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**Wilson's Creek National
Battlefield: Civil War Collection
Civil War Highlighted in New
Book**

**Mother and daughter team up to tell history
through vintage images**

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Civil War Collection

by Anita L. Roberts & Savannah G. Roberts

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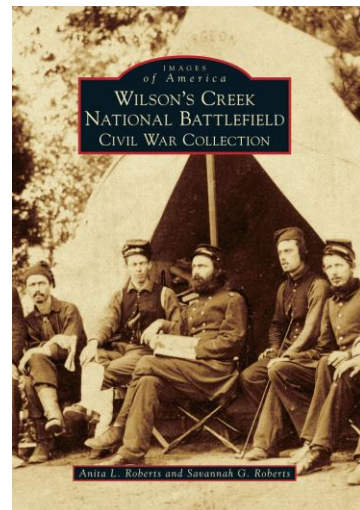
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Author Anita L. Roberts is an associate historian at the Springfield–Greene County Library District. Her daughter Savannah G. Roberts, a budding graphic artist, is currently completing the International Baccalaureate Program at Springfield's Central High School. Anita spent months exploring the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Civil War collection to compile this unique assortment of photographs.

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is *Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Civil War Collection* from local authors Anita L. Roberts and Savannah G. Roberts. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

The Civil War claimed over 620,000 lives from April 1861 until the last major battle in June 1865. Neighbor fought neighbor, while families were divided over the issues of states' rights, secession, and slavery. Few people realize that Missouri was the war's third most violent state with over 1,500 battles and skirmishes. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, southwest of Springfield, commemorates the Battle of Wilson's Creek, which was the first Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River, the second major battle of the war, and where the first Union general was killed in combat.

The Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Civil War collection is an outstanding compilation of artifacts, documents, and photographs primarily related to the Trans-Mississippi theater. Items include Arkansas Confederate general Patrick Cleburne's sword belt and sash, abolitionist John Brown's telescope, a Confederate "Cherokee Braves" flag, and an original print of General Order No. 11, which forced evacuation of several western Missouri counties in an attempt to eliminate safe havens for guerrillas.



Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Civil War Collection highlights:

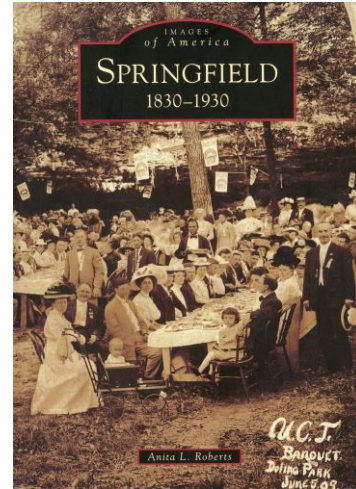
- Battle of Wilson's Creek, or Oak Hills
- Battles, skirmishes, and other engagements
- Military posts
- Medical care, battle wounds, and diseases
- Bushwhackers, guerrillas, jayhawkers, and other nefarious characters

Anita L. Roberts is also the author of *Springfield: 1830-1930*, a pictorial history of Springfield, Missouri.

Autographed copies of both books are available directly from the authors at alr464@gmail.com or 417/425-0948.

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