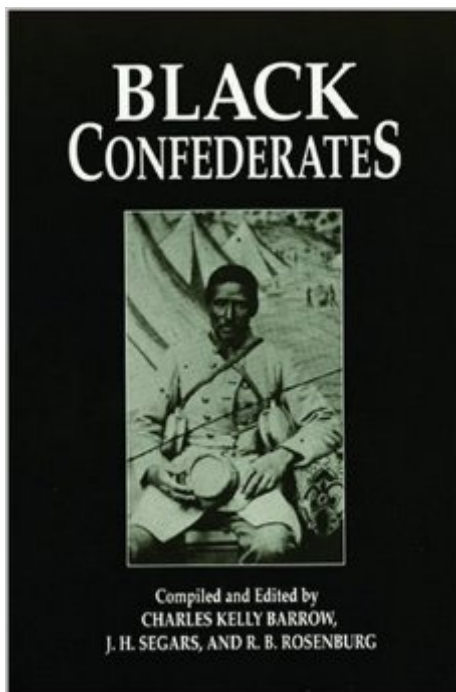


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# Black Confederates



## Synopsis

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"One of the lost chapters of Civil War history has been the passive and even active support that many Southern blacks, free and slave, gave to the Confederacy. [Black Confederates] illuminates the overlooked facet of this seemingly contradictory behavior by a group of African-Americans who appear to have thought of themselves as Southerners first and blacks second." --William C. Davis, author of "A Government of Their Own": The Making of the Confederacy Neither Confederate history nor black studies can afford to ignore the efforts of black Americans on the side of the Confederacy, as this seemingly contradictory behavior reveals and underscores the terrible complexity of the War Between the States. This volume contains correspondence, military records, narrative reminiscences, newspaper accounts, and more from these brave men who served what they considered their country.

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Perspective and Black Confederates, both published by Pelican. Segars is the founding president of the Northeast Georgia Civil War Round Table and now lives near rural Madison, Georgia, with his wife. Charles Kelly Barrow is a native Georgian, born in Atlanta and raised in DeKalb County and the Tucker area. With J. H. Segars and R. B. Rosenberg, he compiled and edited the anthology Black Confederates, also a Pelican title. In 1979, he joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans and currently serves as second vice-president of the Pike County Historical Society and as the historian-in-chief of the SCV (the youngest ever appointed). He graduated from Shorter College in 1988 with a B.S. in social science. Now a social studies teacher at Flint River Academy, he is working on his master's degree at Piedmont College. He resides in Zebulon, Georgia.

Yes, black soldiers fought for the Confederacy. Sharpshooters, uniformed pickets with uniforms and weapons and artillerymen were observed and recorded in Federal troops' reports. Pay records and muster rolls exist in the National Archives. Pay for a teamster was \$40/month whereas a Confederate private received \$11. Many more were body servants who accompanied their owners and functioned as an enlisted aide to an officer would function today, except we are talking continuous field duty in the 1860s. Teamsters, laborers, cooks, musicians, medical orderlies, foragers, and skilled laborers at Tredegar Ironworks in Richmond are among what would be called combat support today. Slaves at Tredegar were paid. their owner got 50% of the regular wage, but the slave received the other 50% and OVERTIME. Bet you didn't learn that in school! After the war, blacks went to Confederate reunions in uniform. Some had their travel expenses paid by their communities to attend the reunion. Many had Confederate PENSIONS.

This book answers black criticism of the Confederate battle flag, the South, and why 300,000 blacks, free and slave, armed themselves to resist Lincoln's invasions. It's all in the letters, documents, newspapers, monuments, and recorded memory of the black confederate veterans.

This great book gives evidence that many blacks fought FOR the Confederacy. There are actually confederate monuments dedicated to blacks. Another reason confederate memorials should be allowed to exist. Every American should read this book. The confederacy was actually taking steps to abolish slavery PRIOR to Lincoln's War. This is only one of many books out there that tell us the TRUTH about the Civil War, NOT what we were taught in school.

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