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**Abstract**

Diary and memoir of a Confederate soldier, railroad laborer, and shop owner from Grafton. The memoir begins with Mugler's birth in Alsace-Lorraine in 1838, and covers his immigration to the United States; enlistment in the United States Army in 1851; military duty in New York, Boston, Rhode Island, Texas, California, and the Washington Territory where he participated in the expedition against the Yakima Indians as a member of Company B, Third Regiment, United States Artillery, under Phil Sheridan; and his return to Orange County, Virginia, where following the passage of the Secession Ordinance he enlisted in the Thirteenth Virginia Infantry serving as chief musician. The memoir concludes with Mugler's military career during 1861-1862. The diary covers the remainder of his military service, 1862-1864, and his confinement as a war prisoner at Elmira, New York, 1864-1865. Following the war, Mugler returned to Washington, D.C., and eventually gained employment with the National Cemetery Corps, working at various Virginia battlefields. While in Virginia he served as a delegate to the Virginia Republican Convention of 1867. He worked at the National Cemetery at Grafton and for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, eventually becoming superintendent of painters on the Road Division in West Virginia. After 1874 he worked briefly as a self-employed painter, and then opened a paint and hardware store in Grafton which he managed until the end of his life. Subjects include the Battle of Mine Run, the retreat from Antietam, the Battle of the Wilderness, prison life at Elmira, New York; reconstruction in Virginia; railroading and the railroad towns of Keyser, Oakland (Maryland), Parkersburg, Fairmont, and Wheeling; the strikes of 1877; interviews with Generals Ord and Sheridan; the Murphy Temperance Movement and W.C.T.U. activities; the Liberal Republican movement of 1872; the Greenback Party; the Chicago World's Fair of 1893; political figures such as John S. Carlile, John G. Carlisle, John T. McGraw, John W. Mason, Frank Hereford, John E. Kenna, John A. Logan, James G. Blaine, and "Sockless" Jerry Simpson.

**Creator**

Mugler, Henri Jean

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Boston (Mass.)

California

Elmira (N.Y.)

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Grafton.

Keyser (W. Va.)

New York (State)

Oakland (Md.)  
Parkersburg.  
Rhode Island  
Texas  
Washington Territory  
Wheeling (W. Va.)  
Cemeteries -- National Cemetery (Grafton, W. Va.)  
Cemeteries and cemetery readings  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Prisoners and prisons  
Civil War - United States 3rd Artillery Regiment, Company B.  
Civil War - Virginia 13th Infantry.  
Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862  
Civil War battles - Mine Run.  
Civil War battles - The Wilderness.  
Confederate States of America - secession crisis.  
Diaries and journals.  
Indians of North America  
Politics and government.  
Railroad workers.  
Railroads - Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.  
Railroad Strike, U.S., 1877  
Railroads  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)  
Temperance  
Women -- Societies and clubs  
Greenback Labor Party (U.S.)  
National Cemetery Corps  
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )  
United States. Army  
Women's Christian Temperance Union  
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893  
Carlile, John S. (John Snyder), 1817-1878  
Carlisle, John Griffin, 1835-1910  
Hereford, Frank, 1825-1891  
Kenna, John E.  
Logan, John A.  
Mason, John W.  
McGraw, John T.  
Mugler, Henri Jean  
Ord, Edward Otho Cresap, 1818-1883  
Sheridan, Philip Henry, 1831-1888  
Simpson,