

Re-Visiting the 1918 Flu Pandemic ... in the Age of the Coronavirus

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Local and Regional Histories:

Rockbridge County:

[“The Great Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919 in Rockbridge County,”](#) Eileen Hinks (2005 RHS Program, in [RHS Proceedings Vol.13](#))

[“The Rockbridge Flu: RHS Looks Back, a Century Ago,”](#) Eric Wilson, Lexington News-Gazette, April 2020, in [RHS Essays Online](#))

Doug Harwood, “What Happened when the Spanish Flu Hit Here?” [The Rockbridge Advocate](#) (1994, reprinted April 2020)

Augusta County:

[“The Flu of 1918: Attack on the Homefront,”](#) Nancy Sorrells and Caitlyn Alexander, [Augusta County Historical Society Bulletin](#)

[“History Provides Sobering Reminder of Area’s Last Pandemic,”](#) Nancy Sorrells, [Waynesboro News-Virginian](#).

Roanoke, Richmond, and American Beyond:

[“Lessons Learned from Roanoke’s Battle Against the 1918 Flu”](#) Ralph Berrier, [Roanoke Times](#)

[“Richmond: The American Influenza Epidemic of 1918-19”: A Digital Encyclopedia: 50 Cities & their Stories,](#) Univ. of Michigan

[“A Once in a Century Pathogen’: The 1918 Pandemic, and the Coronavirus,”](#) Mark Honigsbaum, [New York Review of Books](#)

[“Journal of the Plague Year: How the Horrific Flu of 1918 Spread Across America,”](#) John Barry, [Smithsonian.com](#)

Audiovisual Media on the 1918 Influenza and Epidemics:

[1918 Flu Epidemic: The Deadly Plague: A Historical Documentary](#)

(remarkable montage of rare photographs, 40 mins)

[The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Epidemic in History](#)

(Video Lecture by John Barry, Virginia Museum of History and Culture, 60 mins)

[“We Heard the Bells”: The 1918 Influenza](#)

(Documentary by U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, with oral and tribal histories, 60 min)

[1918 Flu Pandemic in Staunton and Augusta County](#)

(WSVA Podcast with Nancy Sorrells)

Acclaimed Books on Epidemics, and the Shaping of History:

[Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 and How it Changed the World,](#) Laura Spinney

[The Great Influenza: The Deadliest Disease in History,](#) John Barry

[Pox Americana: The Great American Smallpox Epidemic, 1775-1782,](#) Elizabeth Fenn

[In the Wake of the Plague: The Black Death & the World it Made,](#) Norman Cantor

[The Ghost Map: London’s Terrifying Cholera Epidemic & How it Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World,](#) Steven Johnson

[And the Band Played On: People, Politics, and the AIDS Epidemic,](#) Randy Shilts