

# Confederate Cemeteries Mark Hughes' third book

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Mark Hughes of Kings Mountain recently wrote his third book - *Confederate Cemeteries Volume 1* - published by Heritage Books, Inc. of Maryland.

Information from the book took 16 years of research at over 30 cemeteries in Virginia and at state archives, the Library of Congress, The National Archives, and numerous university libraries.

Hughes said he and his family - particularly daughter Mary Grace - spent many of their weekends and vacation times in cemeteries copying information about soldiers off grave markers. The book lists, in alphabetical order, the names of over 9,500 soldiers and civilians buried in Virginia cemeteries, most in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

"There are over 7,000 known Confederates and probably 7 to 8,000 unknown Confederates buried there," he said, "and about 100 Union soldiers."

Hughes said the U.S. government spent \$4 million right after the Civil War identifying and re-interring the bodies of Union soldiers in National cemeteries, but did not attempt to identify Confederate soldiers. The

Confederate States of America ceased to exist at the end of the Civil War.

Hughes, who has written two other books - *Bivouac of the Dead* and *The Unpublished Roll of Honor* - that dealt with identifying and re-interring Union soldiers, said the federal government published 27 volumes of Roll of Honor which listed Union soldiers killed in the War, but managed to miss 8,500. That's one of the main reasons he wrote *The Unpublished Roll of Honor*.

No one had ever written a book on Confederate cemeteries in general, he said.

"I started doing this about 16 years ago, partly out of love for Civil War and history," he said. "I really believe if you're an American soldier - I don't care what side you fought for - your grave needs to be treated with respect, identified and protected.

Unfortunately, especially on the Confederate side, there was never a national effort to do anything. Many were lost and many are now in danger of being lost."

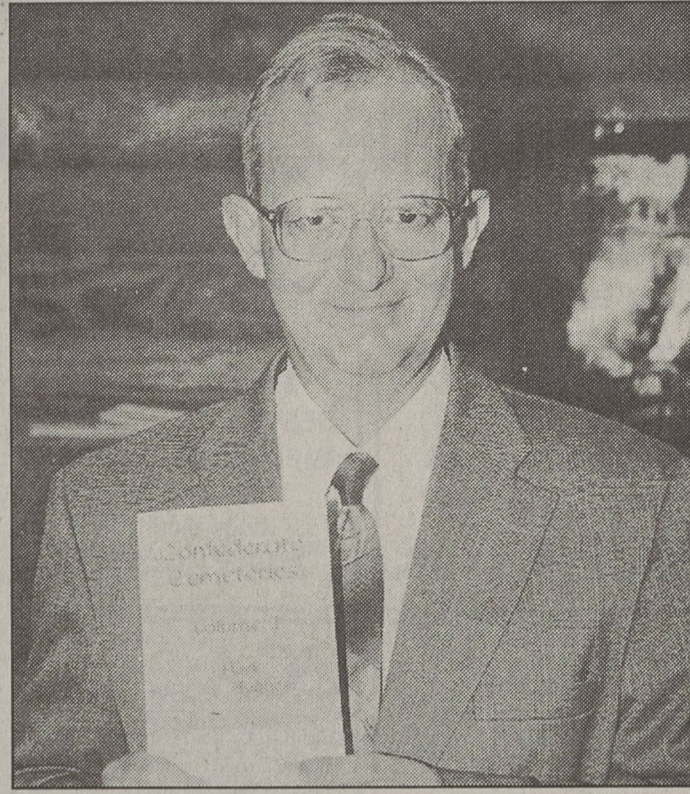
In most cases, Hughes said, the soldiers killed in the Civil War were buried on the battlefields. Many graves were not marked, or there was a single marking to cover all of the soldiers

killed. While living in Oklahoma, Hughes met a land owner who knew soldiers were buried on his land but there were no grave markings and few other people even knew of the graves.

He has found graves of some of his own ancestors, including one that his family knew had died in a Union prisoner of war camp but didn't know where.

"I got to trying to follow up some leads and was told it was in Indiana," he noted. "It turned out not to be there. Then, I was told it was in Maryland and it turned out not to be there. Finally, I found him in Rock Island, IL in a Confederate cemetery with 1,951 other Confederates.

"I kept saying, 'surely, somebody has written a book on Civil War cemeteries so you could look this up.' I couldn't understand why nobody had ever done it. The more I dug and the more I worked on my first book and the more time I spent in Washington, DC going through archives, the more I realized why. The records were incomprehensible. I've actually opened an envelope there and buttons off a dead man's coat fell out. They had used the buttons to identify the



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unknown sailor and buried him down in Mobile, AL in a national cemetery. I guess they cut the buttons off and sent them to Washington as proof that he was really a sailor."

