

## REVIEW NOTICES

### NEW OR RECENT BOOKS ON THE CIVIL WAR

*The Struggle for the Life of  
the Republic*

A Civil War Narrative by Brevet  
Major Charles Dana Miller, 76th  
Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Edited by Stewart Bennett and  
Barbara Tillery

(Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, 2004.  
Pp. xxiii, 301. Illustrations, map, appendices,  
notes, bibliography, index. \$34.00.)

The narrative of Charles Dana Miller (1836-1898), written sometime between May 1869 and 1881, is a richly detailed memoir by a first sergeant (later first lieutenant) of the 76th Ohio Volunteer Regiment, Company C. Miller served from October 1861 through November 1864, seeing action at Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Atlanta, among other battles. Miller remained involved in veteran's societies throughout the remainder of his life, perhaps prompting him to pen his own reminiscences. Bennett and Tillery, following an earlier transcription of the manuscript, break the narrative into chapters with a brief summary of contents at the beginning of each.

*"The Supply for Tomorrow  
Must Not Fail"*

*The Civil War of Captain Simon  
Perkins, Jr., a Union  
Quartermaster*

By Lenette S. Taylor

(Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, 2004.  
Pp. xv, 264. Illustrations, maps, notes, bibli-  
ography, index. \$35.00.)

This book draws attention to quartermasters, heretofore neglected officers in Civil War studies. Descendants of Captain Simon Perkins, Jr., donated eight crates containing 20,000 of his quartermaster-related documents to the Summit County (Ohio) Historical Society, and Taylor has used them to draw a detailed picture of Perkins' s day-to-day work of supplying goods to the military and managing railroad transport. From February 1862 to July 1864, Perkins served with the Army of the Ohio, the Army of the Cumberland, and the Department of the North.

*Three Years with Wallace's  
Zouaves*

*The Civil War Memoirs of  
Thomas Wise Durham*

Edited by Jeffrey L. Patrick

(Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2003.  
Pp. xxii, 198. Illustrations, maps, bibliography,  
index. \$35.00.)

Hailing from Montgomery County, Durham served in Company G of the 11th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and saw action in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Champion Hill, and the siege of Vicksburg. The illustrations are uncited, some of the footnotes appear on the incorrect pages, and the annotations are at times incomplete. However, Durham provides enlightening commentary on Wallace (whom he considers blameless at Shiloh), Sherman (“as a ‘cusser’ he was the finest artist in the business” [p. 125]), and daily soldier life (smoking, brawling, and cussing).



*To Battle for God and the Right  
The Civil War Letterbooks of  
Emerson Opdycke*

Edited by Glen V. Longacre and  
John E. Haas

Foreword by Peter Cozzens

(Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2003. Pp.  
xxxv, 332. Notes, illustrations, appendices, bib-  
liography, index. \$34.95.)

This edited collection of letters provides a comprehensive narrative of a volunteer soldier in the Army of the Cumberland. From August 1861 to August 1865, Opdycke wrote lengthy

and frequent letters to his wife, describing details of his life with the 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry and later the 125th Ohio, and revealing in the process his complex character. Opdycke, who was eventually discharged with the rank of brigadier general in early 1865, was best known for defying his superior officer in the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, in November 1864—an act that helped to ensure a Union victory there.



*The Longest Raid of the  
Civil War*

*Little Known and Untold Stories  
of Morgan's Raid into Kentucky,  
Indiana, and Ohio*

By Lester V. Horwitz

(Cincinnati: Farmcourt Publishing, Inc., 2001.  
Rev. ed. Pp. xx. Illustrations, maps, appendix,  
notes, index. Clothbound, \$34.95; paperbound,  
\$29.95.)

This is the first book-length study of John Hunt Morgan's raid through Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio between July 1 and July 26, 1863. Morgan's was the longest raid behind enemy lines in the Civil War, involving 2,500 men and covering 900 miles in less than a month. The raid resulted in the only battle on Indiana soil—the Battle of Corydon. Horwitz became interested in Morgan's Raid after purchasing an old Cincinnati farmhouse from which Morgan's men had stolen, and his detailed research reflects a passion for finding written and oral histories of the raid.

