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## ANNOTATIONS

**La Lancette, Thomas E.**  
**Summer 2005**

**La Lancette, Thomas E.** *A Noble and Glorious Cause: The Life, Times and Civil War Service of Captain Elijah W. Gibbons.* Godfrey Memorial Library, \$39.00 hardcover ISBN 976178902

This unit history follows the war experiences of Captain Gibbons of the Connecticut Volunteer Infantry until his death at Fredericksburg.

**Klaas, Janet E.**  
**Munson, Barbara N., Editors**  
**Summer 2005**

**Klaas, Janet E. and Munson, Barbara N., Editors.** *A Soldier's Life, 1861-1865: The Civil War Diaries and Reminiscences of Kendrick Wade Brown, Citizen of Alexandria Bay, New York, and Ames, Iowa.* Farwell T. Brown, \$19.95 ISBN 1928751C59

K.W. Brown served in three New York regiments and fought his final battle at Petersburg, where he sustained his only injuries of the war. Along with his family history and many photographs, this book includes Brown's wartime diaries and the memoirs he published in the Ames, Iowa, newspaper.

**Mansch, Larry D.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Mansch, Larry D.** *Abraham Lincoln, President-Elect: The Four Critical Months from Election to Inauguration.* McFarland & Company, Inc., \$45.00 ISBN 078642026X

Mansch examines Lincoln's preparation for presidency by focusing on the campaigning the President-elect did *after* he won the election. Lincoln traveled

through the Northern country on his way to Washington drawing strength from his supporters and gauging the emotions of the Union.

**Hoagland, Alison K.**

**Summer 2005**

**Hoagland, Alison K.** *Army Architecture in the West: Forts Laramie, Bridger, and D.A. Russell, 1849-1912.* University of Oklahoma Press, \$49.95 ISBN 806136200

In actuality, frontier forts were rarely the mythologized bastions of defense from savage Indians, but instead served as trading posts, agricultural centers, or simply as stops on the long road to the Pacific. Hoagland describes the design and purpose of three very different Wyoming forts that contributed to the development of the American West.

**Woodworth, Steven E.**

**Winkle, Kenneth J.**

**McPherson, James, Foreword**

**Summer 2005**

**Woodworth, Steven E., Winkle, Kenneth J., and McPherson, James, Foreword.** *Atlas of the Civil War.* Oxford University Press, \$85.00 ISBN 195221311

This book provides a detailed chronology of the war along with extensive maps and illustrations. The images depict voting tendencies of the North and South as well as industrial and agricultural production, but most prominently featured are comprehensive maps of army and navy campaigns, battles, and skirmishes.

**Haller Jr., John S.**

**Mason, Barbara, (Introduction)**

**Summer 2005**

**Haller Jr., John S. and Mason, Barbara, (Introduction).** *Autobiography of Silas Thompson Trowbridge M.D.*. Southern Illinois University Press, \$30.00 ISBN 809325918

This autobiography was originally self-published in 1874 with a hand press Trowbridge had bought for his children. The doctor describes his youth in Decatur, Georgia, his experiences as a Union regimental surgeon, and his appointment by Grant as consul to Vera Cruz.

**Cochran, Hamilton  
Browning Jr., Robert M., (Introduction)  
Summer 2005**

**Cochran, Hamilton and Browning Jr., Robert M., (Introduction).** *Blockade Runners of the Confederacy*. The University of Alabama Press, \$22.95 ISBN 817351698

First published in 1958, Cochran's book was the first to address its subject in a single volume. In addition to covering the conception of the Union blockade and its effects on the populace, the author uses primary documents to resurrect and give new life to the personas of the blockade runners.

**Lord, Francis A.  
Summer 2005**

**Lord, Francis A.** *Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia: Arms, Uniforms and Equipment of the Union and Confederacy*. Dover Publications, \$24.95 ISBN 486436608

This encyclopedia has been reissued by Dover Publications. Originally published in 1963, its descriptions and images have long served as an authority on Civil War uniforms, equipment, and arms.

**Eishen, Thomas M.  
Summer 2005**

**Eishen, Thomas M.** *Courage on Little Round Top: A Novel.* Skyward Publishing, \$16.95 ISBN 1881554384

This novel of Gettysburg traces the parallel stories of 2nd Lt. Robert Wicker, C.S.A., and Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain until they meet in battle on Little Round Top. Wicker stands his ground amidst the wave of the Union onslaught and fires at Chamberlain, who miraculously is unharmed and able to capture Wicker.

