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## Alabama and Mississippi mark Confederate Memorial Day

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama and Mississippi closed most government offices Monday, April 24th, for Confederate Memorial Day as efforts have stalled to abolish state holidays that honor the old Confederacy.

Legislation has been introduced in the ongoing Alabama legislative session to remove, alter or rename Confederate-related holidays, but the effort has so far gained little traction.

Camille Bennett, the founder of Project Say Something, an organization that has worked for the removal of Confederate monuments in Alabama, said the determination to keep Confederate holidays comes at the same time Alabama lawmakers push legislation banning so called “divisive concepts” from being taught in state classrooms and diversity training for state workers.

“On one side, you have white conservative men defining what divisive is and what it means. ... At the same time, you are honoring the Confederacy, which in itself is a divisive concept. It’s really hypocritical, quite tone deaf,” Bennett said.

An Alabama Senate committee last week rejected a proposal to separate the joint state holiday celebrating Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the same day.

She lost her home over taxes, but the county made out fine. Supreme Court will decide if that’s fair.

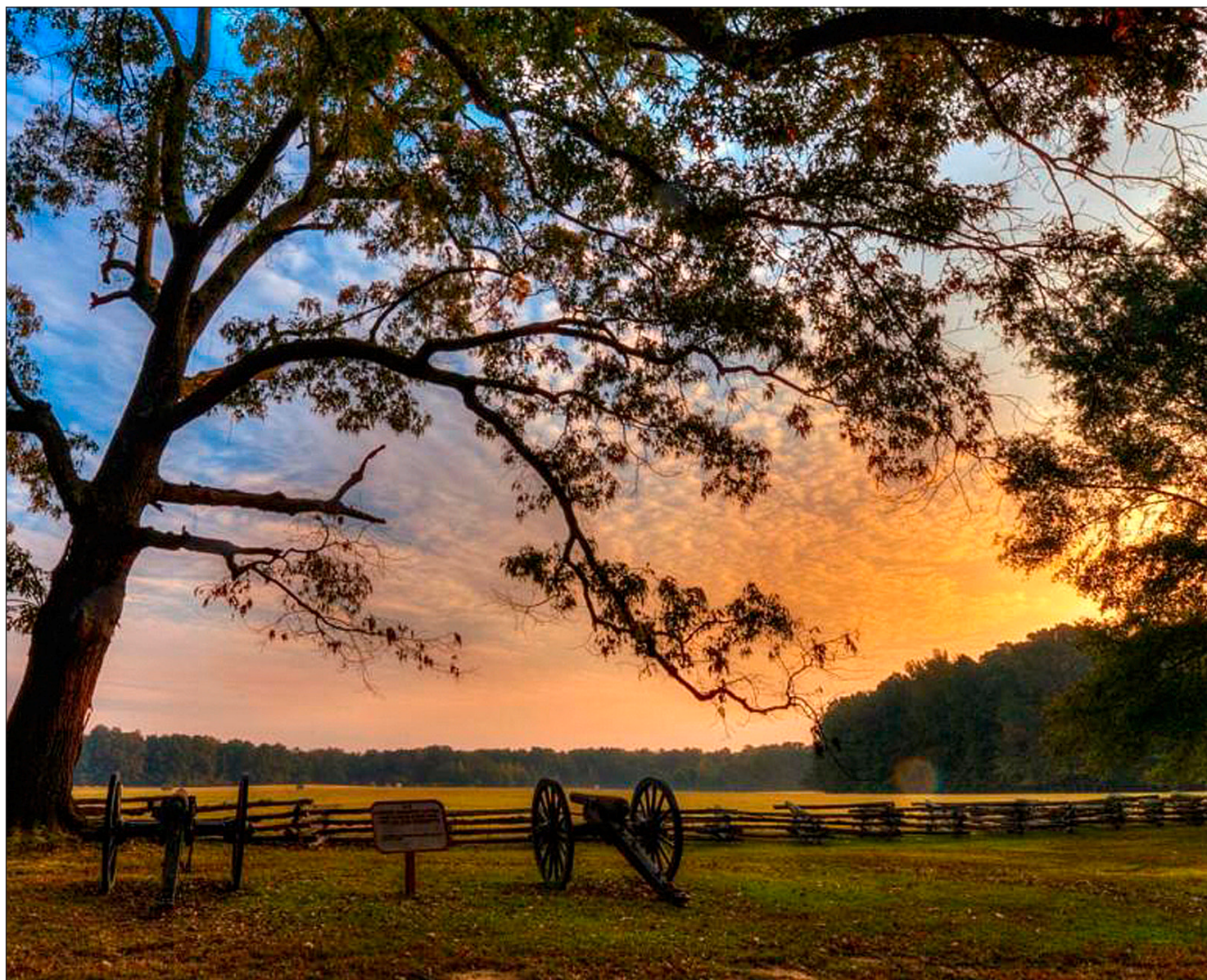
“We’re trying to separate the holidays of two men whose ideologies were totally separate, from one end of the totem pole to the other. One believed in justice and fairness for all, and another believed in slavery,” state Sen. Vivian Davis Figures said.

Figures’ bill would have kept Lee’s holiday but moved it to Columbus Day in October. “Whoever wants to honor either man will have their own day,” she said.

The vote split along racial lines, Figures said at the end of the meeting, with white Republicans voting against it and Black Democrats voting for it.

Several Southern states have ended

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From 1862 to 1865, these were places where some of the fiercest fighting raged and thousands of soldiers lost their lives. And where some of the final battles of the Civil War were fought, including the very last Confederate victories.

As Civil War historian Steven A. Woodworth has noted: “The Virginia front was by far the more prestigious theater ... Yet the war’s outcome was decided not there

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While the properties we are trying to preserve span four different years and four states, they are all connected by the ebb and flow of the War. And, by connecting the dots between these battles, each plays a crucial part in the story of the Civil War.

### Chickamauga, Georgia

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# Civil War Burn Treatment Research

*Editor's Note: We at the Civil War Courier would like to share our sincere gratitude to Trevor for his 25 years of medical article contributions. Happy Anniversary, Trevor. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for our organization.*

## BY TREVOR STEINBACH

The majority of ancient burn care consisted of topical therapies and can be traced back centuries. One of the earliest records of burn treatment was described in an Egyptian Papyrus written in 1600 BC.

In the document, the doctor used a resin and honey salve for treating burns. The Ebers Papyrus in 1500 BC described the use of a wide variety of substances to treat burn wounds.

By 600 BC, the Chinese described the use of tea leaf abstracts and tinctures for burns.

Many famous philosophers and physicians have contributed to burn wound management. Hippocrates, in 400 BC, described the use of bulky dressings impregnated with rendered pig fat and resin alternated with warm vinegar soaks.

Afterwards the application of tanning solutions made from oak bark. By the 1st century AD, Celsus described the use of wine and myrrh as a burn lotion, which actually could reduce bacteria in the wound.

The first Muslim description of first aid for burns was around 854 AD -925 CE, by Muhammad ibn Zakariya al-Razi, an Arabian physician who recommended cold water for the relief of pain from burns.

The first classification of burn depth actually goes back to the 16th century. Guilihelmus Fabricus Hildanus, often regarded as the founder of surgery in Germany, in 1634 recognized the link between the length of time the heat of the burn acts on the body and the resulting tissue damage.

Hildanus categorized it into three stages; the first stage was

characterized by skin redness and blisters with colorless fluid, the second stage by skin redness and blisters with yellow fluid, and the third, most serious stage, by the lack of blistering, and hard, dry skin that was blue or black and the lack of pain.

He went on to publish *De Combustionibus* in 1670, which discussed the study of burns and contributed to treatment steps that may be helpful in less serious cases.

The three-stage method of description was also utilized by Van Alberding in 1681, but he categorized it as light burns with blistering, contraction of the skin and underlying flesh with crusts.

The practice of classifying burns in 'degrees' was introduced in the 18th century. Two German surgeons, Heister (1724) and Richter (1788) classified burns into four degrees: First degree: Heat, pain and small blisters, Second degree: Severe pain and large blisters, Third degree: Damage to the skin and underlying flesh, with crust formation, Fourth degree: Damage to all soft tissues down to the bone. We are more familiar with three components of the system he developed.

In 19th century, Guillaume Dupuytren developed a classification of burn depth after a review of the care of 50 patients. This classification divided burns into six degrees.

However, today we use a three degree classification system and this may be attributed to a French surgeon, Boyer, and was introduced in the beginning of the 18th century (1814).

This classification divided burns into the following three degrees: First degree: Erythema (reddening of the skin), Second degree: Blistering of the skin leading to a skin blister that is often raised and inflamed and can have a clear liquid inside of the blister, and Third degree: The skin is charred-black, dry and

leathery.

