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Abstract

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The Interns at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library captured their internship experiences since the spring of 2011. Over time the blog has featured Fortenbaugh, Smith, and Holley interns. They shared updates on semester long projects, responded to blogging prompts, and documented their individual intern experience.

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Showing the swords to the other interns

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Civil War Book Display
for the CWI Conference



Hoadly G. Hosford
44th New York, Co. I
Post War Years

Hosford's collection was the first of many collections that I got to preserve and explore this summer. They ranged from swords, diaries, personal items, to even rifles. The access to all of the collections allowed me to get a better understanding of what soldiers experienced, remembered and carried during the Civil War. I could have not asked for a better internship this summer to establish my archiving skills and add to my knowledge about the Civil War. I want to thank the staff at Special Collections for their hard work and extremely kind nature in training me and working with me on the Civil War collections. This summer was one full of great memories with coworkers and friends in the area.

I wish everyone the best and have a great rest of the summer!

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