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*A biography of Jefferson Davis:
statesman, Mexican war hero, and*

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*President of the Confederate States
of America.*

*The five-year period from 1841 to
1846 saw the beginning of
Jefferson Davis' political career. In
this, the second volume of The
Papers of Jefferson Davis, the*

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*documents cover Davis'
unsuccessful race for the state
legislature, his selection as a
Democratic state elector, his
marriage to Varina Howell, his
election to the U.S. House of
Representatives, and his departure*

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*therefrom to assume command of
the First Mississippi Regiment in
the Mexican War. In the
congressional documents Davis
emerges as a hardworking
freshman representative who
quickly won for himself the respect*

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*and esteem of his fellow
congressmen. There were, however,
notable exceptions. One such
exception was Andrew Johnson, a
tailor by trade, who strongly
resented Davis' remark on the floor
of the House that a "blacksmith or*

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taylor” could not be expected to achieve the same results in battle as a trained military man. In the somewhat bitter exchange that followed, some have professed to see the beginnings of the long-standing animosity between Johnson

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and Davis. The 255 documents in this volume (two appendixes contain undated and late-arriving items) provide a clear picture of Jefferson Davis, the man and the politician, and give an intimate view of Mississippi in the 1840s.

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Throughout the volume are rumblings of the then distant storm that was to break so disastrously over the nation in the 1860s. Much of Jefferson Davis' life and career has been obscured in controversy and misinterpretation.

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This full, carefully annotated edition will make it possible for scholars to reassess the man who served as President of the Confederacy and who in the aftermath of war became the symbolic leader of the South. For

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almost a decade a dedicated team of scholars has been collecting and documenting Davis' papers and correspondence for this multi-volume work. The first volume includes not only Davis' private and public correspondence but also the

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*important letters and documents
addressed to and concerning him.
Two autobiographical accounts, a
detailed genealogy of the Davis
family, and a complete
bibliography are also included. This
volume covers Davis' early years in*

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Mississippi and Kentucky, his career at West Point, his first military assignments, and his tragic marriage to Sarah Knox Taylor. Together, the letters and documents unfold a human story of the first thirty-two years of a long life that

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*later became filled with turbulence
and controversy.*

*During the last nine months of the
Civil War, virtually all of the news
reports and President Jefferson
Davis's correspondence confirmed
the imminent demise of the*

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*Confederate States, the nation
Davis had striven to uphold since
1861. But despite defeat after
defeat on the battlefield, a
recalcitrant Congress, nay-sayers in
the press, disastrous financial
conditions, failures in foreign*

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policy and peace efforts, and plummeting national morale, Davis remained in office and tried to maintain the government—even after the fall of Richmond on April 2—until his capture by Union forces on May 10, 1865. The

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eleventh volume of The Papers of Jefferson Davis follows these tumultuous last months of the Confederacy and illuminates Davis's policies, feelings, ideas, and relationships, as well as the viewpoints of hundreds of

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*southerners—critics and
supporters—who asked favors,
pointed out abuses, and offered
advice on myriad topics. Printed
here for the first time are many
speeches and a number of new
letters and telegrams. In the course*

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*of the volume, Robert E. Lee
officially becomes general in chief,
Joseph E. Johnston is given a final
command, legislation is enacted to
place slaves in the army as soldiers,
and peace negotiations are opened
at the highest levels. The closing*

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pages chronicle Davis's dramatic flight from Richmond, including emotional correspondence with his wife as the two endeavor to find each other en route and make plans for the future in the wreckage of their lives. The holdings of seventy

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*different manuscript repositories
and private collections in addition
to numerous published sources
contribute to Volume 11, the fifth
in the Civil War period.*

*Jefferson Davis, American
Quotations of Jefferson F. Davis*

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January–September 1863

*the rise and fall of the confederate
government*

Jefferson Davis is one of the
most complex and
controversial figures in
American political history

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(and the man whom Oscar Wilde wanted to meet more than anyone when he made his tour of the United States). Elected president of the Confederacy and later accused of participating in the

