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The Merrell Saga

By Charles E. Sowell

2 p.m. - Thursday, March 16, 2017

Main Gallery Area of the OPOMAC

Refreshments will be furnished



The Merrell Saga is a historical novel about the complicated but true story of a frontier family in the Mississippi Territory of the early 1800's.

In July of 1813, America's war against the British Empire had been in progress for just over a year. In the Mississippi Territory, thousands of American settlers feared for their lives as the nearby Red Stick faction of the Muscogee Creeks threatened to align with Great Britain. When the Mississippi Territorial government sends out calls for volunteers to join the militia to defend the country from attack, Jack Merrell, a young husband and father, is torn between duty to his family and duty to his country. The decision that he makes will forever change the trajectory of his life and the lives of his family members.

Jack and his wife, Sarah, separated by bizarre and unique circumstances, each experience hardships and tragedies which propel their lives into different directions. The stories of their individual struggles of survival, perseverance, and redemption lead to a heart-rending reunion that is extraordinarily unique in the chronicles of American pioneer history.

About the author: Charles Sowell holds a BA in mathematics from The UTA and an MBA from TCU. He is a retired Bell Helicopter executive and a former adjunct professor with the Graduate School of Management at the University of Dallas. In retirement, he has pursued a hobby of genealogy research, which led to his first book, **My American Heritage**. The discovery of a story that had been passed down through one of his family lines became the genesis of **The Merrell Saga**.