Dan Sickles Civil War Roundtable



Presents:

The War Outside My Window: The Civil War Diary of LeRoy Wiley Gresham, 1860-1865

with Educator and Historian Janet Croon

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A Virtual Program via Zoom
Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:00 pm (eastern)

The War Outside

My Window

The Civil War Diary of
LeRoy Wiley Gresham was born in 1847
to an affluent slave-holding family in Macon,
Georgia. After a horrific leg injury left him
an invalid, the educated, inquisitive, perceptive,
and exceptionally witty 12-year-old began
keeping a diary in 1860 - just as secession and
the Civil War began tearing the country and his
world apart. He continued to write, even as his
health deteriorated, and the war came to an end.

LeRoy's unique manuscript of the demise of the Old South has been lauded by the *Library of Congress* as one of its premier holdings. Join us as Janet Croon, who meticulously edited and annotated this diary with helpful footnotes as well as a detailed family biographical chart, tells the story that perhaps only a young privileged teenager

could, as he witnessed the end of the only world he had ever known, even as his own body failed.

and the final years of a privileged but afflicted life

A remarkable account of the collapse of the Old South,

EDITED BY JANET ELIZABETH CROON

The War Outside My Window: The Civil War Diary of LeRoy Wiley Gresham, 1860-1865

Winner, 2018, The Douglas Southall Freeman Award Finalist, 2017-2018 Founders Award, American Civil War Museum Finalist for Memoir, Historical, 2018, The Indie Book Awards