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## ANNOTATIONS

**Nolen, Claude H.**

**Winter 2006**

**Nolen, Claude H.** *African American Southerners in Slavery, Civil War and Reconstruction*. McFarland Press, \$35.00 ISBN 786424516

This is a new paperback edition of Nolen's useful book on the last decade of slavery. It includes an excellent bibliographical essay and was reviewed in the Winter 2002 Issue of *CWBR*.

**Eberly, Robert E. Jr**

**Winter 2006**

**Eberly, Robert E. Jr** *Bouquets from the Cannon's Mouth: Soldiering with the Eight Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserves*. White Mane Books, \$34.95 ISBN 1572493739

This monograph tells the story of the Pennsylvania Reserves, a unit of the Army of the Potomac, from the perception of five volunteers of the Reserves' Eight Regiment. The narrative combines many primary sources, some of them never published before, to tell this story.

**Lepa, Jack H.**

**Winter 2006**

**Lepa, Jack H.** *Breaking the Confederacy: The Georgia and Tennessee Campaigns of 1864*. McFarland Publishing, \$45.00 ISBN 786421789

The author examines the movements and battles of the Army of Tennessee as it moved from Nashville into the Deep South. In 20 chapters, the work covers Sherman's campaigns of 1864.

**Barratt, Peter**

**Winter 2006**

**Barratt, Peter** *Circle of Fire: The Story of the USS Susquehanna in the War of the Rebellion*. Columbiad Press, \$30.00 ISBN 95486640

The USS Susquehanna was one of the Union's few deep sea warships and was in action throughout the Civil War. She took part in many engagements such as the Peninsula Campaign and the Battle for Mobile. Moreover, she captured several Confederate raiders. More than being simply the story of one vessel, this work gives an account of the workings of the Union blockade of the Confederacy.

**Harrington, Hugh T.**

**Winter 2006**

**Harrington, Hugh T.** *Civil War Milledgeville: Tales from the Confederate Capital of Georgia*. \$16.99 ISBN 1596290536

Local historian and author Hugh T. Harrington shows how the tensions of the Civil War worked themselves out in the city of Milledgeville, Ga. Harrington attempts to reveal at a personal level how the war affected the Georgia capital.

**Casstevens, Frances H.**

**Winter 2006**

**Casstevens, Frances H.** *Edward A. Wild and the African Brigade in the Civil War*. McFarland Books, \$35.00 ISBN 786424435

This biography recounts the life of a little known Union abolitionist general that trained and led freed slaves, took a group of North Carolinian women hostage, and was eventually court-martialed. Also, he was a part of the Freedmen's Bureau and the Roanoke Island colony. This is a new paperback edition.

**Galle, Jillian E.**

**Young, Amy L.**

**Winter 2006**

**Galle, Jillian E. and Young, Amy L..** *Engendering African American Archaeology: A Southern Perspective.* University of Tennessee Press, \$35.00 ISBN 1572332778

This collection of essays uses the archeological record in order to examine the construction of gender in the people of African decent during the 18th and 19th centuries. The studies range regionally all over the south and include topics such as gendered residential patterns in Virginia to the practice of midwifery in Louisiana.

**Hyde, Thomas W.**

**Winter 2006**

**Hyde, Thomas W.** *Following the Greek Cross; or, Memoirs of the Sixth Army Corps.* University of South Carolina Press, \$29.95 ISBN 1570036063

Thomas W. Hyde served as a major in the Seventh Main Infantry Regiment and became a part of the Sixth Army Corps after his unit was absorbed within it. While in the Corps, Hyde was promoted to a staff post and served closely with prominent Union officers such as John Sedgwick and Horatio G. Wright.

**Casler, John O.**

**Winter 2006**

**Casler, John O.** *Four Years in the Stonewall Brigade.* University of South Carolina Press, \$25.95 ISBN 1570035954

This new edition of John O. Casler's narrative of his service in the Army of Northern Virginia, which paints a vivid picture of life in one of the unit's most renown units. He served from June 1861 until he was captured in February 1865 and spent the remainder of the war imprisoned at Fort McHenry.

**Taylor, Paul**  
**Winter 2006**

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

This book tracks the journey of the 26th New York Volunteer Infantry from its inception, through the Fredericksburg campaign, to its final battle at Chancellorsville. What makes this unit history unique is that the 26th New York was often put in dire tactical positions and endured horrific losses.

**Flood, Charles**  
**Winter 2006**

**Flood, Charles** *Grant and Sherman: The Friendship that Won the Civil War.* Farrar, Straus, & Giroux Books, \$27.00 ISBN 374166005

This large study examines one of the most important friendships and partnerships of the Civil War. Charles Flood, the author of *Lee: The Last Years*, *Hitler: The Path to Power*, and *Rise, and Fight Again: Perilous Times Along the Road to Independence*, delves into how a friendship formed on the early battlefields of the Civil War would help to win the war for the Union.