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assassination of Abraham
Lincoln, he is a source of
ongoing dissension between
northerners and southerners.
This volume, the first of its
kind, is a selected collection
of his writings culled in large

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part from the authoritative
Papers of Jefferson Davis, a
multivolume edition of his
letters and speeches
published by the Louisiana
State University Press, and
includes thirteen documents

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from manuscript collections and one privately held document that have never before appeared in a modern scholarly edition. From letters as a college student to his sister, to major speeches

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on the Constitution, slavery,
and sectional issues, to his
farewell to the U.S. Senate, to
his inaugural address as
Confederate president, to
letters from prison to his
wife, these selected pieces

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present the many faces of the enigmatic Jefferson Davis. As William J. Cooper, Jr., writes in his Introduction, “Davis ’ s notability does not come solely from his crucial role in the Civil War. Born on the

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Kentucky frontier in the first decade of the nineteenth century, he witnessed and participated in the epochal transformation of the United States from a fledgling country to a strong nation

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spanning the continent. In his earliest years his father moved farther south and west to Mississippi. As a young army officer just out of West Point, he served on the northwestern and

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southwestern frontiers in an army whose chief mission was to protect settlers surging westward. Then, in 1846 and 1847, as colonel of the First Mississippi Regiment, he fought in the

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Mexican War, which resulted in 1848 in the Mexican Cession, a massive addition to the United States of some 500,000 square miles, including California and the modern Southwest. As

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secretary of war and U.S.
senator in the 1850s, he
advocated government
support for the building of a
transcontinental railroad that
he believed essential to bind
the nation from ocean to

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ocean.”

This fascinating collection of intimate letters from and to Jefferson Davis (1808 – 1889) illuminates the character and personality of the President of the Confederacy. These

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letters (the majority appearing fully in print for the first time) range widely over one of the most turbulent periods in American history, from his fifteenth year to his death at eighty-one. Here is

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Jefferson Davis in all aspects:
in love and in house slippers;
as wounded war hero; at
dramatic heights of
statesmanship; in grief over
four dead sons; refusing
Lee's resignation after

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Gettysburg and expressing unwavering confidence; as shackled prisoner, stoic survivor, generous friend, adoring father and husband. Equally revealing are the letters written to him by such

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notable figures as Franklin
Pierce, Zachary Taylor, Judah
P. Benjamin, General and Mrs.
Robert E. Lee, Davis's
children, and of course his
spirited wife, Varina. From
this rich, varied

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correspondence there
emerges a unique biography
in letters, adding new
dimensions and highlights to
one of the most exalted,
maligned, and remarkable
men in American history.

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Written early in Tate's career, this study of the Confederacy's fallen leader is highly critical of his flaws yet ultimately sympathetic to the Southern cause.

At the end of Volume 2

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Jefferson Davis had left Congress to become a colonel in the First Mississippi Regiment. The first item in this volume is a speech as he prepares to leave on a riverboat to serve in the

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Mexican War. The years 1846 through 1848 see Davis play a conspicuous role in the war and in the subsequent political clashes and controversies over slavery. Volume 3 details

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Davis' first experience in battle as an officer of a regiment as well as his initial term as a U.S. senator. He received both praise and criticism for his leadership in Mexico. In 1847 he returned

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to Mississippi a wounded hero of national fame, refused a brigadier generalship, and took his place in the U.S. Senate. There are several items of correspondence with Zachary Taylor that shed

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light on Taylor's attitude toward the proposed nomination that would lead to his election as president in 1848. Davis' first wife was Taylor's daughter; and in spite of political and family

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differences the two men maintained a close friendship. In a major speech in July, 1848, Davis protested the formal prohibition of slavery from the Oregon Territory; he then voted for the Senate's

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compromise bill on
Oregon. Volume 3 of The
Papers of Jefferson Davis
includes letters to and from
Davis, his speeches in
chronological order, and other
documents, further

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illuminating Davis' character,
opinions, philosophy, and
personal relationships as well
as continuing the
development of his military
career.

