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TRIVIA LIGHT

- What commander, made a major general at Shiloh, wore rose-colored kid gloves and shirts with frilled fronts?
- When John H. Morgan, CSA was married at Murfreesboro, TN, in December 1862, what did the clergyman wear?



PHILIP LEIGH

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FUN WITH LIMERICKS

William Tecumseh Sherman Firebug

“It’s as strange as can be
That the Rebels, wherever they flee
From a house or a town,
Always burn it down,
And they then put the blame on me?”

—Hayes, *Civil War Limericks*, 2014



SELECTED RELATED WORKS TO SOUTHERN RECONSTRUCTION

Once again we are honored to have Phil present one of the topics that he has researched and written in his latest book, *Southern Reconstruction (2017)*. The post Civil War attempt to “make things right” for the South has received past attention but not much in depth scholarship. In no particular order, a few works may be of interest, Wish, editor. *Reconstruction in the South, 1865-1877 (1965, 1966)* consists of firsthand accounts of the period by Southerners and Northerners. Taylor, Harwell, ed. *Destruction and Reconstruction; Personal Experiences of the Late War, (1955)*. General Richard Taylor’s reminiscences of the war yet only chapters 15 and 16 deal with reconstruction but with good detail. Shenton. *The Reconstruction; a Documentary History: 1865-1877. (19630)*. Includes “new” sources of material from Congressional reports of conditions in the South as well as comments by contemporary observers. Rozwenc, editor. *Reconstruction in the South, (Problems in American Civilization) (1952)*. Amherst College selected readings including those by W. Wilson, J.G. Randall, W.E.B. Du Bois, E. Merton Coulter and others. Robert Self Henry. *The Story of Reconstruction, 1938*. Book 2 of 3 covers Reconstruction by an author with credentials. W. A. Dunning. *Reconstruction Political Economic, 1865-1877 (1907)*. [The American Nation : A History, vol. 22]. Fitzgerald. *Splendid Failure; Postwar Reconstruction in the American South, 2007*. Fitzgerald has been seen as an expert on the politics of reconstruction which is a focus in this work. He also has written on the politics of emancipation and another on agricultural change in the Post–Civil War period.”

Perhaps the most comprehensive work is Eric Foner's *Reconstruction; America’s Unfinished Revolution : 1863-1877 (c2005, 1988)*. In 1989 Foner won the Francis Parkman prize from the Society of American Historians, it’s a go to book on the subject. Phil’s new work is not meant to be comprehensive as is Foner’s, rather his focus includes pointing to obstacles to Reunion due to “laws that abetted Southern poverty, disfranchised many whites, fostered racial animosity ... where lynchings and Jim Crow laws erupted, and lined the pockets of wealthy or politically well-connected business leaders outside of the region.”

[M.B. MAXIAN, editor]