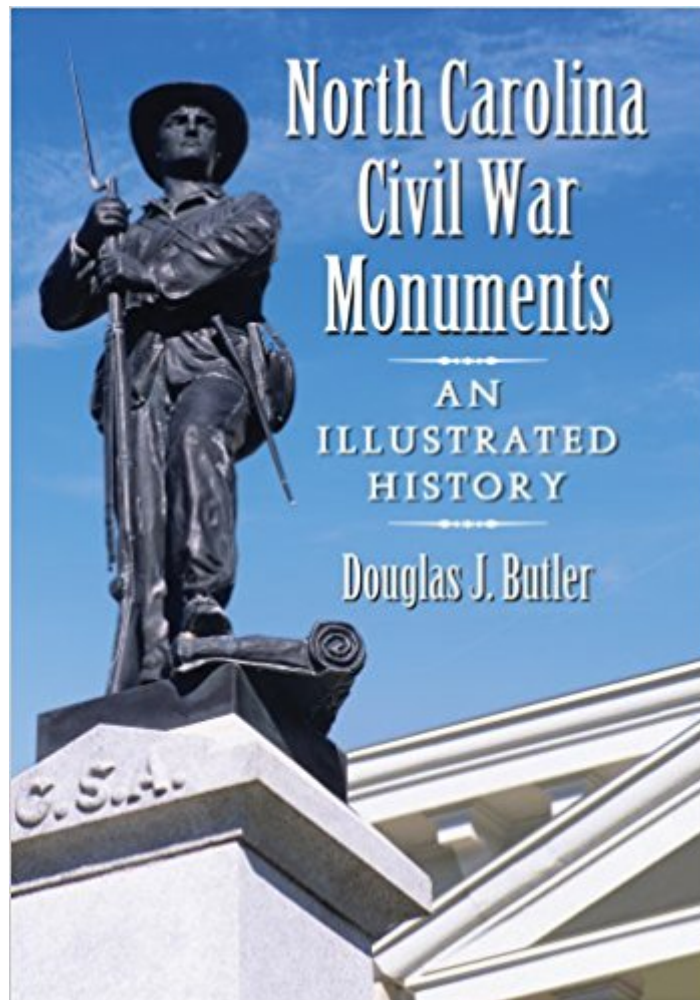




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Monuments honoring leaders and victorious armies have been raised throughout history. Following the American Civil War, however, this tradition expanded, and by the early twentieth century, the Confederate dead and surviving veterans, although defeated in battle, ranked among the world's most commemorated troops. This memorialization, described in *North Carolina Civil War Monuments*, evolved through a challenging and contentious process accomplished over decades. Prompted by the need to rebury wartime dead, memorialization, led by women, first expressed regional grief and mourning then expanded into a vital aspect of Southern memory. In North Carolina, 109 Civil War monuments—101 honoring Confederate troops and eight commemorating Union forces—were raised prior to the Civil War centennial. Photographs showcase each memorial while committee records, legal documents, and contemporaneous accounts are used to detail the difficult process through which these monuments were erected. Their design, location, and funding reflect not only the period's sculptural and cultural milieu but also reveal one state's evolving grief and the forging of public memory.

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NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY DOUGLAS J. BUTLER MCFARLAND PUBLISHING, 2013 QUALITY SOFTCOVER, \$39.95, 272 PAGES, PHOTOGRAPHS, APPENDICES, CHAPTER NOTES, BIBLIOGRAPHY, INDEX Although Union sentiment was relatively strong in North Carolina, one of the original 13 colonies, the call for men after the fall of Fort Sumter brought the response from then Governor John W. Ellis: "You can get no troops from North Carolina." After the proclamation blocking Southern ports, all Unionist papers in the state supported the Secessionist Party. A number of North Carolinians felt they had been forced into secession by the warlike measures taken in Washington. In any case, a convention met at Raleigh and on 20 May 1861, adopted the ordinance of secession and ratified the constitution of the Confederacy. North Carolinians are proud of the claim that they were "First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and last at Appomattox." Although this fails to encompass the first, last, and even farthest point of the war, it catches the North Carolina spirit. The state sent 125,000 men, here and in some other areas a larger number than the voters. Nearly 20,000 North Carolinians died in battle while another 20,000 died from disease. Nearly 100 battles and skirmishes were fought within the state. In light of the recent vandalism done to nine Confederate headstones in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh, this book, NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY is a welcome addition to the literature and genealogy of The War Between The States. While the book covers only the 110 monuments built between 1865 to 1961 (101 Confederate, 8 Union, and 1 African-American), the author does a great job of giving an historical summary with respective photographs in black and white. Highly recommended for use as not only a guidebook but for historical genealogy as well. Lt. Colonel Robert A. Lynn, Florida Guard Orlando, Florida

This is a great resource with lots of information. The photos are excellent. However all the information for a monument is not all in one place. You will have to look in different places in the book to get all the information for to a monument.

I was expecting color pictures. I was wanting to see the monuments in detail. Black and white photos do not show the craftsmanship that went into these monuments.

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