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Frank, Joseph Allan
Reaves, George A.
Fall 2003


Utilizing primary sources - diaries, letters, and other personal reminiscences - the authors offer a collection of intimate accounts of the Battle of Shiloh. The primary focus of the narrative is to present a nuanced portrait of the motivations and mental states of the novice soldiers recruited on both sides just before battle.

Gernand, Bradley E.
Fall 2003

Gernand, Bradley E. A Virginia Village Goes to War: Falls Church During the Civil War. The Donning Company Publisher, $60.00 ISBN 1578641861

Described by Union Generals as The key to Washington, Falls Church, Virginia saw its fair share of firsts during the Civil War, including its being the first area to see hot air-balloon reconnaissance. Utilizing scores of primary sources, author Bradley Gernand tells the story of Falls Church during the Civil War through the accounts of its residents.

Rawley, James
Fall 2003

Rawley, James Abraham Lincoln and a Nation Worth Fighting For. University of Nebraska Press, $29.95 ISBN 803289944

This edition of Rawley's Lincoln biography, originally published in 1996, offers a new introduction by the author. Following a survey of the
pre-presidential years, the text concentrates on the themes of Lincoln's nationalism, his discovery of the immense power conferred upon him as commander-in-chief by the Constitution, and the sense of purpose taken from the realization that he was the sole figure elected by the nation.

**Fitch, John**

*Fall 2003*


This is the fourth edition of a widely popular contemporaneous history of the Army of the Cumberland that was written during the course of the War by its judge advocate. Included are accounts of the army's military actions, its order of battle, numerous biographical portraits, and records of spies and smugglers in occupied areas of the South.

**Geier, Clarence R.**

**Potter, Stephen R.**

*Fall 2003*


All battlefields tell a story. Many times these stories are communicated by eyewitness accounts such as diaries and other forms of written correspondence. Yet there often exists forgotten battlefield stories that only a trained ear is capable of hearing. Employing their training in archeology, Clarence R. Grier and Stephen R. Potter have studied such hallowed grounds as Antietam and Bull Run to provide a new perspective on the Civil War.

**Bradford, James C., Editor**

*Fall 2003*

A narrative accompanies over 140 full color maps that, together, encompass all of American military history. Each chapter is written by a distinguished military historian.

Proctor, Nicolas W.
Fall 2003


Through an analysis of both primary and secondary sources including diaries, letters, and magazine articles, Nicholas Proctor offers an examination of the social and cultural significance of hunting in the antebellum South. Proctor argues that the hunt provided both material and symbolic representations of socio-economic status.

McMillan, Ann
Fall 2003


Ann McMillan's highly acclaimed historical mystery is now available in paperback. This novel follows the exploits of a detective team in search of the source of a deadly smallpox outbreak in Richmond. To their horror, the characters discover that the epidemic may have been intentionally started by a network of speculators and profiteers.

Marten, James
Fall 2003
Marten, James *Civil War America: Voices from the Home Front*. ABC-CLIO, $85.00 ISBN 1576072371

James Marten presents a compilation of primary accounts that convey the experiences of those on the Civil War home front including observations from slaves, slave-owners, refugees, dissenters, journalists, veterans, widows, and orphans. The text is divided into five sections devoted to the North, the South, children, African Americans, and the aftermath of the war.

Bonner, Robert E.

Fall 2003


*Colors and Blood* offers an exploration of the origins and symbolic importance of the Confederate flag. The emotive power of the ubiquitous symbol and its importance in uniting a new country is discussed, as is its function of serving as an image for the Lost Cause cult that emerged following the South's defeat.

Wilson, Harold S.

Fall 2003

Wilson, Harold S. *Confederate Industry: Manufacturers and Quartermasters in the Civil War*. The University Press of Mississippi, $45.00 ISBN 1578064627

Harold S. Wilson provides an incisive examination of the Confederate military's quartermaster system (through which the government sought to commandeer and direct the nation's industrial output in a fashion much akin to War Socialism) and post-war initiatives designed to rebuild the South's industry. The author brings to the fore one Henry Grady, a New South reformer whose vision led the way for a gradual rebirth of Southern industry in the latter part of the 19th century.

Fichtelberg, Joseph
Fall 2003


This work of literary criticism seeks to correct the conception that antebellum and early national literature depicted women as retreating from or being critical of the growing commercial society. Fichtelberg argues just the opposite. Women, according to the author, are the ones adaptable to the travails of the market. Their sentiments, supposedly more virtuous and immune to temptation and vice than men, helped to endear the whimsical market onto the soul of the country.

