

Title	Note	Page	Remark	Thought
On the Threshold of Freedom		xv	"... a book about the demise of chattel bondage in one of the states of the Confederate South."	<p>THESIS: story of a society accepting change to win a war against change where blacks and whites had accommodated themselves to increased black freedom.</p> <p>From sketchy but consistent evidence,</p> <p>Read Chapter 5</p> <p>Mohr believes reform stemmed from both the earnest desire to fulfill the conservative ideal of slavery as a paternalist system and the liberal ideal of inevitable human progress</p> <p>Mohr investigates the death of slavery in Confederate Georgia, focusing on the "changing patterns of black- white interaction that preceded legal emancipation."</p> <p>The political consequence of this spasm of "racial hysteria" and "mob psychosis according to Mohr, was secession</p> <p>the state's black industrial workers and mili- tary laborers, who, he argues convincingly, played a "vital, if seldom acknowledged, role in the Southern war effort</p> <p>According to Mohr, the war "did for Southern slavery reform what capitalist expansion, evangelicalism, and slave rebelliousness had done for Northern humanitarianism a generation earlier" it made white Georgians enemies of slavery</p> <p>By war's end, profound alterations in the attitudes of whites permitted them to accept "voluntary emancipation."</p> <p>Although Mohr's argument is complex, in the end his evidence does not sustain the idea of a homegrown ideological revolution.</p> <p>He mistakes efforts by a few individuals to ameliorate the conditions of slaves for transformation of the basic attitudes of whites toward slavery itself. Reformers were overwhelmingly clergymen, not the slaveholders who dominated racial policy</p> <p>Slavery was a casualty of Northern victory and black resistance, not of a white Southern change of heart.</p> <p>Mohr occasionally runs a bit harder with his subthemes than the evidence will comfortably bear: with the primacy of race and the fundamentally capitalist character of slavery and the slaveholders.</p> <p>No overall or comparative slave statistics in GA to give weight to certain judgements of numbers</p> <p>Really talks about slaves' own agency and ability to make choices in the upheaval and chaos of war</p> <p>Chapter 5 offered massive statistics, a direct product of quantitative school of thought</p>
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On the Threshold of Freedom		xvi	multi-generation African-Americans generated a more complex social strata with an emerging will	
On the Threshold of Freedom	*	xvii	Slavery's contradictions	
On the Threshold of Freedom		xvii	whites opposed antislavery for racial, economic, and fearful reasons	
On the Threshold of Freedom		xix	Slavery was acceptable under logic of paternalism, theology, and civilizing effects on blacks	
On the Threshold of Freedom		xx	Social order underpinned by violence	
On the Threshold of Freedom		xx	vigilante, random justice through violence	
On the Threshold of Freedom			<b>3 PART 1: Rebellious Slaves and the Slaveholder's Rebellion</b>	
On the Threshold of Freedom			3 <i>Ch 1: Harpers Ferry</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom			5 suspicions of any outsiders	
On the Threshold of Freedom			6 General fear/paranoia of John Brown	
On the Threshold of Freedom			8 In the absence of abolitionist terrorists, true target of paranoia migrated to slaves	
On the Threshold of Freedom			10 increased daily danger for the slaves	
On the Threshold of Freedom			11 "... violence sometimes became a self-fulfilling prophecy."	
On the Threshold of Freedom			19 Free black emigrees //emerging black family bonds	
On the Threshold of Freedom			20 <i>Ch 2: Politics, Secession and the Reign of Terror</i>	

