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Universal Reference Publications announces *Working Americans, 1770-1869, Vol. IX: From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War*

Universal Reference Publications, an imprint of Grey House Publishing, is proud to announce the publication, *Working Americans 1770-1869 Volume IX: From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War*, the ninth volume in an open-ended series. Like its predecessors, this edition profiles the lives of Americans – how they lived, how they worked, how they thought – decade by decade. Unlike previous volumes, which describe the years from 1880 to the present, this edition focuses on an earlier era – 1770-1869, from one major American war to another.

All nine volumes, regardless of economic status or time period, offer a unique, almost uncanny, look at those Americans whose talents, desires, motivations, struggles, and values shaped – and continue to shape – this nation. Without exception, the nearly 300 individuals profiled in this *Working Americans* series are working toward their version of the American dream.

Volume IX: From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War takes you:

- ❖ To Boston MA in 1772, where Anna Baffin was sent from Nova Scotia for a proper young lady upbringing;
- ❖ Alongside Pennsylvania gunsmith Karl Zimmer in 1787, as he spends 10 days to complete each of his sought-after rifles, while supporting seven children;
- ❖ To the Ohio farm of Banks Copening in 1813, where he left his four motherless children when he was called upon to fight in the War of 1812;
- ❖ Into the classroom of Litchfield, CT headmistress Sarah Goodwin in 1826, as she incorporated her strong religious convictions into the lessons at the nationally acclaimed Female Academy;

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- ❖ On the journey of young Gail Warlick in 1846, as she ran from a troubled childhood in Barnard VT to work at a textile mill in Lowell MA;
- ❖ Into the political campaign of Abraham Lincoln in 1864, for which 24-year old Alan Marsh worked tirelessly, to the dismay of his overburdened wife.

Arranged in 10 decade-long chapters, this newest *Working Americans* includes three **Profiles** per chapter for a total of 30. Each profile offers personal insight using *Life at Home*, *Life at Work* and *Life in the Community* categories, which are followed by historical and economic data of the time. **Historical Snapshots** chronicle major milestones. Various **Timelines**, on *Slavery* and *Maple Sugaring* for example, outline the progress of these issues. A variety of **News Features** puts the subject's life and work in context of the day. These common elements, as well as specialized data, such as **Selected Prices**, in currency of the time, punctuate each chapter and act as statistical comparisons between decades. The 30 men, women, and children profiled in this volume represent 17 American states, and a wide variety of ages and occupations. The Table of Contents following this Introduction provides a detailed list.

All nine *Working Americans* volumes are “point in time” books, designed to illustrate the reality of that particular time. Some Americans portrayed in this 9th volume realized the American dream and some did not. Many of their stories continue.

Praise for earlier volumes:

“[the author] adds to the genre of social history known as ‘history from the bottom up,’ ...Recommended for all colleges and university library collections.”

- Choice

“this volume engages and informs, contributing significantly and meaningfully to the historiography of the working class in America...a compelling and well-organized contribution for those interested in social history and the complexities of working Americans.”

- Library Journal

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