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Walsh, George
Spring 2003

Walsh, George *"Damage Them All You Can": Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia*. Forge Press, \$25.95 ISBN 312874456

This narrative covers the history of the Army of Northern Virginia from its inception through its glories and defeats. It is more than a military history as it strives to reveal the humanity of Lee and his lieutenants amidst the backdrop of a cruel war.

Tidball, Eugene C.
Spring 2003

Tidball, Eugene C. *"No Disgrace to My Country": The Life of John C. Tidball*. Kent State University Press, \$49.00 ISBN 873387228

This work presents the previously unpublished memoirs and correspondence of Union soldier John C. Tidball with historical commentary by the author. The biographical sections reveal the disillusionment of a young soldier in the midst of war. Photographs, chapter notes, and a bibliography are included.

Mushkat, Jerome, Editor
Spring 2003

Mushkat, Jerome, Editor *A Citizen-Soldier's Civil War: The Letters of Brevet Major General Alvin C. Voris*. Northern Illinois University Press, \$36.00 ISBN 875802982

Voris, a former Ohio legislator turned soldier, participated in a number of the most important battles in the Eastern Theater and at the end of the war led a brigade comprised of 3,000 black soldiers. His unbroken string of 428 letters throughout the war offer keen insights on a variety of matters including daily

life, morality, slavery, and military politics.

Hughes Jr., Nathaniel Cheairs Editor
Johnson, Timothy D. Editor
Spring 2003

Hughes Jr., Nathaniel Cheairs Editor and Johnson, Timothy D. Editor. *A Fighter from Way Back: The Mexican War Diary of Lt. Daniel Harvey Hill, 4th Artillery, USA.* Kent State University Press, \$14.00 ISBN 873387392

Lt. Daniel Harvey Hill, a graduate of the renowned West Point Class of 1842 and eventual Confederate General recounted his experiences as a young soldier in the Mexican War. This published edition of his early journal offers a portrait of the soldier before he earned the nickname of Lee's Maverick General.

Foos, Paul
Spring 2003

Foos, Paul *A Short, Offhand, Killing Affair: Soldiers and Social Conflict During the Mexican-American War.* University of North Carolina Press, \$49.95 ISBN 807827312

Paul Foos constructs a provocative study of the social, economic, and political motivations behind the Mexican-American War. He concludes that the war set the United States off in an imperial direction, one rife with inequities, hypocrisies, and conflict.

Clancy, Anne Robinson, Editor
Spring 2003

Clancy, Anne Robinson, Editor *A Yankee in a Confederate Town: The Journal of Calvin L. Robinson.* Pineapple Press, Inc., \$16.95 ISBN 1561642673

This journal passed down from generation to generation found an editor and transcriber in the author's granddaughter. It is a unique account of the Civil War

written by a Florida resident who sided with the Union.

Sears, Richard D.

Spring 2003

Sears, Richard D. *Camp Nelson, Kentucky: A Civil War History*. University of Kentucky Press, \$45.00 ISBN 813122465

Originally established as a Union supply depot, Camp Nelson soon became a principal recruiting ground for black men. This study, drawing heavily from primary material, examines the camp's rise and fall and how the latter adversely affected newly freed slaves.

Petrie, Dr. Stewart J.

Spring 2003

Petrie, Dr. Stewart J. *Captive of Libby Prison*. Ivy House Publishing Group, \$21.95 ISBN 1571973230

Drawing from twenty-one actual letters, this work of historical fiction tells the story of the author's great, great-uncle, Charles Robinson, who twice enlisted in the Union Army. This is a follow-up to *Letters and Journal of a Civil War Surgeon*, which recounts the life of Charles' brother, Myron Robinson.

Keith, Harlow J.

Spring 2003

Keith, Harlow J. *Cold Harbor*. American Book Publishing, \$18.00 ISBN 1589820142

Harlow creates a fictional account of the exploits of a young Delaware farmer who, after his initial patriotic fervor, quickly becomes familiarized with the boredom and horrors of war. The story culminates on the gruesome fields of Cold Harbor.