**Anderson, Maxine**  
**Winter 2006**

**Anderson, Maxine** *Great Civil War Projects You Can Build Yourself.* Nomad Press, \$14.95 ISBN 974934410

This book for ages 9 and up provides step by step instructions and diagrams on the construction of Civil War projects made from household items. It includes instruction on how to construct periscopes, uniforms, and telegraphs.

**Miller, Richard F.**  
**Winter 2006**

**Miller, Richard F.** *Harvard's Civil War: A History of the Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.* University Press of New England, \$34.95 ISBN 1584655054

Miller has produced an exhaustive history on one Union regiment. This regimental history earned its nickname from having most of its officers being Harvard educated and it gained a reputation for taking on and triumphing over difficult circumstances. Prominent engagements for the regiment include attacking Marye's Heights at Fredricksburg, facing Picket's Charge at Gettysburg, and fighting at the Orange and Plank Roads intersection in the Wilderness.

**McCash, June Hall**  
**Winter 2006**

**McCash, June Hall** *Jekyll Island's Early Years: From Prehistory through Reconstruction.* University of Georgia Press, \$39.95 ISBN 820324477

This study examines the long pre-history of Jekyll Island before it became famous as the Jekyll Island Club with its wealthy clientele such as the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, and Pulitzers. McCash traces the occupancy of the island from the earliest Native American inhabitants, through the early colonial and the Civil War.

**Fifer, Barbara**  
**Winter 2006**

**Fifer, Barbara** *Montana Battlefields.* Farcountry Press, \$14.95 ISBN 1560373091

Fifer's book examines the history and places that figured prominently in the Indian Wars in Montana. This conflict in Montana was a century of incessant warfare with constant skirmishes, small battles, and even full scale wars between the United States military and the Blackfeet, Sioux, Northern Cheyennes,

Arapahos, Gros Ventres, and Nez Perces tribes.

**Pritchard, Russ A. Jr.**

**Winter 2006**

**Pritchard, Russ A. Jr.** *Raiders of the Civil War: Untold Stories of Actions Behind the Lines.* Lyons Press, \$29.95 ISBN 1592286194

This fully illustrated work follows the exploits of Confederate and Union raiders and the effects of their raids upon civilian populations. Important historical figures of this book include Stuart, Sheridan, Dahlgren, Quantrill, Bloody Bill Andersen, and Cushing.

**Robertson, James**

**Winter 2006**

**Robertson, James** *Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen.* Simon & Schuster, \$21.95 ISBN 689857314

This book is a fully illustrated biography of the South's most renowned general for young adults. The text itself is written by one of the country's most prominent scholars of Stonewall Jackson having written the definitive biography of Lee's lieutenant and a companion book for young adults.

**Jakes, John**

**Winter 2006**

**Jakes, John** *Savannah or A Gift for Mr. Lincoln.* Dutton Press, \$23.95 ISBN 525948031

John Jakes most recent novel takes place around the quaint Georgia town during the second half of Sherman's 1864 campaign. The novel follows tumults experienced by Sherman and the mistress of the Georgia Rice plantation.

**Shaw, David W.**

**Winter 2006**

**Shaw, David W.** *Sea Wolf of the Confederacy: The Daring Civil War Raids of Naval Lt. Charles W. Read.* Sheridan House Publishing, \$14.95 ISBN 1574092073

Shaw examines a little studied naval raid and engagement that occurred in the second half of 1863. A Confederate commander of the CSS Florida sailed his vessel north from Brazil and sank 20 Union merchant vessels. This act of piracy caused serious panic in the North leading to nearly 40 union navel vessels seeking to stop the actions of one Confederate raider.

**Monroe, Dan  
Tap, Bruce  
Winter 2006**

**Monroe, Dan and Tap, Bruce.** *Shapers of the Great American Debates: The Civil War.* Greenwood Press, N/A ISBN 313317453

This biographical dictionary includes brief biographies of 19 personalities that were crucial in shaping the debate around the Civil War. Prominent figures included in this book are Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, and Jefferson Davis along with these are lesser studied figures such as James Buchanan, Salmon Chase, William Lowndes Yancey, and George Fitzhugh.

**Marszalek, John F.  
Winter 2006**

**Marszalek, John F.** *Sherman's March to the Sea.* McWhiney Foundation Press, \$14.95 ISBN 1893114163

This brief study, from one of the premiere scholars on Sherman's 1864 campaign, examines Sherman's strategy and how it affected the end of the Confederacy. It delves into the reactions that those in the North and the South had to the campaign and how it continues to influence Americans to this day.



