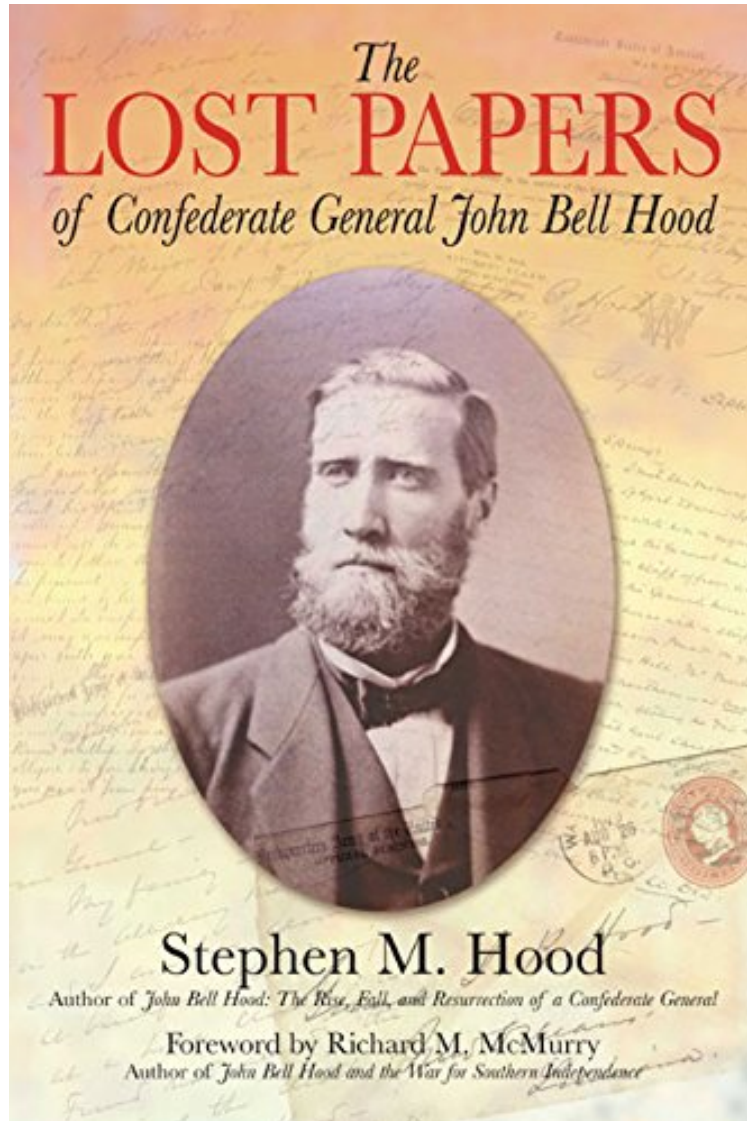


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Stephen M. Hood : The Lost Papers of Confederate General John Bell Hood before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lost Papers of Confederate General John Bell Hood:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Hood's RedemptionBy nitrofdWhen a new book comes out on the battle of Gettysburg the general opinion is there anything new here that has not been written before.in Stephen M.Hood's new book we have something new to add to the history of the Civil War.John Bell Hood has not been treated fairly by historians as of late even to the point of it being a witch hunt just to create sales for their books or essays.The letters that are published here and in Stephen Hood's first book " The Rise, Fall and Resurrection of a

Confederate General " bring to light some of the rumors that have tarnished Gen. HOOD'S career giving proof that he was not addicted to opium nor being a drunk outside Spring Hill and Franklin. Dr. Draper ' s daily medical report covering about 45 days disprove his addiction. another section of the book deals with the Atlanta Campaign and the controversy of Confederate losses as Gen. JOHNSTON says there were only 10,000 casualties and Gen. Hood's stated that he felt there were 25,000 casualties. this book is one of very few books written on the Civil War that does bring new information to light. if one is a student of the Army of Tennessee , the Atlanta Campaign, the Tennessee Campaign, The War in THE West, or the ACW in general this book belongs on library shelf. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Meet the real John Bell Hood By G. Carroll Sam Hood has presented the reader with documented insight into the real character of John Bell Hood. History defines the persona of famous people and, as so often happens, redefines those personalities to satisfy cause and events. In "The Lost Papers", we are reunited with the character that was General John Bell Hood as presented by those that knew him. Reading excerpts from actual correspondence and personal documentation, the reader meets John Bell Hood (leader, husband, father) and understands why he was revered by the men that served under him, respected by the community, and loved by friends, family, and even former enemies. Thanks Sam for collecting and presenting the material so well in "The Lost Papers..." and reintroducing John Bell Hood to the public...and history. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and Readable, Even for a Neophyte By Shopper177I bought a copy of this book while researching the Battle of Antietam as the scene of a novel I was writing. General Hood didn't end up making an appearance in my book, but I'm very glad I took the time to read "The Lost Papers" as I gained a solid understanding of John Bell Hood as a soldier and as a man. His letters related to the war were interesting, even for a neophyte Civil War buff, and I was fascinated by the notes left by his surgeon as he recovered from his Chickamauga wound and amputation. I also very much enjoyed the coverage of his family and the insights into his civilian personality. I would definitely recommend this book, even to someone who's not completely versed in Civil War history or battle details. It's readable and offsets some of the negative press General Hood received both during and after the war.

Scholars hail Confederate General John Bell Hood's personal papers as "the most important discovery in Civil War scholarship in the last half century." This invaluable cache includes documents relating to Hood's U.S. Army service, Civil War career, and postwar life. It includes letters from Confederate and Union officers, unpublished battle reports, detailed medical reports relating to Hood's two major wounds, and dozens of letters exchanged between Hood and his wife Anna. This treasure trove is being made available for the first time for both professional and amateur Civil War historians in *The Lost Papers of Confederate General John Bell Hood*, edited and annotated by award-winning author Stephen M. Hood. The historical community long believed General Hood's papers were lost or destroyed, and numerous books and articles were written about him without the benefit of these invaluable documents. In fact, the papers had been carefully preserved for generations by Hood's descendants. In 2012, collateral descendent Stephen Hood was given access to these papers as part of his research for his book *John Bell Hood: The Rise, Fall, and Resurrection of a Confederate General* (Savas Beatie, 2013). This 200+ document collection sheds important light on some of the war's lingering mysteries and controversies. For example, letters from Confederate officers help explain Hood's failure to entrap Schofield's Union army at Spring Hill, Tennessee, on November 29, 1864. Another letter by Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee helps to explain Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne's gallant but reckless conduct that resulted in his death at Franklin. Lee also lodges serious allegations against Confederate Maj. Gen. William Bate's troops. Other papers explain, for the first time, the purpose and intent behind Hood's "controversial" memoir *Advance and Retreat*, and validate its contents. While these and others offer a military perspective of Hood the general, the revealing letters between he and Anna, his beloved and devoted wife, help us better understand Hood the man and husband. Historians and other writers have spent generations speculating about Hood's motives, beliefs, actions, and objectives and the result has not always been flattering or even fully honest. Now, long-believed "lost" firsthand accounts previously unavailable offer insights into the character, personality, and military operations of John Bell Hood the general, husband, and father.

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