

Day 3: Industrialization and the Homefront

Industrialization of Warfare Colloquium (July 2020)

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Lecture: Rise of the American Homefront *By Matthew Pinsker*



Pennsylvania suffragists ("Silent Sentinels") outside White House, 1917 (LoC)



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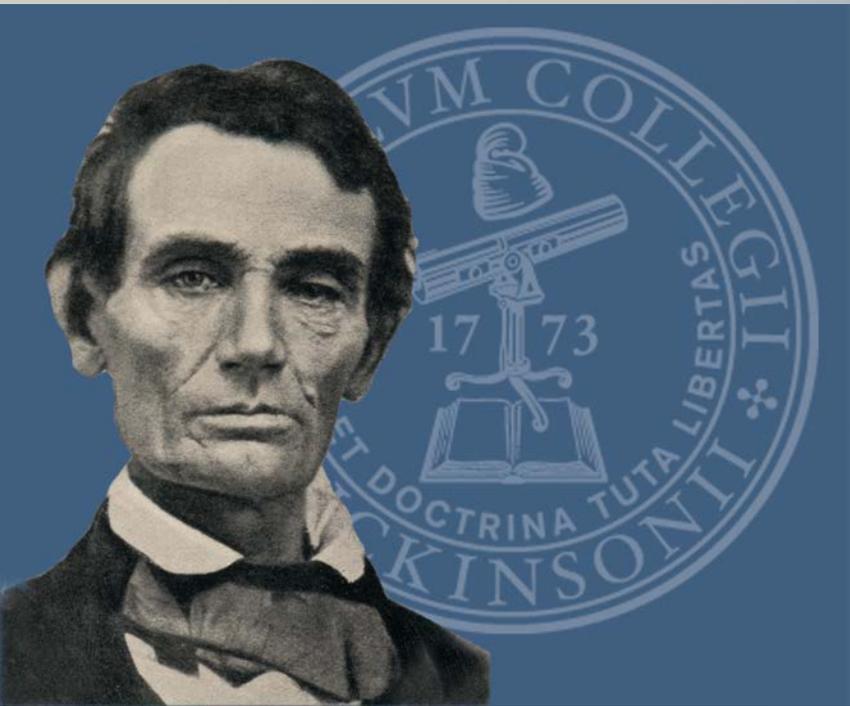
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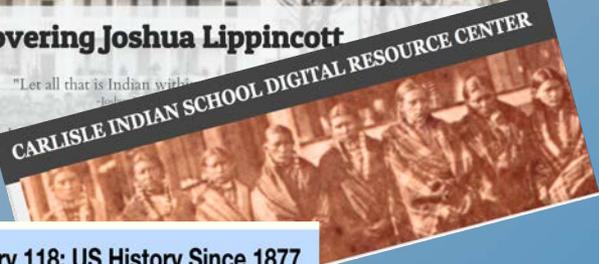
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Discovering Joshua Lippincott

"Let all that is Indian with..."

In 1898, Joshua Allan Lippincott... Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

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Rise of the American Homefront

Essential Question:
How did the Civil War and WWI affect American society?



- Defining the Homefront (gender)
- War and Equality (race)



Defining the Homefront

Newly Discovered Letter from Grace Bedell (1864)



Grace Bedell Billings
(1848-1936)

“Do you remember before your election receiving a letter from a little girl residing at Westfield in Chautauqua Co. advising the wearing of whiskers as an improvement to your face. I am that little girl grown to the size of a woman. I believe in your answer to that letter you signed yourself, “Your true friend and well-wisher.” Will you not show yourself my friend now. My Father during the last few years lost nearly all his property and although we have never known want, I feel that I ought and could do something for myself. If I only know what that “something” was. I have heard that a large number of girls are employed constantly and with good wages at Washington cutting Treasury notes and other things pertaining to that Department. Could I not obtain a situation there?”