Confederate President

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The Rise and Fall of the
Confederate Government
Jefferson Davis,
Unconquerable Heart
Jefferson Davis and the Final
Days of the Confederacy
Jefferson Davis His Rise and Fall J.S.

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In Volume 4 of The Papers of Jefferson

Davis, which covers the years 1849 to

1852, Davis had clearly chosen politics

as his life's work. He relished in his role

as Mississippi's senior senator and

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willingly assumed the responsibility of being a national spokesman for the South. This period also saw a number of events in Davis' personal life, notably the birth of his first child and the beginning of a long estrangement from his brother Joseph. In January, 1849, Davis signed the Southern

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Address, although he occasionally disagreed with the extreme positions of its author, John C. Calhoun. Outside the Senate, Davis supported the objectives of the Nashville Convention and, later, the idea of a southern congress. During the crisis of 1850 Davis spoke often on such key issues

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as the regulation of slavery in the territories, the extension of the Missouri Compromise line, the admission of California, the Texas-New Mexico boundary, the continuation of the slave trade in the District of Columbia, and the Fugitive Slave Act. In 1851 he proposed purchasing camels for

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military transportation and urged that a Pacific railroad route be considered in the definition of the Mexican boundary. As a loyal Democrat, Davis had supported Lewis Cass in 1848, but he was a conspicuous personal favorite of Zachary Taylor, the new Whig president and his former father-in-

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law. In 1850 Taylor reportedly intervened to prevent a duel between Illinois representative William H. Bissell and Davis, who was incensed by Bissell's remarks about the Mississippi regiment at Buena Vista. Soon after joining the Taylor family at the president's deathbed in July, 1850,

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Davis defended Taylor's Mexican War performance in well-publicized Senate speech. Between sessions in 1849 Davis canvassed Mississippi, addressing gatherings throughout the state in favor of congressional candidates. He warned of northern aggressions, yet urged the exhaustion

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of all means of peaceful resistance before secession be considered. When he returned home after the arduous 1850 session, he defended his course, denying charges that he was a disunionist. In February, 1850, Davis had been reelected to the Senate for a full six-year term, but in September,

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1851, he resigned to accept the State Rights nomination for governor in opposition to Union nominee Henry Foote. Although illness precluded much active campaigning in the few weeks before the election, Davis substantially reduced the Union lead and lost by a narrow margin. A private

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citizen for the first time since 1845, Davis continued his involvement in politics. Despite nagging personal problems and ill health, he promoted Democratic unity and took to the stump for Franklin Pierce in 1852.

Volume 8 of The Papers of Jefferson Davis brings the Confederate president

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to the second year of the War Between the States and shows that during 1862 Davis was almost completely overwhelmed by military matters. Indeed, early that year, in an address to the Confederate Congress, he admitted that in trying to defend every part of its far-flung territory, the

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“Government had attempted more than it had power successfully to achieve.”
During 1862, Judah P. Benjamin was replaced as secretary of war by George W. Randolph, who was then succeeded by James A. Seddon. As the year advanced, Davis’ relationships with certain key generals continued to

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sour. Chief among them were P.G.T. Beauregard, who was finally removed from his last significant command, and Joseph E. Johnston, whose fall from grace precipitated Robert E. Lee's rise to influence as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Lee proved to be as adept in communicating and

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coordinating plans with the president as Johnston had been inept. At the inconclusive Battle of Shiloh, Davis lost Albert Sidney Johnston, a trusted friend and the general he had most admired. Like Shiloh, many other campaigns of 1862 ended in stalemate and withdrawal, including Henry H.

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Sibley's New Mexico campaign, Braxton Bragg's Kentucky campaign, Earl Van Dorn's battle at Elkhorn Tavern, and the Confederacy's greatest gamble—Lee's Invasion of Maryland. Correspondence with Davis' brother, Joseph E. Davis, reveals the ever-worsening situation in Mississippi.

