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FOUND AFTER 150 YEARS! THE LOST GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

His speech followed Lincoln's at Gettysburg. It was never published...until now.

Discover Charles Anderson – a slave owner who risked everything to save the Union.

Anthropologist Rob Tolley stumbled upon Anderson's Gettysburg manuscript twelve years ago at a lodge in Wyoming. When the concluding oration disappeared from view, part of the context of Lincoln's iconic address was also lost. The three featured speeches of Edward Everett, Lincoln, and Anderson demonstrate how a memorial dedication was transformed into a political triumph for the president.

"It is a rare privilege to share a little-known piece of Gettysburg history with Civil War and Lincoln enthusiasts," author David Dixon noted. "Charles Anderson had the courage to hold steadfast to his convictions, remaining loyal to the Union at a time when nearly all Southerners turned against their country," he added.

The New York Times in January, 1862, called Anderson's story, "among the most moving and romantic episodes of the war."

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The Lost Gettysburg Address chronicles Anderson on his exciting journey through some of the most dramatic events of the Civil War period. Born on a Kentucky plantation, he struggles to reconcile a morally bankrupt slave system that yet holds the nation together. Stand in the crowd as Anderson delivers a bold Union speech in San Antonio weeks after Lincoln's election. Imprisoned by Confederate officers, he makes a daring escape, arriving in New York a national hero. Anderson nearly loses his life in the battle of Stones River. He is elected Lieutenant Governor of Ohio on a ticket that defeats exiled Copperhead Democrat Clement Vallandigham. Two years later, Anderson becomes Ohio's governor. The story of Anderson's eventful life helps explain why he shared the spotlight with Lincoln on such an important day in the middle of the Civil War. Lincoln's famous words can now be better understood in their complete historical context.

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