Thomsen, Brian M., Editor
Spring 2003

Thomsen, Brian M., Editor *Commanding Voices of Blue & Gray: General William T. Sherman, General George Custer, General James Longstreet, and Major J. S. Mosby, Among Others, in Their Own Words.* Forge Press, \$25.95 ISBN 765305836

The single volume compendium of personal accounts of the Civil War contains excerpts from memoirs and addresses from the likes of Lincoln, Davis, Custer, Sherman, and others. These selections range from battle descriptions to military and political theory.

Bell, John
Spring 2003

Bell, John *Confederate Seadog: John Taylor Wood in War and Exile.* McFarland Press, \$28.50 ISBN 786413522

Grandson of Zachary Taylor and nephew of Jefferson Davis, John Taylor Wood was one of the most daring participants in the war. This biography of the simultaneous captain in the Confederate Army and Navy is combined with his own memoirs to provide a comprehensive volume of his adventuresome life.

Kiper, Richard L., Editor
Spring 2003

Kiper, Richard L., Editor *Dear Catharine, Dear Taylor: The Civil War Letters of a Union Soldier and His Wife.* University of Kansas Press, \$34.95 ISBN 070061205X

Editor, Richard L. Kiper, has brought together a compilation of 178 letters between Taylor Pierce and his wife, Catharine, written while Pierce was enlisted in the 22nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. These letters document the couple's fierce allegiance to the Union and their abolitionist dispositions, as well

as Taylor's descriptions of military life.

Heidler, Davis S., Editor
Heidler, Jeanne T., Editor
Spring 2003

Heidler, Davis S., Editor and Heidler, Jeanne T., Editor. *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War: A Political, Social, and Military History.* W.W. Norton and Company, \$79.95 ISBN 039304758x

This reference book, with a foreword from James McPherson and previously only available to the library market, offers over 1600 entries and includes illustrations, maps and charts. The essays, written by today's leading Civil War scholars, offer biographies, strategies, political and military analysis, discussions of social and financial repercussions of the war, and more.

Miles, Jim
Spring 2003

Miles, Jim *Fields of Glory: A History and Tour Guide of the War in the West, The Atlanta Campaign, 1864.* Cumberland House, \$16.95 ISBN 1581822561

Miles creates an informative history and tour guide that traces Sherman's march from Tennessee through the capture of Atlanta. Maps, diagrams, and pictures reference sites along the I-75 corridor while the narrative places the imagery into its proper historical framework.

Williams, James
Spring 2003

Williams, James *Fugitive Slave in the Gold Rush: Life and Adventures of James Williams.* Bison Books, \$16.95 ISBN 803298129

Here are the recollections of a self-taught escaped slave and Underground Railroad worker who was lured to the West with the promise of gold. This first

person account details James Williams's travels, experiences, and thoughts concerning his escape from the South, his work on the Railroad, and his experiences in California.

Hudson, J. Blaine
Spring 2003

Hudson, J. Blaine *Fugitive Slaves and the Underground Railroad in the Kentucky Borderland*. McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, \$39.95 ISBN 078641345X

Hudson's book examines the landscape of Kentucky and other nearby border states. The motivations and travails of fugitive slaves both before and after 1850 are detailed. Those who assisted the slaves in the Underground Railroad are also given substantial attention.

Nagle, P.G.
Spring 2003

Nagle, P.G. *Galveston*. Forge Press, \$24.95 ISBN 312876149

The third installment (Glorieta Pass, The Guns of Valverde) of Nagle's highly acclaimed Far Western Civil War epic has just been released. The story of the protagonist and his family is told amidst the backdrop of conflict and intrigue surrounding the key Texas island, Galveston.

Brooksher, William R.
Snider, David K.
Spring 2003

Brooksher, William R. and Snider, David K. *Glory at a Gallop: Tales of the Confederate Cavalry*. Pelican Press, \$10.95 ISBN 1589800583

This reprint uncovers the story behind the famous Confederate cavalryman in a well-researched account of these heroes who have captured the imagination

of generations of Civil War buffs.

