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## 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 Goedecken 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).

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