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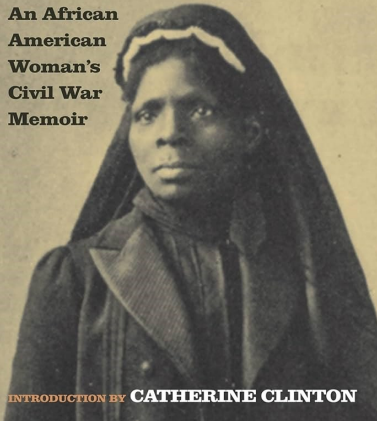
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Brandi C. Brimmer, *The Journal of the Civil War Era*, Vol. 1,
No. 2, June 2011, pp. 207-236

“Beyond the Fighting Men: Gendered Caregiving in
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Kathryn Greenberg, University of South Carolina, 2024,
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