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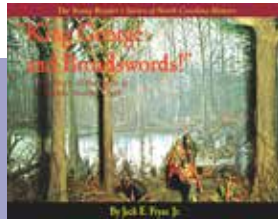
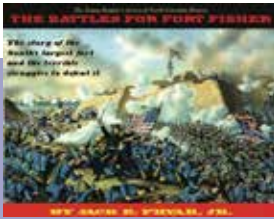


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Jack E. Fryar, Jr.
Publisher

It's nice to be back...

When the economy tanked in 2008, Dram Tree Books was one of its casualties. Of the 200 or so outlets carrying our titles in North Carolina alone, roughly a third of them went out of business. The customers we had left drastically reduced their buying to weather the economic downturn. That forced me to shutter Dram Tree Books until better times came around again.

In the ensuing nine years, I went back to school and earned a Masters degree in History and another one in Teaching. By 2016 I had secured a “real” job teaching history at E.A. Laney High School in Wilmington, N.C. In 2018, my friend and noted historian Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr. retired from a stellar career as a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The economy was doing much better, too. Chris and I decided it was time to resurrect Dram Tree Books, and here we are!

A lot of people have moved to North Carolina since 2010, and most of them have never been introduced to the 400 years of North Carolina history that Dram Tree Books spotlights. That means there are a multitude of potential customers out there for the books we do. The people who buy our titles are locals, tourists, and newcomers to the region who want to learn its stories as part of the assimilation process - exactly the people who made Dram Tree Books the go-to publisher for Cape Fear history since 2001. We are eager to introduce ourselves to them through you!

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New for 2019!

Charles Towne on the Cape Fear

The Rise and Fall of the First Barbadian Settlement in Carolina

By Jack E. Fryar, Jr.

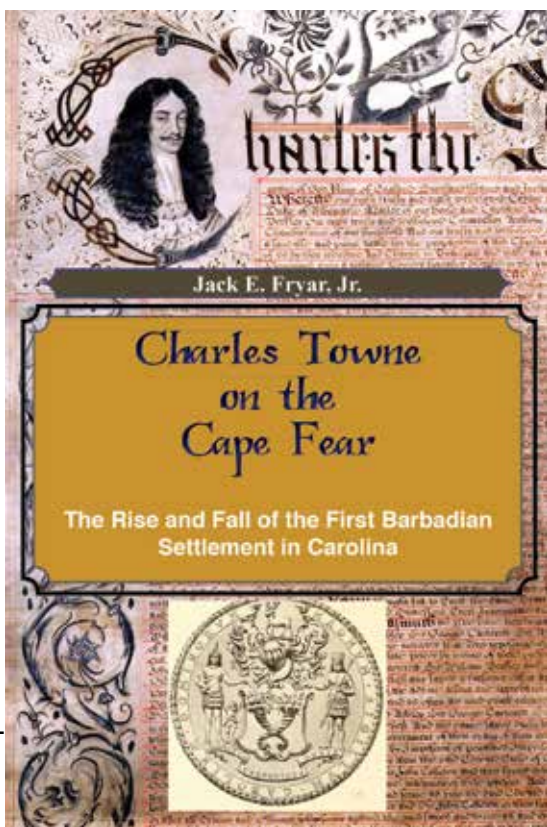
While South Carolina has the most famous Charles Towne in Carolina, the first one was along the banks of the Cape Fear River. Between 1664-1667, Barbadians led by John Vassall and Puritans from Massachusetts established plantations stretching as far as sixty miles along what was then called the Charles River, until neglect by the Lords Proprietors, distractions on the world stage, and competing settlement doomed the efforts of the hundreds of souls who worked to build the first English outpost below the Albemarle. This is their story.

Seal of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina



About the Author...

Jack E. Fryar, Jr. has authored or edited more than twenty volumes of North Carolina and Cape Fear history. His historical specialty is colonial North Carolina, particularly during the seventeenth century. Jack has served as a United States Marine, worked as a broadcaster, freelance magazine writer, sports announcer, and book designer. He holds a Masters degree in History and another Masters in Teaching, and currently teaches history at E.A. Laney High School in Wilmington, N.C.



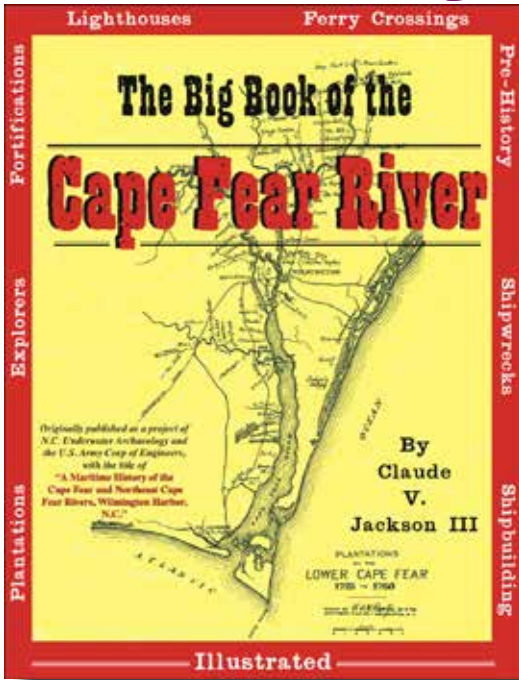
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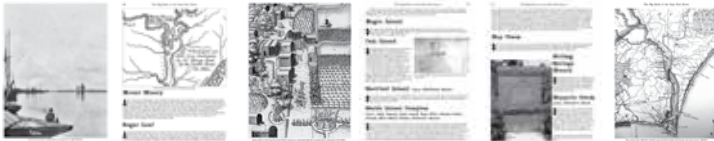
The Big Book of the Cape Fear River

By Claude V. Jackson III
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. editor

**An amazing source
of info about
plantations,
fortifications, ferries,
shipwrecks,
shipyards,
lighthouses and more!**



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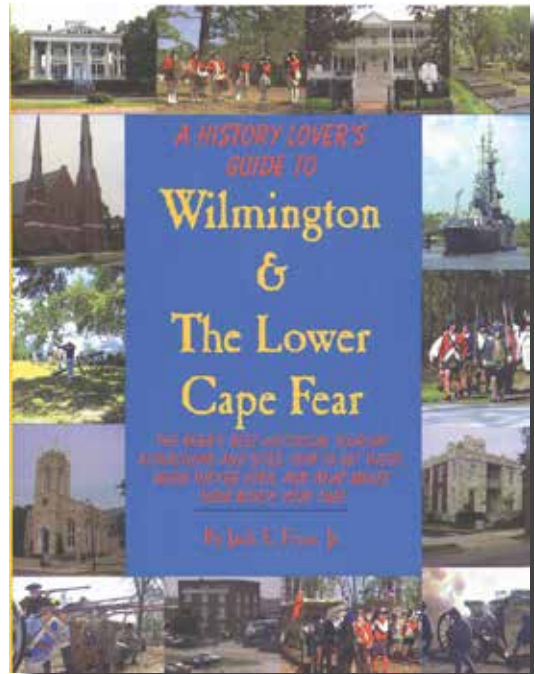
In 1993 and 1994, the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the N.C. Department of Archives & History joined with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to conduct a historical survey of the Cape Fear River. The scientists and historians involved were making a concerted effort to locate and identify the hundreds of historically relevant sites along North Carolina's only river with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. The river's history is impressive. From the days of the Spanish explorers, to hardy settlers from England, Barbados and New England, to the great planters, shipbuilders, soldiers and civilians whose lives and work forged the Cape Fear's identity, the roughly thirty-eight mile stretch from Old Inlet to just above Wilmington has seen some of North Carolina's richest history. This book, published here for general audiences for the first time, is a treasure trove of information about the fascinating history of North Carolina's most historic river. With more than 250 historic photos and illustrations, as well as locator maps that identify where all of this great history happened, lovers of Cape Fear and North Carolina's heritage will cherish this book!