The idea of excising burns (removing dead tissue) existed in ancient times, in 1510-1590 AD, 400 years ahead of his time, Ambroise Pare, was one of the first to describe early burn wound excision. In 1607, Hildanus also recommended removal of dead tissue to allow drainage of serous fluid and allow better application of medical preparations.

The benefit of surgical removal was reduced by poor hygiene and lack of antiseptic techniques. This led to a high rate of infection and blood loss.

At this time, there were very rudimentary systems of wound management.

The practice of early burn excision was abandoned even though physicians recognized the importance of the early removal of dead tissues to improve the bodies' response. Patients with third degree burns could only rest in hospitals while their eschars, which were invariably infected, sloughed off.

This left the open wounds that healed slowly and painfully with the patient having a disabled body part from the burn.

It was during the Civil War that Dr. Joseph F. Montgomery experimented with burn management. On a California night, December 11, 1863, an explosion happened. It occurred in the home of Mrs. C (as he reported), 8 miles from San Francisco. The sudden explosion of a keg of blasting powder in which three of her children, two boys and one girl were significantly burnt. One of the boys died hours after the accident. According to Dr. Joseph F. Montgomery in his 1872 journal *Burns and Scalds: Their Treatment, with Cases*, he was called to see the two remaining children, one girl age, 16, and one boy, age 14 for which they had endured severe burns.

According to Dr. Montgomery, "These two, with an older brother, were together in a sitting-room; the girl sitting with her feet to a stove seeking relief

from tooth-ache, while the boys were engaged in pulverizing the coarse powder, to fit it for fowling purposes, by pouring it upon the solid bottoms of wooden chairs and rolling over it common bottles. In this process it became more or less scattered over the floor, and while the older boy was in the act of pouring upon the bottom of one chair some of this explosive agent, from the keg containing about twenty-five pounds of it, the younger one, in childish thoughtlessness, ignited with a lighted match what was strewn upon the seat of another, simply to remove it thus, instead of by wiping or brushing, when the scattered grains acted as a train, the flame communicated with the contents of the keg and exploded the whole mass."

The older boy died in a few hours, and the others were affected as stated.

These patients were seen soon after the accident by another surgeon of the city, who made the first dressing with cotton batting partially saturated with linimentum calcis (solution of lime and linseed oil (olive oil.), equal parts; used for burns and scalds). Dr. Montgomery took charge of the cases the following day.

The house in which they were at the time of the accident, a single-story frame building, being extensively damaged and rendered unfit, in consequence, for occupancy, they had been removed, each to a separate neighboring house about a quarter of a mile apart, and provided with different nurses.

The girl, F. L. C. (Case Number 2), was burned over the head, face, neck, a small portion of the back extending from the neck down between the shoulder blades, the arms, the left one deeply, forearms and hands, and the lower extremities from midway the thighs to the soles of the feet.

The boy, W. C. (Case Number 3), was burned over the head, face, neck, forearms and hands, and the lower extremities from

about midway the thighs, as in the other case, to the soles of the feet. His injuries on the hands and wrists, and on the knees, extending some inches above and below them, were much more penetrating, so that in those parts there was significant skin and cellular tissue damage.

In comparing these cases, Dr. Montgomery perceived that the injuries in Number 2 were more extensive, but more superficial; while in Number 3 they were a little less extensive but much more penetrating.

When seeing these patients, they were both feverish and restless, and complained alike of smarting and general discomfort in the blistered surface. Dr. Montgomery stated, "I ordered small doses of morphia, as seemed necessary to allay pain and procure rest, and sulphate of quinia every three hours to control fever and sustain the vital powers.

A plain nutritious diet was advised, milk being the chief article recommended; and after renewing the dressing of cotton batting saturated with the oil and limewater liniment, retained in accurate contact with the body by ample strips of cotton cloth folded snugly about the limb or other part, and secured well with pins, they were left for the night."

Before leaving, he ordered that ground slippery elm bark should be obtained, that well-cooked poultice should be applied to the burns.

Both patients were made comfortable, and improved by the evening of the 13th. On the night of the 16th, he was summoned to revisit the patients, as a change for the worse in their condition had occurred.

The girl appeared in great agony. The poultice was reapplied and bandaged as well as possible. In spite of his efforts; she died on the 19th in a delirious but exhausted state.

The doctor concluded that if

## Western

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capture of Reed's Bridge, which opened the larger battle. It's also located close to a growing residential development, which means it forms a crucial buffer to protect the visitor experience from unsightly sprawl.

At the Battle of Chickamauga, 125,000 men fought and more than 34,000 were killed, wounded, or went missing in the second-bloodiest battle of the entire Civil War. This is hallowed ground, and we must save it.

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This tract witnessed significant maneuvering and combat during the battle. Late in May 1864, Confederate General Nathan Bedford For-

rest launched an expedition into Middle Tennessee, intending to wreak havoc along the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, a vital supply line for General William Sherman's Union armies as they moved toward Atlanta. Despite being outnumbered, Forrest and his troops outmaneuvered the Union men and forced them to retreat — inflicting casualties at a rate of five-to-one and taking control of the field.

### Wyse Fork, North Carolina

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On this ground the Confederate Army of Tennessee, a mere ghost of its former self following heavy losses, attacked across the field, driving the Union skirmishers back to their main line of defense along Wyse Fork.

Their victory in taking the ground was short-lived, and in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, the men at Wyse Fork are a true expression of valor and courage.

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### Shiloh, Tennessee

During the Battle of Shiloh Union forces, under the leadership of General Ulysses S. Grant, rallied to win the second day after losing the first day. Also known as the Battle of Pittsburg Landing, the actions of Grant and his men made this battlefield among the most famous of the Western Theater.

The carnage was unprecedented, and the human toll of the battle marked the greatest of any war on the American continent up to that date.

Today, we can secure a small but strategic two-acre tract that will expand our holdings to the east, near the heart of some of the fiercest fighting!

The Battle of Shiloh reminds us that vigilance is imperative. As the sun set on April 6, 1862, General Pierre G. T. Beauregard, who had just ascended to the Confederate command following the battlefield death of General Albert Sidney Johnson, believed his army victorious. He did not know that Don Carlos Buell's Army of the Ohio had just arrived with reinforcements for General Grant.

As Grant's army attacked the next morning at 06:00, the Confederates were suddenly outnumbered.

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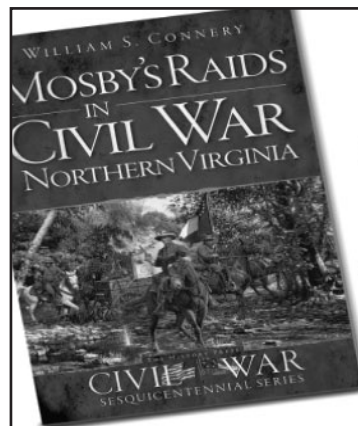
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The most famous War Between the States name in Northern Virginia, other than General Robert E. Lee, is Colonel John Singleton Mosby, the Gray Ghost. He stands out among nearly one thousand generals who served in the war, celebrated most for his raids that captured Union general Edwin Stoughton in Fairfax Court House and Colonel Daniel FrenchDulany in Rose Hill, near Alexandria. By 1864, he was a feared partisan guerrilla in the North and a nightmare for Union troops protecting Washington City. After the war, his support for presidential candidate Ulysses S. Grant forced Mosby to leave his native Virginia for Hong Kong as U.S. consul. A personal mentor to young George S. Patton, Mosby's military legacy extended to World War II. William S. Connery brings alive the many dimensions of this American hero.

## Medical

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the treatment he had prescribed had been faithfully carried out; he believed that recovery would have been the result of her case. Improper dressings, the exclusion of air, and the extensive burned surfaces destroyed her life before it could heal.

On the 16th, her brother was found to be calm and rational. His nurses having keeping the injured surfaces constantly enveloped in the poultice.

He was given stimulates and then using tonics and a nutritious diet, along with the changing of the dressings at proper intervals, he was able to sleep and rest.

He recovered without any scars that would noticeably disfigure his appearance. He was also able to avoid scarred or distorted limbs that would interfere with their usefulness.

During the treatment, the poultice was adhered to the burns using dressings.

Towards the close of the case mild and gentle astringent ointments were employed in instead of the poultice.

Sub-nitrate of bismuth in glycerin was also used with a satisfactory result. Monsel's salt, finely pulverized, and solid nitrate of silver were also used.

About four weeks after the ex-

plosion, scarlet fever appeared among other children in the house, and this patient had the disease severely. Upon his eventual recovery he is now "engaged in the laborious trade of the black smith."

