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The Wittenberg University History Department has been housed in Hallock Hall in the winter of 1999. Pictured on the front cover are the buildings which the History Department has made its home.

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Myers Hall (1845-86) – Myers was the original building. It housed classrooms and dormitories for students and faculty.

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From the Editors:

The 2000 Winemberg University History Journal contains a wide variety of papers in many styles

and covering very different subject matters. These papers were the

staff. We start enjoy reading the
and multi-student submissions.

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The Trial Under Pressure

The Henry Wirz Trial

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After 1865, the issue on how to handle the issue at hand over the trial of Wirz. At 10:15 a.m. on 10 November, the doors of The Capitol Prison opened, revealing a scene of crimes, was pushed to the background in the trial.

War Edwin Starbuck covered that the prisoner
not good for Wirz and his attorneys knew

it in fact, and Wirz's lawyers were

referred to a change on what they felt was

the best defense available in a

Although Wirz was found guilty, it is clear

With this as the trial setting, the
exchanges between the North and South cease

proclaiming that the exchanges simply re-

reinforce the enemy at once without any

the search for a prisoner at Andersonville, touched on the

...of which were Union soldiers, plead that the conditions may have been inevitable in a war-torn area. ... Portraying Wirz as a mean and crazy man, the prosecution would be easy to pin the blame on him as well. ... thirteen specifications in the second charge, eleven were for specific acts of murder by Wirz, including shooting, stamping, and beating prisoners to death. But, again, examining the trial records, it seems that the prosecution was ...

to the editor of the *New York Daily News*, a former Andersonville prisoner explained that it was not seen in the blame Wirz for the conditions. Upon hearing of Wirz's arrest, he penned: The mortality at Andersonville resulted from the following causes: ...

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CASE: HENRY WIRZ (SEE WITTENBERG BOOK)

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Andersonville Prison, James M. Page explains this.
he was trampled by it.

Northerners demanded revenge, jumping at any
sentiment best, remarking, "At the close of the

that Henry Wirtz would have benefited from, f
was the feeling was to justice in the North on

The Northern newspapers played a key role
in the stampede by opening the popular eye

something had to be done to satisfy the popular
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Page	Section	Page	Section
1	the optimistic Wirz saw some hope in the new president. In the days leading up to his execution, Wirz seemed to recognize that he	100	restoration into the Union. He returned, convinced that Davis had a hand in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The investigation of Robert S. Sinton

im. His man that was so hated anyway. Once again, according to law was denied h

... did not seek a break in his battle with conviction rates.

¹⁷ *Wagon's Weekly*, 12 August 1865.

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¹⁹ *Ibid.*

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Defining the Peasantry Conflicts of 1857: Collective Identity or Collective Action?

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it creates unique experiences that cause
underlying tension— even among those
attempting collective action. Also, where Kaye
and Gills fail to discuss gender roles, Manoj
refer to it as the *1857 Revolt* or *1857 Mutiny*.
Those recording the events shortly after
an event were generally identified by
questionnaires to help them understand
why the sepoys suddenly rushed upon them.

If you were writing about the 1857 conflict in
India shortly after it occurred up through the era
of classical historiography, you probably would
refer to it as the *Indian Mutiny* or *Sepoy
Rebellion*. Today, you might
refer to it as the *1857 Revolt* or *1857 Mutiny*.
Terms more indicative of collective resistance to
tyrannical colonial rule. The discourse
concerning the Indian Mutiny/Rebellion has

schoolmaster and of the Christian priest were often united in the same person . . . a fear arose that even secular education might be the mask of proselytism.³¹

“Reason,” with a capital “R,” stands as the more coercive force with the heathen under-

by such European wonders as the railway and electric wires. These wonders condensed time unlike anything the Indians had ever seen before the Western man came: As the Indians see the wonders of Western technology, they are inevitably impressed and captivated. Kave:

elements of "dominance" and "subordination."²²

of national identity via (re)mythical revivals of

Guna sees a "triumvirate" ruling the peasantry:

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2. At 6 o'clock the bell will ring
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3. At 7 o'clock, the breakfast bell
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4. At quarter past 7, every student
is expected to have his bed
made and room swept.
5. At 9 o'clock, the bell will ring
to commence the afternoon study hours.
6. At 12 o'clock the dinner bell
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7. At quarter past 5 the dinner bell
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The Japanese Success and its Roots in the Meiji Restoration

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The country of Japan has achieved a level of economic and political success that is of a magnitude that is unparalleled in the history of the world. Along with Germany and the United States, which the Meiji Restoration was undertaken

many will concede, the Soviets could not have been so ready to accept Ribbentrop's offer of a non-aggression pact with Germany. It was not until the Anglo-French declaration of war on Germany in September 1939 that the Soviet Union was forced to choose between a non-aggression pact with Germany and an alliance with France and Britain. The Anglo-French declaration of war on Germany in September 1939 was a direct result of the failure of the League of Nations to prevent the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 and the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935. The League of Nations was a failure because it was not strong enough to prevent aggression by the major powers. The League of Nations was a failure because it was not strong enough to prevent aggression by the major powers. The League of Nations was a failure because it was not strong enough to prevent aggression by the major powers.

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