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The Federal occupation of New Orleans, the fall of New Madrid and Island No. 10, and Grant's repeated attempts to capture Vicksburg heightened anxiety about the area and persuaded the president to tour the western theater in December. Because the Union's springtime invasion of

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Richmond prompted Davis to send his wife and children away, Volume 8 contains an unusually rich collection of letters exchanged during their separation. This correspondence offers a rare glimpse into the minds and hearts of Davis and his wife. Altogether, more than 2,000

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documents, many never before published, are included in Volume 8; 133 are printed in full. Culled from fifty-nine repositories, twenty-one private collections, and numerous printed sources, they reveal that despite the many setbacks he suffered in 1862, Davis maintained a deep devotion to

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duty and an unbending will to win. When the Civil War ended, Jefferson Davis had fallen from the heights of popularity to the depths of despair. In this fascinating new book, Donald E. Collins explores the resurrection of Davis to heroic status in the hearts of white Southerners culminating in one of

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the grandest funeral processions the nation had ever seen. As schools closed and bells tolled along the thousand mile route, Southerners appeared en masse to bid a final farewell to the man who championed Southern secession and ardently defended the Confederacy.

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The Papers of Jefferson Davis

His Rise and Fall

June 1865–December 1870

An engaging portrait of the Southern soldier-statesman who led the Confederacy retraces his evolution from a reluctant supporter of secession to his eventual total embrace of an independent Southern Confederacy. Reprint.

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30,000 first printing.

"The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government - Volume I" from Jefferson Davis. President of the Confederate States of America during the entire Civil War, 1861 to 1865 (1808-1889).

"Being powerless to direct the current, I can only wait to see whither it runs," wrote

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Jefferson Davis to his wife, Varina, on October 11, 1865, five months after the victorious United States Army took him prisoner. Indeed, in the tumultuous years immediately after the Civil War, Davis found himself more acted upon than active, a dramatic change from his previous twenty years of public service to the United States

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as a major political figure and then to the Confederacy as its president and commander in chief. Volume 12 of The Papers of Jefferson Davis follows the former president of the Confederacy as he and his family fight to find their place in the world after the Civil War. A federal prisoner, incarcerated in a "living tomb" at

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Fort Monroe while the government decided whether, where, and by whom he should be tried for treason, Davis was initially allowed to correspond only with his wife and counsel. Released from prison after two hard years, he was not free from legal proceedings until 1869. Stateless, homeless, and without means to support himself and

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his young family, Davis lived in Canada and then Europe, searching for a new career in a congenial atmosphere. Finally, in November 1869, he settled in Memphis as president of a life insurance company and, for the first time in four years, had the means to build a new life. Throughout this difficult period, Varina Howell Davis

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demonstrated strength and courage, especially when her husband was in prison. She fought tirelessly for his release and to ensure their children's education and safety. Their letters clearly demonstrate the Davises' love and their dependence on each other. They both worried over the fate of the South and of family members and

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friends who had suffered during the war. Though disfranchised, Davis remained careful but not totally silent on the subject of politics. Even while in prison, he wrote without regret of his decision to follow Mississippi out of the Union and of his unswerving belief in the constitutionality of state rights and secession. Likewise, he

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praised all who supported the Confederacy with their blood and who, like himself, had lost everything.

Poet, essayist, and Southern Agrarian, Allen Tate brings to this biographical sketch of the Confederate President not only a tremendous narrative talent, but also a deep understanding of, and sympathy for, the

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Southern culture that produced Jefferson Davis. But unlike other Southern writers who made Davis a larger-than-life hero of the Lost Cause, Tate pulls no punches in his assessment of the President's weaknesses as well as his strengths, and how they may have crippled the Confederacy from the very beginning.

