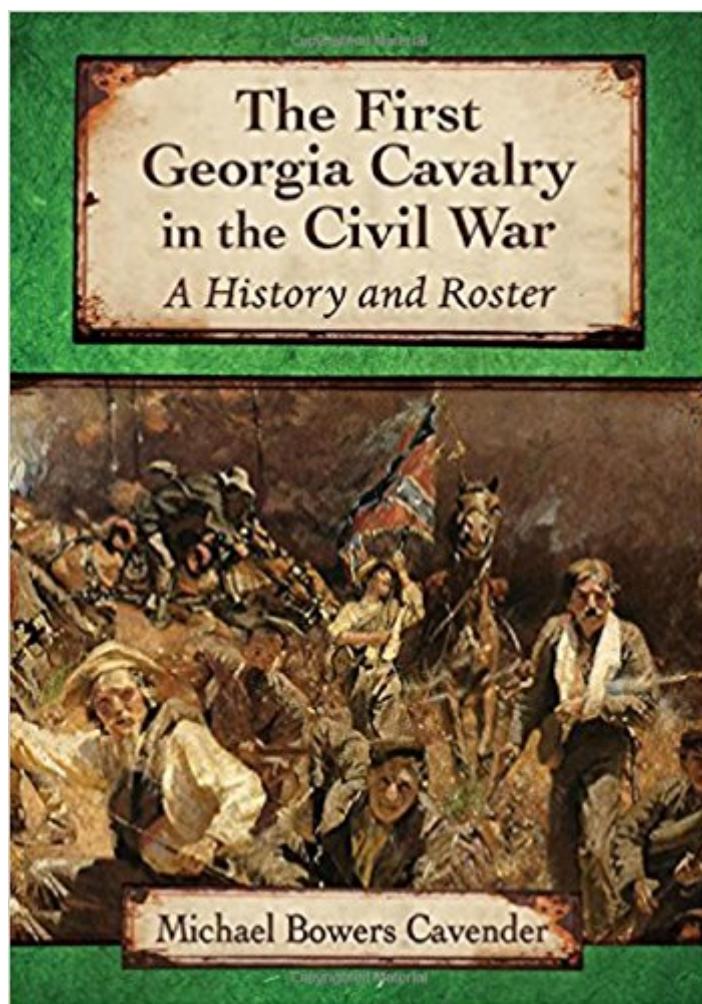


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# The First Georgia Cavalry In The Civil War: A History And Roster



## **Synopsis**

In 1861 Captain James J. Morrison resigned his commission in the United States Cavalry, returned to his home in Cedartown, Georgia, and was soon authorized by the Confederate War Department to raise a regiment of cavalry. This book is the first complete history of the First Georgia Cavalry, who saw action in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and North Carolina. A regimental roster includes more than 1,600 names with details of service provided, along with pre-war service, death and burial information in some cases.

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"this book is one that will fascinate people who like history, particularly those who are into the Civil War...a good read...meticulously researched...of great value...well written and interesting"--The Newnan Times-Herald; "a resource for both historians and genealogists that will long be of use and enjoyment"--FGS Forum.

Michael Bowers Cavender was a lieutenant in the United States Army, Quartermaster Corps. A retired financial planner, he has published several family histories in the History of Coweta County, Georgia. He lives in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

This book provides a comprehensive and quite good account of the 1st Georgia Cavalry's wartime experiences. I enjoyed reading the book and felt it was well worth buying. My criticisms are technical

in nature, i.e. from the perspective of an editor. Most notably, many of the topic sentences could be stronger as the text bounces around from a sequence of events involving the regiment to paragraphs on Union activities and "aside" type paragraphs on what 1st Georgia Cavalry soldiers were doing elsewhere at the same time. I wish that the author used more subheadings to help readers realize right away that we're on a new topic. Also, I believe that the text would be enhanced by inserting maps at many points to help readers get a visual perspective of battlefields or other campaign activities. I appreciate the tremendous effort undertaken by Mr Cavender to research the information on all the soldiers who served in the regiment and to collect all of the enclosed photographs. Like many other purchasers of the book, I was going to buy it no matter what because an ancestor, my great great grandfather whose name I bear, served in the regiment.

I purchased this book because my ancestors served in the First Georgia Cavalry. Thanks to Mr. Cavender's exhaustive research and attention to detail, I now know far more about their service than I did before. To of them returned to the front, far from their home, even after being wounded. I honor them for that dedication to duty. In this era in which the character of these fighting men is being daily impugned even as their history is being erased, books such as this have become far more important. Thank you to Mr. Cavender for writing it. Each of my sons now have a copy - - they, at least, will know the truth.

After discovering that my 2nd Great Grandfather served in the First Georgia Cavalry I had to know what battles he participated in. To my great relief and delight, I found it all in this book! With the little research I have done I can't imagine the time and effort it took the author to gather the information in this book. The narrative and inclusion of letters and eyewitness accounts is so refreshing after pouring over lists of names and dates. Great book for anyone who had a family member in the First GA Cavalry and anyone interested in Civil War history.

Since my name is in the index as an article I had written about an ancestor is included, I feel I can be honest and say that it was ruined for me since they had one of the places another ancestor is buried incorrect and I see it being used on Ancestry so I don't know which came first - the book and the incorrect burial or they go they got their information from Ancestry. Although after speaking with the author he is going to have the information corrected on re-prints and this books is a MUST HAVE for anyone with ancestors who fought with the GA 1st Cavalry - please note my 2nd review.

Very good book, especially for the researcher of Confederate cavalry. The only thing I disliked about the book was that I thought it covered too much of other cavalry regiments, brigades, etc. Some of that was not clear if the 1st Georgia Cavalry Regiment was included in the action. Incidentally, I purchased the book because my G-G-Grandfather served in this cavalry unit and I wanted to know what actions he had been involved in. To my surprise, he and his cousin were mentioned in the book as being sick during the Kentucky campaign of 1862-1863.

Great book, the most comprehensive I have seen yet. I do wish there were more photos or images of the members who served in the unit. My ancestor was a member of this unit so it has personal meaning for me to read about what he and his comrades did. I know it could have been more detailed but this gives a good cross section of life in the 19th century military and what soldiers and cavalry endured in the line of duty.

Good for references, not much that I could use.

Well written. Contains a lot of hard to find information.

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