



24.2006.1 Brigadier General CSA Francis Asbury Shoup
Franklin County
Marker Text Review Report
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Marker Text

(Side One) Remembered for service in Confederate States of America army, 1861-1865, and "Shoupade" fortification design; fought in battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Atlanta. Advocated recruitment of African Americans for CSA army. After the war, he was a university professor, published author, and Episcopal rector.

(Side Two) Born near present-day Laurel 1834. Attended Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle. Graduated 1855 from United States Military Academy at West Point. Served in Federal army 1855-1860; resigned to pursue law career. In Indianapolis circa 1860. Died 1896; buried at Sewanee University Cemetery, Tennessee.

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The research folder for this marker contains primary sources that prove entire marker text. No further research was deemed necessary. However, the marker text touches on an issue that is hotly contested at present. Shoup "advocated recruitment of African Americans for CSA army." IHB research does not support the assertion by some that efforts by advocates like Shoup resulted in African Americans serving as soldiers on the Confederate front lines. IHB Staff recommend the following readings and programs for information about the debate, relevant primary sources, and the academic consensus on the matter:

Watch:

["Chandler Tintype,"](#) *History Detectives* (Season 9, Episode 12), Public Broadcasting Station, 2011.

Read:

Loewen, James W., and Edward H. Sebesta. 2010. *The Confederate and neo-Confederate reader the "great truth" about the "lost cause"*. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi. *See especially ch. 3-4.*

Williams, David. 2005. *A people's history of the Civil War: struggles for the meaning of freedom*. New York: New Press. *See pages 329-31 for contextualization of enslaved and free blacks' cooperation and resistance during the Civil War.*

Debate:

Coates, Ta-Nehisi, ["Black Confederates at Harvard,"](#) *The Atlantic*, September 2, 2011.

Holloway, Lynette, ["The Myth of Black Confederates Persists,"](#) *The Root*, May 2, 2011.

Levin, Kevin, [Civil War Memory](#). *See blog posts tagged "Black Confederates."*

Levine, Bruce, ["The Myth of Black Confederates,"](#) All Opinions Are Local Forum, *The Washington Post Online*, October 30, 2010.

Simpson, Brooks D., [Civil War Crossroads](#). *See blog posts tagged "Blacks and the Confederacy."*