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1861

July 1846–December 1848

*A Short History of the Confederate States of
America*

*Jefferson Davis, His Rise and Fall, a
Biographical Narrative by Allen Tate*

A decade after his

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release from Federal
prison, the 67-year-old
Jefferson Davis-ex-
President of the
Confederacy, the
"Southern Lincoln,"
popularly regarded as a

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martyr to the

Confederate cause—began
work on his monumental
Rise and Fall of the
Confederate Government.
Motivated partially by
his deep-rooted

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antagonism toward his
enemies (both the
Northern victors and his
Southern detractors),
partially by his
continuing obsession
with the "cause," and

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partially by his
desperate pecuniary and
physical condition,
Davis devoted three
years and extensive
research to the writing
of what he termed "an

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historical sketch of the
events which preceded
and attended the
struggle of the Southern
states to maintain their
existence and their
rights as sovereign

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communities." The result was a perceptive two-volume chronicle, covering the birth, life, and death of the Confederacy, from the Missouri Compromise in

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1820, through the
tumultuous events of the
Civil War, to the
readmission of the
Southern States to the
Congress in the late
1860s. Supplemented with

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a new historical

foreword by the Pulitzer
Prize-winning James M.

McPherson, The Rise and
Fall of the Confederate
Government, Volume I,

belongs in the library

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of anyone interested in
the root causes, the
personalities, and the
events of America's
greatest war.

The final volume of The
Papers of Jefferson

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Davis follows the former
president of the
Confederacy through the
completion of his two
monumental works on the
history of the
Confederate States of

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America. In the first,
The Rise and Fall of the
Confederate Government
(1881), Davis sought to
recast the Confederacy
as a just and moral
nation that was

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constitutionally correct
in standing up for its
rights. Himself the
subject of heated
debates about why the
Confederacy lost, Davis
also used the book to

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castigate Confederate
government and military
officials who he
believed had failed the
cause. Later, A Short
History of the
Confederate States

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(1890) attempted to
burnish the image of the
former Confederacy and
to refute accusations of
intentional mistreatment
of Union prisoners.
While completing these

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books, Davis attended and spoke at numerous Confederate memorial services and monument dedications, all the while waging a bitter feud with two of his

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former top generals—
Joseph E. Johnston and
P. G. T. Beauregard—over
the reasons for the fall
of the Confederacy. In
late 1889, having
returned to New Orleans

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from a trip to his
plantation, Brierfield,
Davis succumbed to
pneumonia. His funeral
procession attracted an
estimated 150,000
mourners, a testament to

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the lasting popularity
of the Confederacy's
only president. In
volume 14 of The Papers
of Jefferson Davis, the
editors have drawn from
over one hundred

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manuscript repositories
and private collections,
in addition to numerous
published sources, to
offer a compelling
portrait of Davis over
the last decade of his

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life.

A collection of
quotations by Jefferson
Davis, President of the
Confederate States.

The beginnings and
endings of the Southern

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**States Bid for
Independence by the
elected President of the
Confederacy.**

**The Life and Work of
Jefferson Davis
Rise and Fall of the**

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Confederate Government

The Man and His Hour

The Death and

Resurrection of

Jefferson Davis

Preeminent Civil War historian

Frank Vandiver always longed to

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*see an interpretive biography of
Jefferson Davis. Finally, more
than twenty years after Vandiver
expressed that wish, publication
of Jefferson Davis,
Unconquerable Heart makes
such an interpretive biography*

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available. Felicity Allen begins this monumental work with Davis's political imprisonment at the end of the Civil War and masterfully flashes back to his earlier life, interweaving Davis's private life as a schoolboy, a

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Mississippi planter, a husband, a father, and a political leader. She follows him from West Point through army service on the frontier, his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, his regimental command in the

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Mexican War, his service as U.S. secretary of war and senator, and his term as president of the Confederate States of America. Although Davis's family is the nexus of this biography, friends and enemies also play major

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*roles. Among his friends
intimately met in this book are
such stellar figures as Andrew
Jackson, John C. Calhoun,
Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce,
Albert Sidney Johnston, and
Robert E. Lee. With the use of*

