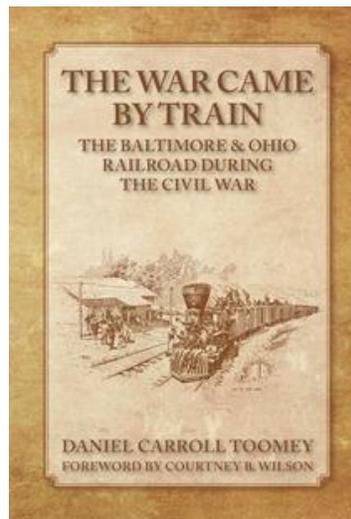


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**B&O Railroad Museum Announces**  
**Release of the Recently Published Book,**  
***The War Came By Train – The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War,***  
**Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War 1861-1865**

**Baltimore, MD** - The Civil War was the first major conflict where railroads played a prominent role, and the B&O was the major line that straddled a divided country. Between April 19, 1861 (The Baltimore Riot of 1861) and April 21, 1865 (Lincoln's funeral train leaving Baltimore for Illinois), the B&O stood as witness and participant in the greatest conflict the United States has ever faced. The B&O Railroad Museum exhibits THE WAR CAME BY TRAIN, the largest Civil War railroad exhibit in the world now through May 2015. This exhibit tells the story of how railroads and railroaders shaped the course of American history. The Museum's Guest Curator, prominent Maryland historian, and author Daniel Carroll Toomey has just released his latest Civil War book commemorating this historic railroad story, *The War Came By Train – The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War*.

It has been over seven decades since Festus P. Summers wrote *The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the Civil War*, which was primarily a corporate history of the railroad during war years. Beginning with the B&O's reaction to John Brown's Raid in 1859 and ending with the demobilization of the Union Army in 1865, Toomey's new book is a highly detailed yet readable history of America's most famous railroad during the Civil War. The author blends the overall strategy and political aims of that time period with the battles, raids and daily operational challenges of a Civil War railroad. He introduces an array of little known personalities who worked for, attacked, defended or travelled on the B&O Railroad. He also shows in numerous instances how the railroad and the telegraph combined to conquer time and distance on the battlefield and ushered in the era of modern warfare with the introduction of armored railcars, hospital trains, and large scale troop movements.

Courtney B. Wilson, Executive Director of the B&O Railroad Museum, wrote the forward for the book and states about its publication, "In this book Toomey brings to life real human interest stories. It is definitely an epic novel that will continue to remain in society long after the Museum's Civil War railroad exhibit, *The War Came By Train*, closes in May 2015."

Thomas G. Clemens, professor of history and editor of *The Maryland Campaign of September 1862*, comments about Toomey's work, "Few people realize the critically important role played by the Baltimore &

Ohio Railroad during the Civil War. Dan Toomey has produced a readable and well-researched story of the successes and difficulties faced by the Union's most important railroad to maintain this vital transportation route during four years of border conflict. I highly recommend it."

Railroad historian and author Herbert G. Harwood remarked, "It was during the Civil War that railroads revolutionized the art of war, and the Baltimore & Ohio – America's pioneering railroad – played a pivotal and perhaps decisive role throughout the entire conflict. Until now, though, the story from the B&O's viewpoint has never been fully told. Dan Toomey's work fills that gap and more so; his research is prodigious and his detail rich. It is likely to be the last word on the subject."

On Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. the B&O Railroad Museum will host a reception for its supporters to honor this piece of work completed by Daniel Carroll Toomey. Mr. Toomey will also be available to sign personal copies of his new book up until 12 noon.

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**About the author:** Daniel Carroll Toomey is a seventh generation Marylander whose first American ancestor taught school for John Carroll of Carrollton. His a graduate of the University of Maryland and the author of several books including *The Civil War in Maryland*, *Marylanders at Gettysburg*, and *The Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home*. He is also co-author of *Baltimore During the Civil War* and *Marylanders in Blue*, all of which were published by Toomey Press. Mr. Toomey has lectured for a number of historical organizations as well as the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution. He course "The Civil War in Maryland" has been offered at a number of local colleges. He has also contributed to radio and television programs and two Civil War battle videos. He is a member of the Surratt Society, and the Maryland Arms Collectors Association, and the Company of Military Historians. He serves on the Maryland Military Monuments Commission and was project historian for the Maryland Memorial erected at Gettysburg in 1994. Dan Toomey has won numerous awards for his historical research and exhibits including the Gettysburg National Battlefield Award in 1985 and was the 2001 recipient of the Peterkin Award given by the National Park Service at Fort McHenry for his many contributions in the field of research and preservation. Toomey is currently the Guest Curator at the B&O Railroad Museum for the five year exhibit, *The War Came By Train*, commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

**About the B&O Railroad Museum:** The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most important and comprehensive collection of American railroad artifacts in the world including an unparalleled roster of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. For further information please call 410-752-2490 or visit [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org).

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