CIVIL WAR TREASURES a Confederate Girl Remembers

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Abstract
Best known for her war-time diary, published in part by her son as A Confederate Girl’s Diary (1913), Sarah Morgan Dawson (1842-1909) was the daughter of a prominent judge in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She, along with her widowed mother and sister, fled the capital city to Linwood Plantation nea....

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The American Civil war was regarded as one of the earliest industrial wars. The American Civil War 1861-1865. Background of The American Civil War. In 1860 Republican Party leader, Abraham Lincoln had won the Presidential elections. Within a year of Lincolns win six more Southern slave states declared their independence and joined the Confederates. Lincoln suggested for the restoration of the bonds of the union but dismissed any possibility of negotiations with the Confederates as it was not a legitimate government. The forts under the control of the Union were Fort Monroe, Fort Sumter, Fort Pickens, Fort Jefferson and Fort Taylor. However, problems began in 1861 when the Confederates launched an attack on Fort Sumter. The Union had to surrender the fort.