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contemporary accounts and Davis's own correspondence, Jefferson Davis, Unconquerable Heart casts new light upon this remarkable man, thawing the icy image of Davis in many previous accounts. Felicity Allen shows a

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strong, yet gentle man; a stern soldier who loved horses, guns, poetry, and children; a master of the English language, with a dry wit; a man of powerful feelings who held them in such tight control that he was considered

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*cold; and a home-loving
Mississippian who was drawn
into a vortex of national events
and eventual catastrophe. At all
times, "duty, honor, country"
ruled his mind. Davis's Christian
view of life runs like a thread*

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throughout the book, binding together his devotion to God, his family, and the land. Jefferson Davis, Unconquerable Heart brings Davis to life in a way that has never been done before. The variety of his experience, the

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breadth of his learning, and the consistency of his beliefs make this historical figure eminently worth knowing.

A Long Shadow is a fascinating narrative account of the fall of the Confederacy told from the

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perspective of Jefferson Davis, his official entourage, and his family as they tried to hold the government together while staying one step ahead of their Union Army pursuers. The "martyred" Davis is one of the

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*most enduring symbols of the
Lost Cause of the Confederacy.
Michael B. Ballard maintains that
this image began to take form
during the last days of Davis's
presidency as the doomed
leader rose nobly to adversity,*

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handling sensitive political and military issues and devastating setbacks with dignity and faith. It was Davis's willingness to sacrifice everything, combined with his postwar imprisonment, Ballard contends, that cemented

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*his status in the hearts and
minds of southerners.*

*A decade after his release from
federal prison, the 67-year-old
Jefferson Davis—ex-president of
the Confederacy, the "Southern
Lincoln," popularly regarded as a*

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*martyr to the Confederate
cause—began work on his
monumental Rise and Fall of the
Confederate Government.
Motivated partially by his deep-
rooted antagonism toward his
enemies (both the Northern*

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victors and his Southern detractors), partially by his continuing obsession with the “cause,” and partially by his desperate pecuniary and physical condition, Davis devoted three years and

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*extensive research to the writing
of what he termed "an historical
sketch of the events which
preceded and attended the
struggle of the Southern states to
maintain their existence and their
rights as sovereign*

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communities.” The result was a perceptive two-volume chronicle, covering the birth, life, and death of the Confederacy, from the Missouri Compromise in 1820, through the tumultuous events of the Civil War, to the readmission

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*of the Southern states to the
U.S. Congress in the late 1860s.
Supplemented with a new
historical foreword by the Pulitzer
Prize-winning James M.
McPherson, The Rise and Fall of
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Volume I belongs in the library of anyone interested in the root causes, the personalities, and the events of America's greatest war.

Jefferson Davis was an American politician who served

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*as the first and only President of
the Confederate States of
America from 1861 to 1865. This
collection presents to you a well
sourced biography of Davis,
which conveys the essence of
the man and the determined*

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*politician. The edition also
contains his most revealing
works: "A Short History of the
Confederate States of America"
and "The Rise and Fall of the
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*Frank H. Alfriend Works by
Jefferson Davis: A Short History
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Narrative*

*Speeches of the Hon. Jefferson
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Press)*

*The Rise And Fall Of The
Confederate Government*

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1849–1852

Mary Seaton Dix, Associate Editor The fifth volume of The Papers of Jefferson Davis presents 9,000 of the approximately 21,000 known Davis letters, papers, and speeches from the years 1853 through 1855, when Davis served as secretary of war under President Franklin Pierce.

