



Roundtable member, **Ruth Webster**, sent the following information on her research and work on a series of historical fiction novels.

I have been a member of the round table since last summer, and found it gratifying that you have been printing family Civil War stories since I first read the newsletter.

I have been involved doing genealogical research and historical research for years, and am in the process of publishing a series of Civil War historical fiction titled ***Toe the Mark***. All of the stories are based on ordinary men who lived in extraordinary times. All seven are related to my family.

The first book in the series, ***Henry: The Jersey Brigade***, is now available through Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle formats.

I am attaching a picture of the book cover, the jacket blurb, plus my picture and biography, in the hopes that you can feature me and Henry in the newsletter. I would really appreciate it. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks, Ruth

The war was supposed to be over by Christmas of 1861 but would grind on for four long years. Henry Marts was nineteen years old when he defied his Quaker faith and answered the call from President Lincoln to defend the Union, fully expecting to be home in a matter of months.

A seaman by trade, Henry enlists in the newly formed Third Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. It would soon become part of the famed Jersey Brigade.

Henry, and his fellow soldiers in the Jersey Brigade, would experience some of the most horrific fighting of any war in any era: Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Crampton's Gap/South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. It would be on Laurel Hill at Spotsylvania Courthouse that Henry would face his enemies and inner demons in one final struggle...

Historical fiction: based on the life of Henry W. Marts. First in the Civil War Series "***Toe the Mark***".

THE ACTUAL HENRY MARTS

Henry Marts is a 2nd great uncle. He was born and raised in southern New Jersey and was a mariner, a seaman, by trade. A Quaker by faith. Yet, he enlisted in the infantry, Company F, Third Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, on 27 May 1861. He was 19 years old.

The Jersey Third became part of the First Jersey Brigade under the beloved General Philip Kearny. Pvt. Henry Marts marched with the regiment for three years, seeing major action at Bull Run Bridge, South Mountain (Crampton's Gap), Chancellorsville, in reserve at Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. On Day one of Spotsylvania Court House, May 8, 1864, Henry

was wounded while running down Laurel Hill, or as he put it - "We were in the act of running, retreating under orders of the regiment."

ABOUT RUTH

Ruth Ann Ochs Webster was born and raised in Covington, Kentucky, a city on the Ohio River. She has long been fascinated by the stories inherent in American history, particularly those of Colonial America, the Revolutionary War, the founding of the nation, and the Civil War.

Ruth spent most of her adult life teaching history and language arts to students of middle childhood age. She has freelanced as a columnist, essayist, and feature story writer for newspapers; published memoir and fiction in journals and magazines; written a blog; and dabbled in historic and genealogical research.



She resides in a suburb of Pittsburgh, near the confluence of the two rivers that form the Ohio.

Toe the Mark is her first book-length publication.