Elliot, Sam Davis, Editor

Fall 2003


Sam Davis Elliot combines an unpublished portion of Quintard's diary together with his long ago published memoirs to produce a volume that offers readers a comprehensive glimpse into the high command of the Confederate Army of Tennessee, including details of that army's fierce and crucial engagements. A trained physician and an ordained Episcopal priest, Quintard's role as chaplain of a major army put him in contact with numerous luminaries such as Lee, Hood, Bragg, Forrest, and Polk.

Welch, Catherine A.

Fall 2003

Welch, Catherine A.  *Frederick Douglass*. Lerner Publications, $23.93 ISBN 822546728
The latest in the History Maker Bios series from Lerner Publications explores the life of the great abolitionist Frederick Douglas. This short text, aimed at young readers, includes an index and full color illustrations.

Austin, J. Luke
Fall 2003


This collection contains the highly personal and insightful series of letters written by Confederate General John Bratton to his wife throughout the course of the war. The letters expose the travails and hardships of war, as well as the personal struggle of one man trying to establish his military career.

Singmaster, Elsie
Fall 2003


Part of the Classics of Civil War Fiction series, Gettysburg is a compilation of nine short stories offering a variety of characters profoundly affected by the battle. The stories take place in a number of different settings ranging from the battlefield to the home front to the turn of the 20th century. The tales are connected by a common theme of that acknowledges the harsh, long-term effects of war on both the soldiers and those at home.

Coombe, Jack D.
Fall 2003

The Union's grand strategy at the onset of the war was to encircle and squeeze the Confederacy to death - the Anaconda Plan as coined by Winfield Scott. Crucial to this plan was for the Union navy to blockade Confederate ports on the Eastern Seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico. Coombe, the well regarded author of works of naval history, explores this strategy and chronicles the early individual battles and episodes from participants on both sides. The author contends that the naval tactics and technology employed at this time helped usher in a new era for naval warfare.

Weidt, Maryann N.
Fall 2003

Weidt, Maryann N. Harriet Tubman. Lerner Publications, $23.93 ISBN 822546760

This children's book, another in the History Maker Bios series, chronicles the life and social contributions of Harriet Tubman. The text explores her famous role as conductor of the Underground Railroad, as well as her post-war philanthropy.

Butko, Brian, Editor
Ciotola, Nicholas P., Editor
Fall 2003


Industry and Infantry is a collection of articles addressing numerous aspects of Western Pennsylvanian life during the Civil War and that region's contribution to the Union war effort. The essays are constructed of excerpts from the past eight decades of Western Pennsylvania Magazine, including such topics as the 1860 election, the Pittsburgh Sanitary Fair, and the significance of the industrialization of the region.

Perry, John
Fall 2003


This is the first biography of the dutiful wife of the legendary General Robert E. Lee. Forever in the shadow of her husband and her great-grandmother Martha Washington, this biography provides Mary Custis Lee with a venue of her own. Containing never before transcribed excerpts from her journal, we find in Mary Custis Lee a woman devoted to her husband, children, country, and numerous charities despite her continuous battles with poor health.

Davis, William C.

Fall 2003


Famous historian William C. Davis's highly praised and expansive history of the Confederacy is now available in paperback. This tome goes beyond a military history or Civil War survey and focuses on the entire Confederate national experience.

Kennedy, Walter D.

Fall 2003


Walter D. Kennedy, author of *The South Was Right!,* tackles the stereotypes and misconceptions of slavery in his latest book *Myths of American Slavery.* The text includes an introduction by Bob Harrison.

Greenberg, Kenneth S., Editor

Fall 2003
Greenberg, Kenneth S., Editor Nat Turner: A Slave Rebellion in History and Memory. Oxford University Press, $35.00 ISBN 195134044

Kenneth S. Greenberg has compiled a collection of essays by twelve scholars covering all aspects of the 1831 Nat Turner slave rebellion. Greenberg and others emphasize how little we know about this 31 year old slave who claimed to be chosen by God to rid the young nation of slavery. In fact, so little is known that even his real name is a mystery. These essays place the importance of this revolt into historical context and examine why it still captures our imagination.

Reardon, Carol
Fall 2003

Reardon, Carol Pickett's Charge: In History and Memory. University of North Carolina Press, $18.95 ISBN 807854611

New in paperback, but originally published in 1997, this study represents one of the more original and important works of scholarship to have analyzed the connection between history and memory. The story of Pickett's Charge is told both from a mythical and factual perspective. The text concludes that our conception of the climax at Gettysburg is a convoluted mix of history and memory.