A HISTORY LOVER'S GUIDE TO Wilmington & The Lower Cape Fear

By Jack E. Fryar, Jr.

Covering:

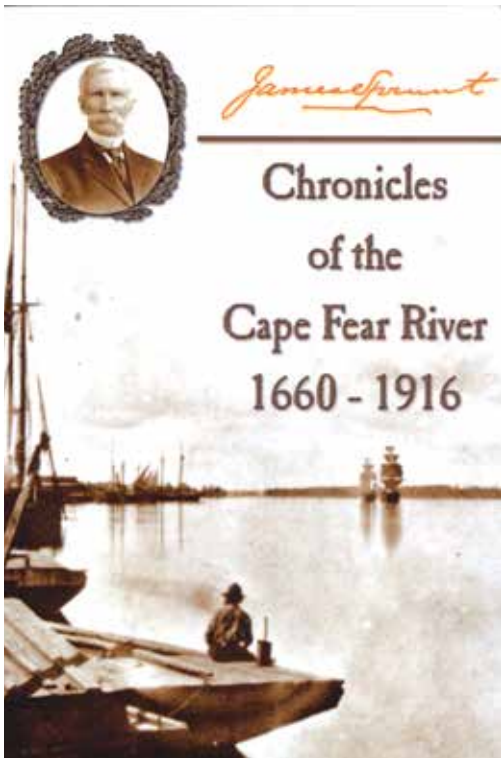
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- Wilmington • Carolina Beach
- Wrightsville Beach • Kure Beach
 - Fort Fisher • Southport
- Bald Head Island • Oak Island
- Burgaw • Eagles Island • Currie
 - Columbus County
- Bladen County • Pender County



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This book has been a bestseller ever since we first introduced it! For over four centuries, the Coastal Carolinas have been the scene of some of history's most colorful and exciting events. Now, with one easy-to-use guide, you can see the best historical tourism stops along the southern North Carolina coast, learn about what makes them worth seeing, see which ones charge an admission, check out their hours of operation, find out what amenities are available, and see **over 300 illustrations and photos** of not just how they look today, but also how they looked in the distant past. This is the one book that pares down all the info you need to satisfy your craving for local historical tourism from Topsail Island to the South Carolina border! Covering the five southern-most coastal counties (New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus, and Bladen), this book is super for history buffs, for new residents of the Carolina coast, or for tourists and beachgoers looking for something fun on those days when the sun doesn't shine!





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Chronicles of the Cape Fear River, 1660 - 1916

*The first - and some
say best - history of
the lower Cape Fear!*

There was a time when the Cape Fear was North Carolina's frontier. The Cape Fear has seen pirates and Indian wars, redcoats and patriot militias, and at least two civil wars. It has sired heroes and villains, as well as statesmen and scholars. Among them was James Sprunt, who as a young man braved the Union blockade as a purser aboard a sleek blockade runner. In later life Sprunt became a wealthy businessman whose cotton exporting business was at one time the largest in the world. He owned Orton Plantation, overlooking the river that played such a central role in his life. A philanthropist whose love of the Cape Fear ran as deep as his bones, James Sprunt also became recognized as one of North Carolina's most respected historians. In what many consider to be the crowning achievement of a distinguished career, *Chronicles of the Cape Fear River: 1660 - 1916* is the monumental history of southeastern North Carolina that is the starting point for all research into the Cape Fear's varied and colorful past. It is the one book that all lovers of Cape Fear history must have on their bookshelves, and that all historical researchers should turn to when exploring what came before us at the place where the river meets the sea.

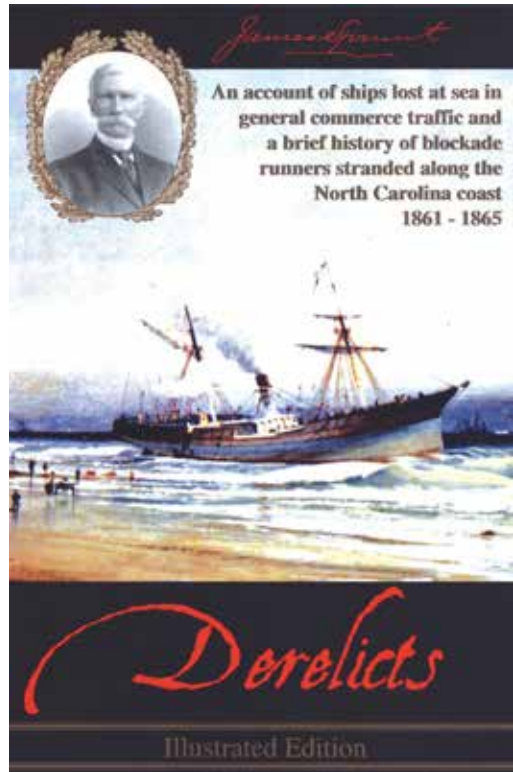
James Sprunt's classic book that tells the stories of ships and men lost along the North Carolina coast!

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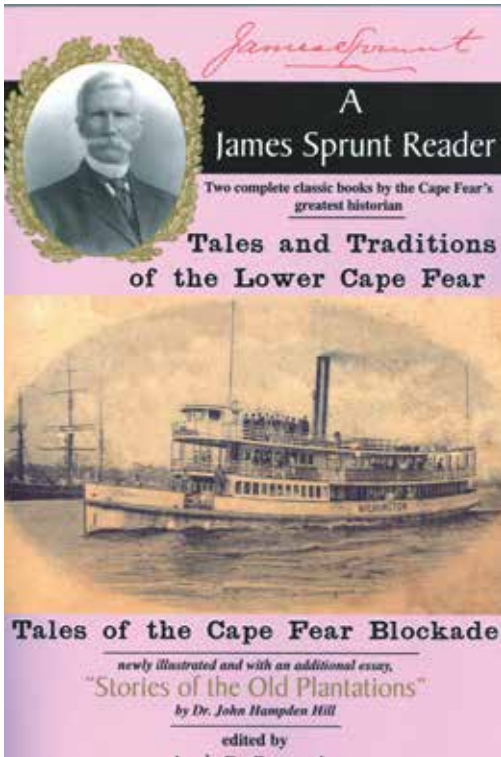
From the very beginning, the North Carolina coast has been feared by mariners because of its treacherous coastline and hidden shoals. The Cape Fear in particular has haunted the nightmares of those sailors who have had the bad luck to be on its waters when the whitecaps churn or when the cannons roared.