In his notes, Dr. Montgomery indicated that, "By applying these substances on their burns with cotton strips of wool, (he) managed to at least make their pain tolerable.

The girl's extensive superficial burns became too much for the dressing changes to have an impact to soothe and prevent infection.

She passed away on the 19th,

leaving her brother to fight for survival. Though he received dressing changes daily, he appeared to have growth of his skin where there were burns.

Solid Nitrate of Silver was also used during this time period. According to R.J Fernandez' journal Historical Evolution of Burn Surgery, this helped reduce the chance of infection and improve rehabilitation. It was first made popular in the mid 1800's by Guillaume Dupuytren, who is known as the father of plastic surgery.

During the 1800s, burn care and their cases were actually seen as impossible to survive

in the field of medicine. With successful cases like these two children's being reported, burn care became more possible in the field of medicine. With the refinement of techniques, the field became more respectable. Thanks to the combinations of acidic ointments being used in wound dressings, many burn patients in the 1800's were able to survive the trauma of a severe burn injury.

Until next time....

Your Obt. Servant,  
Surgeon Trevor Steinbach  
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## Day

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or renamed Confederate holidays. Louisiana in 2022 removed Robert E. Lee Day and Confederate Memorial Day from the list of state holidays. Georgia in 2015 renamed Confederate Memorial Day to "State Holiday." Arkansas in 2017 ended the practice of commemorating Lee and King on the same day.

Mississippi Public Broadcasting on Monday had historians read Mississippi's secession declaration, which makes clear that slavery was the central issue.

Mary Jane Meadows, a member of the north Mississippi chapter of the Indivisible advocacy group, told Mississippi Public Broadcasting that the group protested Confederate Memorial Day last year and planned to do the same for 2023.

"That means that 25,000 or more state employees have a day off with pay courtesy of the Mississippi taxpayers, 39% of whom are Black persons who are voters and taxpayers," Meadows said.

Some government offices in Mississippi remained open Monday, including courts in majority-Black Hinds County.

Bennett said she believes the continued recognition of Confederate holidays "speaks to the blatant disregard of the humanity of Black Alabamians."

"We experienced a Holocaust, right. We experienced our families being ripped apart, and there is a celebration saying, 'We wish things could have stayed the same,'" Bennett said.



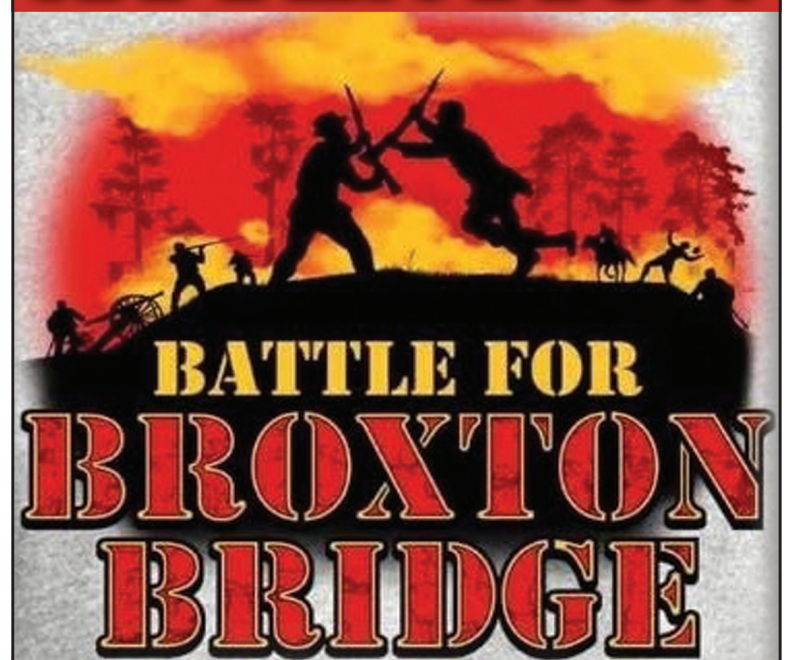
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# The Saga of Joseph E. Cornett

## 5th Kentucky Infantry/10th KY Mounted Rifles, Co. F

BY RICHARD G. BROWN &  
DAVID CHALTAS

How quickly the flower fades. With the rising generation, the former one slips into the mist. It rests upon our shoulders to remember and honor those who have gone before us.

This is our mission and passion. One of those unsung heroes of Letcher County is Joseph E. Cornett. He served the county well. This is a brief glimpse into his life.

Joseph E. Cornett was born April 28, 1814, near the mouth of Bull Creek in Perry County, Kentucky. He was the son of William Jesse Cornett and Mary Everage Cornett. William was a veteran of the Revolutionary War and had settled near the Perry and Letcher County line in the late 1790's. Several of his grandsons and great grandsons joined the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

Joseph married Sarah (Sally) Brown, daughter of John Quincy Brown in 1837.

John had been a soldier in the War of 1812 and was reported to have been the first schoolteacher in Letcher County. Joseph and Sarah raised several children on Dry Fork Creek in Letcher County.

They had the following 10 children:

John B.-1837-Elizabeth Hays  
Samuel A-1840-Raney Whitaker-Susan Shepherd-Nan Engle-Alcey Couch

Benjamin-1848-Dicy Roberts  
Elizabeth-1852-Ira Stamper  
Rachel-1855-James Back  
Nancy-1857-Elihu Maggard  
Stephen-1860-Elizabeth Mullins

William-1860-Elizabeth Banks  
Sarah-1865-Wiley M. Stamper  
Squire-1869

Joseph was instrumental in the formation of Letcher County as

well as the city of Whitesburg.

He was the second Judge of Letcher County as well as County Surveyor for many years.

He was a self-taught doctor and studied the Indian method of using herbs and plants for medicine.

He owned several hundred acres of land on Dry Fork Creek, which was about three miles west of Whitesburg.

According to family records, he was called Big Footed Joe because he wore size 16 shoes.

When the War for Southern Independence began, he enlisted in Company F, 5th Kentucky Infantry, in 1861, despite his age. Captain Ben E. Caudill, the nephew of Joseph, raised this company.

Ben's mother was Rachel Cornett Caudill, a sister to Joseph E. Cornett. This regiment was under the command of Colonel John S. Williams and was in the Army of East Kentucky. Gen-

eral Humphrey Marshall was in charge of this army.

Joseph began his training as a soldier in the large bottoms along the North Fork of the Kentucky River just west of Whitesburg.

These bottoms were just over the ridge from Joseph's house on Dry Fork.

Joseph participated in several local skirmishes before the regiment was transferred to Virginia.

While stationed in Tazewell County, Virginia, he became tired of army life and asked to be discharged.

Due to his health and age, this request was granted so Joseph walked back to Letcher County.

In the fall of 1862, Company F of the 5th Kentucky Infantry was disbanded due to the end of its enlistment.

At this time Captain Ben Caudill was given permission to organize a regiment of mounted infantry, which was named the

10th Kentucky Mounted Rifles. When Joseph's two sons, John, and Samuel, joined the regiment, Joseph couldn't resist and rode along with them.

Once more he was a part of army life.

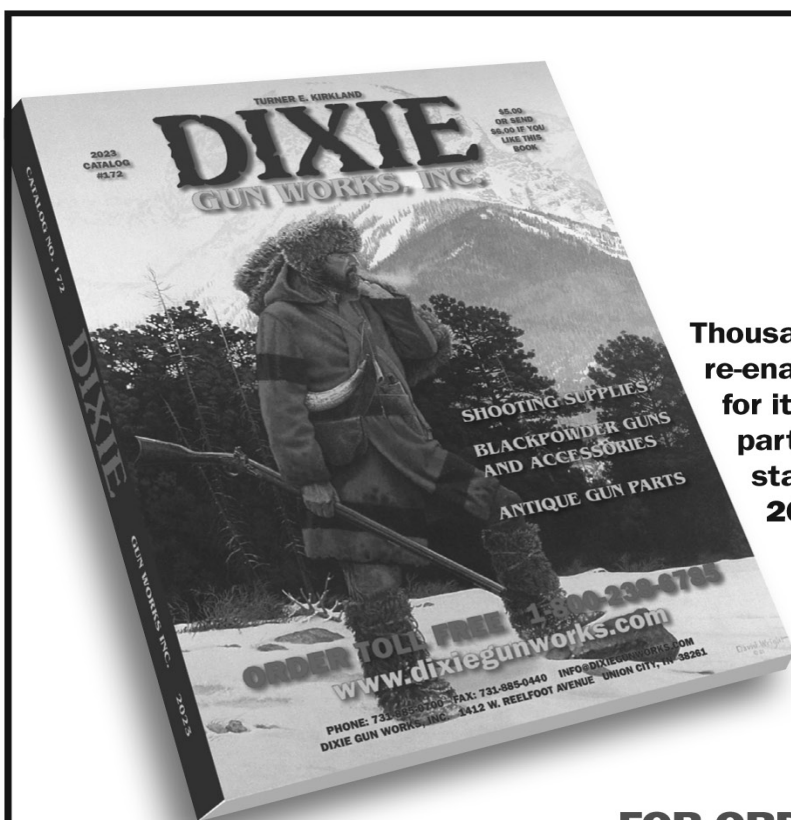
During his stay with the 10th Kentucky Mounted Rifles, he was shot in the hip by a Yankee soldier and once more returned home.