Y'all films
Fall 2003

Y'all films Rebel Forrest: A DocuDrama of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. $24.95

Featuring commentary from such luminaries as Shelby Foote, this documentary-movie highlights the highs and lows of the most famous (or infamous) of the Civil War cavalry raiders, General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Pressing questions are examined, such as: What really happened at Fort Pillow?
Did he actually become involved or even start the KKK?

Beymer, William Gilmore  
Fall 2003


This reprint of the classic 1912 work, which was the first seriously researched attempt to examine Civil War scouts and spies, includes an introduction by historian William B. Feis. The work primarily consists of a collection of personal narratives told to Beymer from surviving operatives, stories pieced together from diaries and other personal correspondence, and remembrances of family and friends.

Getler, Warren  
Brewer, Bob  
Fall 2003


Conspiracy, intrigue, hidden treasures, and a family history are all intertwined in this account of an Arkansan who stumbles upon a potentially troubling and subversive element of the Civil War that may still be with us today. Brewer, along with journalist Warren Getler, discusses the search for a hidden Civil War era treasure and its connections with The Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC), a cryptic Masonic organization whose purpose was to ensure the funding of any Second War for Independence. In fact, the authors found evidence that this organization remains active today.

Krick, Robert E. L.  
Fall 2003
Krick, Robert E. L. *Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia*. University of North Carolina Press, $45.00 ISBN 807827886

Profiles of 2,300 staff officers in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia are contained in this new volume. In addition to the profiles there is an introduction that discusses the important roles played by these officers and two appendixes that list 3,000 other staff officers who were assigned to additional armies, as well as the rosters of known staff officers of each general in the Army of Northern Virginia.

Schneider, Richard H.


The author of the acclaimed history of *Taps*, Schneider follows up with a cultural history of our most enduring national symbol, the flag. Historical facts, anecdotes, recollections from celebrities and ordinary citizens, and little-known lore all come together to address the significance of Old Glory.

Schellhammer, Michael

*The 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War*. McFarland and Company, $34.95 ISBN 786414162

This book presents the story of a unit that suffered the second highest number of battle deaths of all Union regiments throughout the entire War. Personal remembrances, Confederate accounts, War records, and secondary sources are all utilized to tell the story of the unit from a variety of perspectives.

Taylor, George Rogers

Neu, Irene D.

First published in 1956, this is a classic account of the consolidation and unification of standards that made it possible for the rapid expansion of the country's rail network. The authors demonstrate how the consolidation of the smaller lines and the growth of capitalism helped to unify the industry through standardization.

Owsley, Jr., Frank Lawrence  
Fall 2003


The *Florida*, the lesser known sister of the CSS *Alabama*, was a highly successful commerce raider, one of the few Confederate naval vessels to actually enjoy any success. It inflicted millions of dollars of damage to the US merchant marine fleet and, according to the author, the commerce raiders were the most efficient and effective military investments made by the Confederacy.

Harris, Brayton, Editor  
Fall 2003

Harris, Brayton, Editor *The Civil War.* Ironweed Press, $29.95 ISBN 1931336016

The history of the Civil War is presented from the angle of two Southern and two Northern newspapers. Excerpts are drawn from the third Saturday of every month during the War from the *Richmond Daily Dispatch*, the *Charleston Daily Courier*, the *Boston Evening Transcript*, and the *New York Tribune*.

McManus, Stephen  
Thompson, Donald
Churchill, Thomas
Fall 2003


This guide from Stackpole Books is designed to provide the novice with the basic tools and information needed to research Civil War ancestors and units. Sources listed and discussed range from the National Archives all the way down to small publications and websites. The sources are organized into fourteen chapters and twelve appendices which offer such tools as sample request letters, tracking and organizational sheets, as well as contact information for additional sources.

Watford, Christopher M., Editor
Fall 2003


The preliminary volume in this series from McFarland presents a compilation of letters and diary entries from a variety of residents of Piedmont, North Carolina that, together, convey the shared and individual experiences of army life and combat. A second volume covering the experiences of residents of the North Carolina mountains is forthcoming.

Hudson, Lynn M.
Fall 2003

The author presents the biography of a remarkable free black woman who, disguised as a mammy, became both a legend and an enigma in Gold Rush California because of both the mysterious nature of her entrepreneurial successes and her fervent abolitionist convictions. Through the medium of Pleasant's life, Hudson also analyzes race, gender, and sexuality during California's formative years and challenges popular mythologies regarding the sexual culture of the West.