**Smith, Craig R.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Smith, Craig R.** *Daniel Webster and the Oratory of Civil Religion.* University of Missouri Press, \$47.50 ISBN 826215424

This biography analyzes Daniel Webster's legacy by focusing on his oratory. Craig R. Smith presents Webster's speeches with historical context before he explicates them with methods of rhetorical criticism to show how Webster instilled in citizens a patriotic zeal.

**Tierney, Tom**  
**Summer 2005**

**Tierney, Tom** *Fashions of the Old South: Coloring Book.* Dover Publications, \$3.95 ISBN 486438767

Each page of this coloring book has a black and white sketch of a scene from the Old South along with contextual descriptions of the illustrated fashions.

**Justus, James H.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Justus, James H.** *Fetching the Old Southwest: Humorous Writings from Longstreet to Twain.* University of Missouri Press, \$54.95 ISBN 826215440

This book surveys the canon of Old Southwest humorists that preceded Mark Twain and gives insight to the socioeconomic conditions of the region that was to become the Deep South.

**Gillespie, Michele**  
**Summer 2005**

**Gillespie, Michele** *Free Labor in an Unfree World: White Artisans in Slaveholding Georgia, 1789-1860.* The University of Georgia Press, \$19.95 ISBN 820326704

Originally published in 2000, this study of white Southern tradespeople is now out in paperback. Using the experiences of white male artisans in slaveholding Georgia, Gillespie attempts to elicit a better understanding of free labor in Southern history.

**Taylor, Paul**  
**Summer 2005**

**Taylor, Paul** *Glory Was Not Their Companion: The Twenty-Sixth New York Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War.* McFarland & Company, Inc., \$45.00 ISBN 786419954

This book examines the history of one of the Civil War's earliest regiments. The regiment was recruited primarily from the farmlands of central New York and was a part of the Army of the Potomac from May 1861 to May 1863.

**Revels, Tracy J.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Revels, Tracy J.** *Grander in Her Daughters: Florida's Women during the Civil War.* University of South Carolina Press, \$29.95 ISBN 1570035598

Revels excavates stories of Florida's Civil War women. Whereas most previous research had only focused on wealthy, white Confederate women, this book attempts to give voice to women from throughout Florida's social and racial spectrum.

**Bradford, Sarah**  
**Summer 2005**

**Bradford, Sarah** *Harriet Tubman: The Moses of Her People*. Dover Publications, \$5.95 ISBN 486438589

This 80-page biography of Tubman was first published in 1869 and it describes the life and hardships of one of the most famous conductors of the Underground Railroad.

**Turkel, Stanley**  
**Summer 2005**

**Turkel, Stanley** *Heroes of the American Reconstruction: Profiles of Sixteen Educators, Politicians and Activists*. McFarland and Company, Inc., \$35.00 ISBN 786419431

Along with historical context of Reconstruction, this book gives a brief biography on 16 prominent figures that crusaded for the cause of freedmen in the years following the Civil War.

**Lovejoy, Owen**  
**Moore, William F.**  
**Moore Jane Ann, Editors**  
**Summer 2005**

**Lovejoy, Owen, Moore, William F., and Moore Jane Ann, Editors.** *His Brother's Blood: Speeches and Writings 1838-64*. University of Illinois Press, \$50.00 ISBN 252029194

The murder of his abolitionist brother, Elijah, spurred Owen Lovejoy to dedicate his work to fighting slavery with a hybrid of religion and politics. The Illinoisan served in Congress and was a link between the Radical Republicans and President Lincoln. This volume is the first comprehensive collection of Owen Lovejoy's writings.

**Bailey, Anne J., Editor**  
**Summer 2005**

**Bailey, Anne J., Editor** *In the Saddle with the Texans: Day-by-Day with Parsons's Cavalry Brigade, 1862-1865.* McWhiney Foundation Press, \$29.95 ISBN 1893114481

While Parson's brigade fought in relatively few battles and skirmishes, this collection of correspondence offers a vivid picture of the daily rituals and responsibilities of a Confederate cavalry.

**Smith, Derek**  
**Summer 2005**

**Smith, Derek** *Lee's Last Stand: Sailor's Creek Virginia, 1865.* White Mane Books, \$29.95 ISBN 1572492511

Originally published in 2002, this military history describes the last major conflict of Lee's army before its surrender.

**Axelrod, Alan**  
**Summer 2005**

**Axelrod, Alan** *Lincoln's Last Night: Abraham Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth, and the Last 36 Hours Before the Assassination.* Chamberlain Bros., \$14.95 ISBN 1596090162



The days leading up to and following Lincoln's assassination are detailed in this brief text, which allows the reader to observe the painful and dramatic events as they unfolded. To enhance the reader's experience, the publisher has included facsimile replicas of the contents of Lincoln's wallet at the time of the assassination.

