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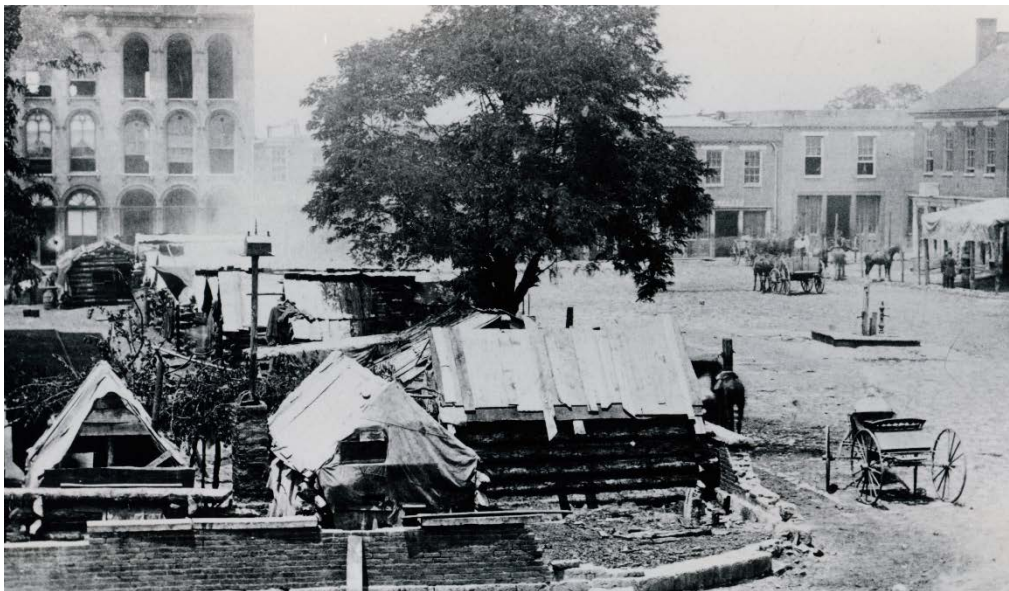
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## Research Guide: The Civil War

Although the Gore Center's collections are strongest in 20<sup>th</sup> century American history, the archive does house some archival material from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, including items related to the history of the Civil War, particularly as it pertains to Middle Tennessee. This research guide provides a list of sources that users can find at the Gore Center concerning this tumultuous period in United States history and its legacy. You can find related resources about Confederate symbolism and the "Lost Cause" in [this research guide](#). Sarah Calise, Political and Regional Collections Archivist, updated the Civil War research guide in the summer of 2018.



*Murfreesboro public square, 1860s. Don and Sheryl Jones Photograph Collection.*

### Primary Sources

- **James Moore King Papers.** This collection contains letters, legal documents, and genealogy notes on James Moore King and his family. Colonel King was a prominent citizen of Rutherford County and lived in Murfreesboro from 1809 until 1877.
- **Bob Womack Papers.** This collection contains an entire series on the Civil War, which houses original documents, copies, and transcripts of both Union and Confederate correspondence and diary entries. There are also subject files on soldiers and people who

lived during the war, and materials related to historic places and information regarding war reenactments. These papers also include books and publications on the Civil War.

- **The Homer and Mabel Pittard Papers.** This collection comprises research material collected by Homer and Mabel Pittard, who were interested in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County history as well as the history of the Civil War. The papers include research and subject files on important people, historic sites, and clubs or commemorative events related to the Civil War. There are original documents pertaining to Charles Anderson's activities in the regional Confederate Veterans Association. Also of note, is the personal correspondence of Dewitt Jobe, a local man who served as a Confederate Scout and was killed by a Union scouting party just outside of Triune, TN. There are other original Civil War letters from Robert H. Avaritt, a Confederate soldier in the 18th Tennessee who was a POW at the time he wrote his letter, and letters from Philip H. Hill, a Union soldier in the New York Militia.
- **Community Collection.** Within this collection, there is the diary of Emma Lane, a Murfreesboro resident during the time of the Civil War. Her diary entries range from January 1, 1864 to July 31, 1866. Some of her entries recount events of the Civil War, including the execution of a Confederate spy and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.
- **Don and Sheryl Jones Photograph Collection.** In 2003, Don and Sheryl Jones donated photographs of Murfreesboro, many of or near the public square, during the 1860s. They are some of the oldest known photographs of the town.
- **Andrew Gulliford Papers.** These papers pertain to the controversy surrounding interpretation at, and control of, the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna, Tennessee, in the mid-1990s. These papers document the history of the Sam Davis Home and Dr. Gulliford's work as a trustee. The folders contain information on the Board of Trustees' efforts to reform the By-Laws, which resulted in a legal battle between the Sam Davis Memorial Association (SDMA) and the Board of Trustees.

## Books

The Gore Center houses several books on Civil War history in its collections and reference section. [You can conduct an advanced search of our reference books in Walker Library's catalog.](#) Make sure you limit your search to "Gore Research Center" in the collections column of the search engine. Below is a list of suggested titles:

- Cozzens, Peter. *No Better Place to Die: the Battle of Stones River*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1990. [E474.77.C69](#)

- Foote, Shelby. *The Civil War: A Narrative*. New York, NY: Vintage Books, 1986. [E468.F7](#)
- Jones, Shirley Farris. *The Un-Civil War in Middle Tennessee*. Murfreesboro, TN: Rutherford County Historical Society, 2010. [F442.2 J65](#)
- Spence, John C. *A Diary of the Civil War*. Murfreesboro, TN: Rutherford County Historical Society, 1993. [E487.S75](#)