

A small income in proportion
to wholesale stores.

Hoping my
Appeal will meet with your
favorable approbation and
as in duty bound your
petitioner will ever pray

Margut Henry

I have known Mrs
Henry, fifteen years
and know her to
a correct and a
woman. From
ances I want
\$50 - want
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Learning Intentions

- Connect CWRGM documents with state & national standards
- Show how to find docs easily (with transcriptions)
 - also connect to your local city, town, or county if MS educator
- Introduce Sample Document site
 - docs placed in context
 - lesson plans
- Hands on History – classes can help with transcriptions (optional!)

COLLEGE, CAREER, AND CIVIC LIFE

C3 FRAMEWORK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES STATE STANDARDS

Change, Continuity, and Context (D2.His.3.6-8); Perspective (D2.His.4.6-8)





Introductions:

Who's here & what
are you hoping to
learn?

Who's in the CWRGM collection?

- Young & old
- Men & women
- Rich, middling, and poor
- Rural & urban
- African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, immigrants, whites
- This is about everyone writing to the governor; not about the governors themselves

How. W. L. Shuckey,
Governor of Miss

Dr Sir,

Your petition would
do big leave to state that I
keep a small store on the levee
for the sale of Cakes Pies Apples
that I have been called on
a fat bill of fifty dollars
which I am unable to pay,
the amt of my sales is so
and paying rent for
as I own no property
to pay \$5.00 which
I am at on my

Access to CWRGM

- Freely available online
 - Digitized original docs
 - Transcriptions
 - Annotations
 - Lesson Plans, Special Issues, Podcasts
- nearly 20,000 documents by 2030
- broadly defined Civil War era
 - Start: John J. Pettus administration (1859-1863)
 - End: John Marshall Stone administration (1876-1882)

that if not checked in time, may lead to something serious the colored people living in this district are peaceable and law abiding citizens and I think their rights ought to be protected, I am an officer of the Law and will do all in ~~my~~ ^{my power} but I cannot see in what manner to proceed. There are but one or two more white Republicans in this district besides myself and I think it would be a hard matter for me to summon a posse to execute any legal precept, for myself I have no fears of molestation but the colored men are intimidated to such an extent that something must be done, and I write this to you asking for ~~your~~ advice, upon that the duties of my office and am to perform the same, but when citizens are molested and their lives threatened on account of their race, I think it better protection from a justice's court, than the shooting, are a class of people who if something is not done, will be driven into the house and completely

Thorton Madison County Miss
Dec 13th 1859

To His Excellency,
Gov. Pettus, Gov. State Miss

Dear Sir

I have been requested to address
you, in behalf of the Young Men of our Town, and procure if
possible, the Rifles and other necessary accoutrements, for a Corps of
Mounted Riflemen, numbering between seventy five and thirty

We think, that the signs of times demand it, and that it
the duty, of the Legislature to enforce its Military Laws, to secure
the formation of Volunteer Companies throughout the State! And
-over, we think, that it is the duty of every Town, in the "South
States, that can boast of seventy five Young Men, eligible
Military duties, to be forthwith supplied with Arms and
appendants by the State, and be brought under Milita

There will be no North or, and not united them, to
hordes of Young men, who will take Arms, to
'Southern' homes and firesides, against the
of northern fanatics, and Abolition is
With many hopes, for your constant
happiness. I remain Your

Charles Thorton was
concerned about "northern
'fanatics,' and abolition
incendiaries"

Contacts Gov. Pettus one
month after John Brown
executed for inspiring an
enslaved uprising at Harper's
Ferry, (West) Virginia

Charles C. Thorton to
Gov. John J. Pettus, December
13, 1859

Natchez Miss

April 16/62

Governor J. J. Pettus

In reply to your letter

March 12 I went up to Yazoo City
To see if I could grow any thing up there
As you directed me, I saw Mr. Mansum the
Sheriff of Yazoo he said I could not grow
any thing yet as the Law has not allowed
my things for Soldiers Widows or for my
Husbands, for as I could ^{not} that only ^{from} the
Law Department as you see the sad condition
I am placed in with three small c
to take care of half of the time we
not bread to eat every body say I
taken care of by the Confederates I
they did not tell my dear Husband
before from Texas to I know when he
for his Country he sacrificed
thing he had come to him in
Thinking that he left us in
with out thought are peace
in defence of his Country
assist me in any way
As you I am I

Impact of Confederacy's Struggle to Care for Soldiers' Families

“Half the time we have not bread to eat.... My dear Husband ... sacrificed Everything for his Country.”

– April 16, 1862

“Peopel have never helped me any ... I do not [draw?] at solders markt ... cause they say I came from Yazoo City I had a Little moyney but it is gone now ... you ar all that I can call on for protection I hope you will act a Fathers part towards me....”

