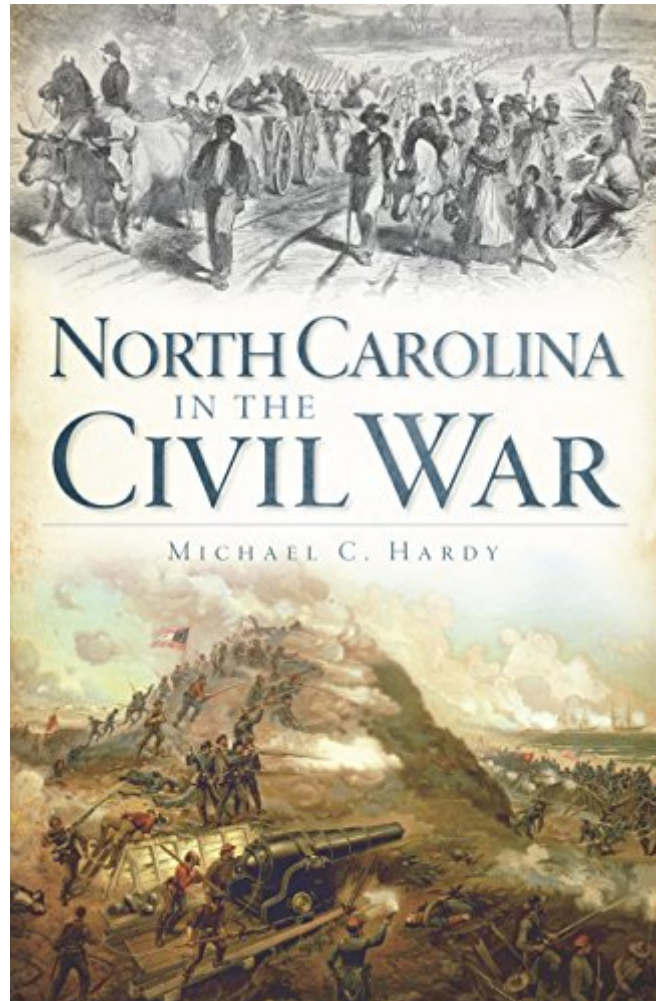


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# North Carolina In The Civil War (Civil War Series)



## Synopsis

"First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and Chickamauga and last at Appomattox" is a phrase that is often used to encapsulate the role of North Carolina's Confederate soldiers. But the state's involvement stretched far beyond these few battles. The state was one of the last to leave the Union but contributed more men and sustained more dead than any other Southern state. Tar Heels witnessed the pitched battles of New Bern, Averysboro and Bentonville, as well as incursions like Sherman's March and Stoneman's Raid. Join Civil War scholar Michael Hardy as he delves into the story of North Carolina in the Civil War, from civilians to soldiers, as these valorous Tar Heels proved they were a force to be reckoned with.

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## Customer Reviews

Although I am very familiar with North Carolina and the Civil War in general, it would enhance the book were the author to include maps. Battle ground troop placements would be appreciated. The neophyte of the Civil War could get confused. However, the book was enlightening as well as

informative.

This is a very readable and interesting book. It is nice to learn about battles and places other than the famous and well known people and battles during the Civil War. These types of books will only give you a complete and interesting view of the war. I would Highly Recommend!

If you are from North Carolina and into Civil War history, this is the book for you. I have lived in NC all my life and had no idea of the history of all this, even though my GG grandfather served.

Solid work on the Civil War in north Carolina. Covers actions from the coast to the mountains.

Fascinating details of the Civil War in North Carolina.

It was a good resource for my studies into family history. I did like the treatment of NC troops who fought for the North.

Michael C. Hardy is kind of the "Renaissance Man" when it comes to North Carolina history, in particular the Civil War. He has his own website, an active blog, posts regularly to Facebook, and keeps a speaking schedule that would wear most of us down. Oh yeah, he also finds time to write some darn good history. His most recent book is a brief introduction to the state of North Carolina and its contributions to the Civil War. In normal fashion for The History Press this is a brief book and on this subject I am sure that Mr. Hardy could write volumes. In fact he has. Check his website. In a fast paced 151 pages of text we have nine chapters. The first five deal with the years 1861-1865 each year being a chapter to itself. Chapter six is titled "Tar Heels to the Front" and covers the actions of various regiments in different battles and theaters of the war. This chapter is really a brief gloss over and serves as an excellent introduction for those wishing to study the contributions of NC troops in the war. A chapter on Reconstruction follows. The final two chapters are my favorites, possibly because of my interest in the subjects covered. Chapter eight is titled "Remembrance" and deals with the formation and goals of organizations such as the Ladies Memorial Associations, the various veterans groups that eventually became the United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, and also the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The concluding chapter deals with various historical locations in the state. As Mr. Hardy points out in his closing sentence: "We can learn much about the most tumultuous period of North Carolina's

history by visiting the sites associated with the time period..." (page 151). This is a book that is quick to read and that is helped along with many b/w photos and illustrations of the main participants. There is no map and the lack of foot or end notes was bothersome at times. I'm one of those who does occasionally check them. That said many of the titles from The History Press do not have these due to space constraints. There is however a nice selected bibliography for those wanting further reading or researching ideas. Recommended highly for high schoolers and up who are interested in learning about the state of North Carolina and the contributions of it's citizens to the Confederacy. This is a great introductory work that anybody with an interest in the Civil War should consider reading!

North Carolina In The Civil War, Michael C. Hardy, History Press, 160 pp, 73 illustrations, bibliography, 19.99. Clear and concise, North Carolina In The Civil War covers the essentials of a Confederate state with conflicting loyalties. Organized chronologically, Hardy's work flows smoothly from 1861 to 1865, the Reconstruction Era, and the Memorial Era. Tucked in between chapters 5 [1865] and 7 [Reconstruction] is a chapter entitled Tar Heels To Front. Chapter 6, tightly organized, covers quite a bit of ground regarding North Carolina's regiments. Certainly a quite a bit more could be stated regarding the Old North State's soldiers but the publisher sets the page count. The concluding chapter, 'Looking for the Civil War in North Carolina Today' is helpful. North Carolina In The Civil War offers a wide range of topics such as the blockade and blockade runners, dissent and desertion, and consumer prices and conscription practices. Hardy offers an even handed treatment of Confederate patriots, Union loyalists and their conflicts. He avoids discussing Tar Heels feelings on the extension of slavery into the western territories. Also, he occasionally describes political parties as being either 'liberal' or 'conservative' terms that may be confusing in light of the 19th century and current understandings of the words. Helpful would have been the inclusion of a county map, a land form and river map, and an population centers map. A final tally of military enlistments, combat deaths and damages inflicted upon civilians as compared to the other states in the Confederacy would have been intriguing to see. Overall, though lacking footnotes or endnotes, Hardy's North Carolina In The Civil War is a fine model for others who are seeking to write a brief history their state in the Civil War.

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