Civil War Diaries

Lawrence Van Alstyne

countryside encountered during hard marches through Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. He
Lancelot C. Ewbank Diary volume 1

caption about James Irva Dungan and his capture and escape from the Confederates. The History of the
The diary includes brief descriptions of camps, journeys, battles, skirmishes, guarding prisoners and memories
Tenn.; travel in the Southeast, Northeast, Midwest, and Canada; schooling in Philadelphia; a stay with her sister
Diary, with entries dated chiefly 1859-1862, of Kate S. Carney describing antebellum life in Murfreesboro,

He enlisted on August 22, 1862, and was mustered out on August 7, 1865. These diaries are filled with his

April 1864 and was promoted to sergeant. He was listed as sick in hospital in Gallatin, Tenn. in December 1864

October 1864, the town was subjected to raids and occupations by both sides. Bills included a lengthy

Douglas Democrat and a Unionist until Lincoln's call for troops. Although Bills then threw his lot in with

Diary kept by Bills with almost daily entries between 1841 and 1871. Typical entries are 10-25 words in length


Jesse L. Henderson

Diary of Pvt. James Rosser, 12th Tenn. Inf. Vols. CSA. Diary is difficult to read, but describes a series

James P. Jones

James Riley Weaver Civil War diary, May 1864

James Riley Weaver Civil War diary, March 1864

James Riley Weaver Civil War diary, June 1864

James Riley Weaver Civil War diary, July 1864

Jacob Harrison Allspaugh diary, September 1861-September 1862

Jacob Harrison Allspaugh diary, July-Nov. 1864

J. J. Neeley

It is especially significant because of his connection to the Abraham Lincoln family and because of his

2 [TRANSCRIPTION].

The Washington diary of Horatio Nelson Taft vol. 2

The Washington diary of Horatio Nelson Taft vol. 1

Horace Currier, 1832-1863 / Papers, 1861-1863. Typewritten copies of letters written by Corporal Horace

History of the Fifth Indiana Battery-compiled and written from the field diary of lieutenant Daniel H. Chandler,

official reports of officers of the Army of the Cumberland (1900)

Manuscript notebook describing the author's experiences in the Mass. 23d Infantry. The illustrations are
reunion in Boston, May 11, 1877 / by Samuel M. Quincy.

Emily Ann Powell Warrington's annotated diary from 1846 to 1862. In these pages Emily discusses events that
Samuel Calvin

accident, contracted typhoid fever, and died on June 27, 1864 at Boston Iron Works, Georgia.

A Soldier

of living in occupied Nashville during the Civil War. Born to prominent Nashville banker Daniel F. Carter and Mary

The Rachel Carter Craighead diaries span the latter half of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth
to women for services. Philip C. Shaffner mustered in on 21 June 1861 in Clearfield County, Pa., as a private

Philip C. Shaffner and Robert H. Ward

matter includes daily routines and activities, war news, and wartime conditions.; Philander Smith was born in

A diary (1864-1865) kept by Captain Peter Ake, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, in which he wrote mostly about


Ozias Ruark, soldier in the 8th Missouri Militia, traveled throughout Southwest Missouri, and kept this daily log
during the Civil War.

Oscar Jackson

Nimrod Porter Papers, 1819-1871 [Typed transcription of Volume 3]
of the remainder of the war in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. In January of 1865, only six weeks after

Myron Underwood Letters from Underwood to his wife, Sophie, and two from her to him, while he was an

A typed copy the diary of Melinda Ray, this diary gives a young girl perspective of life in Fayetteville North

Mead family papers, July 1863-January 1864

Includes war letters about 7th Iowa Infantry, Company H.

Recollections of the Civil War : with many original diary entries and letters written from the seat of war, and

The collection is typescript copy of excerpts of the Civil War diary of Mary T. Hunley of Gwynn Island,
to her. She kept in touch with some of the men she had met or cared for in hospitals and continued to have

Mary Jeffreys  Bethell , 1853-1873

1864-1868 and covers life in the Washington, D.C. Mary lived with her family in the Smithsonian Institution

Diary of Mary Henry, daughter of the first Smithsonian Secretary Joseph Henry. This diary spans the years of

Diary of Mary Henry 1864-1868  [transcription]

Marks family letters, 1862-1864
efforts; sickness among the civilian and military population; the family's removal to the relative safety

of South Carolina and to the Morris family of Morrisania, N.Y. The collection is the manuscript diary, 1860-1866,

Margaret Ann Meta Morris Grimball was the wife of John Berkley Grimball (1800-1892), rice planter of Saint

Mann family papers, January 1864-March 1866

are pasted into the 9th diary, which also includes entries for August 1866 concerning his admittance to the Bar

rather than the front lines allowed him to note that 6,000 prisoners and wounded soldiers flooded into camp

beginning from the front (May 10 to August 31, 1863) describes the battle at Gettysburg. This diary includes

and quotes a letter setting forth reasons that his parents do not want him to enlist. It also notes the October

and goings of Dr. Pugh, the president of the Farmers High School. In April 1861 he described the start of the

M. L. Gordon's experiences in the Civil War - from his narrative, letters and diary (1922)

1865.

