

# Three Children At The Civil War Battle For Vicksburg

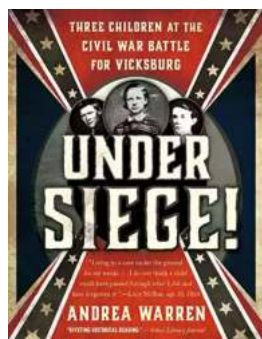
The Battle for Vicksburg was a critical conflict during the American Civil War. As armies clashed and tensions ran high, three children found themselves caught in the crossfire. This is their extraordinary story of survival, bravery, and the impact they had on the outcome of the battle.

## The City of Vicksburg

Vicksburg, Mississippi, was strategically located on a high bluff along the Mississippi River. Its control was key to controlling the river and splitting the Confederacy in half. The Union Army, led by General Ulysses S. Grant, set their sights on capturing Vicksburg, leading to a siege that lasted for 47 days.

## The Daring Escape

Amidst the chaos and destruction, three children, Lucy, James, and William, found themselves trapped in Vicksburg. Their parents had been taken by the Confederate Army, leaving them to fend for themselves. Determined to survive, they devised a plan to escape the besieged city.



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Under the cover of darkness, the children snuck through the Union lines, dodging bullets and artillery fire. Their small size and quick wit allowed them to go unnoticed as they made their way to safety. Their escape would not only save their lives but also provide crucial information to the Union Army.

## **An Unlikely Alliance**

Upon reaching the Union camp, the children's story caught the attention of General Grant. Impressed by their bravery, he decided to use their knowledge of the city to aid his army's assault. Lucy, who had a keen sense of direction, guided troops through the treacherous terrain, avoiding Confederate defenses.

James, with his talent for mimicry, infiltrated Confederate camps, gathering valuable intelligence. His ability to blend in and imitate soldiers allowed him to gather information without raising suspicions. William, the youngest of the three, became a runner, delivering messages and helping coordinate troops.

## **Turning the Tide**

The children's contribution to the Union Army had a significant impact on the Battle for Vicksburg. Their knowledge and daring acts allowed Grant's forces to launch successful attacks, gradually tightening the grip on the city. The children's bravery inspired soldiers and civilians alike, igniting a renewed determination to win the war.

## **The Fall of Vicksburg**

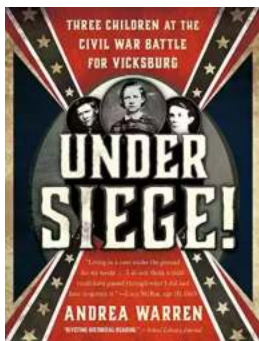
After weeks of relentless fighting and constant bombardment, the Confederate defenders of Vicksburg surrendered on July 4, 1863. The city had finally fallen

into Union hands, marking a turning point in the Civil War. The bravery and resourcefulness of three children played a role in this historic victory.

## Legacy and Remembrance

Lucy, James, and William's heroic actions during the Battle for Vicksburg were immortalized through various forms of recognition. They were awarded medals of honor, and their story became a symbol of resilience and sacrifice. Today, statues of the children stand in Vicksburg as a reminder of their bravery and the impact they had on American history.

The Battle for Vicksburg was a pivotal moment in the American Civil War, and amidst the chaos and danger, three children played an unlikely but crucial role. Through their bravery and resourcefulness, they contributed to the Union victory and inspired those around them. Their story serves as a testament to the strength and courage that can be found even in the most challenging of circumstances.



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Meet Lucy McRae and two other young people, Willie Lord and Frederick Grant, all survivors of the Civil War's Battle for Vicksburg. In 1863, Union troops intend

to silence the cannons guarding the Mississippi River at Vicksburg – even if they have to take the city by siege. To hasten surrender, they are shelling Vicksburg night and day. Terrified townspeople, including Lucy and Willie, take shelter in caves – enduring heat, snakes, and near suffocation. On the Union side, twelve-year-old Frederick Grant has come to visit his father, General Ulysses S. Grant, only to find himself in the midst of battle, experiencing firsthand the horrors of war.

"Living in a cave under the ground for six weeks . . . I do not think a child could have passed through what I did and have forgotten it." – Lucy McRae, age 10, 1863

Period photographs, engravings, and maps extend this dramatic story as award-winning author Andrea Warren re-creates one of the most important Civil War battles through the eyes of ordinary townspeople, officers and enlisted men from both sides, and, above all, three brave children who were there.



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