He would limp from this wound for the rest of his life.

Joseph and Sarah continued to live in their two-story log house on Dry Fork Creek for the rest of their lives.

Joseph died on May 30, 1891, and is buried in the Westwood Cemetery at the mouth of Sandlick Creek near Whitesburg.

His grave is marked with a Confederate tombstone and is located beside dozens of unmarked graves of Confederate soldiers that died in the military hospital in Whitesburg.



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# Barton and the Red Cross

Clara Barton Highlights of an Extraordinary Life

Born December 25, 1821, in North Oxford, Massachusetts, Clara Barton was the fifth child of Stephen and Sarah Barton. After an early career in teaching, Clara moved to Washington, D.C., and worked at the U.S. Patent Office. She was one of the first women to work for the federal government.

## Angel of the Battlefield

Clara was still living in Washington when the American Civil War began in 1861. During that time, she bravely provided nursing care and supplies to soldiers — activities that ultimately defined her life and earned her the nickname, Angel of the Battlefield. When the war ended, Clara found new ways to help the military. With permission from President Lincoln, she opened the Office of Missing Soldiers, helping to reconnect more than 20,000 soldiers with their families.

During a trip to Switzerland in 1869, Clara learned about the Red Cross movement, a European humanitarian effort to provide neutral aid to those injured in combat. Inspired by that cause, Clara volunteered with the International Committee of the Red Cross, providing civilian relief during the Franco-Prussian War. This experience, along with her work during the Civil War, inspired Clara to bring the Red Cross movement to America.

## Founding the American Red Cross

On May 21, 1881, Clara founded the American Red Cross, and by 1882, the U.S. ratified the Geneva Conventions — laws that, to this day, protect the war-wounded and civilians in conflict zones. This later resulted in a U.S. congressional charter, officially recognizing Red Cross services.

Clara Barton served as Red Cross president for 23 years, retiring in 1904. After a lifetime of service, Clara died at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland, on April 12, 1912.

To this day Clara's legacy lives on, reflected in the spirit of Red Cross volunteers and employees. Because of one woman, Clara Barton, the American Red Cross brings help and hope across the nation and around the world.



# Civil War Courier Book Reviews

## The Real Horse Soldiers: Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid Through Mississippi

COURIER BOOK REVIEWED BY  
GREG M. ROMANECK

When Benjamin Grierson was an eight-year-old, he convinced his mother to allow him to accompany his elder brother on a work day to be spent clearing land for future planting.

Despite the fact that some drinking might occur during this rough-and-ready workday, Benjamin's mother allowed her young son to go.

Unfortunately, trouble did occur in the form of a spooked horse.

At first young Benjamin was able to steady the balky horse when it tried to run away. However, after Benjamin thought he had calmed his horse, it reared up and kicked him flush in the face. Benjamin Grierson was rendered unconscious and would remain in a sort of coma state for several days.

During this time Benjamin was viewed by his loved ones to be at death's door. When Grierson awakened, he still suffered from temporary blindness and a large gash which, in future years, he would conceal beneath his beard.

From that day forward, some people described Grierson as a boy, and

then a man, who was exceedingly cautious around horses.

Ironically, this man who sometimes doubted the reliability of horses, went on to lead one of the most amazing cavalry actions of the entire Civil War.

It is the story of Colonel Benjamin Grierson, and the 1863 cavalry raid that he led, which are the focus of this thoughtful campaign history.

In telling the story of Grierson's Raid, as this action was labeled, military historian Timothy B. Smith, takes his readers back to a time when the fate of the Union was certainly in doubt. In the months prior to Gettysburg and the Confederate defeat at Vicksburg, it seemed quite possible that the forces of the South might well achieve their independence.

Then, after the twin defeats in Pennsylvania and Mississippi, the tide turned, and Federal hopes flourished. What was not as clear was the importance of Colonel Grierson and the three cavalry regiments and one artillery unit he commanded, in terms of their impact upon the strategic initiatives beginning launched by the Union.

In this book readers will learn about the daring raid that Grierson commanded, its impact upon Confederate fortunes along the Mississippi River, and the men who made up the intrepid Union cavalry formation

that literally road through the length of the State of Mississippi.

In telling the story of Grierson's raid, a primary focus is on the commander of the Union raiders and how his personal qualities contributed to eventual success. Benjamin Grierson was a man who had a loving wife, two beloved sons, and a history of failure as a professional. Grierson was a splendid musician who often earned a living as a music teacher, but he was also a failure as a businessman.

Time and again, Grierson started businesses or took on commercial tasks only see them flounder and fail.

To Grierson's great embarrassment, on more than one occasion, he was forced to take up residence with his wife and children in the home of his father and mother-in-law due to fiscal necessity.

Not a professional soldier by trade, the coming of the Civil War was an opportunity for Grierson to restart his life and gain success in a field he might never had entered into.

However, once engaged as a Union cavalryman, Grierson shone as a leader of men.

The past experiences wherein Grierson had to overcome adversity and persevere in the face of setbacks served him well as a cavalry commander and certainly were essential in his famous raid.

In terms of the raid itself, Grierson's

roughly 1,700 men were sent into Mississippi as a diversion designed to misdirect Confederate attention away from General Grant's army while they initiated a dangerous movement past Vicksburg and onto the eastern shores of the mighty Mississippi River.

Once Grierson and his men left LaGrange, Tennessee and entered into Mississippi, they were not sure exactly where they would go or how long they would remain behind enemy lines. As it turned out, Grierson led his men the length of Mississippi and covered over 600 miles in roughly 16 days.

During the raid, Grierson and his men were forced to ford dozens of rivers and streams, engage in numerous skirmishes, and, on more than one occasion, fight some tough engagements.

When Grierson led his men into Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 2, 1863, he had accomplished his mission of distracting General Pemberton's forces from Grant's initiatives, and did so with approximately 15 casualties within his force.

For his leadership, Grierson was breveted to the rank of Brigadier General and his reputation was established not only in the northern states, but also in the Confederacy.

The story of Benjamin Grierson did not end after his legendary raid.

General Grierson went on to lead men in combat for the balance of the Civil War. At war's end, Grierson held the breveted rank of major general and was esteemed by almost everyone. After the Civil War, Grierson remained in the army and went west to lead the 10th U.S. Cavalry, an African American regiment that served with honor in the American West. Grierson retired from military service in 1890, two years after the death of his beloved wife, Alice. Twenty-one years later, Grierson, himself died at the age of eighty-five, and was buried in Jacksonville, Illinois, the town where he established his adult life.

Yet, despite all of the military and personal accomplishments Benjamin Grierson encountered in his life, it is for his ride through Mississippi in 1863 that he was most remembered for.

The story of that raid, the men who participated in it, and especially the man who orchestrated and led it are both fascinating and sometimes almost unbelievable.

Yet, those events did happen and facts can sometimes seem fantastical as they do in the efforts of Colonel Grierson and his hard-riding cavalrymen.

The story of those long-gone men and the work they did for 16 days in 1863 Mississippi are well represented in this scholarly and readable book.



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Readers with an interest in Civil War cavalry will surely appreciate historian Smith's account of this amazing raid and the men who carried it out.

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**Five for Freedom: The African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army**

**COURIER BOOK REVIEWED BY GREG M. ROMANECK**

On December 2, 1859, John Brown handed a note to one of his jailers just before he was hung for his failed attempt to seize the Federal Arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

Looking back at his actions and belief that the United States could be rid of slavery in relatively simple ways, Brown wrote, "I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of this guilty land will never be purged away but with blood. I had, as I now think, vainly flattered myself that without very much bloodshed it might be done."

A few hours after writing these prophetic words, John Brown was executed and the stage was even more plainly set for the cataclysm of the American Civil War.

Just six weeks prior to his execution, Brown had set out to take action at Harper's Ferry that he believed would trigger the very rapid downfall of America's "Peculiar Institu-

tion." With the launching of his raid on October 16, 1859, Brown ignited a powder-keg of hatred that not only resulted in his own death and the destruction of his 19-man raiding party, but also cemented the opposing viewpoints that eventually fractured the United States.

