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AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CIVIL WAR-ERA ARTICLES IN PENNSYLVANIA JOURNALS, 1893-1982

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The Civil War is the most written-about event in United States history. Over the intervening years, professional and amateur historians have used state historical journals as important outlets for their research and analysis. The three journals published in Pennsylvania are no exception. Considerable space has been devoted to the many, and often complex, aspects of the war; predictably so, since Pennsylvania was the only Northern state (that is, where slavery was illegal) that was invaded by a major Confederate army.

This bibliography includes 139 articles from the 868 issues of the three journals. It does not list pieces of minor significance or of a trivial nature. The oldest publication, The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography has, since 1877, emphasized the colonial and early national history in the Philadelphia region of the state. Therefore, only forty-one articles (29.5 percent of the total) have appeared in that journal. The first one was not published until 1893, and there were only seventeen published (out of 300 issues) by 1952. During the Civil War centennial (1961-1965) fourteen were published, and seven have been published since 1965.

Pennsylvania History, which also has an eastern Pennsylvania orientation, has been published since 1934. Since then, forty-three articles (31 percent) have been published, which is more per number of volumes than the other two journals. Twenty-five articles were published before 1961, thirteen during the centennial, and ten since 1965.

Since 1918, fifty-seven articles (almost 40 percent) have been published in The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine. Twen-
ty-two were printed before 1961, eighteen during the centennial, and sixteen since 1965. There seems to have been more interest in the war over a longer period of time in the western environs.

Topically, published diaries (seventeen articles), letters (thirteen), and Gettysburg and “soldiers at war” (twelve each) have been the most popular subjects. Newspaper/press and politicians articles were next with eleven and ten, respectively. These were followed by: Lincoln, seven articles; memoirs, six; defense, Philadelphia, and politics/elections, five each; and historiography, four.

The articles are listed chronologically (date of publication) by subject. Abbreviations: *PMHB* (*The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*); *PH* (*Pennsylvania History*); *WPHM* (*The Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*).

**DIARIES**


Thompson, D. G. Brinton. ed. “From Chancellorsville to Gettysburg, A Doctor’s Diary.” *PMHB* 89 (July 1965): 292-315. Dr. Daniel G. Brinton was attached to the XI Corps.


**LETTERS**


Farr, Clifford B. ed. "The Civil War Correspondence of Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride." *PMHB* 83 (Jan. 1959): 74-89. Kirkbride was superintendent of the Mental and Nervous Department, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.


McLaughlin, Florence C. ed. "'Dear Sister Jennie — Dear Brother


*Note that no "letters" articles have appeared in PH.*

GETTYSBURG


*Note that no articles were published on Gettysburg in the WPHM and that all but two of the ones published were in PH.*
SOLDIERS AT WAR


NEWSPAPER/PRESS


Crofts, Daniel W. "James E. Harvey and the Secession Crisis." *PMHB* 103 (Apr. 1979): 177-95. Harvey was a newspaperman and an influential moderate Republican.

**POLITICIANS**


**LINCOLN**


*Note that an article on Lincoln has yet to appear in the WPHM.*

**MEMOIRS**


Sharpe, John C. "A Boy's Experience During the Civil War." *PH* 6 (July 1939): 159-69. These recollections relate to Cumberland County and the Gettysburg campaign.


**DEFENSE**


**PHILADELPHIA**


Binder, Frederick M. “Philadelphia’s Free Military School.” *PH* 17 (Oct. 1950): 281-91. This school was for blacks.


**POLITICS/ELECTIONS**


**HISTORIOGRAPHY**


[———. “Military Historians and History.” *PMHB* 52 (Apr. 1928): 141-61; (July 1928): 229-48.]

[———. “Military Historians and History.” *PMHB* 53 (Jan. 1929): 28-50. This is a critique of the Eastern Theater and Pennsylvania generals.]
BLACKS
Wert, Jeffry D. "Camp William Penn and the Black Soldier." PH 46 (Oct. 1979) : 335-46. This camp was near Philadelphia.

OPPOSITION TO THE WAR

NAVY

CIVILIAN AID

TRANSPORTATION
MISCELLANEOUS

Dudley, Thomas H. "Three Critical Periods in Our Diplomatic Relations with England during the Late War." *PMHB* 17 (1893): 34-54. Dudley was consul in Liverpool.


Neel, Gregg L. "The Confederate Memorial at West Park in Pittsburgh." *WPHM* 20 (Sept. 1937): 215-19. This unique memorial, dedicated in 1934, was to commemorate Col. John T. Morgan's 118 "raiders" who were incarcerated there during 1863-1864.


Harmon, George D., and Hazlehurst, Edith Blackburn, eds. "Captain Isaiah Conley's Escape from a Southern Prison, 1864." *WPHM*
47 (Apr. 1964) : 79-106; Part II. (July 1964) : 225-47. He was in the 101st Pennsylvania.