James Sprunt served as purser aboard the blockade runner *Lilian* when just a teenager, during the American Civil War. During those years he became intimately acquainted with the daring men and fast ships that challenged the might of the Union navy and its blockade of North Carolina and Cape Fear ports. There were Captains John Newland Maffitt, John Wilkinson and Joseph Fry, Jim Billy Craig and others piloted the sleek steamers carrying the life blood of the Confederacy into the port at Wilmington with steady hands. Characters like Thomas Taylor, Daisy Lamb, and the rebel spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow all played parts in the drama that took place off the Cape Fear between 1861 and 1865.

And then there were the men and ships of the U.S. Navy: Porter and Lee, Cushing and Braine, and all the enlisted sailors and Marines who stood watch on fog-slick decks, trying to plug a bottle with two openings. Too often they were unsuccessful, but if they could close the Cape Fear and the rest of the North Carolina coast, they just might end a long and costly war. These are their stories, told by a man who saw it all happen first-hand.



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Two complete texts by one of the Cape Fear's first historians

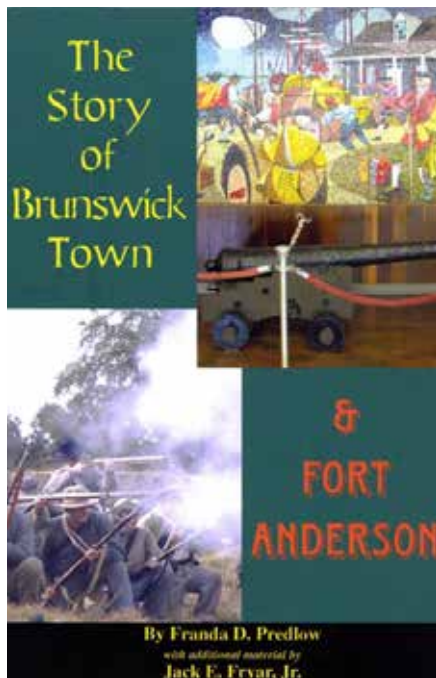
A James Sprunt Reader

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Blockade runner, businessman, historian and philanthropist - James Sprunt led a remarkable life. When he made his home along the brown waters of the Cape Fear in southeastern North Carolina, he fell in love with the rich history of the only river in the state with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. That geographical fact made the Cape Fear and the towns that lined its banks the scenes of some of North Carolina's most dramatic moments. James Sprunt witnessed much of that exciting history himself, and knew many of the characters who participated in those events. The things that happened before he came along, Sprunt learned of and embraced through his love of history. That love is evident in the pages of the books he wrote about the Cape Fear's colorful past. When you read a James Sprunt book, you can't help but feel the devotion he had to the people and places along his beloved river. It is our pleasure to bring together for the first time in one volume, two of James Sprunt's most popular but hard to find books about the river he loved. We've also included a delightful ghost story by Sprunt that teaches about the Cape Fear's colonial past while chilling your blood, and an essay by Dr. John Hampden Hill that delves into the history of the many plantations that once lined the Cape Fear. Nobody does Cape Fear history the way James Sprunt did!

The Story of Brunswick Town & Fort Anderson

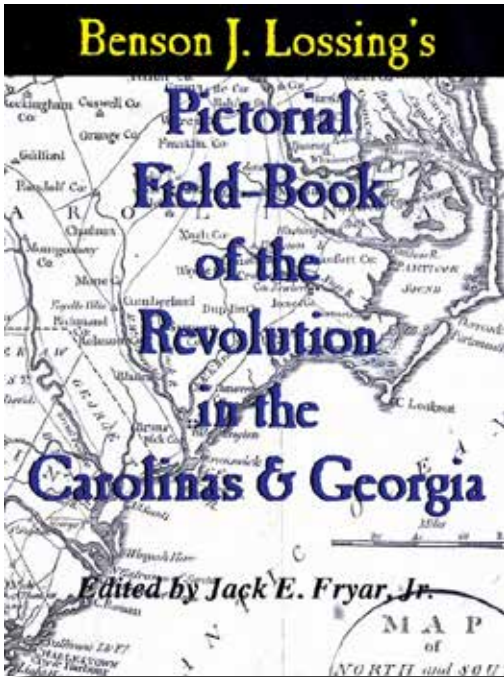
By Franda D. Predlow
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Jack E. Fryar, Jr.



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Carl Hammett

In 1725, Maurice Moore convinced his friends and family from the Goose Creek section of South Carolina to relocate to North Carolina's Cape Fear River and build their own settlement. The Moores quickly laid out a new town called Brunswick that would become the colony's only port with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean. Over the course of its existence, Brunswick was raided by Spanish privateers, sacked by British redcoats, and was home to some of the leading figures in colonial and Revolutionary War North Carolina. Two Royal Governors made their homes there, as did a future Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. As well, one of the earliest rebellions against English rule in America was acted out at Brunswick. During the Civil War, Fort Anderson was built on the ruins of the colonial town. After the fall of Fort Fisher in 1865, Fort Anderson became the last obstacle to the Union occupation of the vital port at Wilmington, further up the Cape Fear River. In this book, Franda D. Pedlow and Jack E. Fryar, Jr. have put together a beginner's primer that initiates history lovers into the rich past of one of North Carolina's most significant historic sites.



Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution in the Carolinas & Georgia

By Benson J. Lossing
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. - editor

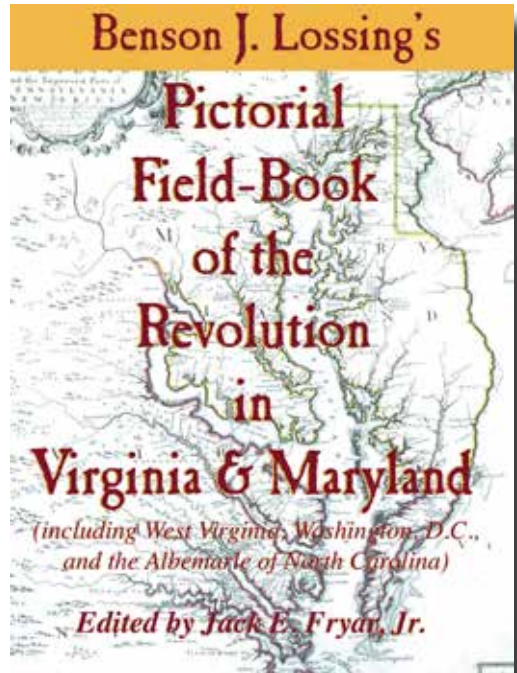
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Moores Creek...Charleston...Savannah...Ninety-Six...
The Cowpens,,Guilford Courthouse...Camden...
King's Mountain...Hobkirk's Hill...

Every school child in America has heard the stories of Lexington & Concord, Bunker Hill and Washington's crossing of the Delaware River. That's due in large part to the fact that most history books were written by authors who lived in the northern colonies. But how many people know the first victory for the Patriot cause came at a little creek in North Carolina? Or that the truly decisive battles of the American Revolution were fought south of Virginia? In 1848, New Yorker Benson J. Lossing embarked on a two year trek that covered thousands of miles through the original thirteen states and Canada. His mission was to collect and preserve the stories of the men and women who had fought to make the United States a reality. His original work was published in 1850, consisting of two illustrated volumes comprising over 2,000 pages of first-hand history. In this book, we have excerpted the chapters that deal with the war in the Carolinas and Georgia. It was here that the battles which beat the British were fought. It was in the South that America stood up to an empire that spanned the globe and won.

Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution in Virginia & Maryland

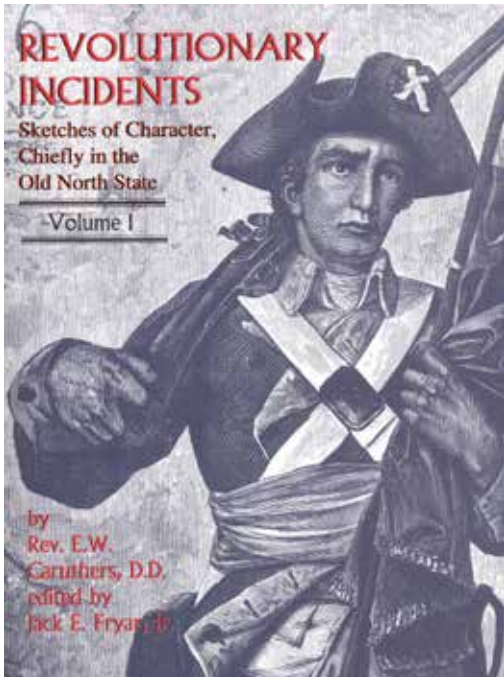
By Benson J. Lossing
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. - editor



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Williamsburg...Richmond...Fredericksburg...
Spencer's Ordinary...Mount Pleasant...
Blue Licks...Norfolk...Battle of the Capes...Yorktown

It was by the placid waters of the Chesapeake Bay that some of the most dramatic scenes of the Revolutionary War were played out, paving the way for the birth of a new nation. In Virginia and Maryland, the struggle for independence from Great Britain was finally won at battlefields and towns that stretch from Annapolis to the Shenandoah Valley. In 1848, New Yorker Benson J. Lossing embarked on a two year trek that covered thousands of miles through the original thirteen states and Canada. His mission was to collect and preserve the stories of the men and women who had fought to make the United States a reality. His original work was published in 1850, consisting of two illustrated volumes comprising over 2,000 pages of first-hand history. In this book, we have excerpted the chapters that deal with the war in Virginia and Maryland (including Washington, D.C. and the Albemarle region of North Carolina). It was the scene of some of the war's hardest fights. If a Redcoat and an American stood on opposite banks of a stream and threw rocks at each other, it's probably in his book.



REVOLUTIONARY
INCIDENTS:
Sketches of
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Old North State
VOLUME I

By Rev. E.W. Carruthers
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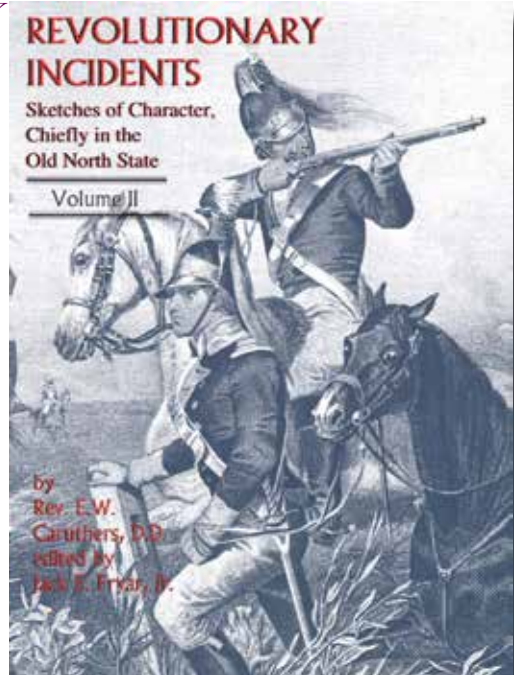
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In 1854, and again in 1856, Rev. Eli Washington Caruthers published a compilation of stories, gathered over the course of many years, that spotlighted the bravery, sacrifices and viciousness that were a part of life for North Carolinians during the Revolutionary War. From the actions of Governor William Tryon in suppressing the Regulator rebellion, through the first Patriot victory against British forces at Moores Creek, to the depredations of Tory terror David Fanning, the Old North State was the scene of some of the most pivotal episodes in the struggle for American independence. Long out of print, this newly illustrated edition tells the stories of the men and women who paid for American liberty with their blood and sacrifice. Caruthers' two volumes on the Revolutionary War in North Carolina are the stories of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary events. They are the stories of men like John Grady, John Ashe, Andrew Balfour and countless others who gave their all for the cause of freedom, and in doing so showed the character that has been a benchmark for patriotic sacrifice ever since.

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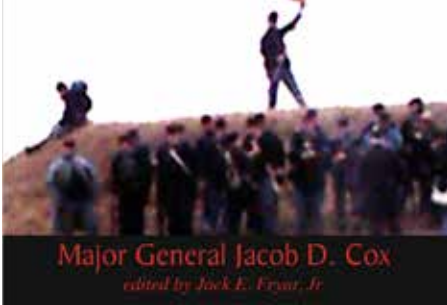


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A memoir of the
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Major General Jacob D. Cox
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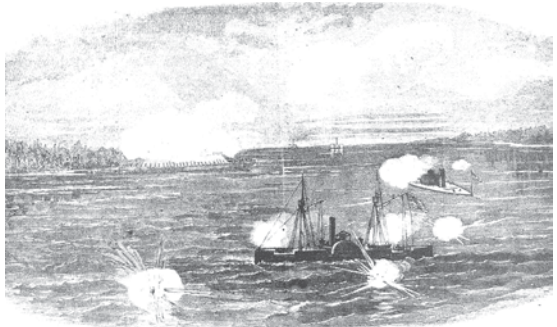
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Blue Tide Rising: A Memoir of the Union Army in North Carolina

By MajGen. Jacob D. Cox
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. - editor

Major General Joseph Dolson Cox had plenty to do as a Union Army commander engaged in fighting along the Mississippi River, but when Ulysses S. Grant needed him and his men in North Carolina, he immediately headed east. By train and by ship, Cox's command made an amazingly fast movement to the Cape

Fear, where just weeks before Union and Confederate soldiers, sailors, and marines had fought a desperate battle for Fort Fisher, guarding the last open port of the Confederacy at Wilmington. Now the fort was in Yankee hands, but Fort Anderson still remained upriver as one final obstacle to the fall of the port Robert E. Lee depended on. It fell to Jacob D. Cox and Adelbert Ames to eliminate Fort Anderson as they led the western element of a two-pronged assault on Wilmington. From there, Cox either fought in or was close by every major clash of arms fought in North Carolina in 1865. Cox died before his memoir was published in 1900. When it was, his account of his Civil War service made for an important addition to the story of the war from someone who played a pivotal role in it. This well illustrated volume will be a welcome addition to any student of the Civil War and North Carolina's role in our nation's fiercest crucible by fire.