**Weik, Jesse W.**  
*Burlingame, Michael, Editor*  
*Fall 2003*

**Weik, Jesse W. and Burlingame, Michael, Editor.** *The Real Lincoln: A Portrait.* University of Nebraska Press, $39.95 ISBN 803298226

This newly revised biography, edited by author and historian Michl Burlingame, offers a glimpse into Lincoln the private man, instead of the public figure, constructed largely from a series of letters and interviews with those who personally knew the president. Originally published in 1922, this latest edition includes dozens of original source materials acquired by Weik while he was working on the original version of the text.

**Holt, Michael F.**  
*Fall 2003*


Michl Holt's history of the American Whig Party, originally published in 1999, is now available in paperback. See the Fall 1999 Issue of *Civil War Book Review* for a complete review.

**Juarez, A. D.**  
*Fall 2003*

Perpetually plagued by personal scandals, forever hunted by Pinkertons, and harassed by the military, *The Tarnished Saber* chronicles the tragic story of Ohioan Major Azor Nickerson and depicts his memorable role as a troubled Civil War officer and Indian fighter in the West.

Hyde, Bill, Editor  
Fall 2003

Hyde, Bill, Editor *The Union Generals Speak: The Meade Hearings on the Battle of Gettysburg*. Louisiana State University Press, $45.00 ISBN 807125814

Bill Hyde presents the first annotated edition of the Congressional inquiry into General Meade's generalship during the Gettysburg Campaign. Hyde's analysis sifts through the multitudes of inaccurate and distorted testimony from the 16 eyewitnesses to make the hearings accessible and informative. The presentation also offers the reader a look into Meade's performance and the intense political pressures and realities of the age.

Temple, Brian  
Fall 2003

Temple, Brian *The Union Prison at Fort Delaware: A Perfect Hell on Earth*. McFarland and Company, $35.00 ISBN 786414804

Largely neglected by historians, the story of the Union POW camp at the entrance of the Delaware River is finally investigated. Concentrating on the conditions of prisoners and guards alike, Temple recounts the commanding general's largely failed efforts to keep the prison clean and to keep the prisoners fed at this camp known by some as the Andersonville of the North.

Sklenar, Larry
Sklenar, Larry *To Hell with Honor: Custer and the Little Big Horn.* University of Oklahoma Press, $19.95 ISBN 806134720

Sklenar presents a reinterpretation of the commonly accepted facts derived from traditional accounts of the Battle of Little Big Horn. The author approaches the subject with a different perspective and offers new conclusions about one of the larger and more timeless puzzles in US military history.

Cimbala, Paul A.

*Under the Guardianship of the Nation: The Freedmen's Bureau and the Reconstruction of Georgia, 1865 û 1870.* The University of Georgia Press, $19.95 ISBN 820325112

Professor Paul A. Cimbala seeks to identify the ultimate ineffectiveness of the Freedman's Bureau in Georgia, which was charged with leveling racial inequalities in education, labor, and civil rights. He considers the various negative impacts upon the agency including traditional theories of northern racism, as well as southern resistance to change and limited resources.

Hubbs, G. Ward

*Voices from Company D: Diaries by the Greensboro Guards, Fifth Alabama Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia.* The University of Georgia Press, $39.95 ISBN 820325147

Filled with accounts of typical wartime experiences and aspects of the life and culture of the 19th century South, these diaries were written by eight members of the prolific Greensboro Guards. Having fought in most of the major battles of the Eastern Theater, the diaries of these soldiers impart a wealth of military information as well as insights on the political, religious, economic, and
social issues of the day.

Bohrnstedt, Jennifer Cain, Editor

Fall 2003

Bohrnstedt, Jennifer Cain, Editor While Father is Away: The Civil War Letters of William H. Bradbury. University Press of Kentucky, $40.00 ISBN 813122597

Attorney and occasional correspondent for foreign and domestic newspapers, Bradbury was an atypical private whose education and aristocratic bearing gave him access to people and places far transcending what his rank and prestige would normally allow. This collection of letters to his family and reports to newspapers are written in an opinionated and sophisticated expository style. Editor Jennifer Cain Bohrnstedt provides an introduction and notes to the letters. The text includes a bibliography and index.

Eggleston, Larry G.

Fall 2003


The author focuses on the individual stories of more than sixty women who personified the diverse and important roles played by women throughout the War. The text is structured around numerous short biographies of the more famous women with overviews regarding the conditions women faced as prisoners-of-war, doctors, nurses, and crusaders.