



## *Iowa Confederates in the Civil War*

By David Connon

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## Explore the Lives of Iowa's Confederates

Confederates from Iowa were as unusual as slaves in Dubuque. David Connon shares the intensely human stories of Iowa Confederates in the Civil War. Seventy-six of these men entered the Confederate service.

Readers will follow their pre-war, war-time, and post-war experiences, ranging from difficult relationships to disease, imprisonment, desertion, and adventure. More stories illuminate the turbulent Iowa home front, where life was hard for parents of Confederates and for Peace Democrats.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The seventy-six Iowa Confederates were shadow images of their Union counterparts in every way. One of every four Iowa Confederates had a divided family, with a brother or father in the Union service.
- Three friends of Jefferson Davis were prominent Iowa Democrats, including a former U.S. Senator. Six of their sons entered the Confederate service. Republicans demonized many Democrats as disloyal, leading to numerous arrests and ruined reputations. Readers will gain insights into the intense emotions of wartime Iowa.
- Connon reveals the motives of why Iowans wore gray.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**David Connon** has spent nearly two decades researching dissenters in Iowa: Grinnell residents who helped on the Underground Railroad, and their polar opposites, Iowa Confederates. He shares some of these stories with audiences across the state through the Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau. He has worked as an interpreter at Living History Farms for eleven seasons. Connon is a member of Sons of Union Veterans, an associate member of Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a member of the Des Moines Civil War Round Table. He has a master's degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. Find out more at [www.confederatesfromiowa.com](http://www.confederatesfromiowa.com)

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