

# Stace England & The Salt Kings

## *America, Illinois*

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*"Top Ten CDs of 2005." (Greetings from Cairo, Illinois)*

- GREIL MARCUS

*"Revises the Stones sex-drugs-rock paradigm: history-epiphany-insight. Four Stars." (Salt Sex Slaves, 2007)*

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*"Their CD is remarkable. Every American needs to hear this story." (The Amazing Oscar Micheaux, 2010)*

- GIANCARLO ESPOSITO, *BREAKNG BAD, DO THE RIGHT THING, GOSPEL HILL*



Best known for the critically acclaimed *Greetings From Cairo, Illinois* and featured on NPR's *Weekend Edition*, Stace England lives near the village of Cobden in southern Illinois in a region known as "Little Egypt." It acquired the name from a similarity to the Nile delta and several bitterly cold years in the 19th century when little would grow farther north. Wagon drivers would declare, "we're goin' down to Egypt for some grain." *Greetings* told the tragic story of Cairo, a once booming river town in heartbreaking decline

straddling the American North and South at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

*America, Illinois* is a post 911 reflection on the United States though the area surrounding the tiny village of America in deep southern Illinois. Two wars, Barack Obama's election and the struggle to make ends meet in one of the poorest regions in the country take center stage. Ultimately optimistic in tone, the healing of the country mirrors the healing of damaged veterans returning from active duty to face new struggles. **Cairo, Illinois**, **The Mound City National Cemetery**, **the Confluence**, completely off the map and off grid **Chapel Hill Bottoms** and other southern Illinois landmarks help tell the tale of a divided nation wobbling toward healing and unity.

Stace England, Guitars, Vocals

Ron Johnson, Bass Vocals

Dane Spalt, Drums

Charlie Tabing, Guitars, Dobro, Accordion, Vocals

*Greetings From Cairo, Illinois* (Gnashville Sounds, 2005)

*Salt Sex Slaves* (Rankoutsider, 2007)

*The Amazing Oscar Micheaux* (Rankoutsider, 2010)

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