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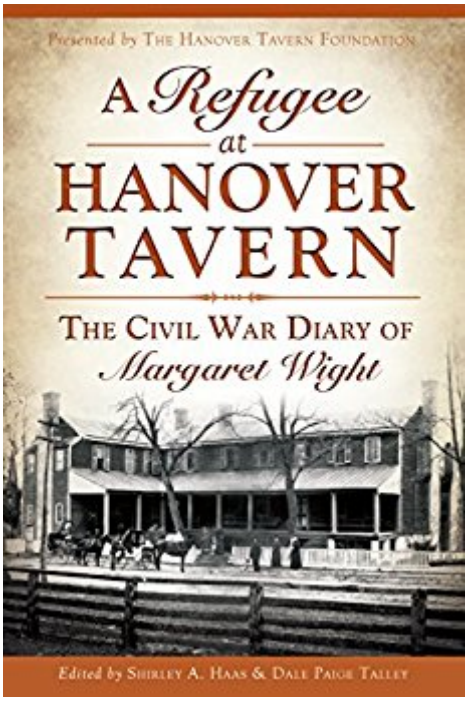

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Synopsis

The Hanover Tavern outside Richmond was a place of refuge during the Civil War. Life at the Tavern was not always safe as residents weathered frequent Union cavalry raids on nearby railroads, bridges and farms. Margaret Copland Brown Wight and some of her family braved the war at the Tavern from 1862 until 1865 in the company of a small community of refugees. She kept a diary to document each hardship and every blessing--a day of rain after weeks of drought, news of her sons fighting in the Confederate armies or word from her daughter caught behind enemy lines. Wight's diary, discovered more than a century after the war, is a vital voice from a time of tumult. Join The Hanover Tavern Foundation as the diary is presented here for the first time.

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I bought this for my mother, because her grandmother is in the book! (Bessie) She LOVES it, she carries it around with her all the time, and wouldn't stop trying to show it to everyone she met. She has marked pages, and underlined and tried to make a date to go down to Hanover, VA, to visit.

Haas and Talley provide a highly readable analysis of an important diary that offers a window into the lives of Confederate refugees. Their masterful interpretation of the diary of Margaret Wight would be a welcome addition to anyone with an interest in American, women's, and Civil War history.

this book deserves a 5 star rating because of its detailed window into a familys quest for safety and survival during a desperate period in our history

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