16, 1825. She was married, on Jan. 12, 1853, to Col. John Hopkins French. By the time of the 1860 U.S. Census

Howitzers, Combined.

Diaries of John Waldrop, Second Company, and Wm. Y. Mordecai, Second Company Richmond

Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. Edited by G. Glenn Clift.

Diary of a Tarheel, 1913

life as a Union cavalry soldier during the Civil War, 1863-1865.
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John B. Gordon

Theodore Gerrish

Capture and Escape - A Narrative of Army and Prison Life (1908).

Silas Weir Mitchell, M.D.

Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson, 1895.

Mary Anna Jackson

A Sailor's Log - Recollections of Forty Years of Naval Life, 1901.

Grenville Dodge

Sherman (1914)

Grenville Dodge

James R. Gilmore

John J. Garnett

by Committee, 1861-1865, 1892

Memoirs of the war of secession (1910).

Henry Hamilton

Recollections of a Cavalryman of the Civil War after Fifty Years, 1861-1865 (1915).

William Douglas Hamilton

History of the Eighty-fifth regiment Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, 1861-1865, comprising an authentic narrative...

Mead Holmes - A Soldier of the Cumberland...

John H. Lewis - Recollections from 1860 to 1865.

Michael Egan - The flying, gray-haired yank; or, the adventures of a volunteer.

Wharton J. Green = Recollections and Reflections, 1906.

was elected as a 3rd Class (honorary) Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Committee during the administration of President Abraham Lincoln. Staunchly pro-Union, he is given credit...


actions, etc., on each side the line during the Civil War.

struggles, humorous and tragic Events, perilous journeys, bold dashes, brilliant successes, Magnanimous...

patient endurance, imprisonments and hair breadth escapes, Romantic incidents, hand to hand...

war (1897)


American War and the American...

Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant , Vol. 2, 1886

Daniel Fletcher

Reminiscences and Record of the 6th New York Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, 1892.

Newton Martin Curtis

Confederate prisoners sent from Fort Delaware to Morris' Island to be punished (1869).

Prison life during the rebellion. Being a brief narrative of the miseries and sufferings of six hundred...

Charles Augustus Fuller

Recollections of a fire insurance man, including his experience in U.S. Navy (Mississippi squadron) during the...

Robert Siderfin Critchell

Second Lieutenant of his company and was promoted rapidly to lieutenant colonel. After his discharge Draper...

William F. Draper

William Emile Doster

William Lapham

William Robertson Boggs

William Corby

Sketches of the rise, progress, and decline of secession - with a narrative of personal adventures among the...


Wayland Fuller Dunaway served as a Captain of Company I, of the 40th Virginia Regiment of the Army of...

Wayland Fuller Dunaway - Reminiscences of a Rebel,1913.

the Union soldiers who died at Andersonville with the number of their graves, their rank, the companies...

these prisons without exaggeration, he realizes that it is hard to comprehend that men can live through some of...

that few endure and live to write about. Although he attempts to relate the tale of horrors experienced in...

with life as a raw recruit and continuing through the major battles of the Civil War, Goss gives us a behind-

Memoirs of service with John Yates Beall, C.S.N.

W.W. Morgan

Reminiscences - The last days of war in Ashville.

S.J.B. Cain

Reminiscences of the War of 1861-1865 (1912).

Peter D. Lane

personal adventures (1906). Late of the eighth new york heavy artillery veteran of the second army corps ^

Nuggets of experience ; narratives of the sixties and other days, with graphic descriptions of thrilling...

at university was cut short by outbreak of the War of 1812. At the age of fourteen, Dix desired to join the...

General John Adams Dix was born in Boscawen, New Hampshire in 1798. In his youth, he was educated by...

Miss Mamie Yeary - Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray, 1861 to 1865, Vol. 1

Mary Potter Higginson

Mary Elizabeth Dickison

Memoir of John A. Dahlgren, Rear Admiral United States Navy, 1882.

Eleven days in the militia during the war of the rebellion ; a journal of the "emergency" campaign of 1862.

Louis Richards

Le Grand B. Cannon - Recollections of the Iron Clads, Monitor and Merrimac, and Incidents of the Fights, 1875

Kate M. Rowland


Jonathan Letterman

John Mcintosh Kell

Grand Ecore along the Mississippi River.

