

## **And, why an Appendix to a novel?**

Over the years, I have "devoured" many books of all types. While most of the novels I read were entertaining, the ones I enjoyed the most often included photographs or prints of some sort (even if only the frontispiece [an illustration facing the Title Page]). The visual stimulus always seemed to enhance the story even more because my mind's eye would take the provided reference point(s) and significantly help my imagination encompass the narrative's descriptive imagery. (Sometimes, a book cover just doesn't do it. Typically, it only seems to be designed to capture your interest at the bookstore, library, or online.)

I have included a forty-eight-page Appendix to supply just such visual reference points. The Appendix also provides enlightening material to enhance each reader's enjoyment beyond the storyline. Hopefully, enticing everyone to seek more information about the historical happenings presented herein.

I recommend previewing the Appendix before reading this chronicle of the Forgotten Marines' involvement in the precarious October 1859 conflict at Harper's Ferry. I am sure you will refer to the Appendix quite often.

Enjoy!