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GRAND BLANC, MI—The U.S. Library of Congress has selected the website of Grand Blanc-based iMichigan Productions, Inc. (iMP), for inclusion in its historic collection of Internet materials related to the American Civil War Sesquicentennial.

The selected iMP website is *The Michigan Experience™: The American Civil War Years* (TME) at www.imichiganproductions.org. The site focuses on the TME project about Michigan's significant role in and impact on the Civil War. The TME project includes an online educational learning center providing resources to teachers, students, and life-long learners; a public television series of specials; and TME *Michigan Moments™* (public service announcements for radio and television) about Michigan's Civil War history.

TME producer/director Rodney W. Brown said the iMP staff is "honored by the recognition of our homegrown project.

"We have so many wonderful stories of Michigan's ancestors and their brave and important contributions to the war effort. We hope Michiganders will be inspired and proud of Michigan's history."

The television series is expected to debut this November on public television stations throughout the state with WKAR-PBS East Lansing as the presenting and distributing station. The TME Educational Learning Center is scheduled to go online January 2012. The Michigan Moments will debut on commercial radio stations this spring. iMP is seeking donor and sponsorship support for these projects. More information is available at the website.

The American Civil War Sesquicentennial begins April 12 and runs through 2015. Michigan's Civil War Sesquicentennial programming begins April 16 with an opening event at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing that includes a new exhibition and reenactments on the Center grounds.

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