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South Carolina
soldiers, sailors &
citizens who died in the
service of their country
and state in the
War for Southern
Independence,
1861-1865

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After more than ten years of research, Randolph Withers Kirkland, Jr. has completed what is destined to be a major research tool on the American Civil War. It compiles the records of more than 18,500 soldiers, sailors, and other South Carolina citizens who gave their lives to the Confederate States of America and to the state of South Carolina. About half of these died of disease or in prison, slightly less than half died in action, and less than two percent died of other causes.

Included in these records are the individuals' names, ages, ranks, units, home districts, places and causes of death, and more. To gather this information, the author has consulted more than 200 sources of information and has corrected much inaccurate information that has been printed in other sources.

The information here compiled offers invaluable data for Civil War researchers, genealogists, local historians, and others. It is the most complete record ever published of South Carolinians who died in service to the Confederacy.

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About the Author

Randolph Withers Kirkland, Jr. was born September 1, 1920, in Camden, South Carolina. He is the son of Randolph W. Kirkland and Louise Richardson Kirkland, the grandson of Thomas J. Kirkland, co-author of the book *Historic Camden*, and the great-great-grandson of Judge T. J. Withers, a member of the Secession Convention.

After graduating from Clemson College in 1941 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Mr. Kirkland took a job with the General Electric Co. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of captain as a battalion operations officer, 5rd Battalion, 511th Parachute Infantry, 11th Airborne Division, in the Pacific theater. He took part in the airborne landings in Japan shortly before the surrender and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, and Presidential Unit Citation.

In 1946 he rejoined the General Electric Co. as a steel-mill systems engineer. He served as a field installation supervisor in Italy and throughout Europe as part of the rebuilding of European industry under the Marshall Plan. A pioneer in the development of computer-control systems for steel-industry processes, Mr. Kirkland also supervised large steel-mill projects for the International General Electric Co. throughout the world. In 1977 he retired from General Electric, and has devoted much of his time since then to historical research in South Carolina Civil War military-service records.

Mr. Kirkland's original goal was to produce a manpower history of one typical South Carolina unit. However he soon discovered that much basic data never had been gathered together. He then embarked on three projects that he thought would take up to two years: a compendium of South Carolinians who had died during the Civil War in service to their country and state, who had been imprisoned during the war, and who were present at one of the surrenders. After more than ten years of research he is publishing *Broken Fortunes*, the first of these works.

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