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**Library of Virginia Announces Publication of *Civil War Echoes* edited by James I. Robertson Jr.  
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The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the publication of *Civil War Echoes: Voices from Virginia, 1860–1891*, edited by James I. “Bud” Robertson Jr., one of the nation’s most renowned Civil War historians and Alumni Distinguished Professor in History emeritus at Virginia Tech. Dr. Robertson is the author or editor of more than 20 books on the American Civil War, including a definitive biography of General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson, which received the Library of Virginia’s first literary award for nonfiction in 1998.

*Civil War Echoes* contains excerpts from letters, reminiscences, diaries, journals, and other documents written by Confederate and Union soldiers and civilian Virginians, and uses these contemporary accounts to explore the tumultuous time in our nation’s history between 1860 and 1890. Virginia was the major battlefield of the Civil War, where the lines between the battlefield and home front were blurred, and the scars and wounds of the war lasted well beyond Appomattox.

Published as the final project of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, the book captures words of Civil War participants uncovered through the Civil War 150 Legacy Project. *Civil War Echoes* draws on original material from the Civil War period that Virginians made available to the Civil War 150 Legacy Project. This project was an extremely successful partnership between the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia. The project held scanning events in communities in every region of the state between 2010 and 2015. Citizens were invited to share their family letters, diaries, military papers, pension records, photographs, and other materials with the project. With half of the major battles of the Civil War occurring in Virginia, nearly every family was significantly affected by the war and thus has unique stories to tell. The Civil War 150 Legacy Project was designed to uncover these stories and make them accessible to a wider audience in digital format.

The collection of material created by the project was renamed at the close of Virginia's 150th commemoration to thank Dr. James I. Robertson Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. The complete James I. Robertson Jr. Civil War Sesquicentennial Legacy Collection is available and searchable at [www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150](http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150).

*Civil War Echoes* will be released at the Library of Virginia on September 14. At noon and again at 5:30 PM, Dr. Robertson will speak about the selections he chose to include in the volume and why the Legacy Project collection is so important. Each talk will be held in the conference rooms at the Library and followed by a book signing. Copies of *Civil War Echoes* book are available for purchase in the Virginia Shop at the Library, or by phone at 804-692-3524 or online at [www.thevirginiashop.org](http://www.thevirginiashop.org) for \$19.95.

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