Shelling of Ft. Anderson, N.C. - February 1865

Buccaneers & Pirates of Our Coasts

By Frank R. Stockton
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. - editor

From the very beginnings, America has been a fertile hunting ground for high seas rogues willing to take what they wanted when they found it. Even great men like Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake took a turn as sea robbers. In later years, names like Blackbeard, Low, Bonnet and Kidd struck terror into the hearts of merchant captains, sailors and the civilian passengers they carried across the waves. North Carolina's 300 miles of coastline, dotted with secluded coves and inlets, became a favorite haunt of pirates and buccaneers. In this book, first published in 1898, author Frank R. Stockton tells the stories of the villains who plundered the high seas and plagued America's coasts during our country's early years. With original illustrations enhanced by additional maps and pictures, this new rendition of a classic book about the men and women who sailed under the Black Flag is sure to please!

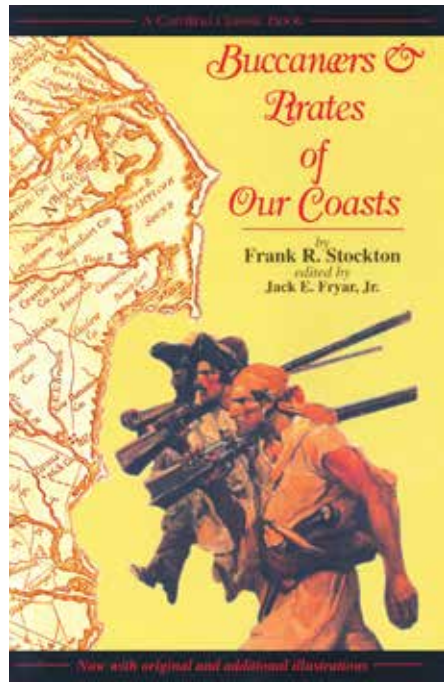
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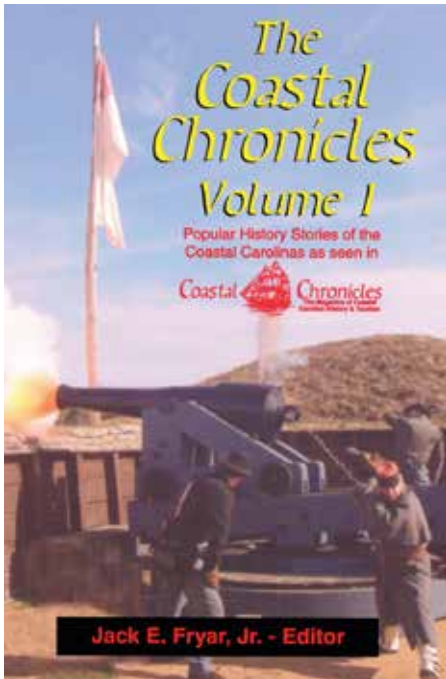
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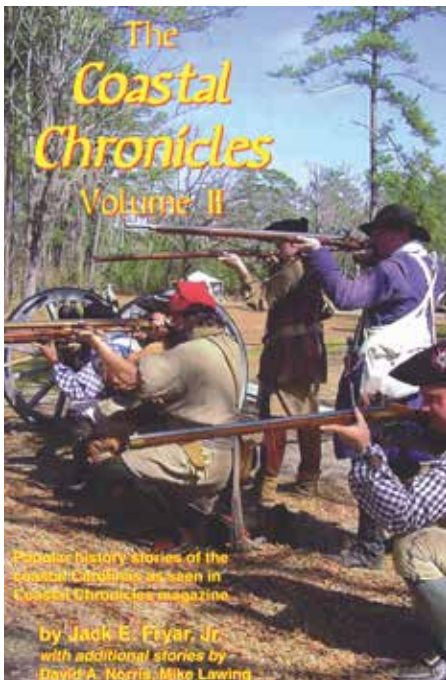
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The Coastal Chronicles Volumes I & II

By Jack E. Fryar, Jr.
*with additional stories by
David A. Norris, Nicki Leone,
Dr. Chris E. Fonvielle, Jr. and more!*

Over more than four centuries, the coastal Carolinas have seen just about everything: Pirates, British redcoats, patriot militiamen, yellow fever, killer storms, blockade runners and mighty forts. We've been home to heroes and villains, spies and signers of the Declaration of Independence. We've fought Indian wars and built stately plantations. Perhaps in no other part of the country is the history of a people such a part of the regional identity. In the pages of Coastal Chronicles magazine, locals and tourists alike were treated to the stories that make up the rich historical fabric of the Carolina coast. Historically accurate, but told as a storyteller would, the tales in The Coastal Chronicles Volume I and Volume II are delightful stories that

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Billy Yanks...Yellow Death...Stamp Resistance...
Stately Plantations...A Lady Spy...Spanish Raiders...
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much, much more!*

educate and entertain at the same time. Native coastal Carolinians read it because who we were is a big part of who we are. Newcomers read it to help in the assimilation process when they choose to make their homes by the Carolina shore. Visitors read it because it tells the stories they love in vivid, compelling detail. Teachers use it to teach local history. Dram Tree Books is pleased to offer in one volume these collection of stories for those who want to keep and preserve the history of one of the country's most historic coastlines.

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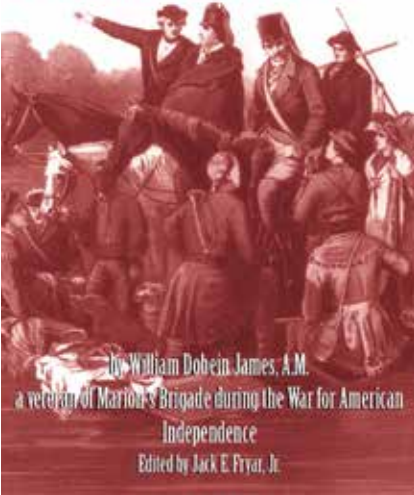
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A Sketch of the Life of
**Brig. Gen.
Francis Marion**



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A Sketch of the Life of
**Brig. Gen.
Francis
Marion**

By William Dobein James
Jack E. Fryar, Jr. - editor

***The only account of
the Swamp Fox written
by a man who actually
served with him!***

He was the partisan who ran circles around the feared Banastre Tarleton, using guerilla tactics to cripple the British effort to subdue the Carolinas. Hiding out in the Low Country swamps, striking when and where he was least expected, Francis Marion was one of the most colorful heroes of the American Revolution. In this memoir, written by a man who served with Marion, you'll meet the real Swamp Fox. So many stories about Francis Marion's exploits have been embellished to the point of fiction. In this book, William Dobein James sets the record straight. Illustrated for the first time, James' account of this icon of America's war for independence is a classic that preserves the memory of a man who was small in stature, but who became a giant of his nation's history.



