

## Charles Anderson Also Gave a Gettysburg Talk

**The Lost Gettysburg Address.** By David T. Dixon. Illustrated, photos, notes, appendix, index, 254 pp., 2015, B-List History, [www.davidtdixon.com](http://www.davidtdixon.com), \$18.95.

It's amazing that stimulating and informative Civil War books with whole new perspectives keep coming out of the woodwork. This one makes it a pleasure to be a book review editor and reviewer.

Did you ever hear of a third Gettysburg address? Well, David T. Dixon reveals one in this entertaining little gem. We learn that there were three influential speeches given on Nov. 19, 1863, in conjunction with the National Cemetery dedication at Gettysburg.

Edward Everett delivered his featured two-hour devotional address, Abraham Lincoln delivered his two-minute inspirational address for the ages, and finally little-known Charles Anderson delivered an end-of-the-day war cry for Union victory.

Deeming it inappropriate for that type of political/military speech to be given at the cemetery, the large Ohio delegation to the ceremonies scheduled the Anderson address in a nearby church.

His speech that day was almost anti-climactic for the Ohio lieutenant governor-elect since he had already lived a life full of excitement.

Son of a Revolutionary War hero and brother of the better-known Robert Anderson of Fort Sumter fame, Charles Anderson moved with his family to Ohio from his native, slavery-tainted Kentucky.

Among the highlights of his younger and middle years were his move to Texas, where he opposed slavery-based secession as an outspoken civilian and was imprisoned by Confederates; a daring months-long escape across Texas and Mexico; and arrival by ship in New York City, where he was greeted as a hero.

Anderson continued his adventures by being commissioned a Union army officer, helping to save William Rosecrans's Army of the Cumberland at Stones River, returning home due to war wounds.

He obtained the lieutenant governor's nomination on the Republican ticket that soundly defeated leading Copperhead and would-be governor Clement Vallandigham in the crucial Ohio election of 1863. There is much more to Anderson and his life, but the foregoing should whet your appetite.

This book is so well written and edited that it is hard to believe it is self-published. Don't miss it.

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