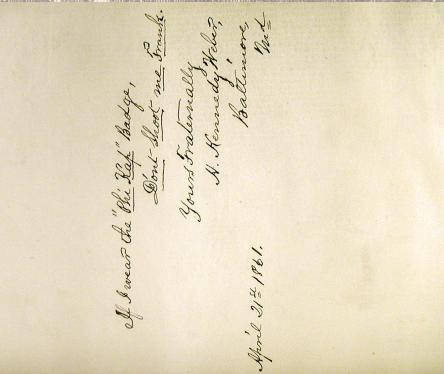


# Carlisle at War

**1861**

Dickinson College students wished each other well in the spring of 1861, even as they prepared to fight over secession. One young man joked in April, "If I wear the 'Phi Kap' badge, Don't shoot me Frank." Another wrote in the same autograph book, "though I am a secessionist, yet I am your friend."



**1862**

By the war's second year, the human cost of the conflict was already staggering. 29 year old Annie Colwell of Carlisle lost her husband James at the Battle of Antietam. She never remarried. They had four children.



**1864**

A number of soldiers from the Carlisle area were captured during the Overland Campaign. Pvt. John Taylor Cuddy was among them. He was held as a prisoner at Andersonville before his death from disease in late 1864. Cuddy was still a teenager.



**1863**

Northern towns rarely came under direct fire during the Civil War, but Carlisle did in June 1863. Confederate forces shelled the town as part of their failed invasion of Pennsylvania. Thomas Nast famously sketched the chaotic scene for Harper's magazine.

**1865**

Black men from Carlisle like Henry W. Spradley also fought bravely for the Union army. Spradley was stationed at Richmond in 1865 and later worked at Dickinson for years after the war. Today, his grave is unmarked.