WILD, WICKED, WARTIME WILMINGTON

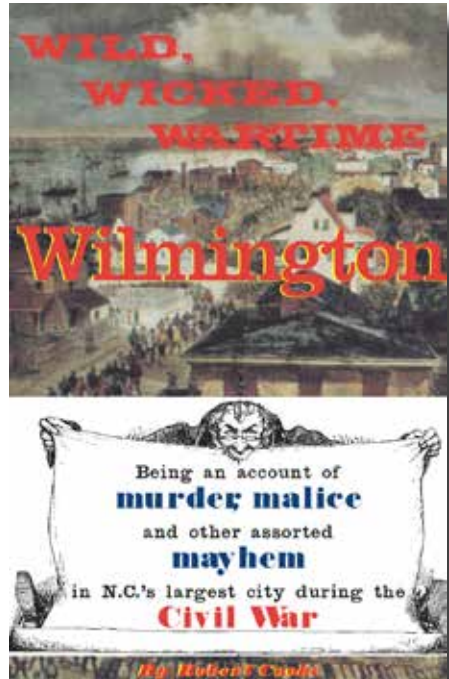


Being an account of
Murder, Malice
and other assorted
Mayhem
in N.C.'s largest city during the
Civil War

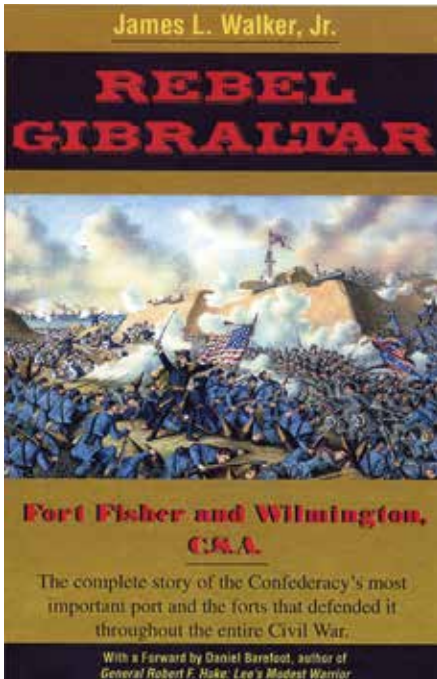
By Robert Cook

When America went to war with itself, Wilmington was North Carolina's largest city. From the imposing grandeur of the Bellamy Mansion that overlooked a busy harbor, to the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, which at one time boasted the longest rail line in the world, the port city was a bustling example of Southern industry. But when conflict came, the city became a pivotal player in the Confederate government's war efforts. Paddy's Hollow boasted more than thirty saloons, while murders happened with alarming frequency. Prostitutes offered their services to the thousands of soldiers passing through town, while civilian and military authorities tried to keep a lid on it all. Local police were woefully inadequate to keep the peace against rioting soldiers who had witnessed the horrors of places like Chickamauga and Gettysburg. Doctors performed heroically to save lives, fighting disease, battlefield disfigurements, and death with too little of every kind of medicine and supplies. Civilians, railroads, and military officials all competed for too few resources, while offshore the Union blockade of what became the last open port of the Confederacy grew tighter with each passing day. Robert J. Cooke's ten years of research has resulted in a picture of Wilmington that more closely resembles the Wild West's Dodge City than it does some genteel antebellum city.

**...Soldiers, sailors, civilians, slaves, speculators,
spies and ladies of easy virtue -
Civil War Wilmington had it all!...**



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REBEL GIBRALTAR

Fort Fisher and Wilmington, C.S.A.

By James L. Walker, Jr.

Even before the rest of North Carolina joined her sister states in secession, the people of the Lower Cape Fear were filled with enthusiasm for the Southern Cause - so much so that they actually seized Forts Johnston and Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, weeks before the first shots were fired at Fort Sumter. When the state finally did secede, Wilmington became the most important port city of the Confederacy, keeping Rob-

ert E. Lee supplied with the munitions and supplies he needed to fight the war against the North. Dedicated soldiers like William Lamb and W.H.C. Whiting turned the sandy beaches of southern New Hanover and Brunswick Counties into a series of fortresses that kept the Union navy at bay for four years. The mighty Fort Fisher and a series of smaller forts offered safe haven for daring blockade runners that brought in the Confederacy's much-needed supplies. In the process, they turned the quiet port of Wilmington into a boomtown. In this book that was fifteen years in the making, James L. Walker, Jr. has chronicled the story of the Lower Cape Fear and the forts and men that guarded it during America's bloodiest conflict, from the early days of the war to the fall of Wilmington in February 1865.

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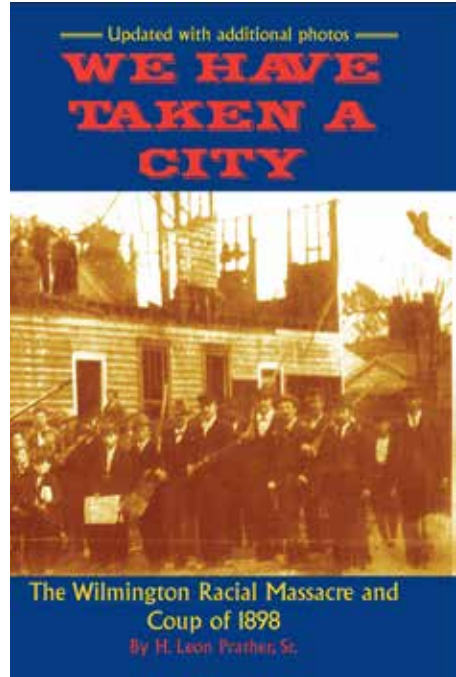
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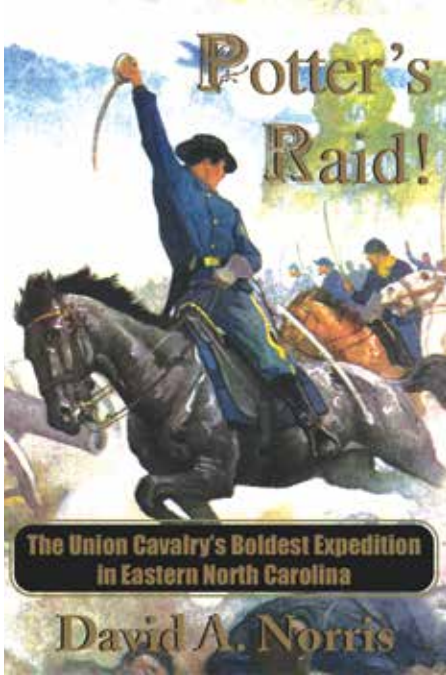
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As early as 1862, Union forces held a sizeable portion of eastern North Carolina's northern coastal region. While blockade runners dashed in and out of the port at Wilmington, it was a different story just ninety miles

to the north. In New Bern, it was the Union army that was in control. Confederate military leaders and civilians kept a wary eye on what was going on behind the Yankee lines occupied by John Gray Foster's Billy Yanks, wondering what mischief the enemy might be up to. Their fears were realized when Union cavalry under the command of Brigadier General Edward Potter cut a swath from Kinston and Goldsboro, to Greenville, Rocky Mount, and Tarboro. Federal and Confederate troops clashed on foot and horseback while civilians suffered and slaves took advantage of the confusion to make a dash for freedom. In this book, historian David A. Norris brings all of the suspense and drama of Potter's raid to life with a narrative that will have you on the edge of your seat. For the Civil War buff, this book is a top-notch story about a little known episode of North Carolina's wartime past. For the casual reader, it is a tale full of the drama, heroism, and tragedy that is the hallmark of a gripping story - one that happens to be true.