Confederate Army and how they were able to push them back. He was also offered the position of...

entry from John E. Wilkins' Diary, dated May 1864. Wilkins describes the skirmishes they had with the...
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Exciting memoir of Wilson's entire military career, with the majority being devoted to the Civil War. Wilson served


James P. Carey

Amos E. Stearns

John Goode

A Private in Gray - Narrative of a soldier who served in the Army of Northern Virginia (1905).

William McLendon

1861 To July 20, 1865.

Reminiscences of life in the army, and as a prisoner of war (1910).

John Scouller Mcculloch

C. Fletcher, Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D.

Manderson, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Admiral Porter, General Horace Porter, Senator Hawley, Hon. Thomas

Reminiscences of the 123d Regiment, N.Y.S.V., giving a complete history of its three years service in the

1879 (1879)

The Memoirs of Charles Olmstesad. Reminiscences of service with the First volunteer regiment of

Record of the Ninety-Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the War of the Rebellion.

The Recollections of a Drummer-Boy (1889).

Reminiscences - Samuel Daniel Marshbourn, 4th North Carolina Infantry, Company F.

Rear-Admiral Stephen Decatur Trenchard (1898).

Reminiscences of the Old Navy, from the Journals and Private Papers of Captain Edward Trenchard, and

Edgar Maclay

Confederate wizards of the saddle; being reminiscences and observations of one who rode with Morgan.

Bennett Henderson Young

line--on the battlefield--and in prison.


Henry B. Sparks

of Petersburg (1864) Bond was captured and sent to Andersonville Prison from which he escaped.

Indiana. Bond enlisted in April 1861, was discharged shortly after and then re-enlisted on 22 August 1861. He

Union soldier, member of the Minnesota Infantry Regiment, 1st, Company F. Born in Randolph County,

war between the states.

Raphael Semmes

Calvin Whit Lloyd

Ward Hill Lamon

John Leach

W.A. Wash

Alfred S. Roe

Bromfield Ridley

Frank M. Mixson

Thomas T. Duncan

Camp Fires of the Confederacy- A Volume of Humorous Anecdotes, Reminiscences, Deeds of Heroism ... (1898).

Recollections of Henry Watkins Allen, Brigadier-General Confederate States Army, Ex-Governor of Louisiana, 1866.

Recollections of the civil war and going West to grow up with the country (1906).

Historical Reminiscences of the War or incidents which transpired in and about Chambersburg, during the War

Jacob Hoke

Recollections of a Rebel Reefer (1917).

Prisoners Of War And Military Prisons; Personal Narratives Of Experience In The Prisons At Richmond,

Memoirs of a veteran who served as a private in the 60's in the war between the states; personal

South (1888).

War anecdotes and incidents of army life. Reminiscences from both sides of the conflict between North and

Albert Lawson

The Thirty-fifth Ohio, a Narrative of Service from August 1861 to 1864 (1894).

Frederick W. Keil

A Narrative of Military Service, 1885.

W.B. Hazen

Julian W. Hinkley

the Carolinas under General Wm. Tecumseh Sherman.

Volunteer Infantry; Assigned Commander of F Company on the Hood Chase and on the March to the

Recollections of Pioneer and Army Life, 1922. Lieutenant E Company, Tenth Regiment, Illinois Veteran

Matthew H. Jamison

A Narrative of the Services of the Officers and Enlisted Men of the 7th Regiment of Vermont. (1882)

Mcdowell, Mcclellan, Meade, Hancock, Burnside, And Others In Command Of The Armies In The Field, And
Civil War Diaries

was discharged for health reasons. He also explains that he hired a substitute to serve in the war for him due to

a neglected aspect of the Civil War, the role of the artillery in combat.

s death, Poague remained in the Army of Northern Virginia. Gunner with Stonewall sheds light on

the Shenandoah Valley and at Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and elsewhere. After

s campaigns in

Four Years Under Fire At Charleston. Originally published Harper

St. Clair A. Mulholland

The One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment New York State Volunteers. A narrative of its services in the war for

Hampton S. Thomas

George Bicknell

The Narrative of a Blockade-Runner, 1877. Personal narrative of Capt. J. Wilkinson on his exploits of running


November 1861 and was one of its few survivors when the company was mustered out in December 1865.

