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Abstract

While elated Northerners were celebrating victory at Gettysburg, Lincoln as the Great Emancipator, Missourian Charles W. Walker transferred thirteen slaves in the dark of night. In defiance of a standing Union law prohibiting the transfer of slaves among states, he intended to ship his slaves to the South where they would be sold at auction. What ensued was one of the most controversial events until now, mostly forgotten—events of the Civil War.

In *Incident at the Otterville Station*, John Christgau relates the story of Walker's thirteen slaves by soldiers of the Ninth Minnesota Regiment and their subsequent arrest for mutiny. The controversial incident became a national scandal, leading President Lincoln ultimately sending Secretary of War Edward

Christgau's compelling narrative of the Otterville Station rescue illustrates the complex process of emancipation during the American Civil War, particularly in border states such as Missouri. The end of slavery was the result of many actors, from Union soldiers to the president and Congress. Some even enslaved themselves. This detailed account examines the critical factors that played in determining the outcome of emancipation and the

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