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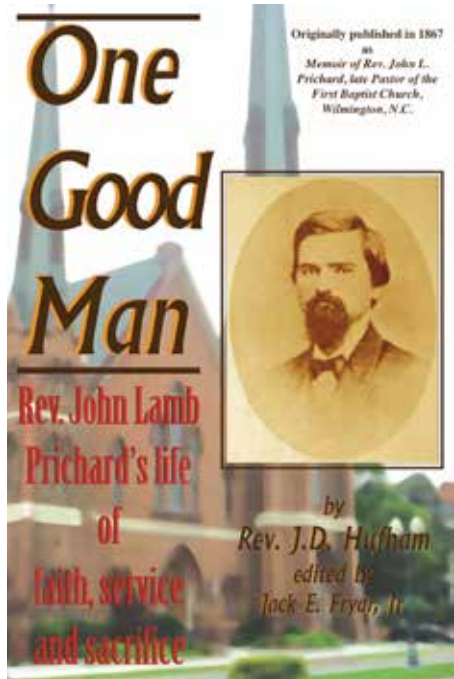
Rev. John Lamb Prichard's
life of faith, service,
and sacrifice

By Rev. J.D. Hufham
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Rev. John Lamb Prichard spent his life following the dictates of his faith. From his initial entry to the ministry when he was a young carpenter in Camden, N.C., to his days at Wake Forest seminary school, to shepherding his early congregations in Danville and Lynchburg, Virginia, Prichard strove mightily to be worthy of his calling. But his most challenging days were spent at Wilmington, N.C.'s First Baptist Church during the dark time when America was torn apart by Civil War, and when a silent killer struck the city like a Biblical plague. Most of those who could flee the yellow fever epidemic of 1862 did. Some few, including John Lamb Prichard, stayed to minister to the needs of the legions of sick and dying. It was a decision that would cost him his life, but earn him immortality as a shining example of how to put ones faith into action. Originally published as a memoir in 1867, just five years after Prichard's death, this classic account of one Christian soldier is both a gripping account of a dark time in North Carolina history, and a blueprint of how to have the courage of ones convictions.

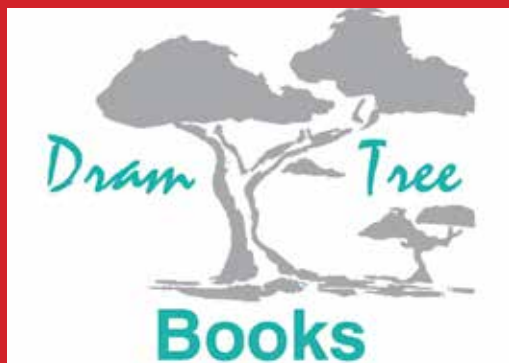
Let no one think me reckless of life, or regardless of my wife and children. No indeed, I yield to none in my love of life or of my family. But must a minister fly from disease and danger and leave poor people to suffer for want of attention?...Did the Saviour ever draw back? I know not what will be my fate. I have committed myself and family to God, praying Him to take care of us all. And if I fall, I leave you to his merciful care and protection."

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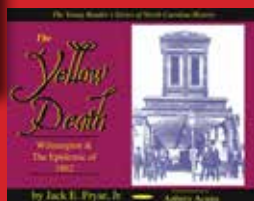
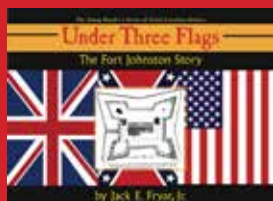
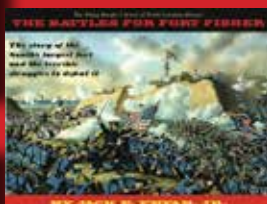


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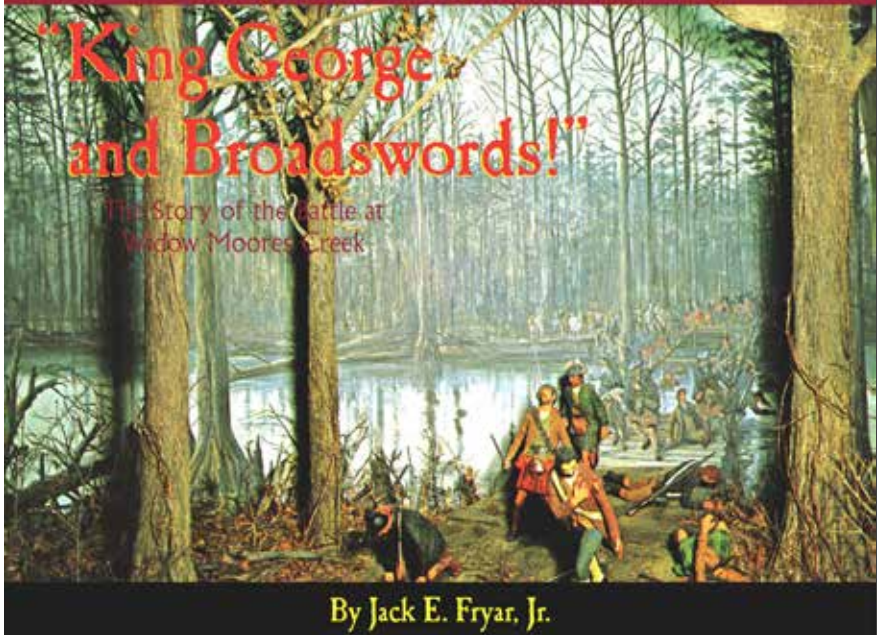


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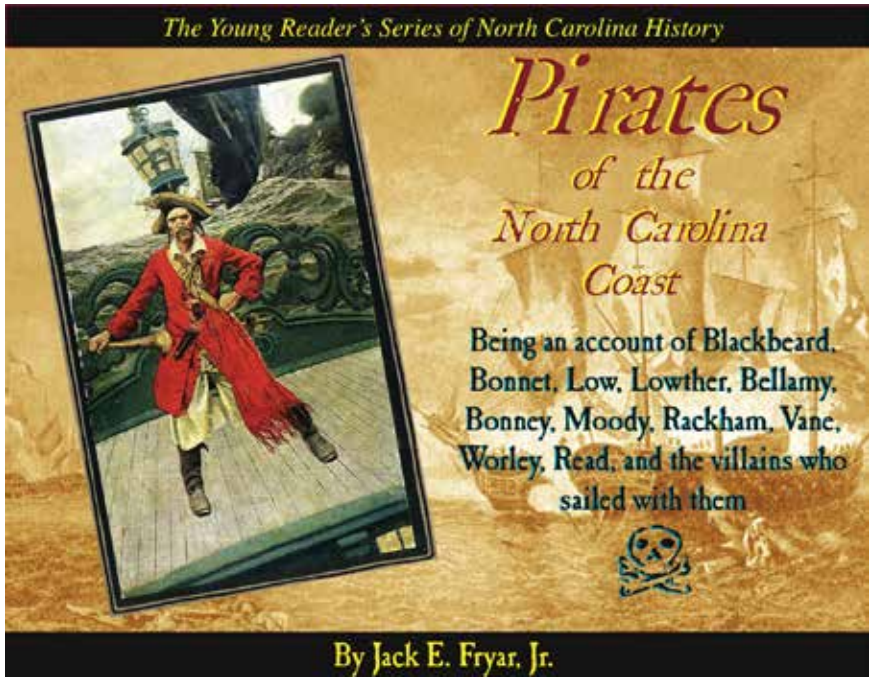
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"King George and Broadwords!"

