

Letters in support of *California and the Civil War*

Attached are letters from five people representing institutions that have hosted the *California and the Civil War* exhibit or multimedia show.



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To Whom it May Concern,

We hosted *California and the Civil War – A Graphic Exhibit* in our Placer County Museums Historic Treasury from January 26, 2015 through June 1, 2015. The exhibit was wonderfully guest-curated by Richard Hurley and T.J. Meekins. The exhibit panels were beautifully produced and looked extremely polished and professional.

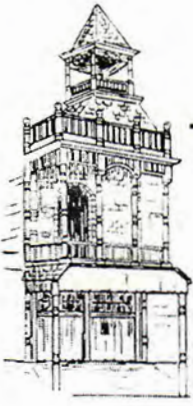
They did an astounding amount of research and artfully interpreted that research into an accurate story of California's role in the Civil War. As a museum professional with 20 years of experience and a historian, I view Mr. Hurley and Ms. Meekins as *the* authority on this subject. I was extremely proud to have this exhibit on display in our flagship facility.

The exhibit was very well-received and attended and the public is clamoring for more. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. D. Gibson".

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October 2, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Nevada County Historical Society, I am pleased to recommend to you Richard Hurley and T.J. Meekins of California Educational Multimedia.

Richard and T.J. have for many years been valuable partners of the Society's in our mission of promoting local and regional history. For example, in 2013 Richard and T.J. were among the featured speakers at a conference we sponsored with the Conference of California Historical Societies in Grass Valley. They have also been regular presenters at our monthly Speaker Night program, most recently in April 2105.

More broadly, T.J. and Richard have contributed in a number of ways to advancing our understanding some of the understudied stories in California and Nevada County History. One example is their ongoing collaboration with our local Nisenan community to help frame that local story in the larger context of national events in American California in the 19th century. A second example is their work to highlight the significance of California's entry into the Union during the antebellum period. On these topics their efforts have included presentations in a number of venues, and a professional and informational six-month long exhibit at the Rood Center in Nevada City during 2014, and at other locations in 2015.

It is always a pleasure to work with Richard and T.J. They are professional, responsive, and accommodating. They are also good storytellers. Their presentations are clear, the graphics engaging, and the historical events and characters they feature come to life. We look forward to their forthcoming DVD California and the Civil War, and to working with them on future projects.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Ketcham
President

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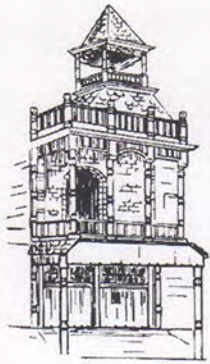


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December 1, 2014

Richard Hurley and TJ Meekins
Bear River Books
19221 Black Oak Lane
Grass Valley, CA 95949

Dear Richard and TJ,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Historical Society, please accept our compliments on your superb exhibit, *California and the Civil War*, which was on display at the Eric Rood Center this past summer and fall.

The story of California's importance in the Civil War is understudied and misunderstood, especially the state's pivotal role in the period leading up to the secession of the southern states. Your exhibit did a fine job of bringing this story to the general public. The maps, artwork, artifacts and photos in the exhibit made tangible the historical actors—many of them local to Nevada County—who figured prominently in the story of our nation's path to war.

The exhibit was a great gift to the community, and advanced our knowledge of this important period. We look forward to hearing more about this topic when you speak to the Society in April 2015, and wish you every success in your project to bring the story of California and the Civil War into a DVD format.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Jack
Executive Secretary, Board of Directors

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December 15, 2014

To: Richard Hurley

RE: California and the Civil War Display

Dear Richard:

I want to thank you for displaying your wonderful exhibit of California and the Civil War at our Administration building in Nevada City. We received a lot of positive comments and you could always see people reading the history as you walked down the hallways.

I also want to tell you how much I appreciate your efficiency in the installation and takedown of the display. You completely handled the installation in a professional manner with no disruption to County operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Coburn".

Tom Coburn
Facilities Program Manager

**From West Sacramento Friends of the Library, re our show for their
Membership Dinner (October 25, 2011)**

Dear Ms. Meekins and Mr. Hurley:

Members are still talking about your excellent presentation at our annual dinner meeting. The Friends and their guests looked forward to your visit for weeks. Based on comments after your talk, people were as fascinated by the information as they were charmed by your humor and warmth.

We can't thank you enough for the time and effort you put into making an already interesting topic one that was absolutely riveting. Your publicity handouts – particularly the large display at the library – undoubtedly bore fruit for we had an unusually large number of unexpected attendees.

Thank you for making our membership meeting an extraordinary evening. We appreciate your taking the time to support the Arthur F. Turner Community Library through your contribution to the West Sacramento Friends. We wish you great success with *Queen of the Northern Mines* and all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Carol Campbell
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