– Sept. 6, 1862

Mary A. Jones, Natchez, Miss, to Governor J. J. Pettus

Businessman
Lambert Moore
\$18.25 tax on
earned "by his
industry" durin

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to the man wh
him.

Featherston, Harri
Attorneys for Lam
County, Mississipp
Sharkey, Septembe

24 Alley Springs.
App of Lambert Moore
(Colo) for return of Revenue
Tax.

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[Signature circled in red]

key, Governor of the state ab
e (Coloed) by his Attorney. Respectfully
red receipt of J.R. McCasole Sheriff
46 & discharged the sum of Eighteen
ta in said receipt as Revenue tax
clear profits made during the war
or he paid his owner ~~Charles~~ Moore
and continued said payment, until
must discontinue the same -
of three hundred & sixty five dollars
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nea to refund to petitioner the said
sum paid as above stated -
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for Lambert Moore -
above statement so far as as the
having paid me amount of five
September 1865 -
L. C. Moore

Tippah County Miss.
Aug 11. 1865

Hon. Gov Sharkey

Sir, with a degree of backwardness, I write this letter, but being prompted by pure motives, I beg you to excuse its imperfections. At the Commencement of the late rebellion, a few of us remained true to the Old Government after deging the Confederate Conscriptors for a few months we went to the Federal lines where we enlisted in different Regts., I with a number of others enlisted on the 20. of July 1862. in Company "G" 11th Ill. Cav. We were discharged at Hempstead Tenn, June 9. 1865. Since which time we have returned to our former homes in Tippah County Miss. Those who are acting in authority require us to take the Amnesty Oath, that there is any thing in the Oath that we would object to, but it seems that we should have to undergo the process that a Rebel Soldier does a loyal citizen of our native State County

If you consider this worthy of your pleas send us information of what it takes to constitute a citizen.

Your Obt. S

My address at present
is, Pechahontas,
H

W. T. Rowland of Tippah County resented loyalty oath demands. He served in the 11th IL Cav 1862 - 1865.

What does it take, he asked Gov. Sharkey, "to constitute a loyal citizen" if not the sacrifices he & fellow Unionist Mississippians made?

A.T. Whitehurst, W.F. Barber, and L.C. Brandon, Pulaski, Tennessee, to W. L. Sharkey, July 15, 1865

"On the night of January 4th/
1876, between the hours of 10 and
12 oclock P.M. a party of men shot
into the house of Bailess Fairfax a
colored man and ran the same
Bailess Fairfax away from his
presence so that he is a refugee....

The party who done the shooting
are a class of people who will
create a riot if something is not
done."

Mark Joseph, Justice of the Peace &
Union veteran, Madison Co., Mississippi,
to Hon. Adelbert Ames, January 6, 1876

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party of men shot into the house of Bailess
Fairfax a colored man and ran the same
Bailess Fairfax away from his presence.
so that he is a refugee. the same was
done on account of his Political views
he being a leading Republican threats
have been made that leading Republicans
can not live in this district, it seems
on the night of the shooting that
several parties, (colored) saw the parties
who done the shooting but are afraid to
make an affidavit to that effect,
I am a Magistrate and was elected on
the compromise ticket. I am a Republican
and have always voted the Republican ticket
one of the Executive committee that
the compromise, with the understanding
that all the colored votes should
not vote any ticket with out
intermediation, there are certain
district who are determined to run

A photograph of the Windsor Ruins, featuring several tall, weathered stone columns with Corinthian capitals. The columns are set against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The ruins are surrounded by green trees and foliage. The image is partially obscured by a dark grey curved overlay on the right side of the slide.

