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"My dead and wounded were nearly as great in number as those still on duty. They literally covered the ground. The blood stood in puddles in some places on the rocks; the ground was soaked with the blood of as brave men as ever fell on the red field of battle."

— COL. WILLIAM C. OATES, SOUTHERN HISTORICAL PAPERS, APRIL 6TH, 1878

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

JULY 28TH

SUMMER BATTLEFIELD WALK

A visit to the **Shriver House Museum** begins 6 PM at 309 Baltimore Street, the Shriver's home. Tours are conducted by a docent in period attire who will guide you through the Shriver's home as you listen to the harrowing story of the family and hear their experiences during the Battle of Gettysburg.

You MUST sign up for this tour by contacting Bill Hewett. E-mail him at hewittw@embarq-mail.com.

AUGUST 25TH

SUMMER BATTLEFIELD WALK

Jim Hessler, author of *Sickles at Gettysburg*, will be our guide. Meet at the Peach Orchard on the Emmitsburg Road at 6 PM.

Jim Hessler is employed full-time with Bill Me Later/ PayPal and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide since 2003. He is a long-time Gettysburg and Little Bighorn enthusiast and also a speaker at Civil War Roundtables. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife and two children.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

For those tours that involve traversing the battlefield, all participants are advised to wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for extensive walking over rough, uneven ground with many different types of tripping hazards.

DID YOU KNOW...by the end of the war the US Navy had sunk 1,504 blockade runners?

DID YOU KNOW...Gen. George B. McClellan took a portable printing press into the field to print orders?

From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Light refreshments and conversation starting at 7:00 PM., and the featured program beginning at 7:30 PM.

Our June, July, and August summer meetings are in the field starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting location announced in the bi-monthly newsletter and on the roundtable website: www.cwrgettysburg.org.

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on television station WGAL and FOX Sports Radio 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Avenue Restaurant.

If anyone had told me I'd be President of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable on my first trip out here seven years ago, I'd have laughed and thought they were nuts. Yet, here I am, writing my first "Message" for the newsletter.



I want you all to know that I'm very honored to have this position, and I'm looking forward to working with the Board and all of you. I also want to get to know you all, so, please, come up and introduce yourselves!

We have some interesting programs planned for the upcoming months; we're visiting the Shriver House in July, and in August Jim Hessler will be our speaker.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Cindy

Take a trip with the Adams County Historical Society

We have some great programs and trips coming up.

September 6, 2011: Our annual "evening In" will be our own Gettysburg. The program will be at 7:00 PM at Valentine Hall Alumni Auditorium. With Wayne Motts and Tim Smith speaking everyone knows it will be a great evening.

September 24, 2011: ACHS will be sponsoring an all day bus trip to York County Heritage Trust Museum. \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. It will include numerous venues. A great opportunity to learn about our "parental" roots.

October 4, 2011: (At Valentine Hall) the one and only John Winkelman will be presenting Historic Taverns of Abbottstown, New Oxford and Gettysburg. John will discuss the early road network in Adams County and how settlements of the era grew up around the taverns John always gives a wonderfully entertaining program.

In October we will be offering a trip to the Museum of Civil War Medicine and a visit to the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth in Emmitsburg, MD. This trip also includes lunch at the Mountain Gate restaurant in Thurmont. \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members.

For more information on any of our programs, trips or membership please call 717-334-4723, ext. 201 or online at www.achs-pa.org.

Although he has lately turned his attention to World War II, one of our favorite Civil War historians, Stephen Sears, provides this month's review book, "Controversies and Commanders." Sears is a talented writer with a fluid and gripping narrative voice, and always buttressed by abundant research. His treatment of the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville, Landscape Turned Red and Chancellorsville respectively, are still considered the "gold standard" accounts of those engagements.

BOOK Chat

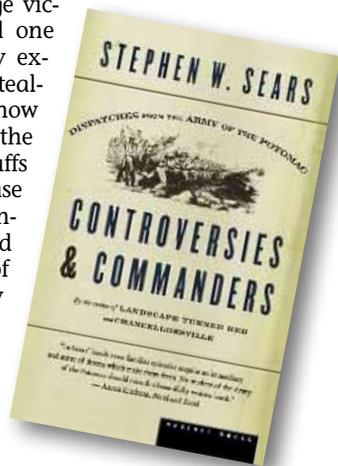
by Pat Fairbairn, Book Editor

Controversies And Commanders: Dispatches From the Army Of The Potomac

By Stephen W. Sears

Reviewed by Pat Fairbairn

Joe Hooker was poised for a huge victory. His army had just completed one of the most brilliant and brilliantly executed maneuvers of the war by stealing a march on Robert E. Lee and now stood facing him with a host twice the size of Lee's. But, as many CW buffs know, Hooker fell victim to a bad case of "nerves" and did not attack. Instead, he waited, then retreated, and allowed Lee, in a bold maneuver of his own, to defy military axiom by splitting his army yet again, and sending Jackson on his most famous flank maneuver around the right of Hooker where he fell upon Howard's 11th Corps, rolled it up, and nearly routed Hookers entire army.



