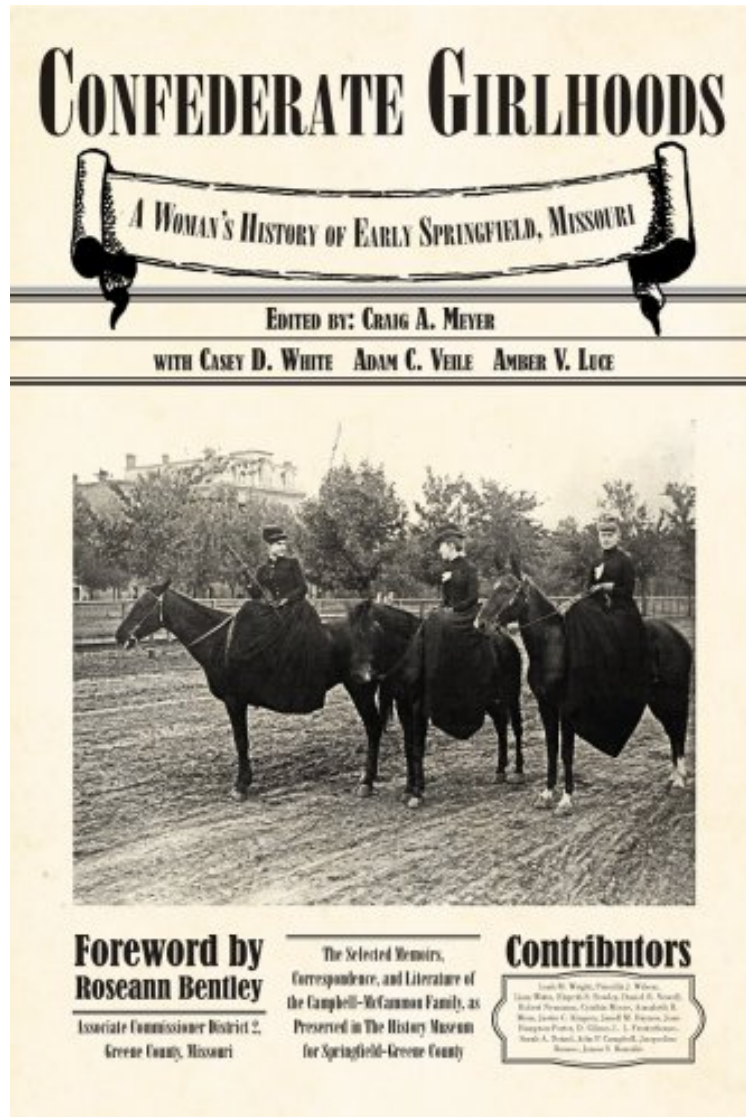


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first part of the book is a very complete "memory" of a young girl's experience during the years of the Civil War which that author wrote for her family members over 20 years later. There is also a section of letters between family members, and a section which provides records of law suites, military records, land transfers which comprises great documentation. There is a section with pictures of most of the family members who appear in the book. The information concerns the family of Campbells and their wide and varied extended family members. My least favorite section was the novella written by one of the family which purports to explain their leaving Scotland and coming to America. It becomes something of an allegory with emphasis on the heroine's marriage, her role in life, joys, and disappointments. So thoroughly researched and presented a book on this part of Missouri and the Ozarks is quite rare and incredibly gratifying. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read By Merideth Sears This book was a wonderful surprise. I initially ordered it as there was a relative in this area during the civil war and I wanted more information on what life would have been like. The tales of the Campbell Women from Springfield MO are amazing. What hardy women they were. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Remarkable Women By Nancy L. Wujcik I was thrilled to find this book as it relates to my family history. What a treasure trove of writings by women actually experiencing life around the Civil War, their families that saved the writings, and the ones who transcribed it for wider distribution so that I can now read it!

Confederate Girlhoods gathers materials from the Campbell-McCammon Collection, as preserved in The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County. One of Springfield, Missouri's founding families, the Campbells were prodigious writers whose memoirs, correspondence, and fiction portray four generations of pioneer women. Focusing on writings from 1853 to 1902, Confederate Girlhoods presents these women's views of Native Americans and early settling; of slavery and southern patriotism; of war and its social, political, economic aftermath; of the railroad and Westward migration; of an Ozarks community's early efforts at conservation and civic commemoration.

From the Inside Flap "Confederate Girlhoods . . . is a treasure of historical significance, weaving the oft-told stories of America's Civil War and its aftermath into a new pattern: as seen through the eyes of girls and women who lived through it. . . . I'm delighted that this record of local women's voices has been preserved . . . and collected in this remarkable and important book." ~From the Foreword by Roseann Bentley, Associate Commissioner District 2, Greene County, Missouri "Confederate Girlhoods makes an important contribution to the history of Springfield and the state of Missouri, as well as to gender history and the history of the American Civil War. The writings of the Campbell-McCammon family are both entertaining and revealing, and they have been expertly edited for this volume. This is a pleasure to read." ~William Garrett Piston, co-author of *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Missouri in the Civil War* About the Author Craig A. Meyer, Casey D. White, Adam C. Veile, and Amber V. Luce are graduates of the Missouri State University English Department; other contributors include Leah M. Wright, Priscilla J. Wilson, Liam Watts, Elspeth S. Rowley, Daniel R. Newell, Robert Neumann, Cynthia Moore, Annabeth R. Minx, Justin C. Kingery, Joan Hampton-Porter, D. Gilson, L. L. Fronterhouse, Sarah A. Detzel, Janell M. Haynes, John P. Campbell, Jacqueline Bonsee, and James S. Baumlin.