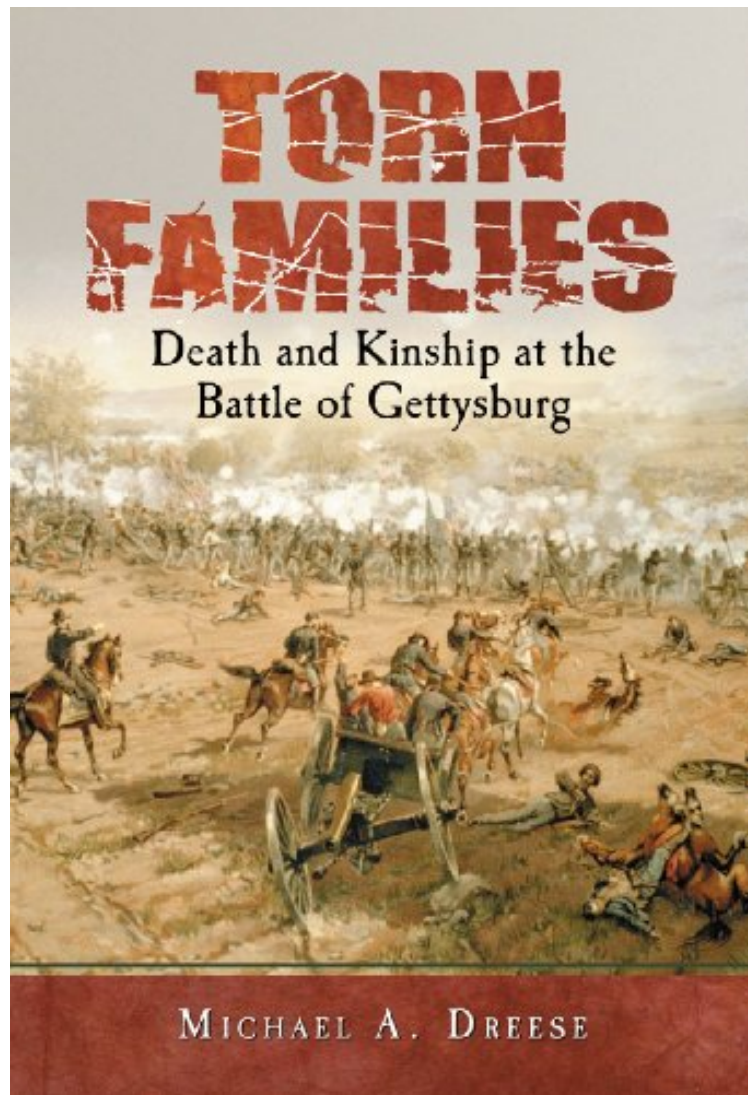


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meticulous research in order to bring his subjects from their homes and then placing them on the battlefield during those July days of 1863. In the pages of "Torn Families" we read of about fathers and sons, such as Samuel and Bayard Wilkeson. Samuel was a New York Times war correspondent at Gettysburg struggling to document the news; even after having seen his son dead on the field. There is the remarkable story of young Andrew Gregg Tucker, whose mother was brought to the battlefield by a University President. We read of Gettysburg residents such as the Buehler family, who opened their home to wounded soldiers and then welcomed the wives of the men who came to nurse them back to health. The Powers family willingly spent their earthly fortune caring for the wounded; finding food wherever they could for those being treated inside their home. The book introduces us to the Cavada brothers, who were born in Cuba but went to fight for their adopted homeland. We read of Levi and Henry Walker, inseparable brothers with a strong resemblance to each other - a resemblance maintained when they both lost left legs at Gettysburg while fighting for the Confederacy. Dreese skillfully details the account of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul from nearby Emmitsburg MD - a group of Nuns who came to help the wounded in any way they could, and included two sisters who were not only Sisters in the convent but by blood as well. In these pages, we find stirring accounts of love, faithfulness, devotion and patriotism. This is unique among my collection of books about Gettysburg. I can only hope that more of Michael Dreese's writings are coming, and will be available on Kindle. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good book. In fact the Basset Brothers are my ...By JohnVery good book. In fact the Basset Brothers are my great, great , great uncles. Their younger sister Francis "Frankie" is my great great grandmother. I have about 200 letters all three brothers wrote home to their parents while they were in the war, including several diaries and other artifacts (their parents kept them and passed them down). Amazing how some families were on different sides during the war. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. GREAT READ!By JESSICA PUMAThis was a fabulous book. Detailed and extremely well researched. It was like seeing the battle from a totally new perspective. I am heading to the 150th at Gettysburg in a few weeks . I can't wait to share these amazing stories of courage with the people I am traveling with!

The Battle of Gettysburg lasted only three days but involved more than 160,000 Union and Confederate soldiers. Seven thousand died outright on the battlefield; hundreds more later succumbed to their wounds. For each of these soldiers, family members somewhere waited anxiously. Some went to Gettysburg themselves in search of their wounded loved ones. Some were already present as soldiers themselves. In this book are extraordinary--and sometimes heartbreaking--stories of the strength of family ties during the Battle of Gettysburg. Excerpts from diaries, letters and other correspondence provide a firsthand account of the human drama of Gettysburg on the battlefield and the home front.

"engagingly and soundly written" --Civil War News"painstakingly well researched" --Juniata SentinelAbout the AuthorMichael A. Dreese is the author of five books and numerous journal articles on topics including Pennsylvania and the American Civil War. An award-winning photographer, he is the president of the Friends and Descendants of the 151st Pennsylvania, and vice-president of the Susquehanna Civil War Round Table. He lives in Kreamer, Pennsylvania.