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Most of the documents are included in summary form in an extensive calendar; 93 are published in full with annotation. Well prepared for the War Department position by his military education and experience, Davis was already known as a champion of the army and West Point from his years in

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Congress. As secretary, Davis administered a department of eight bureaus and a military establishment spread thinly from coast to coast. An increase and reorganization of the army along with the establishment of new posts became top priorities as a tide of settlers encroached in Indian lands in the

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Mexican cession and Far West. Davis also supervised army engineering projects as varied as the Capitol extension, military roads, and river and harbor improvements. The curriculum of the Military Academy, new weapons and armaments development, the activities of the Crimea commission, the Pacific

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railroad surveys, and the camel expedition -- all commanded his minute attention. Despite the burdens of office, Davis maintained a lively interest in the issues of the day, among them Latin American filibustering, the purchase of Cuba, states' rights, slavery, and the conflict in Kansas. The wide attention

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accorded his travels and speeches brought national prominence to him and speculation about his future candidacy for governor, a return to the Senate, the vice-presidency, and even the presidency. Personal correspondence includes letters that touch on Davis' long estrangement from his brother, the death of his first

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child, persistent health problems, and relationships with friends and family. Much of his official correspondence, especially several angry exchanges with army officers, reveals even more about Davis' personality. In addition to the documents published in full and calendared, an appendix includes over

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one hundred recently discovered personal and political items dates from 1838 through 1852, before Davis' selection as secretary of war.

Lynda Lasswell Crist, Editor Mary Seaton Dix, Coeditor Introduction by Frank E. Vandiver Volume 7 of *The Papers of Jefferson Davis offers a unique*

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view of 1861, the first year of the Confederacy, Davis' presidency, and the Civil War. On January 21 Davis made his affecting farewell speech before a hushed Senate, then left for Mississippi. His uncertainty over a military or political course vanished when he received news of his unanimous election as president of

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*the Confederate States of America.
Inaugurated at Montgomery, Alabama,
on February 18, Davis quickly set to work
to forge a government, in a race with
events to select a cabinet, establish
departments, and plan for the common
defense. Hopes for a peaceful separation
from the North ended with the firing on*

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Fort Sumter; subsequent documents reveal a president absorbed by the problems of waging a war that soon stretched from the Atlantic Coast to the Gulf of Mexico. Victory at Manassas produced euphoria among southerners but plunged the president into the first of several unfortunate controversies with

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his generals, this one over the failure to pursue the enemy and capitalize on success. Throughout 1861 the Confederate commissioners in Europe reported to Davis on their expectations of recognition, convinced that the demand for cotton would induce Great Britain and France to break the North's blockade

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of southern ports and help supply arms for the defense of the fledgling nation. Volume 7 provides a rare opportunity to assess anew Davis' strengths and weaknesses as executive, to reexamine his relationship with generals, governors, congressmen, cabinet officers, the press, and the public. Davis ended the

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year as he begun, aware of the difficulties of the course the South had adopted and confident that its cause would ultimately triumph. Containing illustrations, maps, and more than 2,500 documents drawn from numerous printed sources and more than seventy repositories and private collections, Volume 7 covers a year of

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*paramount importance in our country's
history.*

*“The New Year . . . comes in auspiciously
for us,” Jefferson Davis proclaimed in
January, 1863, and indeed there were
grounds for optimism within the
Confederacy. By September, however,
various hopes for ending the conflict with*

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the North had given way to the harsh realities of a prolonged war, increasingly confined to southern soil. Although Davis suffered poor health during much of the nine-month period, he remained an active and vital leader. Volume 9 of The Papers of Jefferson Davis gives a vivid picture of the tasks he faced.

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Military matters consumed most of Davis' time. Already strained relations with Joseph E. Johnston worsened in the spring, and he was eventually relieved of his overall command of the western armies. Surrenders at Vicksburg and Port Hudson ended Confederate access to the Mississippi River, and in the East, Robert

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*E. Lee's stunning victory at
Chancellorsville was blotted out by
bloody repulse south of Gettysburg.
Correspondence from Europe reveals
what Davis knew of the Erlanger loan
and the diminishing chances of French
and British intervention. As problems for
the Confederacy mounted, discontent*

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grew. Davis received complaints from across the young country, the conscription system being of particular concern. In April he saw firsthand the unhappiness over limited resources as he took to the streets to help calm the Richmond bread riot. Over 2,000 documents, many never before published,

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are included in Volume 9. Eighty-one are printed with annotation, 242 more in full text, and about 1,750 others are calendared in summary form. They show Davis fighting to maintain morale and military cohesion during one of the Confederacy's most difficult periods.