McFeely, William
Spring 2003

McFeely, William *Grant*. W. W. Norton and Company, \$19.95 ISBN 393323943

The definitive Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of Ulysses S. Grant has been newly formatted and reissued. It remains an objective study of Grant as a man, a President, and a General.

Pitcock, Cynthia Dehaven, Editor
Gurley, Bill J., Editor
Spring 2003

Pitcock, Cynthia Dehaven, Editor and Gurley, Bill J., Editor. *I Acted from Principle: The Civil War Diary of William McPheeters, Confederate Surgeon in the TransMississippi*. University of Arkansas Press, \$34.95 ISBN 1557287252

After being harassed and arrested by Union authorities in St. Louis, Dr. McPheeters escaped with his family to Confederate lines where he became a surgeon under General Sterling Price. This diary is the first known daily account of the western Civil War by a Confederate doctor.

Wieck, Carl F.
Spring 2003

Wieck, Carl F. *Lincoln's Quest for Equality: The Road to Gettysburg*. Northern Illinois Press, \$36.00 ISBN 875802990

Centering on Lincoln's connections to Unitarian minister and radical abolitionist Theodore Parker, the author seeks to uncover the intellectual development of the president who reshaped American political culture.

Ellis, Jerry
Spring 2003

Ellis, Jerry *Marching Through Georgia: My Walk along Sherman's Route.* University of Georgia Press, \$19.95 ISBN 820324256

Now available in paperback, Jerry Ellis explores New South culture in his documented reproduction of Sherman's famous journey through Georgia. Walking from Atlanta to Savannah, Ellis goes in search of the past and his own southern and Cherokee heritage.

Lehman, John
Spring 2003

Lehman, John *On Seas of Glory: Heroic Men, Great Ships, and Epic Battles of the American Navy.* Touchstone Press, \$16.00 ISBN 684871777

Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman provides a narrative of the Navy's illustrious past, from the Revolutionary War through the War on Terror. Detail is given to personalities, battles, and ships.

Parry, Owen
Spring 2003

Parry, Owen *Our Simple Gifts: Civil War Christmas Tales.* William Morrow, \$14.95 ISBN 60013788

This collection of stories from the acclaimed author portrays a flourishing world during the Christmas season despite the horrors of total war. The stories touch upon both the frailties and strengths of human nature.

Pullen, Drew
Drapala, Robert V. , Photographs
Spring 2003

Pullen, Drew and Drapala, Robert V. , Photographs. *Portrait of the Past: The Civil War on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, A Pictorial Tour.* Aerial Perspective, \$29.95 ISBN 966058666

This third book in an illustrated series details the visual aspects of the conflict along the North Carolina coast. Complementing the photography is a written text that places the contemporary and historical photographs in their proper context.

Reasoner, James
Spring 2003

Reasoner, James *Shenandoah: A Novel.* Cumberland House, \$22.95 ISBN 1581822944

Shenandoah is the eighth in a series chronicling the travails of the Brannon Family. The latest installment focuses on the strain placed upon this family as manifested in outright internecine conflicts just before the renewal of war in 1864 with Grant's Overland Campaign.

Tanner, Robert G.
Spring 2003

Tanner, Robert G. *Stonewall in the Valley: Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, Spring 1862.* Stackpole Books, \$22.95 ISBN 811720640

Hailed in 1976 as military history at its best, Robert G. Tanner presents a newly revised and expanded second edition replete with recent scholarship and interpretations based on further investigation and the subsequent discovery of more primary sources.

Browning, Jr., Robert M.
Spring 2003

Browning, Jr., Robert M. *Success is All That Was Expected: The South Atlantic Blockading Squadron During the Civil War.* Brassey's, Inc., \$34.95 ISBN 1574885146

Robert Browning Jr., chief historian of the U.S. Coast Guard, provides an operational history of the Union naval blockade of the Southern coast during the war. This book analyzes the strategy, weaknesses and successes, of the squadron charged with maintaining that blockade.