Hughes' third book is written in memory of his father, S.J. "Jack" Hughes, and in honor of his mother, Clara Humphries Hughes. Jack Hughes was a well-known turkey farmer and genealogist in the Dixon Community south of Kings Mountain. Mark Hughes' home is on his parents' farm.

His second book was

written in honor of his daughter, Anna Grace, who he said used her summer vacations to go with him to cemeteries and libraries to research graves and material.

"She ate a lot of picnic lunches in cemeteries," he said.

Confederate Cemeteries is available through Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716 (www.heritagebooks.com), or Mark Hughes at <http://web.cetlink.net/~markhughes>. The cost is \$33.50 plus \$5 for shipping.

## KM Class of '92 planning reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1992 will be holding its 10-year reunion this fall.

Anyone whose children in the class of '92 have moved away is asked to call Leigh Kendrick Bell at KMHS (734-5647 ext. 21) or at her home (434-0009) or contact her at [BELL@carolina.rr.com](mailto:BELL@carolina.rr.com).

## Red Hat Society to meet in KM

The Gastonia Chapter of the Red Hat Society will meet Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Cup & Saucer, King Street, Kings Mountain.

Any ladies wishing to organize a chapter in Kings Mountain or learn more about the Society is invited.

The Red Hat Society is an organization for women over 50 who meet occasionally for food and fellowship. There are no dues and the only rule is that they dress in purple dresses and red hats.

Women under 50 may participate but they must dress in lavender with pink hats.

For more information call Judi O'Brien at 864-4767. To learn more about the Red Hat Society go online to [www.redhatsociety.com](http://www.redhatsociety.com).

## Caregiving program at Enrichment Center

The Art of Caregiving will be presented by Vickie Wyatt at the meeting of the Alzheimer's Support Group Tuesday, June 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, 1270 Fallston Road, Shelby.

Free sitter service is available.

For more information, call 484-0405.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Singing to help transplant patient

There will be a benefit singing for 2-year-old Dalton Johnson Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church, 703 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain.

Dalton has been diagnosed with Hurler Syndrome, a disease characterized by an enlarged liver and spleen, persistent rhinitis, coarse facial features, corneal clouding, claw hands and coronary artery stenosis, bone deformities, hydrocephalus and progressive retardation.

Most children with the disease die by the age of 10.

Dalton recently underwent a second bone marrow transplant at Duke University Medical Center in Durham. His medical bills are "tremendous," according to his physician in Durham, Mahmoud Mustafa, MD.

Persons attending the singing will be asked to give a love offering. Persons who cannot attend the singing but would like to donate may do so at any First Union National Bank.

Featured singers include The Rogers Trio, Cross Reference, and Praise Masters.

For more information, contact Pastor Bob Hope at 739-1290 or Tony King at 739-7051.

### Men's conference at St. Peter Baptist

There will be a men's conference June 29 at 6 p.m. at the family life center at St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church in Grover.

Minister Joe McClain of St. Peter will be the speaker. Topics include How men think about their marriages; How men think about their children; How men think about finances; How men think about their role as spiritual leader; and Men's role as covers to the home.

Guest choirs from the area will provide music.

The public is invited. For more information call 937-9136.

### Woman's Day set at St. Peter Baptist

Woman's Day is scheduled for June 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Baptist Church in Grover.

Speaker will be Minister Debra Ransom of Providence Baptist Church in Lincolnton.

The public is invited. For more information call 937-9136.

### Crowders Mountain concert Saturday

The Walker Family will be in concert Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Crowders

Mountain Baptist Church, 125 Mayberry Lane, Kings Mountain.

To get to the church from Kings Mountain, take Highway 29-74 East toward Gastonia. After 29-74 crosses I-85, turn right on Sparrow Springs Road, go 1.3 miles and turn right on Mayberry Lane. The church is one block on the left.

The public is invited.

### Gospel sing slated at Cherokee Baptist

The Singing Witnesses will be in concert Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. at Cherokee Street Baptist Church, Cherokee Street, Kings Mountain.

The public is invited.

### Singing Saturday at New Life Baptist

New Joy will be in concert Saturday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at New Life Baptist Church, corner of Eleventh and Boston in Bessemer City.

### Bible School set at harvest Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-21 from 7-8:30 p.m. at harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Road, Kings Mountain.

### Father's Day service at Mull's Memorial

Mull's Memorial Baptist Church, 3299 Fallston Rd., Shelby, will have a special Father's Day service Sunday,

June 16 at 11 a.m. There will be a special gift for every father.

Ervin Price, pastor, will speak on "What Every Father Should Give His Children."

■ Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Mull's Memorial Baptist Church, 3299 Fallston Rd., Shelby.

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