**Newton, George W.**

**Winter 2006**

**Newton, George W.** *Silent Sentinels: A Reference Guide to the Artillery at Gettysburg.* Savas Beatie Press, \$29.95 ISBN 1932714146

Newton's book includes black and white photographs of artillery pieces that would have been used at Gettysburg. In addition, he has included a plethora of tables and graphs giving statistical data about the weapons as well as including information about who had used the different types of artillery during the battle in Pennsylvania.

**Barnes, James J.**

**Barnes, Patience P.**

**Winter 2006**

**Barnes, James J. and Barnes, Patience P..** *The American Civil War through British Eyes: Dispatches from British Diplomats, Volume 2.* Kent State University Press, N/A ISBN 873388305

This book is the second volume in a series that compiles the letters and reports of British diplomats during the American Civil War. This volume contains dispatches starting from April 1862 until February 1863.

**Welch, Richard F.**

**Winter 2006**

**Welch, Richard F.** *The Boy General: The Life and Careers of Francis Channing Barlow.* Kent State University Press, \$24.95 ISBN 873388356

Barlow served with distinction in the Army of the Potomac throughout the war. Trained as a lawyer, he worked his way up from a private to major general and was part of crucial engagements at the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and in Grant's Overland Campaign.

**Casstevens, Frances H.**

**Winter 2006**

**Casstevens, Frances H.** *The Civil War and Yadkin County*. McFarland Books, \$32.00 ISBN 786424443

This study takes an in-depth look at the experience of one North Carolina county during the Civil War. Yadkin County, which was a reluctant participant in the Civil War, contributed 1200 troops to the Confederate War effort. Casstevens examines how the war affected the citizens of the county and how the county responded to the forces thrust upon it.

**Mallison, Fred M.**

**Winter 2006**

**Mallison, Fred M.** *The Civil War on the Outer Banks: A History of the Late Rebellion Along the Coast of North Carolina from Carteret to Currituck*. McFarland Press, \$29.95 ISBN 786424184

Stretching from the Virginia Capes to Oregon Inlet, the coast of North Carolina dotted with barrier islands has four important ports; Beaufort, Wilmington, New Bern, and Ocracoke. This study examines the effect of the Civil War and the actions taken on the North Carolina Coast.

**Larabee, Ann**

**Winter 2006**

**Larabee, Ann** *The Dynamite Fiend: The chilling Tale of a Confederate Spy, Con Artist, and Mass Murderer*. Global Publishing at St. Martin's Press, \$24.95 ISBN 1403967946

The author of the 19th century's crime of the century began his career as a Confederate spy. Keith, following the war, continued to have an obsession with explosives and posed as a prosperous American business man in Germany. While there he planted a bomb on a dock which killed 80 people, earning him

the name Dynamite fiend.

**Eagleburger, Len**  
**Winter 2006**

**Eagleburger, Len** *The Fighting 10th: The History of the 10th Missouri Cavalry US.* N/A, N/A ISBN 1414016441

The records of the 10th Missouri Cavalry were lost with the sinking of the Steamer B.M. Runyan but Eagleburger has sought to reconstruct the records in this book. Working from three incomplete histories of the regiment, he has put together the chronology and history of the regiment as well as an extensive roster.

**Copeland, David A., Editor**  
**Winter 2006**

**Copeland, David A., Editor** *The Greenwood Library of American War Reporting.* Greenwood Press, \$995.00 ISBN 313329419

This book is the third volume of a collection that spans the whole of American War reporting from the Revolution until the Gulf War. Each volume presents an unfiltered presentation of American history through primary press sources.

**Simon, John Y., editor**  
**Winter 2006**

**Simon, John Y., editor** *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant Volume 27: January 1-October 31, 1876.* Southern Illinois University Press, \$27.95 ISBN 809326310

This immense collection of Grant's writings, published under the auspices of the Ulysses S. Grant Association in partnership with Southern Illinois University, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, with the 27th volume includes

the papers from the last year of his presidency. This volume includes Grant's last address to Congress and his trip to Europe as he comments on the nation and the Civil War.

**Patch, Eileen M, Annotator**

**Winter 2006**

**Patch, Eileen M, Annotator** *This From George: The Civil War Letters of Sergeant George Magusta Englis 1861-1865 Company K, 89th New York Regiment of Volunteer Infantry known as Dickinson Guard.* Broome County Historical Society, \$25.00 ISBN 1930484038

This collection of letters includes in addition to the text and annotations photographs of some of the original letters and pictures of artifacts and photos of the regiment. The editor has also included extensive appendixes with information about the Englis family and the 89th New York Regiment.