On the Threshold of Freedom	20 Politicians keep the fear brewing in the south for political gain	was a psychological impact to the emerging requirement for black support to the war effort... gave blacks a stake in the enterprise and continued to break down the model of authority
On the Threshold of Freedom	22 concern over slave arson // suspicious events immediately led to black witch hunts	is a bit generous with his interpretation of data
On the Threshold of Freedom	40 Racial fears to promote secessionist ideals generate more violence	Desperation near the end of the war obliterated all logic
On the Threshold of Freedom	48 paltry efforts to have all free blacks removed from GA	Views of nationism shifted from slavery to confederacy in priority
On the Threshold of Freedom	49 1860 - Black petitions for voluntary slavery	
On the Threshold of Freedom	50 undermining of whites' ability to control the populace once the war drew white men away	
On the Threshold of Freedom	50 1861, many soldiers still in GA offered a strong police force	
On the Threshold of Freedom	68 <i>Ch 3: Black Georgians and the War Effort</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	69 presence of federal ships led to fears about slave reactions to Union proximity	
On the Threshold of Freedom	70 Slaves begin the refugee march to Federal protection	
On the Threshold of Freedom	75 increasing role of family in slave actions	
On the Threshold of Freedom	77 Black enlistments in Union Army	
On the Threshold of Freedom	86 3500 slaves from GA served in Union Army... small number <10%?	
On the Threshold of Freedom	99 <b>Part 2: Slavery Stretched Thin</b>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	99 <i>Ch 4: Masters Slaves and the Refugee Experience</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	99 1861-2 inland withdrawal of slaves on plantations	
On the Threshold of Freedom	100 34,000 seaboard slaves	
On the Threshold of Freedom	101 Seaboard slaves had a strong African culture	
On the Threshold of Freedom	* 101 Slaves saw opportunity in the upheaval	
On the Threshold of Freedom	103 Greed of inland GA white landowners at expense of seaboard planters	
On the Threshold of Freedom	Refugeeing "served to undermine the traditional authority structure of previously autonomous... plantation	
On the Threshold of Freedom	111 units."	
On the Threshold of Freedom	118 Agency of slaves in chaos of white society	
On the Threshold of Freedom	120 <i>Ch 5: Blacks and Wartime Industrialization</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	120 Rise of industrial and military slaves	
On the Threshold of Freedom	126 combat manpower demands pulled more and more whites away from labor to be filled by blacks	
On the Threshold of Freedom	127 Confederate debate over black enlistment in 1864	
On the Threshold of Freedom	128 Approx 10,000 blacks labored in GA	
On the Threshold of Freedom	158 African Americans were critical in wartime labor support of the confederacy	
On the Threshold of Freedom	160 Admitted speculation about magnitude of black wartime trends	
On the Threshold of Freedom	161 "The question ultimately at issue... capacity of slavery... to absorb the shocks of rapid occupational change."	
On the Threshold of Freedom	190 <i>Ch 6: Georgia Blacks and the Urban Revolution</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	"Nothing symbolized the South's departure from antebellum norms more vividly than the development of	
On the Threshold of Freedom	190 wartime urban life."	
On the Threshold of Freedom	191 "Rampant wartime urbanization knew no color line."	
On the Threshold of Freedom	193 Atlanta's population shifts due to refugees	
On the Threshold of Freedom	* 208 Slave's expanding social outlets and expectations to the affront of whites	
On the Threshold of Freedom	210 <i>Ch 7: The Transformation of Rural Bondage</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	235 <b>Part 3: Expedient Moderation: From Ameliorative Reform to Confederate Emancipation</b>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	235 <i>Ch 8: Black Bondage and Climax of Ameliorative Gradualism</i>	
On the Threshold of Freedom	* 235 Changes in the slave system	
On the Threshold of Freedom	236 weak explanation of decline in slave system	
On the Threshold of Freedom	* 236 moral conscience of southern slaveholders -weak	
On the Threshold of Freedom	* 238 Claim that "many believed... [slavery] needed repair." - weak	
On the Threshold of Freedom	245 evangelism to the negro	
On the Threshold of Freedom	247 reform-minded churchmen	
On the Threshold of Freedom	248 Baptists support black literacy	
On the Threshold of Freedom	256 Issue of slave marriages highlight "contradictions of their ethical system"	

On the Threshold of Freedom	**	270 "Reformist churchmen... antislavery gradualism..." -- direct contradiction to Bonner
On the Threshold of Freedom		272 <b>Ch 9: Black Liberty and the Meaning of Confederate Nationalism</b>
On the Threshold of Freedom		272 Stephens, "... abolition was the moving spirit of the war."
On the Threshold of Freedom		274 Jeff Davis' 1865 mission to Anglo-French recognition in exchange for emancipation
On the Threshold of Freedom	**	"At its deepest level the debate over arming the slaves involved a search for Southern identity and a quest for national purpose."
On the Threshold of Freedom		275 national purpose."
On the Threshold of Freedom		277 Class arrogance and inconsistencies
On the Threshold of Freedom		283 Confederate Congress authorizes black enlistment in exchange for freedom 13 Mar 65
On the Threshold of Freedom	*	291 Too many inconsistencies in the southern plans to guess the postwar racial results