Finding what you need at CWRGM.org

1. Keyword search

2. Explore 8 categories

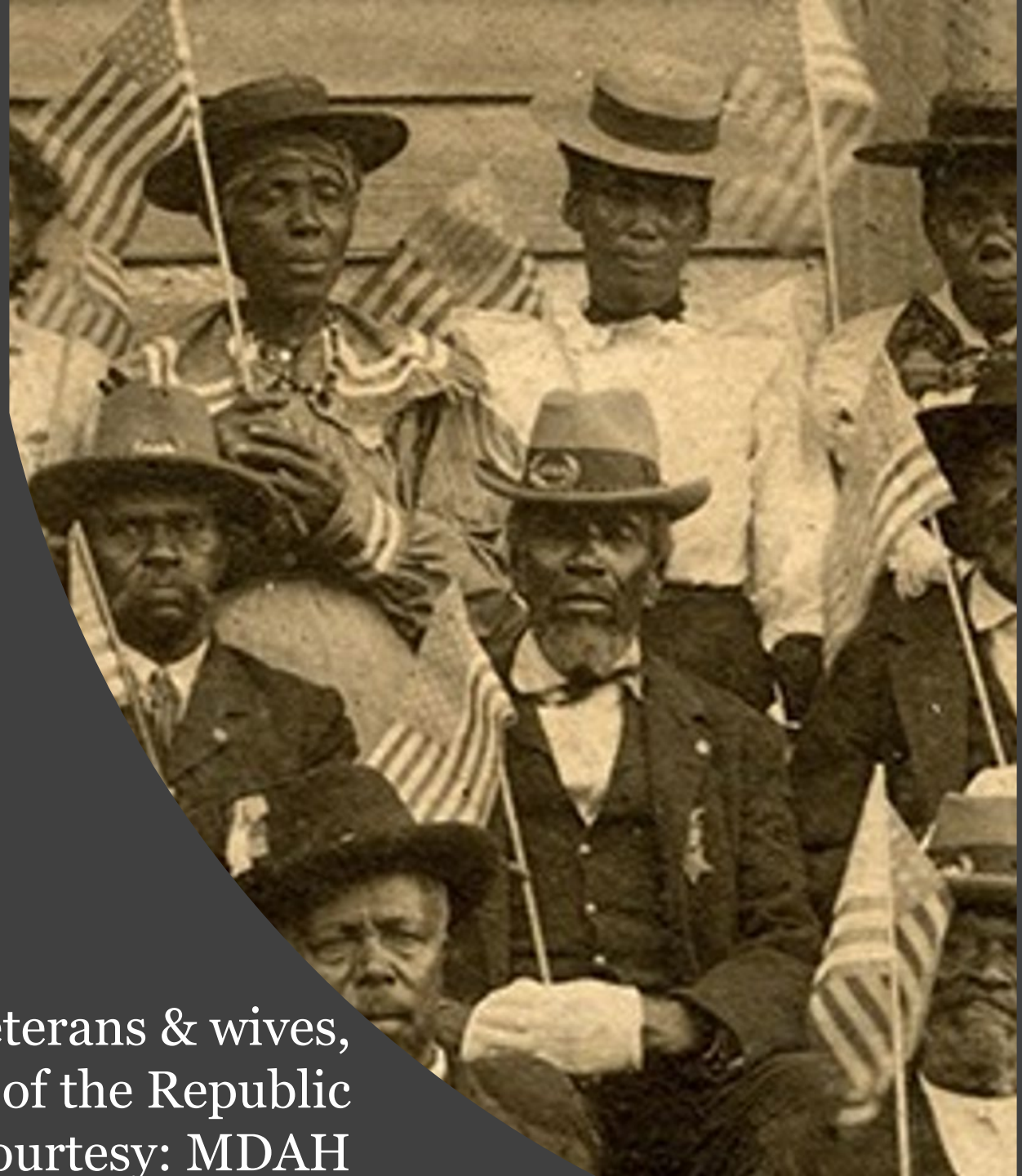
- Events
- Military Units
- Occupations
- Organizations and Businesses
- People
- Places
- Social Identifiers
- Vital Statistics

3. Lesson plans


Windsor Ruins

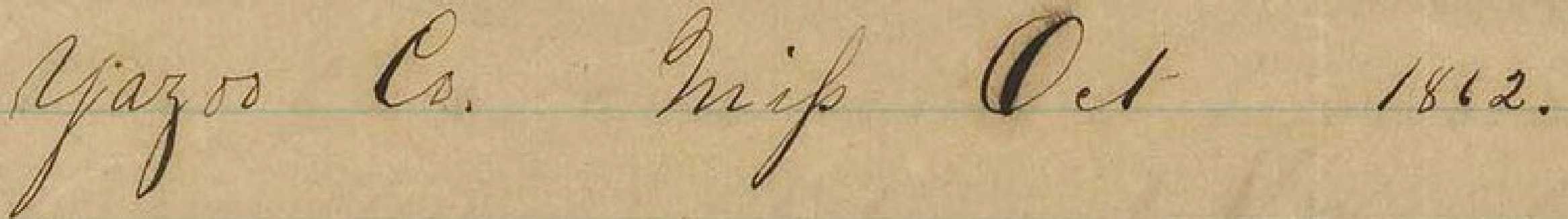
Hands on History

- CWRGM.ORG
- FROMTHEPAGE.COM



Union Veterans & wives,
a Mississippi chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic
Courtesy: MDAH

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- Fight the urge to correct spelling!
 - Think the spelling is bad? Wait 'til You see the Punctuation,
 - Keep keep duplicate words



Ajazoo Co. Miss Oct 1862.

break in the doc

- Beware of the long “s”
- Enjoy yourself – our research team can fix any typos/errors!

Basic Transcription Rules

Practice Activity:

1. Pick one event, person, or group that's covered in standards or that you regularly cover with your students
2. Go to CWRGM.org and find documents tied to that topic
3. Now search just for documents in your county or the town in which your school is located
4. What parts of the 3 sites we explored will be most useful to you?
5. What parts of the 3 sites will be most useful to your students?
6. Any requests for how we can make the site more useful?