES—JANUARY 2023

On January 12, Jim McKee, site manager of Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site near Orton Plantation on the west side of the Cape Fear River, presented an entertaining, lively and informative lecture on the Ft. Anderson Garrison Flag and its connection to President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. By the way, if you haven't been to Fort Anderson already, saddle up and move out!



It was a lively meeting as 54 members and guests heard an interesting mystery story of a lost Confederate garrison flag that somehow made the circuitous voyage from an obscure southern fort to the hands of the President of the United States. As the president spoke at the National Hotel, we learned that a famous actor was listening intently near a specific lamp post. The actor, of course, was John Wilkes Booth, who—perhaps—was enraged by the President's remarks as he received the Confederate artifact. Did Booth, at



that point, decide to jettison his idea of kidnapping the president and, instead, decide to assassinate him, probably the most tragic single event in the history of our nation?

Make plans to join your fellow Civil War history students at the next meeting of our round table on February 9.