It has come down to us, from CW historians and the accounts of some Generals writing after the war, some of whom were not supportive of Hooker in the notoriously politicized AOP, that Hooker, now in the presence of the great General Lee, lost his nerve. But hold on. Is it true?

Stephen Sears says no, t'aint so. Fighting Joe has been victimized by historians! Sears, in a chapter entitled *In Defense of Joe Hooker*, argues that Hooker has been unfairly maligned. That the case against Hooker rests upon an impossibility and an improbability.

Taking up the "lost his nerve" charge, Sears states that much of this theory rests upon a conversation that never took place. John Bigelow, author of a book on Chancellorsville written in 1910 relies upon a letter of E.P. Halstead, in which the latter, who served on Doubleday's 1st Corps staff, repeats a story told to him by Doubleday. In this story, Doubleday says he was riding with Hooker toward Gettysburg in pursuit of Lee (before Hooker was replaced by Meade) and turned to him and said, "Hooker, what was the matter with you at Chancellorsville?", to which Hooker allegedly replied, "Doubleday, I was not hurt by a shell, and I was not drunk. For once I lost confidence in Hooker, and that is all there is to it." This reply, given much currency after the publication of Bigelow's book, has ever since been seized upon by historians as Hookers own admission that he lost his nerve. But Sears contends the

exchange is false. That its timing could not have happened as related because Doubleday's command and Hooker's headquarters were dozens of miles apart at the time the conversation was said to have occurred. And that its retailer, Halstead, was seeking to establish a footnote for himself in history that could not be confirmed or denied because the principals in the drama were both dead. Further, that it was totally uncharacteristic of Hooker who was never known to utter a self-critical word. And further yet, that Hooker was clearly injured when he was knocked senseless by the pillar hit by the cannon ball at his headquarters. He spoke of it for weeks after the battle as a factor in his defeat, and manifested all the signs of a person having suffered a severe concussion. It is incredible that he would deny it in a "confession" to Doubleday, who was far from being a close confidant of Hookers.

Finally, to suggest that a man who was known as a fighter all his life trembled in the face of a "reputation" is to strain credibility. The conversation doesn't have the ring of truth, either in its being asked or answered, or in how it was asked or answered.

Sears says that despite the dismal performances of Howard, Sedgwick, and Stoneman on that field, the battle was very winnable for the Union on May 3, and that Hooker was planning his own flank surprise for Jackson by using his reserves (in troop dispositions given to Warren) when he took that lump on the head. His actions, or inactions as it were, after that were the result of a man's faculties impaired by a severe concussion, not for any want of "nerve."

Sears emphatically concludes of Hooker: "Of two things we can be sure, he was not a drunk, and he never lost his nerve in battle."

Certainly a revisionist controversial view, and Sears makes a compelling case for Hooker. Sears takes up other issues too that have long fascinated buffs such as McClellan's generalship; the court martial of Fitz John Porter; Lee's

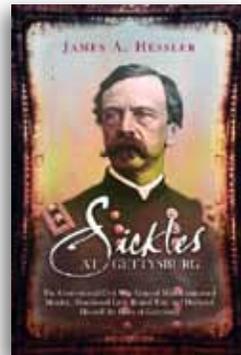
Lost Order #191; General Dan Sickles; the Kilpatrick-Dahlgren raid on Richmond, and many others including the sad case of Gouverneur Warren who waited 14 years for a Court of Inquiry after having been sacked by Sheridan at Five Forks. He was finally absolved of all "charges", yet had the Courts' vindication findings suppressed by Robert Lincoln for fear of its embarrassment to two of his Fathers winning Generals, Grant and Sheridan, and not released until 3 months after Warren's death.

