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ALBUM BOY SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Album Description

A new book examines why the Union Army had so many boy soldiers. This album aggregates photos and other primary sources about some of the boy soldiers.

Of Age: Boy Soldiers and Military Power in the Civil War Era by *Frances M. Clarke and Rebecca Jo Plant*. Published by *Oxford University Press*, 2023.

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LITTLE HARRY THE DRUMMER BOY



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/ihas.200001642/>

Created / Published

- H. M. Higgins, Chicago, 1864.

Notes

- - Music associated with the Union side

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Teaching Notes:

Most were drummer boys. In the English military, they were responsible for punishing troops as well. (the lash) If not a Sargent Major would punish them. American forces did the same practice at times.

GRAVE OF ELISHA STOCKWELL

Teaching Notes:

On Feb. 25, 1862 at the age of 15, Elisha Stockwell, Jr. enlisted in Company 'I' of the 14th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Stockwell was issued a .69-caliber Belgian rifle musket when he joined. He was wounded twice at the Battle of Shiloh, and he fought at Corinth. By the time he fought at Vicksburg, Stockwell was issued a .577-caliber Enfield rifle. His rifle: https://nationalzoo.si.edu/object/nmah_1417598

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GRAVE OF CHARLES BICKFORD

Teaching Notes:

B Company, 2nd Massachusetts Infantry Regiment; born March 1844, date and place of death, May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Virginia,

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LINK TO GRAVE OF CHARLES KING

Teaching Notes:

Charles E. King enlisted in 1861 at age 12 in Co F 49th PA Vols as a musician; died of wounds in September 1862 at the Battle of Antietam

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Teaching Notes:

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THE BUCHANAN COUNTY GUARDIAN., JANUARY 12, 1864, IMAGE 1



Teaching Notes:

Johnny Clem -- The Youngest Soldier in the Army of the Cumberland

Reference Link:

[https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87058348/1864-01-12/ed-1/seq-](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87058348/1864-01-12/ed-1/seq-1/#date1=1861&index=0&date2=1875&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&words=Clem+Johnny&pr)

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Newspaper: The Buchanan County guardian. (Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa) 1858-1864

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Image provided by: State Historical Society of Iowa

PDF Link: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87058348/1864-01-12/ed-1/seq-1.pdf>

[UNIDENTIFIED BOY IN UNION ZOUAVE UNIFORM WITH DRUM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2012650030/>

Created / Published

- [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Ambrotypes--Hand-colored--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Berg, no. 1-3S.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2012; (DLC/PP-2012:127).
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Purchased from: George S. Whiteley IV, Atlanta, Ga., 2012.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Forms part of: Ambrotype/Tintype photograph filing series (Library of Congress).
- - Exhibited: "The Civil War in America" at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 2013.
- - pp/liljwoch
- - pp/liljunion

Repository

- Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.print>

Digital Id

- ppsca 34499 //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.34499

**[TWO SOLDIERS, JOHN BURTON AND SON WITH DRUM, IN UNION UNIFORMS WITH
WIFE AND YOUNGER GIRL AND BOY] / BOWDOIN, TAYLOR & CO. 204 KING, COR.
COLUMBUS STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.**



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2018652606/>

Summary

- Photograph shows identified and unidentified soldiers with family; the boys are possibly Benjamin Burton and John Burton, Jr.

Created / Published

- [Alexandria, Va.] : [Bowdoin, Taylor & Co., 204 King, cor. Columbus Street], [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Group portraits--1860-1870
- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Albumen prints--1860-1870
- Cartes de visite--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Notation on verso: "John Burton, for wife."
- - Related to cartes de visite of a younger John Burton and Benjamin Burton, taken in London, and Philip P. Hippert, which were processed as LOT 14043-2, nos. 783-785. The seller noted that these photographs were all from the same album. Preliminary research shows that Philip Hippert's mother

was Margarita (AKA Mary Margaret) Burton Hippert of Germantown, Pennsylvania. The John Burton in this photograph is possibly a John Burton of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was married to Ann Jane Burton, although they had two daughters and no sons.

- - Tax stamp on verso.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2017; (DLC/PP-2017:171, formerly deposit D073)
- - Purchased from: Rick Carlile Military Books, Dayton, Ohio, June 2017.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
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- - pp/liljwoch

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[UNIDENTIFIED BOY IN UNION UNIFORM WITH DRUM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2015645477/>

Created / Published

- [United States], [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Ambrotypes--Hand-colored--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Berg, no. 1-3S.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2014; (DLC/PP 2014:202)
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Purchased from: Caleb Bisacky, September 2014.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Forms part of: Ambrotype/Tintype photograph filing series (Library of Congress).
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[UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG DRUMMER BOY IN UNION UNIFORM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2011645299/>

Created / Published

- [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Tintypes--Hand-colored--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2010; (DLC/PP-2010:105).
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Exhibited: "The Last Full Measure : Civil War Photographs from the Liljenquist Family Collection" at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 2011.
- - pp/liljwoch
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- ppmsca 31000 //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.31000

[UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG DRUMMER BOY IN UNION UNIFORM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2015647718/>

Created / Published

- [United States], [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Tintypes--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Leather; geometric design.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2016; (DLC/PP-2016:144)
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Purchased from: Paul Brzozowski, Fairfield, Connecticut, April 2015.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Forms part of: Ambrotype/Tintype photograph filing series (Library of Congress).
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[DRUMMER BOY ROBERT H. HENDERSHOT OF CO. B, 8TH MICHIGAN INFANTRY REGIMENT IN UNIFORM WITH DRUM] / J.B. SMITH, MARBLE BLOCK, UTICA.