Craighill, William P.
Spring 2003

Craighill, William P. *The 1862 Army Officer's Pocket Companion: A Manual for Staff Officers in the Field.* Stackpole Books, \$19.95 ISBN 811700208

William P. Craighill, a West Point professor, wrote this guidebook in 1861 to assist officers in managing the rapidly growing armed forces. This fully indexed re-issue addresses the employment of units, logistical procedures, honors and ceremonies, and more.

US War Department
Spring 2003

US War Department *The 1863 U.S. Infantry Tactics: Infantry of the Line, Light Infantry, and Rifleman.* Stackpole Books, \$21.95 ISBN 811700216

Stackpole Books present a pocket edition, and exact reproduction, of this original manual prepared during the Civil War by the US War Department and approved of by the President. The manual offers comprehensive instructions for all levels of infantry and includes illustrations, maps, and a glossary.

Ledbetter, Richard
Spring 2003

Ledbetter, Richard *The Branch and the Vine*. Twisted Pines Recording and Publishing, ISBN 972038906

This novel recounts the story of two Arkansas brothers who fought under the command of Nathan Bedford Forrest. Told from the retrospective point of view of the two aged veterans, the novel is not just a series of battle portraits but a testimony to the strength and power of the human spirit.

O'Reilly, Francis August
Spring 2003

O'Reilly, Francis August *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*. Louisiana State University Press, \$39.95 ISBN 807128090

Drawing upon his own familiarity with the battlefield, O'Reilly discusses the unprecedented nature of Fredericksburg's warfare. The author details the many firsts in battle that occurred there, describes tactical movements through integrated eyewitness accounts, and provides contextual military and political information.

Burton , Orville Vernon, Editor
Burton, Georganne B., Editor
Spring 2003

Burton , Orville Vernon, Editor and Burton, Georganne B., Editor. *The Free Flag of Cuba: The Lost Novel of Lucy Holcombe Pickens*. Louisiana State University Press, \$59.95 ISBN 807128317

This account of the 1851 filibustering expedition to Cuba led by Narciso Lopez was originally published in 1854 under the name H.M. Hardimann. It has recently been discovered that the true author was none other than Lucy Holcombe Pickens, the Queen of the Confederacy, wife of South Carolina secessionist governor Francis W. Pickens. This new edition includes a biographical and historical introduction by the editors.

Moneyhon, Carl H.

Spring 2003

Moneyhon, Carl H. *The Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Arkansas: Persistence in the Midst of Ruin.* University of Arkansas Press, \$19.95 ISBN 155728735X

New in paperback, this study describes Arkansas society before, during, and after the Civil War. Moneyhon argues that Reconstruction allowed for the most powerful state before the war to regain its lofty status all the while instituting a cotton economy based on sharecropping that was not much different than that of the antebellum era.

Conklin, Eileen

Spring 2003

Conklin, Eileen *The Journal of Women's Civil War History, Volume 2: From the Home Front to the Home Lines* *Accounts of the Sacrifice, Achievement, and Service of American Women, 1861-1865.* Thomas Publications, \$11.95 ISBN 1577470915

This second volume in a series dedicated to women's efforts through the war includes overviews and individual biographies. The nine essays in this edition consider both Confederate and Union women in a variety of capacities from female nurses and doctors to writers.

Wagner, Margaret E. , Editor

Gallagher, Gary W. , Editor

Finkelman, Paul, Editor

Spring 2003

Wagner, Margaret E. , Editor, Gallagher, Gary W. , Editor, and Finkelman, Paul, Editor. *The Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference.* Simon & Schuster, \$45.00 ISBN 684863502

Organized topically into thirteen sections including Antebellum America, and Wartime Politics, this comprehensive compendium is geared toward both the novice and the scholarly Civil War enthusiast. This reference book contains a detailed Table of Contents, photographs, and a full index.

Boritt, Gabor, Editor

Spring 2003

Boritt, Gabor, Editor *The Lincoln Enigma: The Changing Faces of an American Icon*. Oxford University Press, \$17.95 ISBN 195156269

Veteran Lincoln scholars, like David Herbert Donald, and rising new voices alike contribute provocative essays on controversial and disputed aspects of Lincoln's life and presidency in this newly released paperback edition. Some of the topics covered are his love life, his career in comparison with Jefferson Davis, Lincoln the peacemaker, Lincoln the constitutionalist, and his plans to send blacks back to Africa.

