In This Issue

ANDERS BO RASMUSSEN, assistant professor of American Studies at the University of Southern Denmark, investigates the actions of Civil War quartermaster Ferdinand Winslow. Using circumstantial evidence from a military “court of inquiry,” supplemented by evidence from Winslow’s career before and after the Civil War, Rasmussen concludes that despite Winslow’s commanding officer’s policies and his own antislavery principles, he appears to have profited from his position at the expense of the African Americans under the Union army’s care and perhaps at the risk of soldiers’ lives.

EDWARD A. GOEDEKEN, Collections Coordinator and Professor of Library and Information Science at the Iowa State University Library, recounts the efforts of Benjamin Gue, Peter Melendy, and Adonijah Welch after the Civil War to shape the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm into a functioning educational institution. Since Iowa was the first state to agree to the conditions of the Morrill Land-Grant Act in 1862, it is appropriate that Goedeken sets his story in the context of debates at that time over what a land-grant college should be.

REBECCA CONARD reviews two books about changes in an Iowa woodland and a midwestern marsh.

Front Cover

Iowa’s woodlands and wetlands have long been threatened by encroaching farmland. Now they face an additional threat from global climate change. See Rebecca Conard’s review essay in this issue. Photo by David B. Heusinkveld, which appears on the title page of The Amana Landscape: Iowa Photographs (Penfield Books, 2012).

Editorial Consultants

Rebecca Conard, Middle Tennessee State University
Kathleen Neils Conzen, University of Chicago
William Cronon, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Robert R. Dykstra, State University of New York at Albany

R. David Edmunds, University of Texas at Dallas
H. Roger Grant, Clemson University
William C. Pratt, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University
Malcolm J. Rohrbough, University of Iowa
The Annals of Iowa

Contents

161  The Spoils of the Victors: Captain Ferdinand Winslow and the 1863 Curtis Court of Inquiry
     Anders Bo Rasmussen

180  From Model Farm to a College with Students: Benjamin Gue, Peter Melendy, Adonijah Welch, and the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm, 1867–1869
     Edward A. Goedeken

209  Midwestern Writers on Environmental Stewardship: A Review Essay

217  Book Reviews and Notices

257  Announcements
Book Reviews and Notices


220 JOHN P. BOWES, *Land Too Good for Indians: Northern Indian Removal*, by Libby Tronnes

222 EUGENE P. HEIDEMAN, *Hendrik P. Scholte: His Legacy in the Netherlands and in America*, by Douglas Firth Anderson

224 TIMOTHY R. MAHONEY, *From Hometown to Battlefield in the Civil War: Middle Class Life in Midwest America*, by Robert D. Johnston

226 JAMES PATRICK MORGANS, *Grenville Mellen Dodge in the Civil War: Union Spy-master, Railroad Builder and Organizer of the Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry*, by Richard F. Kehrberg

228 JUSTIN S. SOLONICK, *Engineering Victory: The Union Siege of Vicksburg*, by Mark Barloon


234 KENNETH H. WINN, ED., *Missouri Law and the American Conscience: Historical Rights and Wrongs*, by John W. McKerley

236 JAMES E. POTTER, ED., *From Our Special Correspondent: Dispatches from the 1875 Black Hills Council at Red Cloud Agency, Nebraska*; and THOMAS R. BUECKER, *Last Days of Red Cloud Agency: Peter T. Buckley’s Photograph Collection, 1876–1877*, by Randy Kane

238 WILLIAM D. STREET, *Twenty-five Years among the Indians and Buffalo: A Frontier Memoir*, by J. T. Murphy


241 MEGAN BIRK, *Fostering on the Farm: Child Placement in the Rural Midwest*, by Anne Effland


245 PETER HOEHNLME, *Amman Colonies, 1932–1945*, by Abigail Foerstner


252 SUJEY VEGA, *Latino Heartland: Of Borders and Belonging in the Midwest*, by Felipe Hinojosa

254 JULIANNE COUCH, *The Small-Town Midwest: Resilience and Hope in the Twenty-First Century*, by Drake Hokanson