Sears is a scrupulous researcher blessed with a fine, economical narrative style who spices his pieces with incisive quotes and telling anecdotes, and he has a keen understanding of political as well as military issues. While you may not agree with all he has to say, his book contains absorbing and revealing insights about some of the famous incidents and commanders of the AOP. I highly recommend it!

Published By Mariner Books, August 2000; 320 pages; \$17.95, discounted to \$13.69 on Amazon; Paperback. 

RT Book Award winner announced

Dave Collins has advised that the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable Book Committee has awarded its' 2010 Book award to Mr. James Hessler, author of *Sickles at Gettysburg*. Of all books published last year, the committee felt that Mr. Hesslers book made the most significant contribution to the existing literature about the Battle of Gettysburg.



Dan Sickles, of course, is one of the more controversial political Generals of the Union army, and the advance of his 3rd Corps on July 2nd, 1863 is much debated amongst students of the battle. Dave observed that, "Mr. Hessler has done an excellent job in assessing Sickles, his strengths and weaknesses, and lets the reader make up his or her own mind as to the whether this advance was beneficial or detrimental to the Army of the Potomac." 

Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, and enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Roundtable Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal: jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us, and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around September 1, 2011.

The Eagle Hotel

This is the tenth in a series of articles, contributed by past roundtable president, John Winkelman, on the inns, hotels, taverns and stores that were in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities during the battle. —Ed.

Today on the northeast corner of Chambersburg and Washington Streets in Gettysburg stands a 7-11, but in 1863 this was the site of the famed Eagle Hotel. In 1805 Isaac Hahn will request and be granted a tavern license to run a Public House on this site. Other owners and proprietors will run it until 1833 when James Thompson purchases the tavern and it will become the Eagle Hotel. Thompson is also running stage lines to Chambersburg and Harrisburg and the Eagle is the hub for his stage operation, he also maintains horse stables on the west side of Washington Street for the stages.

In 1850 John L. Tate will become the proprietor and it will be Tate who will run the hotel during the Civil War. On the night of June 30, 1863 General John Buford will establish his Headquarters at the Eagle and on that night Lt. Col. Joseph Dickinson of General Meade's staff would meet with Buford there to get the latest news Buford had on Lee's army. General Buford would be on his horse in front of the Eagle on the morning of July 1st listening to firing off to the west when an aide asked "General, what is the matter?" Buford nodded to the west and said "That's what's the matter."

After the Union army is defeated on the afternoon of the 1st, and driven through town, the Confederates will enter town and by the next day start helping themselves to Mr. Tate's liquid refreshments. Alfred Smith, who lived across the street, stated he saw the rebels rolling whiskey barrels out of Mr. Tate's cellar and onto wagons.

Tate will later submit a damage claim for whiskey, 20 gallons of his best brandy, 20 gallons of cognac, 20 gallons of ginger brandy, 60 gallons of gin, 60 gallons of cherry wine, 100 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, 2 horses and 2 tons of hay. He will not be reimbursed for any of this.

Tate will sell the Eagle in 1877 and Henry Yingling will acquire it in 1879. On January 12, 1894 a fire will break out in the stables on the west side of Washington Street. Due to the gale force winds the fire will spread to 3 other stables and finally to the hotel itself. Fire companies from as far away as Hanover, Waynesboro, and Hagerstown will arrive to fight the blaze. The wind will blow embers and start fires as much as two blocks away from the hotel but thanks to the firefighters a catastrophe was averted.

However, the Eagle was badly damaged. The roof was burnt off and the second and third floors were sagging due to water damage. On the plus side the bar room and wine cellar were untouched.

The Hotel will be rebuilt in 1894 and in 1896 George Eberhart will purchase it. Eberhart will add a fourth floor and expand the hotel so that by 1907 it will have 165 rooms. On May 16, 1913 on his last visit to Gettysburg, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain will stay at the Eagle.

The old Eagle Hotel would continue to serve the public into the mid 20th Century sometimes known as the Adams House, the Eberhart Hotel, and finally converted into apartments. On June 30, 1960, 66 years after the first fire another blaze will destroy the old hotel. The remains were torn down in 1961 and a gas station was built on the site. Today only a sidewalk marker is left to tell visitors about the old Eagle Hotel. 📍



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MUST SEE'S AT
 THE NATIONAL
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MUSEUM INVITES STUDENTS FOR CIVIL WAR ADVENTURE CAMP

The National Civil War Museum announces a Civil War Adventure Camp beginning Monday, August 1 through Wednesday,

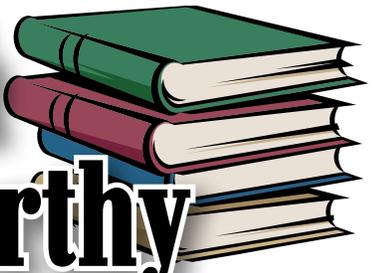


August 3, 2011 from 9:00am-3:00pm. This highly interactive summer camp is open to female and male students entering 4th or 5th grade in the Fall.