Zeller, Paul G.

Spring 2003

Zeller, Paul G. *The Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865*. McFarland & Company, \$45.00 ISBN 786412623

Zeller presents an illustrated history of this prolific unit that fought in the Eastern Theater. Their story is told from the perspective of junior officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates through their service records, pension and court-martial records, personal letters, and diaries.

Kime, Wayne R., Editor

Spring 2003

Kime, Wayne R., Editor *The Sherman Tour Journals of Colonel Richard Irving Dodge*. University of Oklahoma Press, \$34.95 ISBN 806134259

This is the last installment of a series of journals written by Dodge spanning the years 1875 through 1883. Recounted here is the daily life along a 10,000-mile inspection tour in the mountainous Western frontier. Dodge offers an account of Sherman in flesh-and-blood-man terms as opposed to the more commonly seen sketches of mythical proportion.

Freehling, William W.
Spring 2003

Freehling, William W. *The South vs. The South : How Anti-Confederate Southerners Shaped the Course of the Civil War.* Oxford University Press, \$15.95 ISBN 195156293

Freehling argues against traditional schools of thought by identifying Southern Union troops as the defining factor in the outcome of the war. This highly acclaimed account, winner of the Jefferson Davis Award, is now in paperback.

Moseley, Ronald, Editor
Spring 2003

Moseley, Ronald, Editor *The Stillwell Letters: A Georgian in Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.* Mercer University Press, \$35.00 ISBN 865548072

This collection of letters from William Ross Stillwell, mostly to his wife Molly, chronicle the two and a half years Stillwell served in the 53rd Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry. The volume is supplemented with a foreword by Herman Hattaway, maps, annotated notes, and an index.

Surovic, Arthur F.
Spring 2003

Surovic, Arthur F. *The Texas Tetrad.* iUniverse, Inc., \$23.95 ISBN 595235859

Arthur F. Surovic offers a fictional account of four brothers from Texas who encounter the adventures and perils of life on the frontier. The novel traces the family's local battles with Native Americans through the travails of the Mexican and Civil Wars.

Pope, Thomas E.

Spring 2003

Pope, Thomas E. *The Weary Boys: Colonel J. Warren Keifer & the 110th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.* Kent State University Press, \$16.00 ISBN 873387295

A unit derided during the war and often ignored by historians, the 110th Ohio Volunteer Infantry more than distinguished itself after being transferred to the Army of the Potomac. Pope chronicles this unit, one of the few from Ohio to have lost more than a hundred men, through its battles in the East.

Discorfano, Ken

Spring 2003

Discorfano, Ken *They Saved the Union at Little Round Top: Gettysburg û July 2, 1863.* Thomas Publications, \$11.95 ISBN 1577470885

The battle at Little Roundtop normally told through the perspective of Chamberlain and other military leaders is revisited through the lens of the common soldier.

Haas, James E.

Spring 2003

Haas, James E. *This Gunner at His Piece: College Point, New York & the Civil War, With Biographies of the Men Who Served.* Gateway Press, \$19.95 ISBN 972413901

College Point sent 226 men to fight for the Union, many of direct German origin. This work, filled with short biographies, tells the stories of their lives from pre- through post-Civil War.

Longacre, Glenn Y. , Editor

Haas, John F. , Editor

Spring 2003

Longacre, Glenn Y. , Editor and Haas, John F. , Editor. *To Battle for God and the Right: The Civil War Letterbooks of Emerson Opdycke.* University of Illinois Press, \$34.95 ISBN 252027744

By the end of the war Emerson Opdycke was recognized as one of the premier volunteer generals to rise up through the ranks. Deemed the savior for the Union at the Battle of Franklin, his letters shed light on such battles as Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Missionary Ridge and provide insightful political and social commentary with observations of Union leaders.