While the events surrounding John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry are well known, what is often neglected is the fact that five men, making up more than 25% of Brown's raiding force, were African Americans who chose to risk their very lives for a chance, remote though they knew it to be, to end the vile institution of slavery.

In Eugene Meyer's *Five for Freedom*, readers will meet five brave men who, for various reasons, gravitated to the cause and actions espoused by John Brown. Each of these five men joined this fight for their own reasons and because of their individual backgrounds. Ambrose Perry Anderson, whose grandfather was a Hessian Soldier who was nursed back to health by a Black family which he married into, was a dedicated abolitionist who fled to Canada to lead a life in freedom and was fortunate enough to be the sole survivor among the five Black men who marched with John Brown. Shields Green, sometimes referred to as "The Emperor" due to his ancestral ties to African royalty, was a firm supporter of Frederick Douglass, who felt duty-bound to take overt action against slavery. Dangerfield Newby was a man committed to the liberation of his wife and children who were held in bondage by slave owners who he hoped to dislodge by his actions at Harper's Ferry.

John Anthony Copeland was a skilled carpenter who made a life in liberal Oberlin, Ohio and risked ev-

erything to take up arms and join John Brown. Lewis Sheridan Leary, who was related to Copeland and who would become the grandfather of the famous poet Langston Hughes, left his successful harness and saddle-making business in Oberlin to fight against the institution of slavery that had dogged his family and people for all to man years. Of these five men, two would die alongside John Brown, two more would be captured and hung, and only one would survive to fight as a Union soldier in the Civil War.

In telling the stories of these five African American men who chose to fight for freedom rather than hope for the best, Meyer goes into great detail about the backgrounds of each of them. The actual raid on Harper's Ferry, is but a small part of this book.

While Meyer does a fine job of detailing the events leading up to, during, and after the three days that John Brown's contingent fought at Harper's Ferry, this content makes up just a portion of the book. In addition, the author takes his readers on a journey that ties not only to the past, but to the present as well.

One of the more unique and engaging aspects of this book is the author's ability to connect the reader with historic events while simultaneously linking them to people and happenings of our own age. For example, Meyer spends a number of pages tracing the genealogy of each of the five Black men who took part in John Brown's raid.

This journey unveils not only the individual family trees of the five fighters, but also how race impacts upon life in America. Readers will learn that in several instances, the descendants of the African American

soldiers at Harper's Ferry had complex family lineages that included relatives who self-identified as Caucasian, African American, or mixed race.

In some instances, these descendants experienced a surprising element in their lives when they discovered that the racial profile they believed to be their family's lineage was at best incomplete, and all too often the result of conscious efforts to ignore.

Likewise, the issues of race and prejudice that are so much a part of the history of the United States are also touched on in many ways within this book. Stories such as how Storer College was founded as a school for Black people only to be constrained, and ultimately destroyed, because of segregationist politics is handled as an off-shoot of the main narrative.

Likewise, the dedication of a monument to Haywood Shepherd, the African American freedman and railroad employee, who was the first fatality during Brown's raid and was used as a symbol of the goodness of docile Black people by segregationist politicians, is also justly presented as a legacy of the events of October 1859.

In some the most moving portions of Meyer's book, readers are introduced to a selection of the descendants of the five Black men who fought at Harper's Ferry on John Brown's side. Time and again, many of these folks were startled to discover just what one of their ancestors had done.

The stories of these five men were not commonly taught in the history classes their descendants took in school. These events were also rarely researched or discussed in many ar-

eas of Civil War studies during the decades of oppression and subjugation that African Americans experienced.

However, now, at a time when polarization is a striking issue in American society, it is altogether fitting and proper that such lives be investigated, revealed, and celebrated. In writing about these five men who sacrificed everything to stand up against slavery, Eugene Meyer has shone a light of understanding on a topic that for all too many decades remained hidden in the shadows.

Readers with a desire to know more about not only John Brown's Harper's Ferry raid, but also how race has functioned in America's past, and continues to in its present, will do well to consult Eugene Meyer's book.

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**Abraham Lincoln**  
**COURIER BOOK REVIEWED BY GREG M. ROMANECK**

Twenty years ago, the Penguin Press determined that a book about Abraham Lincoln would be a worthy addition to their storied short biography series. The Penguin Lives series was designed to connect talented writers with important subjects in order to tell the compelling stories of influential or accomplished people, and to do so in a concise manner. Typically, biographies in this series were less than 200 pages and made up for their brevity with the depth provided by the biographers themselves. In the case of Abraham Lincoln, a choice was made to select a writer of fiction rather than a historian to delve into the complicated, surprising, and impactful life of the man who would be president during the American Civil War. That writer was Thomas Keneally, a talented novelist and the author of *Schindler's Ark*, the book which Steven Spielberg used to craft his award winning film *Schindler's List*. The end result of this choice was a fine book and one that does justice to the complicated rise and fall of Abraham Lincoln, arguably the greatest president ever to lead the United States at any point in its history.

In Thomas Keneally's book, readers with any sort of knowledge about the life and times in which Abraham Lincoln lived will find few surprises. Keneally does a creditable job of de-

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tailoring the major happenings of Lincoln's life, starting with his early years living in rural poverty and continuing on toward his date with destiny in the White House. However, while the pathway of Abraham Lincoln's life is well traveled ground, Keneally does an excellent job of not only chronicling this man's experiences but also doing so with the deft touch of a novelist. The Lincoln we know from historical research is certainly present in Keneally's book, but through the author's skillful writing capacities it resonates off the page. In Keneally's work, Lincoln emerges as more than the sum total of all his developmental, tragic, and elemental life experiences. In this way Lincoln becomes a person we can almost imagine sitting down with to have a conversation or listen to one of his stories. By having the capacity to not only re-tell facts and figures but rather paint a literary profile of his subject, Keneally weaves a beautiful tapestry of depiction that affords the reader a look at not just the near mythological figure that Lincoln became but also the living, breathing man he was.

In Keneally's book, each stage of Lincoln's life is handled in a factual yet descriptive manner. Born into a poor family that struggled to survive, Lincoln was uniquely prepared to be empathetic to the lot of the many Americans who worked so hard to make the nation great. Lincoln lost his mother as young child, endured the crushing burden of misunderstanding that his father, Thomas, laid upon him, received the most cursory type of education, and struggled to find himself. As a young man, Lincoln faced financial catastrophe, struggled to get his legs under him in any profession, was halting in his

first political steps, and suffered a broken heart when his true love died in New Salem. When Lincoln was finally able to carve out a burgeoning career as a lawyer, he still faced ridicule by more sophisticated barristers as well as fits and starts in the domain of romantic love. Lincoln did establish a lucrative legal career and wed a woman he deeply respected, bore four sons, allowed him to experience the domesticity so missing from his own childhood. However, that same woman, Mary Todd Lincoln, was also beset by demons of the mind that eventually wore her down and plagued her husband. As a politician, Lincoln was a capable state legislator, irrelevant Federal Congressman, unsuccessful senatorial candidate, and then President of the United States until his murder. During the Civil War, Lincoln struggled with northern opposition, constant ridicule, bitter defeats, and a long line of inept Federal commanders that he had to recycle through before finally finding men who could face the arithmetic of hard and destructive war. Then, just as final victory and a potential opportunity to restructure the American political scene was at hand, Lincoln's life was snuffed out by a narcissist who misguided murder plot seems more an element of a Shakespearean tragedy than actual history.

All through this litany of events, Thomas Keneally gives his readers this catalog of happenings but he also presents them in a way that is both compassionate and enlivening. Keneally includes well known anecdotes, quotations, and stories while also giving the reader a humanistic look at who Lincoln was and what he endured. Keneally is particularly adept at describing Lincoln's depres-

sive tendencies and how powerfully affected he was by the terrible human cost of the Civil War. Time and again Keneally connects Lincoln's emotional character with the bloody defeats, and victories, that Federal armies faced. Add in the personal losses the Lincolns endured in the form of the death of a son while living in Springfield, another during the presidential years, several close friends on various battlefields, and a number of Mary Todd Lincoln's relatives who fought on the Confederate side. Keneally recounts the enormous burden of emotional pain that Abraham Lincoln faced during the Civil War and how that suffering influenced the way he acted as a leader. Lincoln could feel the pain of others so he rescinded many death sentences given to soldiers for misdeeds while in uniform, wrote letters to grieving families, orchestrated the end of slavery, and truly saw deaths on both sides as losses for the entire nation.

