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  Description of some Christmas traditions: sending holiday cards; green, glass pickle ornaments; wassail; children scientific kits; games, e.g., "snapdragon", charades, monopoly; oysters; Boxing Day decorations; football; and "Goose clubs" (similar to Christmas clubs). — Dec 2019

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  A trip to Booth’s home. — Aug 1977

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  Letter sent to Senator Howard Davis and the Senator’s reply. — Jul 1985

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  1850-60 history of postal delivery. — May 1996

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  A history of Valentine greetings. — Feb 1980

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  An article on Valentine’s Day. — Feb 1986

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A compilation of light readings from newspaper reports of the Civil War period — Apr 1983

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Description of the life of men and women in the 1800s, which includes: clothing, marriage, church attendance, housing, jobs, shopping, health, crime, household furnishings, etc. Some information is from the book *Everyday Life in the 1800s* by Marc McCutcheon, printed in 1993. — Mar 2019

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Examines the priest who reportedly influenced Louis Weichmann. — May 1998

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“Revisiting the Case of Ned Spangler in Light of a General Lew Wallace Letter” by Michael Vane
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“Who Was Annie Ward?” by Laurie Verge
Additional information concerning a woman who testified at the conspiracy trial. — Jul 2008

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Additional excerpts from *Willard’s of Washington*. — Jul 2002

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An article from The Baltimore Gazette. — Nov 2002

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The property now known as Capitol Hill was once known as Jenkins Hill. A brief account of how this property was sold to the government. — Jan 2013

Pvt. Lanahan was executed on what is today Logan Circle. His story is told and a brief history given about General Logan and some of the residents on the circle. — Mar 2013

"Did You Know" by Joan L. Chaconas
A brief history of the property known as Fort Carroll during the Civil War. It is now Joint Base Anacostia — Bolling. — Jul 2013

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Description of life in Washington in the 1800s and 1900s, specifically what it was like to be black and living in Washington. — Jul 2017

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Additional information to the article on Richard Smith Cox (Feb 2018) about the website (http://gloverparkhistory.com/) on the Burleith estate and the Glover Park areas in Washington, DC. — Mar 2018

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"The Deadly Weapon" by John Kokkonen
Description of the derringer that killed President Lincoln” — Jan 1978

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An in depth study of the knives and the confusion over their identification and their final disposition. — Mar 2012

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"Who’s Buried in Grant’s Tomb?” by Edward Steers, Jr. — Apr 2001

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“Booth’s First Attempt” by D. Mark Katz — Jun 1986


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Description of the White House during the Lincoln presidency including some of the activities and Mrs. Lincoln’s decorations. — Aug 2016

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Description of the initial start of colored people as visitors in the White House on New Year’s Day in 1864 and the increase in African Americans watching and cheering presidential activities. — Feb 2018

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“A Sidelight on Walt Whitman” Submitted by Clare Crozier — Nov 2005

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“Confederate Memories”

Reminiscences of the author’s experiences as a Richmond Gray and Confederate soldier. — Jul 2010

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A history of the celebrated hotel and the men who ran it. — Oct 2012

“A Follow-up on the Willard Hotel Article” Contributed by Robert G. Tucker

A listing of dishes served at the Willard on September 2, 1862 taken from an original menu. — Dec 2012

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“The Pistol-Packing Parson”

Brief article about one of the few Union sympathizers in Southern Maryland. — Jul 2010

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Tells of the trial, execution, and burial of Major Henry Wirz, CSA. — Jan 1991

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“Into the Fray: Changing Roles of Women During the Civil War” by Laurie Verge — Mar 1997
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