

Synopsis

During the American Civil War and the years immediately following, thousands of Confederate sympathizers and former soldiers left the southern United States to seek exile in other lands. Evidence suggests that more Confederate soldiers went to British Honduras, presently known as Belize, than any other single site. This work is an in-depth look at the settlements established by former Confederates--what lured the Confederates there, what the trip from New Orleans was like, what life was like for immigrants in Belize City, the settlements at Toledo, New Richmond, northern British Honduras, Manatee and other settlements, and what Belize City was like at the height of the immigrant influx. Also included are lists of arrivals at the hotels and passenger lists from the ships; both were important in identifying prominent Confederates who sought refuge in British Honduras.

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Confederate Settlements in British Honduras is a concise but detailed history of the former Confederates who went into exile to British Honduras (today Belize) after the War Between the States. It's easy reading, highly interesting, and provides illustrations throughout the book. The book discusses in depth the conditions in Belize and the South before, during, after the War, explaining the circumstances of the Southern immigration or exile. Many prominent Southerners immigrants are named. It also talks about the trials and difficulties of the exiles in their new country, including the different climate that had such a major impact on their agriculture pursuits, and the clash of cultures. The book also provides information up to the present time regarding the descendants of those Confederates who chose to stay in Belize and tough it out.

"Confederate Resettlements in British Honduras," is a well written, thoroughly researched, most interesting study of the Confederates that moved to British Honduras or what is now called Belize. The climate and farming conditions were major hindrances to the their settlement success. Because of this and several other factors, many of the Southerners either returned to the South of moved to another Latin American country. I recommend the book.

An excellent resource for historical research and genealogy.

Very informative.

Very good. Much information that helped with a research project I am working on. Presents information not well known but for the Civil War history scholar. Lots of history and genealogy.

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