The Battle at Widow Moores Creek

In 1776, America was a country at war with itself. British soldiers had shot colonial militia at Lexington and Concord, only to be shot in return by Massachusetts farmers and Minutemen on the long march back to Boston. In North Carolina, people were divided between those who wanted to remain loyal to King George III, and those who were ready to break away from Great Britain to form their own nation. North Carolina's Royal Governor, Josiah Martin, had fled from New Bern's fabulous Tryon Palace to the safety of a British warship anchored in the Cape Fear River. From there, he made a plan to put down the rebellion in the South with an army of Highlanders. Patriots who wanted a break with England wanted to stop that army. In February 1776, the two sides came together in a brief, fierce clash at a small creek in modern Pender County. It would be the first patriot victory against the British in the South, and the battle's outcome would shake governments on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. This is the story of that clash.

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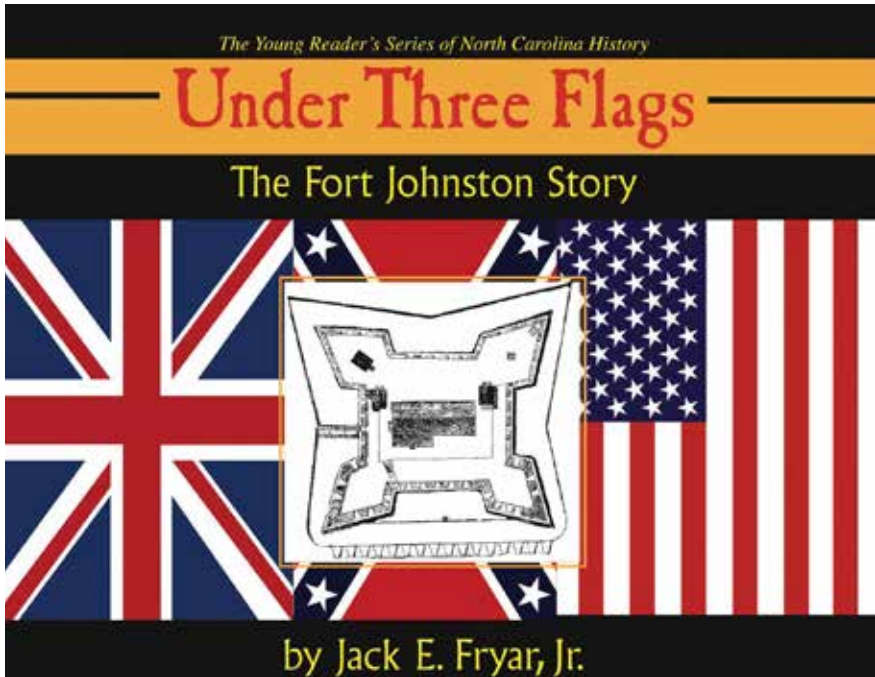
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Pirates of the North Carolina Coast

In the Golden Age of Piracy, swashbuckling sea robbers were a terror to merchant ships loaded with the riches of the New World. Men like Henry Morgan, Edward Low, George Lowther, Stede Bonnet, and women like Anne Bonny and Mary Read rampaged through the islands of the Caribbean and along the coast of the American colonies. North Carolina had more than their fair share of dealings with pirates, because North Carolina's 300-mile coastline was a perfect place for buccaneers to hide. And in many cases, the people of the Carolinas welcomed them! This book tells the story of the those colorful rogues who robbed and pillaged at will, including Blackbeard, that most famous of sea robbers. You'll also learn what the life of a pirate was really like, and how these thieves of the high seas were nothing like the happy rovers usually seen in the movies.

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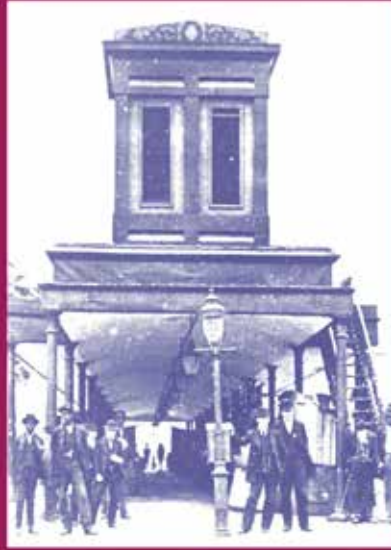
There is one place in North Carolina with a history of active service that stretches from our earliest colonial days right up through the War on Terror. Fort Johnston, named after one of North Carolina's five royal governors, has guarded the Cape Fear since 1748. It has seen service in virtually every war America has fought for more than two and a half centuries, and witnessed everything from Spanish pirates to British redcoats, Confederate soldiers wearing butternut and gray, to modern soldiers supplying the munitions American soldiers need to defend our nation on battlefields across the world. The names of the men associated with Fort Johnston reads like a Who's Who list of people who played important roles in the history of North Carolina and the nation: Josiah Martin, Major General Robert Howe, Col. James Moore, President James Monroe, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Gen. Nelson Miles, Gen. Alfred H. Terry, Abner Doubleday - all have ties to this one-of-a-kind piece of North Carolina's colorful past. This is Fort Johnston's story, one that spans more than 250 years.

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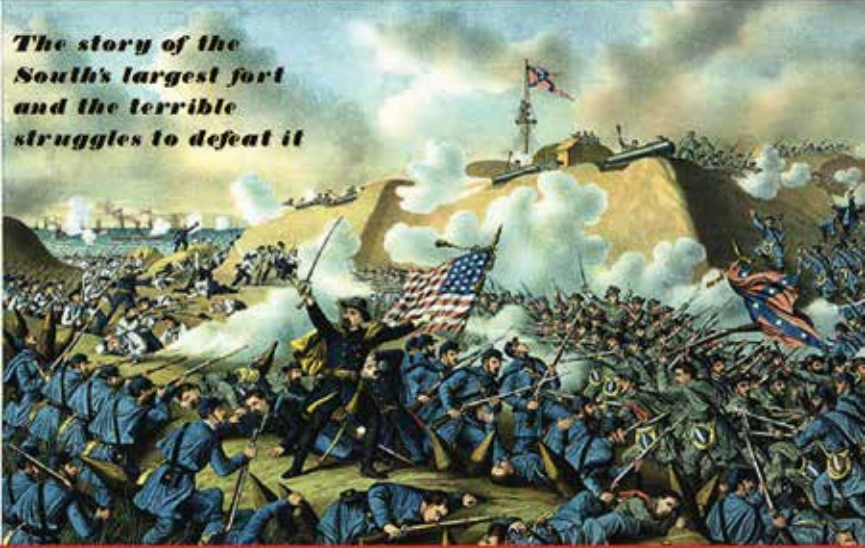
Before the coming of modern medicine, people living near the swampy coastal areas of North Carolina were frequently plagued by diseases that left many sick and dead. One of the worst of these was yellow fever. Carried by mosquitoes, the disease was a mystery to doctors until 1898. That was 36 years too late to save the hundreds of Wilmington residents who perished in the deadly outbreak of 1862. While the Civil War raged throughout the country, and Union warships stood offshore to stop the blockade runners making for the Confederate port at Wilmington, the city was full of soldiers and speculators, sailors, slaves and citizens. Before the yellow fever epidemic ended in November, a full third of Wilmington's population would be dead. This is the story of a baffling illness that killed more often than not, and of the people who came together to weather the storm of death it brought.

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