Civil War buff finds heroine through diary

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Michigan can claim a bona fite
Civil War beroine in the person of
Julia Wheelock.

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Like many school teachers before
and since, Julia Wheelock, was a diljgent, skilled Journal keeper. She
was born in Avon, Ohlo, and was orphaned early in life. She took her
teacher's training at Kalamazo College and was teaching at North
Plains when she received word that
ber brother, Orville, had been
wounded at Chantilly and had lost a
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- She closed her school Immediately, and with her sister-in-law Anna, went to Alexandria to look for him.

"This was not uncommon," said
Petz describing how she kept a diary. At Ifart, they were heartened to
hear that he was recovering, but
while the with eard sister were still
looking, a soldier caught up with
them and told them Orville had died
and was already burled.

JULIA SENT Anna home to care for her children white she stayed in the Washington, D.C. area to work as a nurse. She was accepted as a vol-unteer with the Michigan Christian

unter with the Michigan Christian Commission.
This group, Petz sald, was "mainly concerned with Michigan men as they came through what they called Camp Misery."
From there, he said they went into the hospitals, many of which were churches converted for that purpose. Petz, visited and photographed the Bapits! Church were Orville Wheelock died, and found the structure to be almost unchanged from

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when the soldiers were there.

"Julia Wheelock," Petz said, "was an unbelievable girl. She could work all day in the hospital and go home at night and bake 40 pies."

She was a small person, an outstanding horsewoman, a devout Baptist and deeply to devoted to her duties as a volunteer nurse.

IN HER diarry of 459 long, handwritten pages, she writes about her family, her religion, names the Milchigan soldiers she cared for and he surgeons she worked for. She relates important incidents such as the time she told a surgeon, in ou uncertain terms, to clean up the hospital. She describes meetings with Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and President's speeches, her work on the battleids at Brandy Station, Crown Folin, and Frederickaburg, Petz has Matthew Brandy pictures of her there to prove it.

When she came home to Michigan

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In this paragraph from her diary, Julia Wheelock describes what she did upon learning that her brother had

Petz said her battlefield entries are faint and hard to read because of the short supply and poor quality of the lnk, but she persisted and her records are a valuable addition to Civil War history.

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PETZ HAS given programs for the medical profession using her descriptions of medical procedures.

He has visited all the places where she lived and worked as much as possible in Michigan and in and around Washington, D.C. He researched and found all of Orville's service records. He has visited his grave and photographed all of these things.

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grave and photographed and of the things.

Petz said he will show about 80 of the 400 sildes he has taken for his book on Julia Wheelock. Walle he is showrking on this book he is also working on another book on the Civil War monuments of Michigan (there are 361), and is giving some 185 programs a year.

"I've been retired for seven years and I'm as busy as ever," he said with a pleasant smile.

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PETZ HAS a selection of 15 different lectures on Abraham Lincoln, one on the Big Bands, another on Santa Claus as a tradition, plus this one on Julia Wheelock, and several more in the works.

He has a bachelor's degree in science in education from Wayne State University, a master's in musicology, also from Wayne, and a doctor's in history from Lincoln Memorial University.

He was with the Detroit school system for 17 years before taking an administrative post with the Farmington Public Schools in 1953 until his retirement.

In the Presence of Abraham Lincoln' 1973 and has been a member of and honored by many local and national historical groups.



from her dresses, which she used as book-marks, and leaves she collected.

Weldon Petz has photographs of Julia Wheelock and her brother, Orville, and mementoes such as the swatches of fabric

Soup tureen from England

Q: What can you tell me about my antique sonp turcen with cover and under plate? It is marked with wreath and crown with "Copelend" listide the wreath.

A: The mark you describe was used by W.T. Copelend and Co. Ltd., in Stoke, England, in the late 19th century. It would probably sell for 1245-3265 in an antique shop.

Q: The attached mark is on the bottom of a teapot that holds about two pints. It is decarated with a horse and buggs. There are red hands around the upper and lower part. Can you tell me anything about the vintage, value and origin.

A: This mark was used by the Edwin Bennett Pottery Co. In Baitimore, around the turn of the century, it would probably sell for about \$35,545.

Q: The initials "C.T." under an eaigle is the mark on a vase decorated
with a garden scene that includes a
beautiful girl with two cherubs. It is
linic inches tall and has two shouldes.
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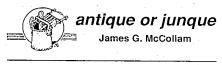
A: The mark indicates that it was made by the Carl Teilsch company in Aliwasser, Germany, during the late 19th century. It would probably sell for about \$165.\$185.

Q: I have an eight-piece washstand tet consisting of pitcher and bowl, tonp dish, toothbrush holder, small pitcher, shaving mug, etc. It is sonp dish, toothbrush holder, small; plicher, shaving mug, etc. It is marked "K.T. & K. Co." with an ea-gle. Can you idealify the maker? What is the value? A: Your set was made by Knowles, Taylor & Knowles in East Liverpool, Obio about 1900. It would probably sell for \$265-\$285 in good condition.

when it was made and what I can seell it for?

A: Chairs like this as well as ta-bles, stools and hat racks were made in Denver, between 1889 and 1900.
Dealers are currently selling these chairs for \$500-\$500. Unless you sell to a collector, you may have to settle for \$300-\$400. Dealers are in busi-ness to make a profit.

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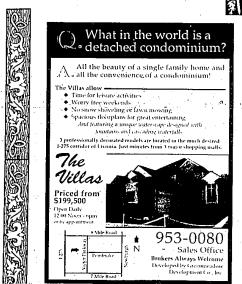


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