The Civil War will come to life for participants as they perform drills, dance to Civil War era music, learn how to make hardtack, dress in 19th century attire, and much more.

This experience is \$100 per student, which includes snacks and all materials. Parents may contact Janice Mullin at the Museum at 717.260.9575, jmullin@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org, or visit the website for more details and to find a registration form: nationalcivilwarmuseum.org. Deadline to register is Monday, July 15. Camp is limited to 20 participants. 

NEW & Noteworthy



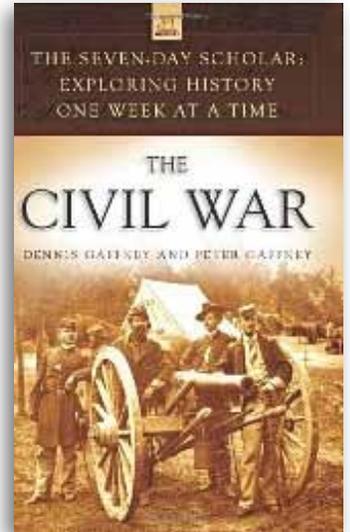
The Seven-Day Scholar: Exploring History One Week at a Time THE CIVIL WAR

by Dennis Gaffney and Peter Gaffney

Its 150th anniversary is upon us, and still the stories of the Civil War continue to captivate us. Coinciding with this notable anniversary comes THE SEVEN-DAY SCHOLAR: THE CIVIL WAR, by Dennis Gaffney and Peter Gaffney.

Published in partnership with History[®], this incredible book brings to life significant moments in our nation's great heroic tragedy. THE SEVEN-DAY SCHOLAR is organized into 52 chapters with 7 narrative entries in each—one entry for each day of the week. The entries cover fascinating topics like what ignited the war, what soldiers ate and drank, the 54th Massachusetts, medical care, Lincoln's assassination, and much more, each in an entry that reads like historical fiction.

Its intriguing storytelling and expert research makes THE SEVEN DAY SCHOLAR: THE CIVIL WAR a book every Civil War buff will want on his shelf. 



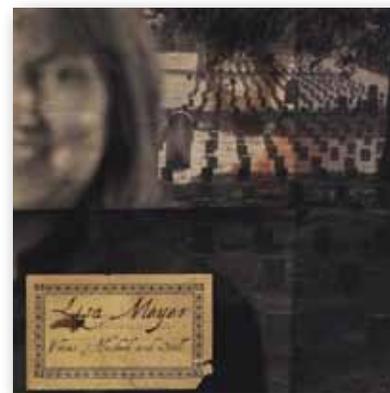
Voices Hushed and Still - A Collection of Southern Songs and Rare Gems of the Period

CD by Lisa Moyer

CD can be purchased directly from Ms. Moyer at the discount price of only \$10.00 – includes shipping and handling. (Make check or money order payable to Lisa Moyer).

You can also purchase at wholesale prices for your upcoming events, benefits, etc. Purchase five or more CDs at \$5.00 each (shipping and handling included).

Lisa won the 2009 Southern Heritage Music Association's Awards Female Artist of the Year and Up and Coming Artist of the Year.



In addition, two of the songs are included in the newly released film *Hunter's Raid: The Battle for Lynchburg* which premiered in 2010.

In May 2010, *Voices Hushed and Still* was awarded the Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award for its contribution to Southern Heritage by The Military Order of Stars and Bars, their highest merit award for a nonmember.

Lisa was born and raised in Harrisonburg in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and now reside outside of Nashville, TN.

She is a member of the UDC Kate Litton Hickman Chapter in Nashville and is chairman for The Music of the Confederacy for the state of Tennessee.

You can hear samples of the songs, download and/or purchase at: <http://cdbaby.com/cd/lisameyer>. 

CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES...presented at the Mount Clare Stable at noon, July 16.

\$5.00 fee; discounted museum admission offered when purchasing lecture ticket.

Registration is required, seating is limited. No refunds. Call the Museum to make your reservations.