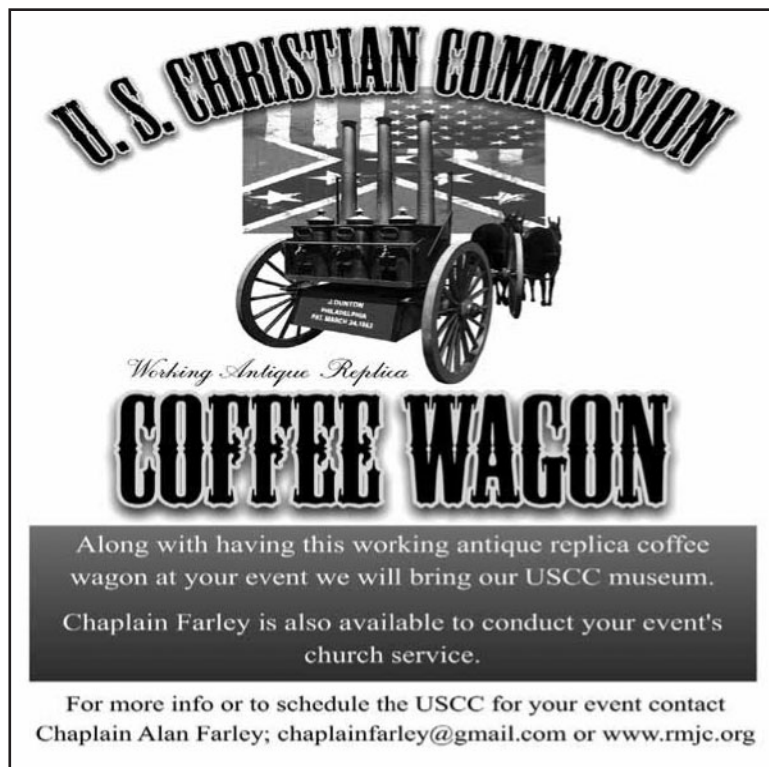
Another area that Keneally does an excellent job is that of Lincoln's attitude toward slavery. As is commonly known, Abraham Lincoln was an opponent of slavery from an early age. Once Lincoln entered the political arena, he was a moderate Whig and then Republican who stood by the moral wrongness of slavery but the constitutional support for it. Lincoln opposed the spread of slavery

and hoped that it would eventually become an antiquated practice that would die a natural death. Once Lincoln became president, he faced bitter opposition from abolitionists and left-leaning politicians who called for the end of slavery as well as border state leaders who opposed emancipation. Lincoln also periodically floated ideas of colonizing freedmen to Africa or other locations as an answer to how to handle the end of slavery. Yet, despite this pragmatic and middling ideation, Lincoln did emancipate slaves in Confederate held territories at a time when many northerners opposed such action. Lincoln authorized the recruitment of African American men into the Union Army, an action that brought over 186,000 me into Federal service. Lincoln also pushed through the legislation and constitutional amendments necessary to end all aspects of slavery in the United States. By war's end, as Lincoln stood on the cusp of tackling the reconstruction of the bloodied United States, he had progressed to truly being the liberator of millions of men, women, and children who, a few short years previously, had no hope of ever being free. All of these attitudes and actions, some supremely kind and others short-sighted, are provided by Keneally to the reader in a way that paints a complete picture, without illusions, of a man who was

both imperfect and masterful in so many ways.

Written twenty years ago, Thomas Keneally's biography of Abraham Lincoln remains either a wonderful starting point for understanding this complicated man, or an opportunity to revisit a life that many readers are familiar with. Keneally offers up Abraham Lincoln with both his shining star talents and personal shortcomings in a way that is fair and balanced. No human being is perfect. Perfection exists only in fantasy or in the Supreme Being, and not within the flesh, blood and spirit of any person. When measuring a life, it is best to look at tendencies, growth, and the ability of a human being to be compassionate toward others while learning from their regrets in order to better serve the better angels of their nature. As Keneally shows us in this tightly written biography, Lincoln was such a man who rose up and helped his nation survive its bitterest test only to be snuffed out at the very finish line of the war he oversaw.

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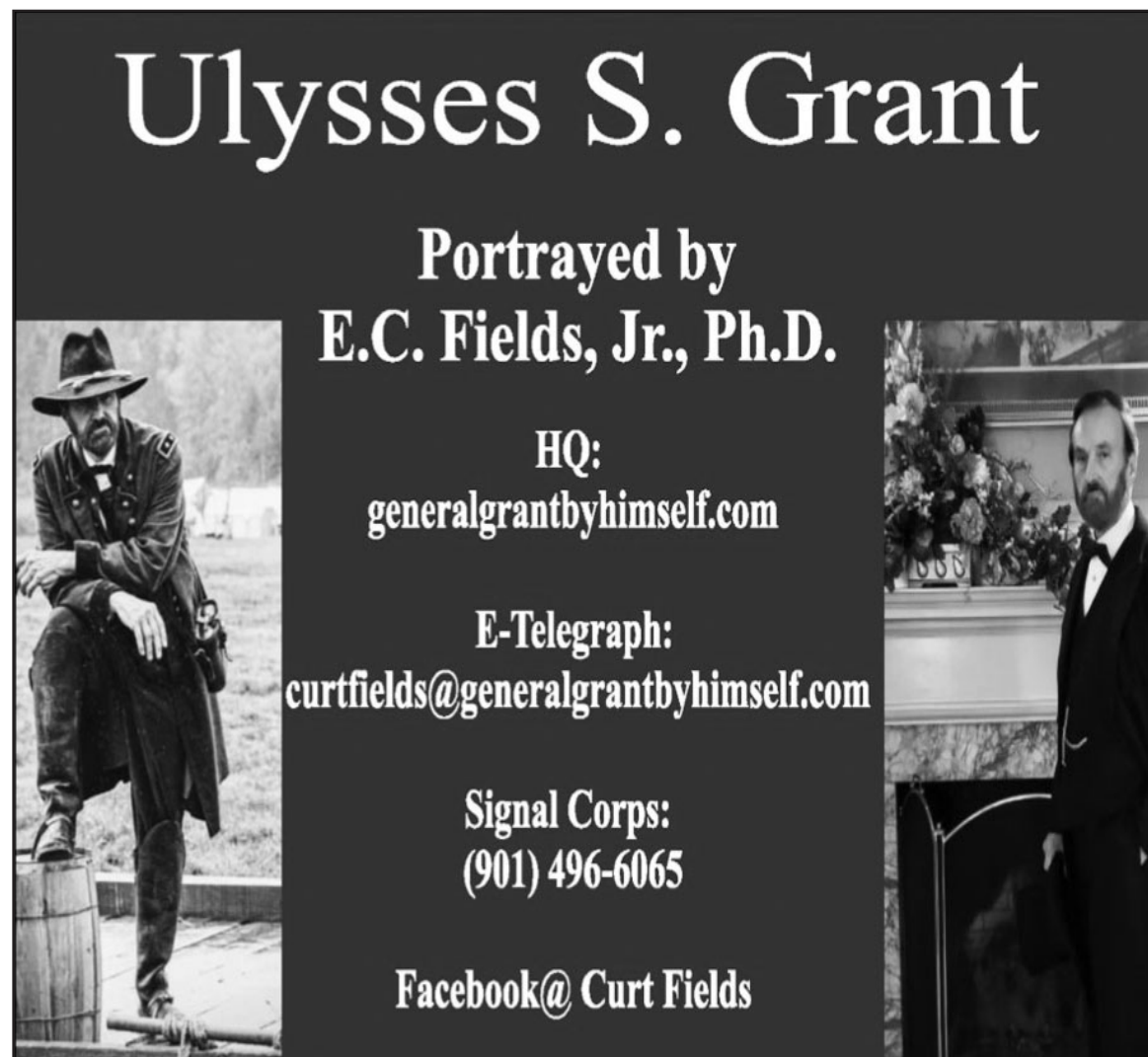


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### May 6 -7, 2023 Rockville, IN – Billie Creek Civil War Days

Daily Events: Public Hours 8-4, 10am Rusty Musket playing at the Gazebo, Noon General Lee speech at Farmhouse, 1pm Rusty Musket Playing at the Gazebo, 2pm Main Battle southern field, 3pm Rusty Musket Playing at the Gazebo. Special Events: Sunday 9am Church Service at Baptist Church.

Admission: Admission to the event includes access to all reenactors, the village, our three covered bridges, food vendors, and the battle. \$10: 11 and older \$7: Ages 6-10 Free: 5 and younger Special two-day admission for adults (sold only on Saturday): \$15. All proceeds go towards village restoration.