## OTHER NEW OR RECENT BOOKS

*Calumet Beginnings  
Ancient Shorelines and  
Settlements at the South End  
of Lake Michigan*

By Kenneth J. Schoon

(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003. Pp. x, 247. Maps, illustrations, glossary, bibliographic essay, works cited, index. \$24.95.)

Schoon narrates the geological, biological, and human history of northern Indiana's Calumet region, focusing on Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties. Schoon describes four distinct Native American eras (spanning more than 10,000 years), then goes on to trace the story of early European travel, the creation of the Northwest Territory after the Revolutionary War, the changes brought by white settlement, and the growth of the railroad after the Civil War. He follows this general narrative with short histories of each town in the region through the early twentieth century, with postscripts highlighting recent positive developments in each community's history. Readers will especially enjoy this volume's many maps, portraits, and other photographs.

*Go Forth and Do Good  
Memorable Notre Dame  
Commencement Addresses*

Edited by Wilson D. Miscamble

Foreword by Theodore M.

Hesburgh

(Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003. Pp. xvii, 293. Illustrations, appendix. \$25.00.)

The speeches given at University of Notre Dame commencements, and the identity of the individuals selected to give them, offer a glimpse of the changing concerns and status of Catholics in America, as well as of Notre Dame's prominent place in American Catholic life. The speakers chosen for this collection comprise national and international politicians—including three American presidents—and prominent Catholic leaders such as Bishop John Lancaster Spalding (1886) and Joseph Cardinal Bernadin (1983). The collection begins with William Tecumseh Sherman's address in 1865 and ends with President George W. Bush's in 2001. A portrait of the speaker accompanies each selection.

*Indiana Cars  
A History of the Automobile in  
Indiana*

By Dennis E. Hovarth and Terri Hovarth

(Indianapolis: Hoosier Auto Show &amp; Swap Meet, Inc., 2002. Pp. 197. Illustrations, appendices, reading resources, glossary, index. \$29.95.)

This book provides a detailed look at the automotive and truck industry in Indiana from the 1890s to the present, with an emphasis on the period through the 1920s, when car, truck, and parts manufacturing were at their peak in the state. The book also contains brief biographies of Indiana automotive pioneers and appendices

that include listings of state car museums and car clubs. The authors have included useful details about each vehicle as well as many photographs of vehicles, industry leaders, and advertisements.



*Play On*  
*Celebrating 100 Years of High School Sports in Indiana*

By Bill Beck

Foreword by Frank O'Bannon

(Indianapolis: Indiana High School Athletic Association, 2003. Pp. 166. Illustrations. \$29.95.)

*Play On* chronicles one-hundred years of Indiana high school sports since the establishment of the Indiana High School Athletic Association in December 1903. Not surprisingly, much of the book focuses on boy's basketball, one of the oldest sports (along with boy's track and field) to have an Indiana state high school championship. In addition to celebrating great players and memorable teams, Beck also considers more difficult aspects of this history, including the effects of racial segregation through the early 1940s, school consolidation in the late 1960s, and the establishment of the basketball class system in 1996. Readers will enjoy the many photographs and handsome design of the book.



*Pioneer in Tibet*  
*The Life and Perils of Dr. Albert Shelton*

By Douglas A. Wissing

(New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004. Pp. xiii, 334. Maps, illustrations, notes, sources, index. \$29.95.)

Wissing, an independent journalist, Indiana University alumnus, and Bloomington resident, tells the life story of Albert Shelton, the Indiana-born Disciples of Christ missionary and physician who lived for two seven-year spans in the remote eastern Tibetan region of Kham with his wife and two daughters. On breaks between mission trips, Shelton and his family returned to the United States to do publicity, raise funds, and sell their Tibetan art collections to the Newark Museum. Early into his third trip, Shelton was killed by robbers. Anyone interested in the history of Asian Christian missionaries or the unlikely connections between Indiana and Tibet will enjoy this book.