**Whitman, Walt  
Coviello, Peter, Editor  
Summer 2005**

**Whitman, Walt and Coviello, Peter, Editor.** *Memoranda During the War.* Oxford University Press, \$25.00 ISBN 195167937

This book consists of Walt Whitman's journal entries from 1862 to 1865. Primarily, his memoranda serve as a witness to the horrors of the war, but when considered more deeply, the entries reveal Whitman's struggle to re-identify with an altered concept of America.

**Dessens, Nathalie  
Summer 2005**

**Dessens, Nathalie** *Myths of the Plantation Society: Slavery in the American South and the West Indies.* University Press of Florida, \$55.00 ISBN 813026822

Many constituents of Southern society pulled together to preserve and mythologize slave society. Dessens evaluates the systems of slavery in the American South and West Indies to understand why a comparable mythical characterization of West Indian slave society did not develop as it did in the American South.

**Switzer, Charles I., Editor  
Summer 2005**

**Switzer, Charles I., Editor** *Ohio Volunteer: The Childhood and Civil War Memoir of Captain John Calvin Hartzell, OVI.* Ohio University Press, \$28.95

ISBN 821416065

Thirty-two years after the end of the war, John Hartzell finally wrote his memoirs at the urging of many family members. Published for the first time, this book covers the captain's time as he fought with the 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Perryville, Chattanooga, and other significant battles.

**Armstrong, Jennifer**  
**Summer 2005**

**Armstrong, Jennifer** *Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, \$17.95 ISBN 689857853

Intended for younger readers, this book gives the history of Mathew Brady's studio and how he pushed new technology to capture the meaning of the Civil War in photographs. Armstrong's narrative weaves the story of the war with the development of field photography, and Brady's powerful pictures.

**McClatchy, J.D., Editor**  
**Summer 2005**

**McClatchy, J.D., Editor** *Poets of the Civil War: Selected Poems*. The Library of America, \$20.00 ISBN 1931082766

This anthology of Civil War poems includes virtually all of the esteemed authors of the era as well as a few lesser known ones. By compiling the works of these poets, McClatchy attempts to give the reader both a panoramic and close-up view of the war.

**Kennedy, James Ronald**  
**Summer 2005**

**Kennedy, James Ronald** *Reclaiming Liberty*. Pelican Publishing Company, \$25.00 ISBN 1589802756

James Ronald Kennedy defines today's American political system as socialist feudalism. This book advocates a peaceful coup of the tax-heavy American government in order to create a liberty-based society.

**Fox III, John J.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Fox III, John J.** *Red Clay to Richmond: Trail of the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment.* Angle Valley Press, \$37.95 ISBN 971195021

Presenting many previously unpublished primary accounts, Fox conveys the comprehensive story of this Georgia regiment and how it endured the war from beginning to end.

**Brown, Kent Masterson**  
**Summer 2005**

**Brown, Kent Masterson** *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics, and the Pennsylvania Campaign.* University of North Carolina Press, \$34.95 ISBN 807829218

The narrative of this book begins with the aftermath of the Confederacy's defeat at Gettysburg. Brown focuses on how Lee, by utilizing terrain and tactical positioning, was able to lead his army back to fortified lines in Virginia and retain much of the Confederacy's power in the eastern theatre.

**Reid, Brian Holden**  
**Summer 2005**

**Reid, Brian Holden** *Robert E. Lee: Icon for a Nation.* Weidenfeld & Nicolson, \$27.95 ISBN 029784699X

As a non-American, Reid attempts to reevaluate the Lee's generalship with a fresh perspective and without the sentimental misrepresentation of Lee that

began with the Lost Cause.

**Bopp, Lawrence J.  
Bockmiller, Stephen R.  
Summer 2005**

**Bopp, Lawrence J. and Bockmiller, Stephen R..** *Showing the Flag: The Civil War Naval Diary of Moses Safford, USS Constellation.* The History Press, \$34.99 ISBN 1596290145

In 1862, the USS *Constellation* embarked on an expedition of the Mediterranean to secure the stability of U.S. naval commerce abroad. Safford served as a yeoman on the ship and recorded, along with the routine occurrences of seafaring life, his reactions to the news from home concerning the fate of the Union in the Civil War.

**Swain, Gwenyth  
Archambault, Matthew, Illustrator  
Summer 2005**

**Swain, Gwenyth and Archambault, Matthew, Illustrator.** *Sojourner Truth.* Carolrhoda Books, \$5.95 ISBN 1575058278

This biography, geared toward children, tells the story of how Sojourner Truth used her faith to overcome the obstacles of race, sexism, poverty, and illiteracy to become a renowned and inspirational public speaker.

