

AHEC introduces Civil War photo collection online

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AHEC's world-famous Civil War photo collection now online

The American Civil War was an important era for photography. Photographic processes were invented in the early 1820s, but it was the Civil War period when photography was available and affordable for the public.

The images of Civil War photographers Matthew Brady, Alexander Gardner and Samuel Cooley, among others, put a face on the price of war.

The best Civil War photograph collection in the world is now available and free for public enjoyment and education.

AHEC has made available at www.usahec.org the digitized photo collection of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The collection is preserved for future generations -- and more accessible to the many researchers and enthusiasts around the globe who have an interest in the Civil War. AHEC has long been known as the world's largest repository of Civil War photographs in collections that formerly required a visit to the Military History Institute archives.

Images from the collection have made their way to hundreds of scholarly and popular histories. They play a key role in the popular PBS/Ken Burns television series on the Civil War.

The nation will soon commemorate, from 2011 to 2015, the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Now, millions of people around the world will have the opportunity to see the faces of those Soldiers who fought on both sides of the national conflict.

View the AHEC's Civil War collection at www.usahec.org.