Marching Through Maryland

The political and military dilemmas facing the Union and Confederate governments in the summer of 1862 influenced the direction of the Civil war. The focus will be on the issues that drove the campaign presented by Thomas Clemens (Ph.D.) Professor of History at Hagerstown Community College. He is a Founding Member and President of Save Historic Antietam Foundation.

Mount Clare Museum House, Carroll Park, 1500 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230, 410-837-3262; info@mountclare.org

July August Stuff to do in the area

July 9 & 10, Frederick, MD; Battle. 147th Anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For information, <http://frederickcommunitycalendar.com/family/detail.htm?EventID=2946>.

July 9, Frederick, MD; Lecture. *American Quilts of the Civil War Era.* 2-3 PM; National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Delaplaine-Randall Room, 48 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

July 9 & 10, Frederick, MD; Living History. 7th Annual Rose Hill Manor Park Civil War Encampment. Saturday 10-4; Sunday 10-3. Battles 2 PM, living history demonstrations, artillery, 2nd South Carolina String Band concerts, manor tours, children's activities, Sunday church service. Saturday dance \$3. Daily admission \$3. For information, Frederick County Division of Parks & Recreation, 301-600-1650 or rose-hillmuseum.com.

July 14, Frederick, MD; Lecture. *The Battle of First Manassas and its aftermath* talk by John Reid of Manassas National Battlefield Park at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 7 PM. For information 301-695-1864 or civilwarmed.org.

July 15-17, Westminster, MD; 148th Reenactment. 148th reenactment of activities before and after Gettysburg at the Union Mills Homestead, Westminster, where Stuart's cavalry & Sikes 5th Corps camped. Battles both days, Saturday, tactical, ladies tea. Sunday social. *All proceeds to preservation of the Homestead buildings.* For information, thepipecreekline@aol.com.

July 21, Virginia; 150th Commemoration. Manassas Sesquicentennial Event. Variety of events including 4 PM reenactment of 1911 Peace Jubilee ceremony, battlefield tour, living history, demonstrations, 7 PM music, dance instructions. For information: visitmanassas.org.

July 21-23, Virginia Tour. *First Manassas: Conscious of the Nation: A Sesquicentennial Program on the Anniversary.* Blue and Gray Education Society. For information 434-250-9921; blueandgrayeducation@yahoo.com; blueandgrayeducation.org.

July 22-24, Virginia, 150th Anniversary. 150th anniversary of First Manassas at Manassas National Battlefield Park, 10-4. Special ranger battlefield tours, military demonstrations, soldier life encampment, living history, music. For information 703-361-1339.

July 23 & 30, Gettysburg, Seminar. John Scott Adams Seminar Series: *The New Guys: The Army of the Potomac's June Reinforcements*, lecture by licensed guide Stuart Dempsey at Gettysburg National Military Park. Sponsored by Gettysburg Foundation. For information 717-334-3460 ext. 221; gettysburgfoundation.org.

July 27-30, Chambersburg, Seminar. Seminar & tour, *First Blood: Manassas and Ball's Bluff.* Featuring historians Ed Bearss, Ethan Rafuse, Charles P. Poland, Jr., Kim Holien. Jim Morgan Tours of Manassas and Ball's Bluff battlefields, extant earthworks in Northern Virginia, sites around Alexandria. For information, Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours, 717-264-7101; chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org.

August 6, Gettysburg, Art Program. *An Evening with the Painting* at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 6-7:30 PM. Talk on history, conservation of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting & private viewing with Sue Boardman. \$30 non-members, \$25 members, \$10 children 6-12. For information, tickets:717-338-1243; gettysburgfoundation.org.

August 6, Gettysburg, Living History. *Voices of the Confederacy* living history at General Lee's Headquarters, Gettysburg, 9-3. Southern history from the Southern perspective, military & civilian portrayals, shooting demonstrations. Free. For information 717-334-3141.

August 6 & 7, Antietam, Signal Corps Weekend. Signal Corps Weekend at Pry House Field Hospital Museum & General McClellan's Headquarters, Antietam National Battlefield, 11-5. Live signaling, talks, 114th Signal Battalion programs, For information 301-695-1864; civilwarmed.org.

August 6, 13, 18, Gettysburg, Stories & Songs. *Stories & Songs of a Civil War Hospital.* Candlelight at Historic Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, 8 PM. Period music with professional musicians, sing-alongs, poetry, readings from hospital diaries. Free, handicap accessible, refreshments. For information 717-334-5212.

