Louisiana In The Civil War — a bibliography
"The hundred years that have passed since Louisiana embarked upon the most momentous adventure in its history have been a century of progress . . . in our observance, let us never lose sight of the great debt that we, the living, owe to those who came before us. . . .

"This Civil War Centennial will be observed in the hearts and minds of our citizens . . . observed without malice and without bitterness . . . with a jealous regard for the heritage written with blood and bayonet on the battlefields of the South.

"If we keep alive and intact this heritage for those who will follow us, we will have kept faith with those who came before."

—Governor Jimmie H. Davis,
January 26, 1961
The commemoration of the centennial of the Civil War has awakened renewed interest in the history of that epic conflict. The range of Civil War literature is vast. This relatively brief bibliography is confined to Louisiana's role in the conflict. It was prepared at the request of the Louisiana Civil War Centennial Commission and indicates books which will afford assistance to all interested and offer a guide for future study on the war in Louisiana.

This selected reading list was prepared from titles in the Louisiana State Library and, with the exception of a few out-of-print and rare books, indicated by an asterisk (*), may be borrowed. If your local library cannot supply these, ask your librarian to request them on inter-library loan from the Louisiana State Library.

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