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/resource/ppmsca.56833/>

Summary

- Photograph shows identified young soldier who enlisted at 13 years of age.

Created / Published

- [Utica, New York] : [J.B. Smith, Marble Block], [1862]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Albumen prints--1860-1870
- Cartes de visite--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2017; (DLC/PP-2017:171, formerly deposit D073)
- - Purchased from: Cowan's Auction, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2017.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).

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- ppmsca 56834 //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.56834

THE DRUMMER BOY



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/ihas.200001355/>

Created / Published

- D. P. Faulds, Louisville, 1865.

[UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG SOLDIER IN CONFEDERATE INFANTRY UNIFORM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2012648954/>

Summary

- Photograph shows young soldier, possibly a drummer boy.

Created / Published

- [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Tintypes--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Leather; Eichmeyer design.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2011; (DLC/PP-2012:127).
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Purchased from: Regimental Headquarters, Falmouth, Va., 2012.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).

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[UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG BOY IN SOLDIER'S UNIFORM]



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2016652792/>

Created / Published

- [United States], [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Ambrotypes--Hand-colored--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Leather; geometric design.
- - Seller indicated that the photograph was from a family in Massachusetts.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2016; (DLC/PP-2017:171, formerly deposit D072)
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Purchased from: Dawn Oliveri, March 2016.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Forms part of: Ambrotype/Tintype photograph filing series (Library of Congress).
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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/05013951/>

Created / Published

- New York, Neale Publishing Co., 1905.

Notes

- - Also available in digital form.
- - LAC ael 2021-12-16 update (1 card)

SCENE ON BOARD OF A FRIGATE



Teaching Notes:

The boy on the gun is probably the powder monkey or a cabin steward.

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2015649042/>

Summary

- Photograph shows a group portrait of seamen gathered around a mounted gun. The young boy seated on the gun is possibly the powder monkey.

Created / Published

- [United States?] : [Publisher not identified] [between 1860 and 1870]

Genre

- Stereographs--1860-1870
- Photographic prints--1860-1870

Notes

- - Purchase; Robin Stanford; 2015; (DLC/PP-2015:022).
- - Title from item.
- - Forms part of: The Robin G. Stanford Collection.
- - Digitized 2015 Funding from Center for Civil War Photography.

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- stereo 2s04498 <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/stereo.2s04498>

[UNIDENTIFIED "POWDER MONKEY" BOY IN UNION UNIFORM LEANING AGAINST A CANNON ON THE STEAMER USS PAWNEE] / JOHN C. TAYLOR, NO. 17 ALLEN PLACE, HARTFORD, CONN.



Teaching Notes:

There are several LOC records for this photo with conflicting information. The ship is identified as the USS Pawnee and the USS New Hampshire

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2022631029/>

Created / Published

- [Hartford, Conn.] : [John C. Taylor, No. 17 Allen Place], [between 1861 and 1865]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Albumen prints--1860-1870
- Stereographs--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - No. 42.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2022; (DLC/PP-2017:171-6, formerly deposit D077)
- - Purchased from: The Civil War Image Shop, Milan, Ohio, February 2021.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
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[TAD LINCOLN]



Teaching Notes:

Commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1864

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2008680395/>

Summary

- Photograph showing portrait of Tad Lincoln, standing, wearing a military-style uniform.

Created / Published

- Washington, D.C.: Brady's National Photographic Portrait Galleries; [186-]

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Notation on verso: "Tad' Lincoln."
- - Accessions box no. DLC/PP - 1972:018

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- ppmsca 19226 //hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/ppmsca.19226

[PRIVATE CHARLES H. BICKFORD OF B COMPANY, 2ND MASSACHUSETTS INFANTRY REGIMENT AS A YOUNG BOY]



Teaching Notes:

- Private Charles H. Bickford of B Company, 2nd Massachusetts Infantry Regiment; born March 1844, date and place of death, May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Virginia,

Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2010650360/>

Summary

- Photograph shows identified soldier, as a child.

Created / Published

- [between 1850 and 1855]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Ambrotypes--Hand-colored--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title devised by Library staff.
- - Case: Leather geometric scroll and flowers.
- - Name from inscription on handwritten note in case; additional information on note includes date of birth, March 1844, date and place of death, May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Virginia, and name of sister, Georgeanna Hunt.
- - Digital photo with mat removed by Mike O'Donnell.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2010; (DLC/PP-2010:105).
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Forms part of: Ambrotype/Tintype photograph filing series (Library of Congress).
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SGT. JOHNNY CLEM / SCHWING & RUDD, PHOTOGRAPHERS, ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2012650045/>

Summary

- Photograph shows identified young soldier in uniform; he served in Co. C, 22nd Michigan Infantry Regiment from May 1, 1863 to September 19, 1864.

Created / Published

- [1863]

Genre

- Portrait photographs--1860-1870
- Cartes de visite--1860-1870
- Albumen prints--1860-1870

Notes

- - Title from item.
- - Gift; Tom Liljenquist; 2012; (DLC/PP-2012:127).
- - More information about this collection is available at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.lilj>

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- - Purchased from: Dave Taylor's Civil War Antiques, Sylvania, Ohio, August 2012.
- - Forms part of: Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs (Library of Congress).
- - Exhibited: "The Civil War in America" at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 2013.
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ROBERT HENRY HENDERSHOT; OR, THE BRAVE DRUMMER BOY OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

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Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/11021836/>

Created / Published

- Chicago, Church and Goodman, 1867.

Notes

- - Also available in digital form.