

Soldiers at the Doorstep

When it comes to learning about history, simple things can sometimes tell us as much about life during a particular time as great happenings can. In the midst of the horrible battles of the Civil War, simple but significant events were going on in the lives of those who stayed behind to keep the home places together. For much of the war, areas in the South were behind enemy lines, and the folks left at home dealt with the constant threat of Union soldiers arriving at their doorsteps.

In this complications of stories passed down by word of mouth from the generation that experienced that divisive war, Larry Chowning once again shows his talent for capturing the flavor of an era and the essence of its people. In nineteen chapters he conveys a true feeling of what life was like at home in tidewater Virginia during the years of the war.