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Everett Public Library program tells the story of an incredible Civil War memoir found in a Seattle attic

EVERETT, WA – Stephen Murphy's great-grandfather gathered intelligence for Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman during the Union Army's "March to the Sea" near the end of the Civil War. Murphy recently discovered his ancestor's long-lost memoir in a Seattle attic. He will share the story in a free public program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, at the Everett Public Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. in Everett.

While living in Bellingham, WA, in the early 1900s, George W. Quimby, wrote about his experience as a Union scout serving under Sherman during the Civil War. This rare account was lost for decades, found in Quimby's great-grandson's home, and published by the University of Alabama Press as "The Perfect Scout." Quimby's memoir is a dramatic first-person account by a great storyteller. It presents a different perspective than other works about Sherman's famous "March to the Sea."

The "Perfect Scout" tells stories about Quimby and his fellow scouts as they traveled behind enemy lines gathering intelligence, often in Rebel uniform. Quimby's tale is not only for Civil War enthusiasts, it is also a great adventure story. The many stories that Quimby recounts include a perilous canoe trip through enemy lines to deliver a dispatch to the blockading fleet.

Stephen Murphy, Quimby's great-grandson, will discuss "The Perfect Scout" in a free presentation, co-sponsored by the Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable.

For more information, call 425-257-8000 or visit www.epls.org.

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