**U.S. War Department  
Summer 2005**

**U.S. War Department** *The 1864 Field Artillery Tactics: Organization, Equipment, Field Service.* Stackpole Books, \$21.95 ISBN 081170131X

This is the 1864 guide for field artillery training, an exact reproduction of the manual prepared by the U.S. War Department. The manual includes

comprehensive instructions for various levels of artillery and includes diagrammed field instructions and ammunition data tables.

**Hearn, Chester G.**

**Summer 2005**

**Hearn, Chester G.** *The Capture of New Orleans, 1862*. Louisiana State University Press, \$21.95 ISBN 807130702

Originally published in 1995, Hearn's book contends that understanding the fall of New Orleans takes more than a technical assessment of naval operations. Being that the South's largest and most prosperous city fell so early in the war, studying the capture of New Orleans requires attention to the attitudes and actions of leaders from both sides.

**Cartmell, Donald**

**Summer 2005**

**Cartmell, Donald** *The Civil War Up Close: Thousands of Curious, Obscure, and Fascinating Facts about the War America Could Never Win*. New Page Books/A Division of Career Press, \$16.99 ISBN 1564147606

In addition to reexamining some of the prevalent controversies of Civil War historiography, this book includes many short essays on lesser known curiosities, such as Drunken Doctors in Operation.

**Williams, Lou Falkner**

**Summer 2005**

**Williams, Lou Falkner** *The Great South Carolina Ku Klux Klan Trials 1871-1872*. The University of Georgia Press, \$19.95 ISBN 820326593

The University of Georgia Press has recently released this paperback edition of Williams's study of the Klan trials in South Carolina, which provide a look at how the federal government tried to enforce the 14th and 15th Amendments.

**Fulgham, Richard Lee**

**Summer 2005**

**Fulgham, Richard Lee** *The Hogs of Cold Harbor: The Civil War Saga of Private Johnny Hess*. Whitmore Publishing Co., \$29.00 ISBN 874260582

Set in Virginia from 1861 to 1864, this non-fiction novel is an extrapolation on the Civil War diary of John Henry Hess. Fulgham compares the viciousness of Virginia's wild hogs with the viciousness of war.

**Pacheco, Josephine F.**

**Summer 2005**

**Pacheco, Josephine F.** *The Pearl: A Failed Slave Escape on the Potomac*. University of North Carolina Press, \$29.95 ISBN 807829188

This book follows the story of 76 slaves as they tried to escape from the District of Columbia in the spring of 1848. Once captured, they were sold back into slavery in the Deep South. In addition to the tormented journey of the escaping schooner, the *Pearl*, Pacheco assesses the lives of slaves and freedmen in Washington at that time.

**Brown, Thomas J.**

**Summer 2005**

**Brown, Thomas J.** *The Public Art of Civil War Commemoration: A Brief History with Documents*. Bedford/St. Martin's, \$13.95 ISBN 312397917

The purpose of this textbook is to outline the major changes in Civil War commemoration and allow readers to trace the shifts in collected memory. Contemporary essays from each era of commemoration serve as primary documents along with pictures of corresponding monuments.

**Conrad, James Lee**

**Summer 2005**

**Conrad, James Lee** *The Young Lions: Confederate Cadets at War*. University of South Carolina Press, \$16.95 ISBN 157003575X

Originally published in 1997, the University of South Carolina Press has reissued James Lee Conrad's general history of Southern military schools. The book examines the context of the institutions and how cadets took up arms against the Union near the end of the Civil War.

**Brager, Bruce L.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Brager, Bruce L.** *There He Stands: The Story of Stonewall Jackson*. Morgan Reynolds Publishing, \$24.95 ISBN 1931798443

This book, intended for young readers, is partially a broad history of the war, and partially a biography of Jackson and his wartime achievements.

**Toomey, Daniel Carroll**  
**Summer 2005**

**Toomey, Daniel Carroll** *Union Civil War Veterans' Organizations in Maryland*. Toomey Press, \$15.45 ISBN 1929806027

After the war, veteran organizations in Maryland thrived for both the Union and Confederate armies. This book depicts the impact of Union veteran organizations on society and is a companion to Toomey's *The Maryland Line Confederate Soldier's Home and Confederate Veterans' Organizations in Maryland*.

**Reynolds, David S.**  
**Summer 2005**

**Reynolds, David S.** *Walt Whitman: Lives and Legacies Series*. Oxford University Press, \$17.95 ISBN 195170091

Part of Oxford University Press's *Lives and Legacies* series, this brief biography introduces readers to Walt Whitman and his relationship with American ideals.