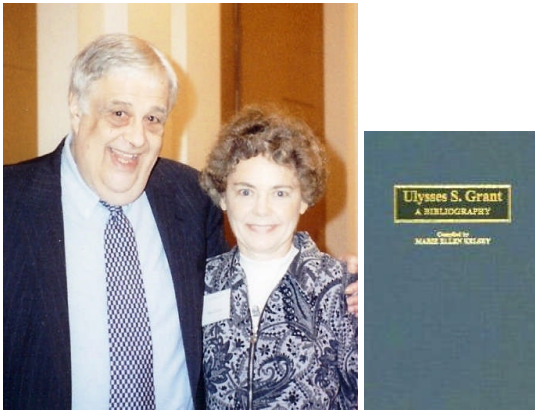


THE LATEST BOOK ON GRANT . . .

. . . isn't a biography, nor a history. It's a book of another type: a list of 4,242 annotated citations to books, chapters in books, articles, speeches, manuscripts, presidential papers, fiction, poetry, music, iconography, Grant organizations and sites, and more. It was published in 2005 by Praeger, an imprint of Greenwood Press. Its title is *Ulysses S. Grant: A Bibliography*, and it's 475 pages long.

The compiler/annotator, Marie Kelsey has a Ph.D. in Library Information Services and is an Assistant Professor at the college of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. An ardent fan of Grant, she worked on this book for nine years.

Not only did she search indexes and catalogs, but found many items not listed anywhere. She drew on her knowledge of her subject, Grant. To check for accuracy and to write the annotations, each item had to be seen. Marie visited many libraries and historical societies in different states, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, Penn.



DR. SIMON WITH DR. KELSEY; HER BOOK

Dr. John Y. Simon, editor of *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, calls it "an indispensable book" for Grant scholars. "She's done something that is going to be of great value to researchers in the future. She ought to be commended for doing it." High praise indeed from an expert in the field.

Minnesota Public Radio interviewed Marie and asked her why she has collected about 200 Grant books, pictures, spoons, steins, plates, license plates, paperweights, and more. Her answer explained more than her collection, but her whole lifestyle: "Some people do crafts. I do Grant."

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