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*Troubled State - Civil War Journals of Franklin Archibald Dick*

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(BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC) (January, 2008) –Buried for years in family files, Gari Carter’s discovery of her great grandfather Franklin Dick’s diary has produced *Troubled State*, the inside story of St. Louis’ divided and violent history during the Civil War. This important first-hand account of Dick’s experiences as Missouri Assistant Adjunct General and Provost Marshall General promises to give new life to the study of politics, power and divided loyalties in the state of Missouri. Filled with intrigue and raw emotion as well as never-before-heard accounts of such major figures as Nathaniel Lyon, Frank and Montgomery Blair, John C. Frémont and Abraham Lincoln, *Troubled State* is a must-have new resource for libraries, historians, and Civil War buffs.

Franklin Dick’s eyewitness account of the events leading up to the famous Camp Jackson incident is just the first of many new insights into the true landscape of Civil War St. Louis. Dick’s detailed descriptions of such important moments as the secret Unionist meetings held in his office, and his role in the Assessment Committees formed to punish Southern sympathizers, make this book historically priceless. His frank account of his own emotional journey over the course of the war also makes *Troubled State* an extremely engaging read.

Much like the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Mary Chestnut’s Civil War*, Franklin Dick’s journals in *Troubled State* offer the Civil War from a truly unique point of view. Dick is an ardent supporter of the Union, but is frequently troubled by the slow progress and terrible cost of the war. For him the divided city of St Louis presents a heartbreaking test of personal strength.

Gari Carter is a multi-published author and expert speaker. Her book, *Healing Myself* (Hampton Roads: 1993), about her recovery from a catastrophic accident, sent her on an acclaimed nationwide book tour. Gari is fluent in Civil War history. She also gives a wonderful talk about her research journey for *Troubled State*, which revealed to her truths about her family as well as about our nation. Gari is available to speak to scholarly audiences as well as on radio and television. For more information contact John Kennedy at Our House Writers, at (828)-713-6872.