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## BOOK NOTES

*Personnel of the Civil War*, Edited by William Frayne Amann. Volume 1, The Confederate Armies: Volume 2, The Union Armies (New York: Thomas Yoseloff, 1961. vii, 749 pp. \$10.00.)

The first volume, dealing with the Confederate armies, is a reprinting of two rare and long out-of-print books by former Confederate General Marcus Wright: *Local Designation of Confederate Troops and Memorandum of Armies, Corps, and Geographical Commands in the Confederate Army During the Years 1861, '62, '63, '64, & '65*. These two books, first published in 1876, were an attempt on the part of the federal War Department to preserve for historical purposes as many Confederate military records and documents as possible. Volume 2 is a reprinting of the 1885 Fallon Report which attempted to solve the confusing problem of military forces during the Civil War using several different names. This volume also contains the appointment list of the general officers of the Union Army. This important reference work presents the tables of organization of the volunteer service of the two armies involved in the Civil War.

*Jefferson Davis and His Cabinet*. By Rembert W. Patrick. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1961. viii, 401 pp. Bibliography, index. \$6.00.)

This full, scholarly, impartial study of the civil administrators of the Confederate government is a reprinting of the 1944 edition of Professor Patrick's book. It is a study of the lives of the high Confederate officials, individually and in their relations with President Jefferson Davis, and it is an important addition to the impressive list of Civil War literature that is presently being published. The volume's extensive bibliography adds to its great value.

*Lee*. An abridgement in one volume by Richard Harwell of the four-volume *R. E. Lee* by Douglas Southall Freeman. (New

York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1961. xvii, 601 pp. Index. \$10.00.)

Mr. Harwell, with a true appreciation of Freeman's book, of General Lee, and of the times in which he lived, has abridged a classic biography and has produced a scholarly and intensely interesting study of a great American. Abridgements usually suffer when compared with the original and this volume is no exception. Yet, the essential proportions of Freeman's book have been preserved. Ample space has been allotted to the earlier periods of Lee's life, and an earnest effort has been made to create a "balance between fact and interpretation." Mr. Harwell has included all of the great battle descriptions of Freeman's book and many of the important chapters of analysis. The maps and illustrations add to its value.

*General Edmund Kirby Smith, C.S.A.* By Joseph Howard Parks. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1962. viii, 537 pp. Bibliographical essay, index. \$7.50.)

This scholarly, well-written study of Florida's great Confederate general is another in the impressive list of contributions to Southern history by the Louisiana State University Press. Kirby Smith, one of only seven full generals commanding Confederate armies in the field, commanded the Trans-Mississippi Department, the largest theater of the Civil War. He held this post longer than any officer on either side. The author, presently head of the Department of History at the University of Georgia, worked largely from primary sources, including the large collection of Kirby Smith Papers at the University of North Carolina. Many of the letters in this collection were written by members of the Kirby Smith family living in Florida, and this biography describes the lives of Floridians and their reactions and attitudes during the Civil War. Of interest and value to all serious students of the war and its aftermath, this book, another reprinting by the L. S. U. Press, will be welcomed by those who did not get the original printing in 1954.

*A Chronology of Florida Post Offices: Handbook No. 2.* By Alford G. Bradbury and E. Story Hallock. (Leesburg: The

Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, 1962. vii, 91 pp. \$2.50.)

This is the second volume of a series of Handbooks on Florida postal history. Volume 1 covered the postal history and postal markings of the pre-stamp period. This present publication covers the ninety-seven year period from 1832 through 1929, which is based largely upon the "Records of Appointments of Postmasters" for Florida in the Department of Archives, Washington, but it continues down to December 31, 1961. Postoffices are listed alphabetically, retaining county designations to distinguish between offices of the same name in different counties. Wherever possible, each entry shows the name, county, the date of establishment (appointment of first postmaster), dates of change of name or status, and dates of discontinuance together with names of offices to which mail would be sent after such discontinuance. This is an excellent reference work, and will prove its value over the years to librarians, philatelists, writers, and students of Florida history.

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Recent paperback reprints of works in Florida history include *Cabeza de Vaca's Adventures in the Unknown Interior of America*, newly translated and edited by Cyclone Covey. It leans heavily on the full translation done by Buckingham Smith in 1851, although it has also been checked against the 1904 translation done by Fanny Bandelier (Collier Books, \$.95). *Jonathan Dickinson's Journal or God's Protecting Providence*, by E. W. Andrews and C. McL. Andrews, with a foreword and new introduction by Leonard W. Labaree, was made available some months ago (Yale University Press, \$1.25), as also was *Spain in America, 1450-1580*, by Edward Gaylord Bourne, with an introduction and supplementary bibliography by Benjamin Keen (Barnes & Noble, Inc., \$2.25).

*The Civil War*, by Harry Hansen, is a paperback original that gives a short, concise history of the war (Mentor Book, New American Library, \$.95). *North Carolina Women of the Confederacy*, by Lucy London Anderson, was recently republished by

the North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission (\$1.00). A similar publication by the Alabama Civil War Centennial Commission is *Some Notable Alabama Women During the Civil War*, by H. E. Sterkx.