--Grace Bedell to Abraham Lincoln, January 14, 1864, discovered in National Archives in 2007



Defining the Homefront



<http://blogs.dickinson.edu/hist-american/image-suffrage-parade-1912/>



Defining the Homefront

Woman's Suffrage Movement 1848-1920

During the summer of 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton helped organize a woman's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York that became a milestone for the feminist movement. After the Civil War, Stanton helped organize the **National Woman Suffrage Association**.



"I stand before you as a convicted criminal," Susan B. Anthony informed audiences after she was prosecuted for casting an illegal ballot for president in the 1872 contest. Her proposed sixteenth amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing woman's suffrage became the basis for the Nineteenth Amendment.



National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) president Carrie Chapman Catt launched her "winning plan" in 1916 and then spearheaded efforts at both the state and federal level during World War I which led to ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in August 1920.



Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell married in 1855 but dispensed with traditional marriage vows and instead issued a protest against doctrines of coverture that became a rallying cry for marriage reform efforts. Later Stone organized the **American Woman Suffrage Association**.



Alice Paul returned to the US in 1910 after time in Great Britain and helped to lead a splinter movement away from NAWSA (which had merged in 1890). Paul's National Woman's Party then engaged in confrontational tactics during World War I that mobilized attention essential for the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment.



War and Equality



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Presley Holliday: Letters from an American Soldier

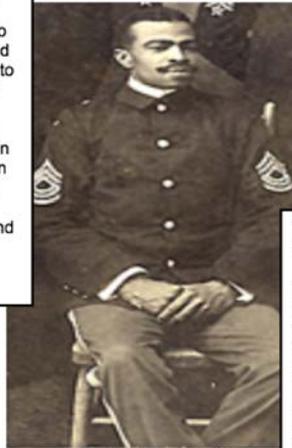
Sgt. Presley (also Pressley or Presly) Holliday, USA
(1873-1954)

He was a Buffalo Soldier who fought in Cuba and challenged a future president...

To Editor of *New York Age*,
April 22, 1899

"...as I was an eyewitness to the most important incidents mentioned in that statement [by Col. Theodore Roosevelt], I deem it a duty I owe, not only to the fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers of those soldiers, and to the soldiers themselves, but to their posterity and the race in general, to be always ready to make an unprejudiced refutation of such charges, and to do all in my power to place the colored soldier where he properly belongs –among the bravest and most trustworthy of this land."

Fort Ringgold, Texas



Pictured above in 1902

To President Harry Truman,
September 4, 1945

"As a retired soldier who has retained his interest in the army during all of the more than 52 years of this service, active and retired, I urgently request that you exercise your authority as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces to direct by executive order the enlistment of Negroes and their organization into every branch of the regular army ... Mr. President, as this request is nothing more than for simple justice, I hope it may have your careful consideration and meet with your approval...."

Soldiers' Home, Washington DC

...and then kept fighting for equality in dozens more letters to editors and presidents.

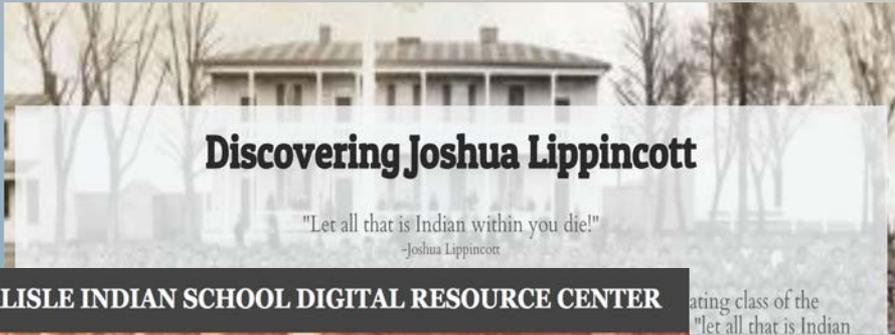


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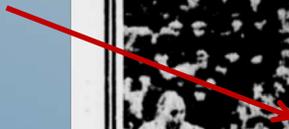
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Jim Thorpe



Newly rediscovered photo of the 1912 Carlisle v. Army football game (courtesy of Aiden Pinsker and National History Day)



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- Turning points or tipping points?
- Social or Economic?

