

# Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison: Unveiling a Captivating Chapter of American History

The Civil War, a conflict that left an indelible scar on the American psyche, was a time of great upheaval and suffering. One of the most infamous aspects of the war was the system of military prisons, where tens of thousands of soldiers languished in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions.

Among the most notorious of these prisons was Andersonville National Cemetery, a former Confederate prison camp located in Georgia. Between 1864 and 1865, more than 45,000 Union soldiers were imprisoned at Andersonville, and over 13,000 died due to disease, starvation, and exposure.



## Ship Island, Mississippi: Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison by Theresa Arnold-Scriber

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In ***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison***, historian and researcher Dr. Edward Long provides a comprehensive account of this harrowing chapter in American history. This meticulously researched book features extensive prisoner rosters, historical background, and firsthand accounts that bring the horrors of Andersonville and other Civil War prisons to life.

### **Unveiling the Rosters: A Window into the Lives of Prisoners**

The centerpiece of ***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison*** is its extensive collection of prisoner rosters. These rosters, painstakingly compiled from original records, provide detailed information on thousands of Union soldiers who were imprisoned at Andersonville and other Confederate camps.

For each prisoner, the rosters include their name, rank, regiment, date of capture, and date of death or release. They also provide insights into the soldiers' physical and mental condition while in prison, as well as their experiences after the war.

By examining these rosters, readers can gain a deeper understanding of the lives of these men who endured unimaginable hardships during the Civil War. The rosters serve as a testament to their resilience and sacrifice.

### **Exploring the History: Camp Sumter and Beyond**

In addition to the prisoner rosters, ***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison*** provides a comprehensive historical overview of Andersonville and other Confederate prisons. Dr. Long delves into the origins of the prison system, the conditions within the camps, and the efforts made by Union and Confederate authorities to address the plight of prisoners.

The book also examines the role of Camp Sumter in the prisoner exchange process during the war. Camp Sumter, located near Andersonville, was established as a Confederate prison for Union officers. Through the exchange of prisoners, both sides hoped to alleviate the overcrowding and suffering in their respective prison camps.

Dr. Long's research sheds light on the complexities of the prisoner exchange process, the challenges faced by both sides, and the impact it had on the course of the war.

### **Firsthand Accounts: Voices from the Past**

Complementing the prisoner rosters and historical narrative are firsthand accounts from survivors of the Civil War prisons. These accounts, drawn from letters, diaries, and memoirs, provide a deeply personal perspective on the horrors of prison life.

Readers will encounter the harrowing experiences of soldiers like John McElroy, who survived over a year of imprisonment at Andersonville, and Henry Wirz, the Confederate prison commandant who was hanged for war crimes after the war.

These firsthand accounts offer a visceral understanding of the physical and emotional toll that prison life took on the men who endured it. They serve as a powerful reminder of the human cost of war.

### **: Preserving the Legacy of the Civil War Prison**

***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison*** is a significant contribution to the historical record of the Civil War. Through its comprehensive rosters,

detailed history, and firsthand accounts, the book provides a multifaceted examination of a dark chapter in American history.

By preserving the stories of the prisoners of Andersonville and other Civil War prisons, Dr. Long ensures that this chapter is not forgotten. ***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison*** is an essential resource for historians, genealogists, and anyone interested in the complexities of the Civil War era.

To delve into the fascinating world of Civil War prisons and discover the stories of the men who endured them, Free Download your copy of ***Rosters and History of the Civil War Prison*** today.



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