August 19 & 20, Gettysburg, Music Muster. 16th Annual Civil War Music Muster at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center. Civil War brass bands, fife & drum & parlor music in concert. Early evening concert at the Pennsylvania Memorial. Free. For information 717-334-1124 ext. 3251.

150
years ago

July 12, 1861

Battle of Rich Mountain, Virginia...Federal victory in West Virginia.

July 13, 1861

Skirmish at Corrick's Ford: Action during the pursuit of the army defeated at Rich Mountain, in which the Confederate commander General Garnett becomes the first civil war general to be killed in action.

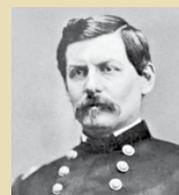
July 21, 1861



First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas, Virginia Confederate victory over a Union army invading Virginia. Bull Run ensured that the Confederacy would survive past its first few months but also increased determination to fight on in the North.

July 22, 1861

General McClellan appointed to command the army of the Potomac.



August 10, 1861



Battle of Wilson's Creek...Missouri Battle in Missouri that saw the death of the key Federal commander in the area.

August 28-29, 1861

Battle of Hatteras, North Carolina...the first of a series of battles that saw the Confederates loose control of most of the North Carolina coastline.

Website is online database for Minnesota Civil War research

Old Civil War memories come alive by viewing original, hand-written documents relating to the conflict and its legacy. Digital copies of documents related to the history of the 1st Minnesota volunteer infantry regiment, Grand Army of the Republic records, and the letters of a Civil War soldier and his family are accessible online on Minnesota Reflections, <http://reflections.mndigital.org>. The Minnesota Reflections online database is a project of the Minnesota Digital Library.

The Stillwater Public Library contributed to Minnesota Reflections the records of the "Last Man's Club," an organization of Civil War veterans of the 1st Minnesota volunteer infantry regiment. After the war, veterans of Company B of the 1st Minnesota volunteers founded the club, promising that the member who lived longest would drink a bottle of wine in his comrades' honor. The club's "last man" drank the wine in 1929, sitting at a table surrounded by empty chairs where fellow club members once would have joined him. Follow this link to view a page from a volume of "Last Man's Club" member biographies: <http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?spl,1742>. To browse the entire "Last Man's Club" collection, follow a link on the homepage to Minnesota Reflections' Advanced Search feature, select to search only the Stillwater Public Library's collection, and search for the "Last Man's Club." For assistance reading handwritten documents, choose the "View: page & text" option from a drop-down menu to the left of the image while viewing the item.

The Hennepin History Museum in Minneapolis contributed a descriptive book of Hennepin County Grand Army of the Republic members to Minnesota Reflections. The ca. 1905 volume provides biographical information about the G.A.R. members, including dates and places of birth, occupation, history of military service, date of entry into the G.A.R., and date of death, if known. Follow this link to see a page from the book: <http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?hchm,1076>. To browse the entire book, click the links to different pages listed to the left of the screen when viewing the document linked above. Search for "Descriptive Book of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hennepin County, Minnesota" to find the item from the Minnesota Reflections homepage. Use the "Zoom in" and "Zoom out" features (symbolized by the magnifying glasses above the image) to get a closer view of the document. Navigate around a page by moving the red box to the left of the image.

The Olmsted County Historical Society in Rochester, Minnesota, con-



tributed correspondence and other materials documenting the Civil War experiences of a Minnesota family. Follow this link to read an 1863 letter written by Civil War soldier Jacob Dieter: <http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?olms,928>. The collection also contains photographs and a memoir written by Jacob Dieter's daughter Martha in 1927, in which she describes her family's Civil War experiences, including her father's imprisonment at Andersonville (<http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?olms,856>). Browse the entire Dieter family collection by using the Advanced Search feature to limit your search to the Olmsted County Historical Society. Then search for "Dieter."

More than 120 libraries, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions have contributed to the Minnesota Reflections online database. Explore Minnesota Reflections' 62,000 photographs, maps and documents to find resources about the Civil War and more. For more information, contact Minnesota Digital Library Outreach Coordinator Marian Rengel at (320) 308-5625 or mrengel@stcloudstate.edu.

Notable Quotables from Pat Fairbairn

"It is with heartfelt satisfaction the commanding general announces to the army that the operations of the last three days have determined that our enemy must either ingloriously fly, or come out from behind his defenses and give us battle on our own ground, where certain destruction awaits him."

Major General Joe Hooker, April 30, 1863,
on the eve of the Battle of Chancellorsville.