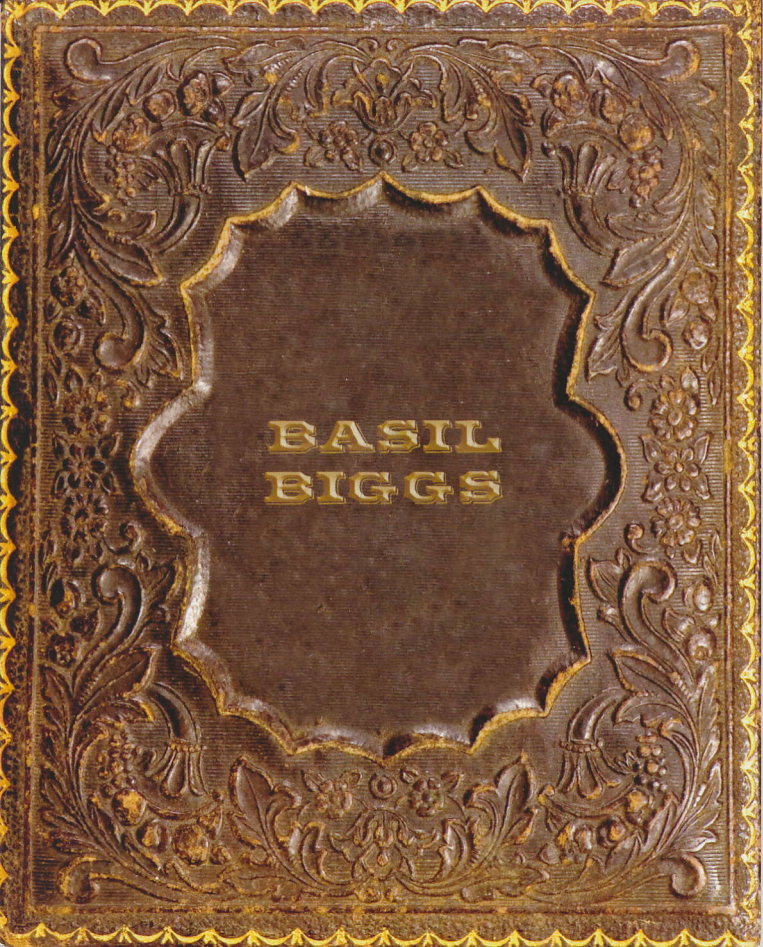


The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is made of dark brown leather and is highly decorated with blind-tooled patterns. A wide, ornate border of floral and foliate motifs surrounds a central rectangular label with a decorative, scalloped border. The central label has a dark, possibly velvet or cloth, background. The text 'BASIL BIGGS' is printed in gold, serif, all-caps letters on the label. The entire cover is framed by a thin, repeating gold-tooled border.

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FARMER AND MEMBER OF BURIAL DETAIL

In 1863, Basil Biggs was a free black man and property owner, but he lived just 8 miles north of the Maryland state line (and slavery was legal there). When news came of the rebel invasion, he packed up his family and sent them farther north and away from the threat of capture and life as enslaved persons. After the battle, Biggs was hired to help rebury the Union dead in a new national cemetery; it took over 6 months to find, identify and rebury over 3,000 bodies.

Stand in Basil Biggs' footsteps inside the half-circle Civil War plot in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, Auto Tour Stop 16.

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