All public visitors will enter through the Admissions building. Demonstrations. Main Battle at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Speech by General Lee at noon, Farmhouse Steps. Small skirmishes will happen throughout the day. Treen Farms – Weaving and Spinning – Location: Beeson DePlanty Cabin Cool Creek Forge – Blacksmithing – Location: South of Pavilion Purgatory's Parlor – Public House/Saloon – Location: Gaebler Building Field Hospital – By Fred Shaefer – Location: Livery Barn. www.billiecreek.com

### May 6 – 7, 2023 – Jacksonville, AL – Skirmish in the Valley

The Skirmish in the Valley Civil War Re-

enactment is an annual event held in Alabama. The reenactment features hundreds of participants who dress as Union and Confederate soldiers, complete with authentic military uniforms.

To make the experience even more realistic, some participants also bring period-authentic weapons and horses.

During the event, skirmishes are reenacted across multiple days in a variety of settings, such as open fields and forests. Spectators can watch these battles from a safe distance and learn about life during this tumultuous period of American history.

In addition to watching the battles, visitors can also explore various military campsites which feature vendors selling authentic period goods, activities for children such as musket drills, and informational programs about different aspects of life during the war. Many people consider attending the Skirmish in the Valley Civil War Reenactment to be a unique opportunity to step back into time and gain a better understanding of one of America's most significant eras.

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last months of 1864—the battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville.

The event takes place in the Old Clinton National Historical District, a site on the March to the Sea Heritage Trail. Re-enactors occupy their authentic camps on grassy fields in the town—be sure to pay them a visit. Soldiers from grizzled veterans to beardless recruits, both blue and gray, stroll and march through the town. The rattle of musketry and the rolling thunder of cannons shakes windows in old homes, just as it did in July and November 1864 when the battles occurred and Union troops occupied the town.

The c. 1809 McCarthy-Pope House, furnished and decorated by the Ladies of the Confederacy, is open for tour. At 11am on Saturday, there will be a Ladies' tea there, and at 11am on Sunday a church service will be held there. Miss Annie's Store, set up as an 1800s mercantile establishment, also displays a variety of war relics, a prize-winning exhibit of Griswold pistol parts, a beautiful example of a finished Griswold pistol, a Burnside carbine, other war weapons, and authentic Confederate currency.

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#### May 19 – 21, 2023 – Resaca, GA – Battle of Resaca

Whether you are a spectator or reenactor, a seasoned veteran of this reenactment, or just attending for the first time, we look forward to seeing you at our event! We have many exciting activities for this year's reenactment. Check out our event schedule for all of the activities that will be going on during the reenactment weekend. While in the area, be sure to visit the new Resaca Battlefield Historic Site that is open now on weekends. This important battlefield is located just off of I-75 at Exit 320 just miles from the reenactment site. The Battle of Resaca Reenactment is hosted each year by the many volunteers of the Georgia Division Reenactors Association, one of the nation's oldest and most respected Civil War reenacting organizations. A portion of the proceeds will go towards the Resaca Battlefield area preservation efforts, while the balance will go towards funding next year's event. Please see our Sponsors page for a list of the organizations and businesses that have helped make this

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#### May 20 - 21, 2023 – Youngstown, NY - New York Annual Artillery School

May 20 & 21, Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, NY, will again take place. Open to all branches of service, both Federal and Confederate. Sponsored by the National Civil War Artillery Association and Reynolds' Battery L. For questions contact: Rick Lake at: rlake413@aol.com or call: 585-208-1839. Registration Forms and additional information can be found at: [www.reynoldsbattery.org](http://www.reynoldsbattery.org)

#### June

#### June 3 – 4, 2023 – Charles City, VA – Fort Pocahontas Reenactment, Action at Wilson's Wharf

This Union fortification comes to life as military and civilian reenactors portray the lives of soldier and citizen inhabitants of the fort. Sutlers offering reproductions of Civil War-era merchandise and clothing contribute to an authentic atmosphere. Fort Pocahontas is open to the public for this event from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and 10am to 3pm on Sunday. Spectators are invited to tour the fort where the art of field fortification is revealed and to visit the bustling camps inside it for family-friendly living history activities throughout the day. Battle reenactments are at 2pm on Saturday and 1pm on Sunday. Food vendors are on site. All proceeds support the preservation efforts at Fort Pocahontas. MAILING ADDRESS: Fort Pocahontas P.O. Box 104 Charles City, VA 23030 PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 13150 Sturgeon Point Road Charles City, VA 23030 CONTACT US: (804) 829-9722 info@fortpocahontas.org Located between Richmond and Williamsburg on the James River, scenic Fort Pocahontas was the site of the May 24, 1864 Action in which United States Colored Troops defended the fort they built against an assault by Fitzhugh Lee's Confederate Cavalry. Open to the public 10-4 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday: \$10/

adults, \$8/students; battle reenactments both days. See Civil War camps and enjoy history brought to life through family-friendly activities. For reenactors: pre-registration required starting January 9 at [www.fortpocahontas.org](http://www.fortpocahontas.org); shaded campsites; Friday officers' social; Saturday dinner and dance.

#### June 3 – 4, 2023 – Raleigh, NC – 87th Old North State Antique Gun and Military Antiques Show

At the North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 4258 Trinity Road, off I-40, Saturday 9am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am- 4 pm. Arms and Memorabilia of the Civil War, Indian Wars, WW1, WW2, etc. Exhibited, bought, sold and traded. Admission \$8.00. Ages 7-12, \$1.00. For details call: Carolina Trader Promotions 704-282-1339. [www.TheCarolinaTrader.com](http://www.TheCarolinaTrader.com)

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#### June 23 – 25, 2023 – Gettysburg, PA – 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

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#### July

#### July 15 – 16, 2023 – Marietta, GA – Atlanta Antique Gun and International Military Show

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Union Mills' Civil War Encampment will celebrate and commemorate the excitement of the Civil War in Carroll County, Maryland. The Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc. is pleased to host this event, recreating the period that culminated in the pivotal Battle of Gettysburg. 410-848-2288 <https://unionmills.org/events/civil-war-encampment/>

#### July 29 – 30, 2023 – Waynesville, MO – Old Settlers Days

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#### September

#### September 2, 2023 – Greenville, SC – Olde South Ball

Location: Embassy Suites & Golf Resort 670 Verdae Blvd, Greenville, SC 29607 Tickets: Earlybird Registration: \$75

Single Gentleman Discount: \$70 Registration Deadline: August 28, 2023, Or when all tickets are sold

Price Includes Both Supper & Dancing No third-party ticket sales will be honored. Tickets must be purchased directly from the Olde South Ball. <https://oldesouthball.blogspot.com/>

#### September 15 – 17, 2023 – Gallant, AL - Raid on the Little General's Farm

In memory of our Little General Maggie Sue Haessly we came up with the idea of keeping her memory alive and keeping history alive with the Raid on the Little General's Farm. We recreate history in the form of a Civil War Reenactment honoring another Little General, Miss Emma Sanson. Every year on the 3rd Weekend of September we will honor and salute these two heroines. They are separated by 6 generations, but together they will forever live on in our hearts. All monies donated or received during Maggie's Raid (affectionately called by the locals) will go towards continuing the event and historical projects. <https://www.maggiesraid.com/>

#### September 16 – 17, 2023 – Holland, MI – Civil War Muster

Holland's Van Raalte Farm was originally the home of Civil War veteran Ben Van Raalte, the son of Holland's founder. Eleven acres of the farm, including two barns and the original farmhouse, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, these timeless structures are part of a 160-acre park providing the perfect backdrop for our 12th annual Civil War Muster. Experience the sights and sounds of these tumultuous years of our nation's history: smell the powder, hear the boom of cannons, and talk to the famous generals and soldiers as they plan their assaults. Wander through the encampments of Confederate and Union soldiers, visit with civilians cooking over open fires, listen to the 1st Holland Regimental Band, or hang out at the Emerald Peacock, an authentic Civil War era saloon.

The Battle of Antietam will be the focus of this year's muster. Additional featured events include battlefield medical scenarios, calvary demonstrations, tours of the Van Raalte home, a Civil War era church service on Sunday morning, and performances by professional impressionists. All events are FREE. Bring your camera, snap some photos, and then be sure to submit them to the Muster Photo

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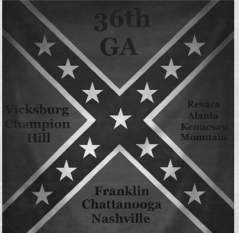
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**September 22 – 24, 2023 – Lafayette, GA – Battle of Chickamauga 160th**

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**October**

**October 13 – 15, 2023 – Winterset, IA – Civil War Reenactment**

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ment. Our battlefield has had over 3000 feet of redoubts, earthworks and fortifications, and we are planning on making them again for 2023. The beautiful Cedar Creek runs right through our battlefield. Giving soldiers a natural barrier to cross, along with the Cedar covered bridge which we use every year which is a stunning 1800's bridge... Skirmishes were encouraged all weekend long between commanders. The mainstream campers US/CS camps are separated on top of the high cliffs overlooking the beautiful battlefield below. Along with sutlers as well as US/CS authentic camp on either side of the creek between them in their own respective earthworks. Artillery/cavalry/Infantry civilian sutlers all welcome, separate camping for mainstream and authentic camp in the fortification earthworks email Jojo Leto at [iowalightartillery@gmail.com](mailto:iowalightartillery@gmail.com) website [www.iowalightartillery.com](http://www.iowalightartillery.com) call 515-250-2108 for details.