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Government

Jefferson Davis

Rise and Fall

1880-1889

Jefferson Finis Davis (1808-1889)
was an American politician who
served as President of the
Confederate States of America

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for its entire history from 1861 to 1865 during the American Civil War. During his presidency, Davis was never able to find a strategy that would defeat the larger, more industrially developed Union. Davis's insistence on independence, even in the face

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of crushing defeat, prolonged the war, and while not exactly disgraced, he was displaced in Southern affection after the war by the leading general, Robert E. Lee. After Davis was captured in 1865, he was charged with treason (although never

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convicted) and was stripped of his eligibility to run for public office. A West Point graduate, Davis prided himself on the military skills he gained in the Mexican-American War as a colonel of a volunteer regiment, and as U. S. Secretary of War

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under Franklin Pierce. As Davis explained in his memoir, The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government (1881) he believed that each State was sovereign and had an unquestionable right to secede from the Union.

****Includes 25 pictures of Davis***

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and important people, places and events in his life. Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) holds a unique place in American history, as the man best remembered for being the president of the Confederacy during the Civil War. While other famous Confederates like Robert

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E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson are still celebrated across the reunited country, Davis continues to be the object of scorn, derided over his attempt to flee after the Civil War and criticized as ineffective by historians. Among the Confederates still lauded

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among some Southerners, Davis is well down the list. Given his Civil War legacy, which often obscures his antebellum and postwar life, it's easy to forget why Davis was made president in the first place. As a career civil servant in the United States

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government during much of his adult life, both as a Senator and Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis was a natural choice to be elected President of the seceding Southern states in early 1861. History has accorded Abraham Lincoln a spot in the pantheon of

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American politics for the manner in which he steered the Union to victory and into the Reconstruction period after the war. In turn, Davis has been heavily criticized. Davis constantly clashed with Confederate generals like Joseph

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Johnston, the South's diplomacy failed to obtain foreign intervention, and he was unable to keep the Southern states together cohesively as the Confederate economy began to collapse. Whether the Civil War would have ended any differently

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with someone else in charge of the Confederacy will never be known, but Davis had a tumultuous presidency. Making matters worse, when Davis was captured by Union troops in May 1865, rumors spread that he was trying to escape in women's

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clothing. Davis was accused of treason and held prisoner for a few years before he was released, living out the rest of his years in the South. Even in death, Mother Nature hasn't left him alone. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of his

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postwar home in Biloxi, Mississippi. However, while others went quietly, Davis aimed to set the record straight in his gigantic, two volume memoir, The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government. In his tome, Davis skipped over his own

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personal life and dove headfirst into explaining the country's and the war's political and military details in extremely exacting manner. Davis was obviously one of the best authorities from the Southern standpoint, and his book remains an invaluable

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source for historians today. Davis will forever remain controversial, but Rise and Fall: The Life and Legacy of Jefferson Davis looks at the whole picture. In addition to analyzing his presidency and decision-making, this biography chronicles the life of the man

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who befriended Robert E. Lee at West Point, opposed secession as a U.S. Senator, suffered personal and political tragedies while leading the Confederacy, and ultimately lived to tell his side of the story. Along with pictures of Davis and other important people

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Southern States had rightfully the power to withdraw from a Union into which they had, as sovereign communities, voluntarily entered; that the denial of that right was a violation of the letter and spirit of the compact between the

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States; and that the war waged by the Federal Government against the seceding States was in disregard of the limitations of the Constitution, and destructive of the principles of the Declaration of Independence. The author, from his official position,

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may claim to have known much of the motives and acts of his countrymen immediately before and during the war of 1861-'65, and he has sought to furnish material for the future historian, who, when the passions and prejudices of the day shall have

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***given place to reason and sober
thought, may, better than a
contemporary, investigate the
causes, conduct, and results of
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