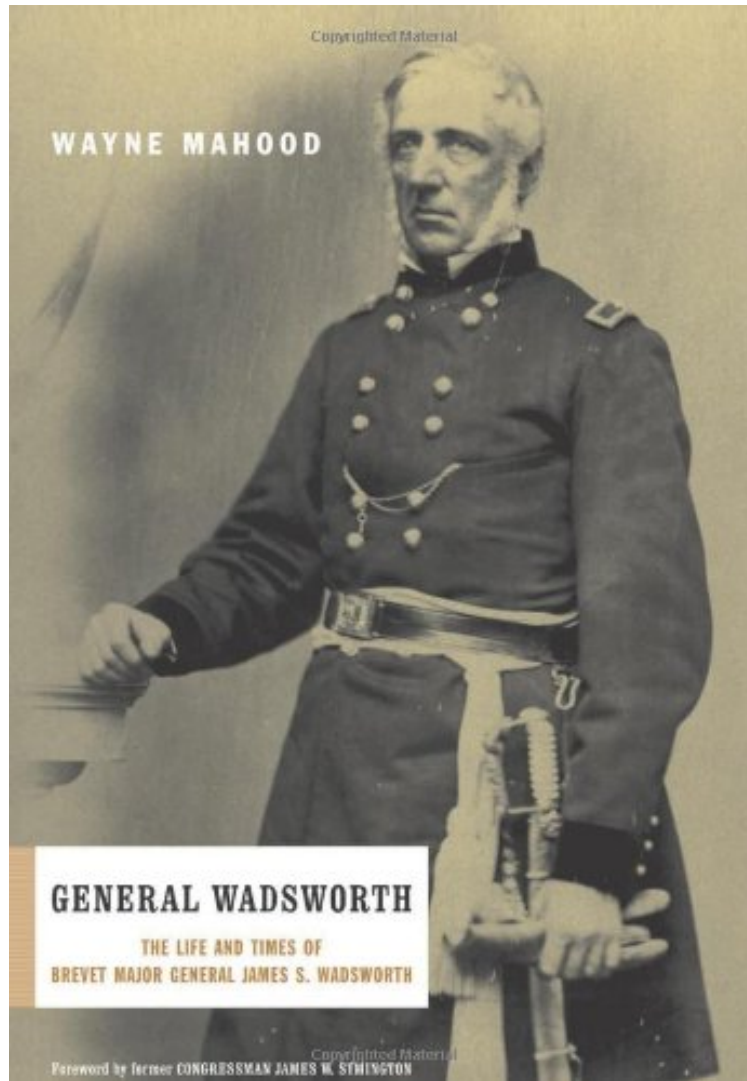


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patriot!!! He was a wealthy, upper crust gentleman who volunteered to serve in the Union army without pay. He was kind and considerate to friends and enemies alike. His soldiers found him to be approachable and always concerned about their well-being. He was a "political" general without the military training of the West Point graduates and lacked some of their tactical sense, but in my opinion, was a better general than those West Pointers who built their reputations with the blood of their fallen troops, for example, Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan. Worth reading!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Having gone to SUNY Geneseo and being familiar with New ...By BmanHaving gone to SUNY Geneseo and being familiar with New York State history I was familiar with the Wadsworth name. However, this book brings a fullness of color around the general and his family that I never would have understood with reading it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well-written biography of a little-known Civil War General from NY State. By David J. Duprey This was a very readable biography of a little-known Civil War General. As the other reviewers have detailed the events of what this biography covers, I won't duplicate that here. James S. Wadsworth is often classified as a "Political General" even though he was never elected to political office, although he did lose his run for Governor of New York. He entered service at an advanced age and was a self-made millionaire with no formal military training. While there is little surviving correspondence and/or diaries from James S. Wadsworth, the author makes up for that lack of the subject's voice by relying on his family's surviving correspondence and speculation from the author's research when necessary. The beginning of the book covers Wadsworth's family history which can normally be the least interesting part of a Military biography. But, to this author's credit, I found it interesting reading and not just because I am also a native Upstate NY'er. I've read many biographies and not all are able to make the non-military periods interesting or spends too much time on it, when we all want to get to the War Years. After reading this book, I have come away with a great respect for Wadsworth, who served his nation when he did not have to and "lead from the front" because he felt it was the only way to lead men into combat. This book exceeded my expectations that I had regarding how engaging the writing would be and how interesting the non-War years would be. I did not find myself getting bored reading this book or wanting to skip ahead.

James S. Wadsworth was a successful lawyer and influential New York politician when the Civil War broke out. His wealth, strong anti-slavery views, and active support of President Lincoln made him a controversial public figure in the early war years. In 1863, he was given a field command and proved himself to be one of the Union's most able and daring commanders, although he died before the war ended. His battlefield boldness and righteous resolve to end slavery is, as former U.S. Congressman James W. Symington says, "a vivid reminder that our Civil War was, indeed, fought on moral grounds."

"If you relish a rather detailed but informative biography of this Union general... Wayne Mahood's book provides the ticket." -- The Civil War Courier February 2004 "Mahood undoubtedly has a superb grasp of the tumultuous years of the Civil War... Any history buff would enjoy this book." -- Townhall.com 6/2/04 About the Author Wayne Mahood has been a lifelong educator in the social sciences and history. He is a frequent contributor to Civil War magazines and the author of three previous books. He lives in Geneseo, New York.