**October 13 - 15, 2023 – Columbus, KY – Civil War Days**

Columbus-Belmont State Park (Columbus, KY)

The weekend will include battle reenactments, living history, and encampments. Friday is "education day". Schools, scouts, groups, & clubs are encouraged to schedule field trips. Battles will be held at 2:00 both Sat and Sun featuring skilled reenactors bringing history back to life. Battles are narrated by Randy Cheatham. As a special addition to this year's event will be the Hunley Traveling Exhibit. There will be a Ghost Walk on Friday evening at Columbus Cemetery and a Civil War Ball on Saturday night featuring The 52nd Regimental String Band. Sunday morning services led in period style by Rev. Alan Farley followed by a memorial ceremony at Columbus Cemetery. Sutlers and food vendors will be on site to serve the needs of the reenactors and visiting guests. All infantry welcome, cavalry and artillery by invitation. Sutlers needed. Straw, wood, and a meal ticket will be provided to reenactors. A powder ration will be given to registered reenactors participating in battle. There is no registration fee or admission charge.

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**November**

**November 4 – 5, 2023 – Huntington, WV – Guyandotte Civil War Days**

Guyandotte Civil War Days focuses its programs on this historic event in an effort to celebrate and promote the rich heritage of the area. The re-enactment of the Confederate raid on Saturday is the highlight of this event. The re-enactment is a true re-enactment based on known historical facts concerning the November 10, 1861, skirmish.

The re-enactment of the Union Troops recapturing the town on Sunday will demonstrate the actual events of November 11, 1861. Re-enactments of known historic events and living history scenarios will be presented over the weekend.

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**November 18, 2023 – Gettysburg, PA – Remembrance Day Parade**

67th Annual REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE Gettysburg, PA Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Parade briefing on 18 November 2023 at the Unity Park Monument located on Lefever Street at 12:00 Noon. Units form up at Noon on Lefever Street between Baltimore Street and East Confederate Avenue Parade will step off at 1:00 PM For further information, please contact: Major David Hann, Provost Marshal SVR 440 Clark Drive Hammonton, NJ 08037 E-mail: [majorsvrprovost@gmail.com](mailto:majorsvrprovost@gmail.com) Cell (609)-816-2012

**November 18, 2023 - Gettysburg, PA – Original Civil War Ball**

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band Dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Period dress encouraged, but not required Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk Cash Bar Time: 8PM-Midnight, 19 November 2022 Place: EISENHOWER HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Price: \$20 per person in advance, \$25 per person at the door Make check payable to "SVR Remembrance Day Ball" Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets Mail to: Col. Steve Michaels SVR 6623 S North Cape Road Franklin, WI 53132-1227 Cell (414) 712-4655 e-mail: [Lt.col.sm@gmail.com](mailto:Lt.col.sm@gmail.com) Ticket orders received after 12 November will be distributed at the Ball

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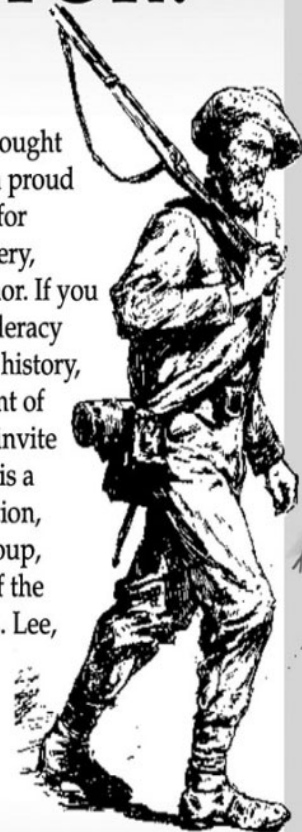
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**December 9, 2023 – Richmond Hill, GA – 159th Annual Winter Muster**

Fort McAllister State Park, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come witness the reenactment of the last battle fought in Georgia and the end of Sherman's March to the Sea. Friday December 8th 7pm Encampment Tour Saturday 10am and 2pm Guided Fort Tours Last entry for the final battle will be at 4:15pm. \$15-\$20. 912-727-2339.

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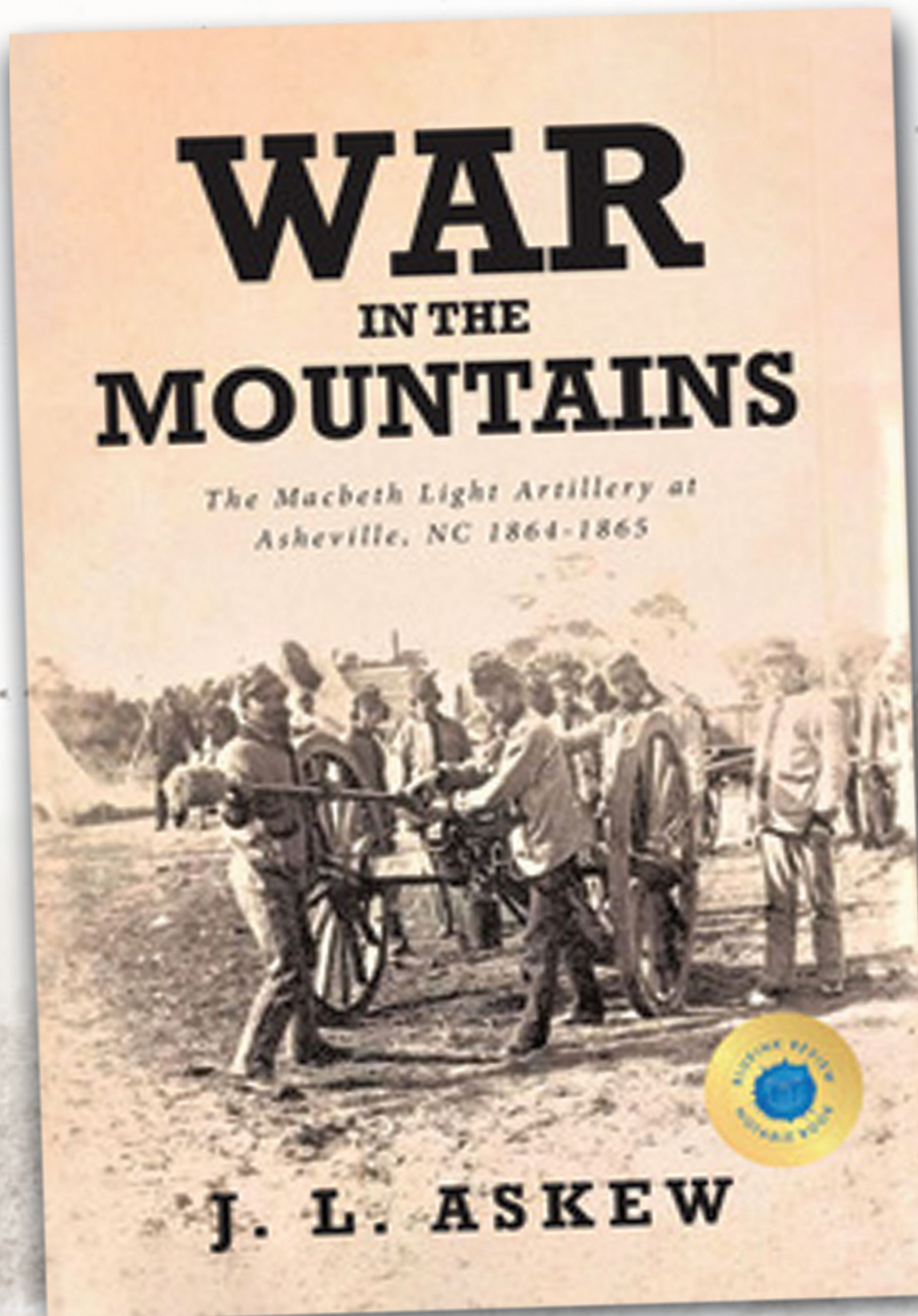
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