



A State Divided

The Civil War Letters of James Calaway Hale & Benjamin Petree
of Andrew County, Missouri, 1862 - 1865

These letters tell remarkable tales that put the conflict into real perspective and offer a striking example of what loyal Missouri men fought for and worried about as the war continued. Of particular interest is Hale's letters as a member of the Veteran Reserve Corps, one of the few collections documenting how disabled and wounded soldiers augmented U.S. military strength. Hale's and Petree's letters, crafted together with readable commentary and insightful context from editor Tonya McQuade, provide invaluable insight into the daily lives of soldiers, how they perceived the United States Civil War, and how that conflict impacted their families in Missouri.

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