Emmet C. West describes the movements and actions of Company E of the 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry, such as

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both sides in the greatest of American conflicts, he described the various campaigns in which he took part.

the Civil War, he began, as he explains, to feel the ardor of the historian, and, using the Official Records of


George T. Ulmer

Walter S. Newhall - A Memoir (1864). Walter Symonds Newhall was distinguished for brave service in the

Sarah Butler Wister

Charles A. Wilson

C.J. Wood

W.E. Woodruff

Lot D. Young

Lot D. Young describes military maneuvers and comments on several blunders made by the Confederate leadership

Reminiscences of a Soldier of the Orphan Brigade, 1918. Young's narrative traces his Civil War experiences

Reminiscences of a Mississippian in Peace and War, 1901.

Franklin Montgomery

Henry E. Shepherd

George W. Pepper

By His Son, John Gallatin Paxton

An Officer In The Confederate Army, With An Introductory And Connecting Narrative Collected And Arranged

Orendorff, H. H. et al. Reminiscences of the Civil War From Diaries of Members of the One Hundred and

Reminiscences - William Clark Patterson, 33rd North Carolina Infantry, Company K.


James McKee

Tom North

Personal War Sketches, 1861-1865.

D.H. Strother - Fourth Paper - Expectancy - Personal Recollections of the War

D.H. Strother - Eighth Paper - Cedar Mountain - Personal Recollections of the War

James Joseph Williamson

War memories in 1910 entitled, War Days in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The collection opens with a poem

Under the Guns - A Woman's Reminiscences of the Civil War, 1895.

On the wing of occasions - being the authorized version of certain curious episodes of the late Civil War,

Wickam Hoffman

Memoirs of Paul Henry Kendricken, 1910. Includes Kendricken

Paul Henry Kendricken

Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-One Days in the Confederate Army. Marshall, Texas published by the author, 1876.

during the Gettysburg Campaign, and in July 1863 was promoted to Colonel of his regiment.

J. C. O'Loughlin

W.E. O'Loughlin

T. M. O'Sullivan

O'Sullivan

Philippa C. O'Sullivan

Sarah Butler O'Sullivan

Grace O'Sullivan

Evelyn C. Paine

Dr. R. W. Paine

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Peter Smith Michie
in Washington and elsewhere.
everyday men and women who lived it. Lt-Col. Morse's letters are a fascinating and valuable addition to
entire war and this collection of his letters home were published privately in 1898. A friend of Robert Shaw (of
With the 2nd Massachusetts, he saw action at many important battles, including Gettysburg. He served the
Letters Written During the Civil War 1861-1865, 1898. The Second Massachusetts Infantry Regiment
Charles F. Morse
Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Chattanooga (all 1863). The conduct of his troops at Chancellorsville
were controversial in his day, but was lauded by many, foremost by President Ulysses S. Grant.
a memoir. His Memoirs of General William T. Sherman, By Himself, begin with the year 1846 (when the
Carl Schurz - The Reminiscences of Carl Schurz, Vol. 2, 1907
War letters of a disbanded volunteer- embracing his experiences as honest old Abe's bosom friend and
My cave life in Vicksburg - With letters of trial and travel (1864).
William Thompson Lusk
an intimate look into the life of General Robert E. Lee.
Martin A. Haynes
The Life and Letters of Robert Lewis Dabney, 1903.
Thomas C. Johnson
Letters of Captain Henry Richards of the Ninety-third Ohio Infantry, 1893.
Letters from Port Royal Written at the Time of the Civil War (1862-1868).
Elizabeth Pearson
describe the weather and conditions in the army and give news of friends. The letter from prison discloses
Christopher Wren Bunker
Richard W. Corbin
serve with Battery C, First New York Light Artillery, from June 30. 1863, to August 22, 1864.
Cyrus Morton Cutler Letters From the Front - From October, 1861 to September, 1864 (1892). Cyrus Morton
s charge, after which he tied captured rebel banners to his horse and dragged them in the
Life and Letters of General Alexander Hays, 1919.  The Life and Letters of Alexander Hays is an
George Thornton Fleming
and emergencies of the day, without thought of publication.
Speeches of General U.S. Grant, being extracts from speeches, letters, orders, military and state papers (1868).
Wymberley Jones De Renne
describe the weather and conditions in the army and give news of friends. The letter from prison discloses
Henry Cleveland
Elias Baxter Decker
Letters of a Confederate Officer to his family in Europe during the last year of the War of Secession (1913).
Richard W. Corbin
John W. Vaught
supplies, shelling around Atlanta, and the fall of Savannah to the Union.
William Wallace's Civil War Letters: The Atlanta Campaign
1861-1862 in unusually rich detail. The letters, written to his wife Sarah, begin on July 21, 1861, when
Henry Cleveland
Samuel Du Pont
Northern Virginia,1884.
Chauncey Herbert Cooke
Incidents and anecdotes of the war together with life sketches of eminent leaders, and narratives of the
Allen Thorndike Rice
most memorable battles for the Union. 1862