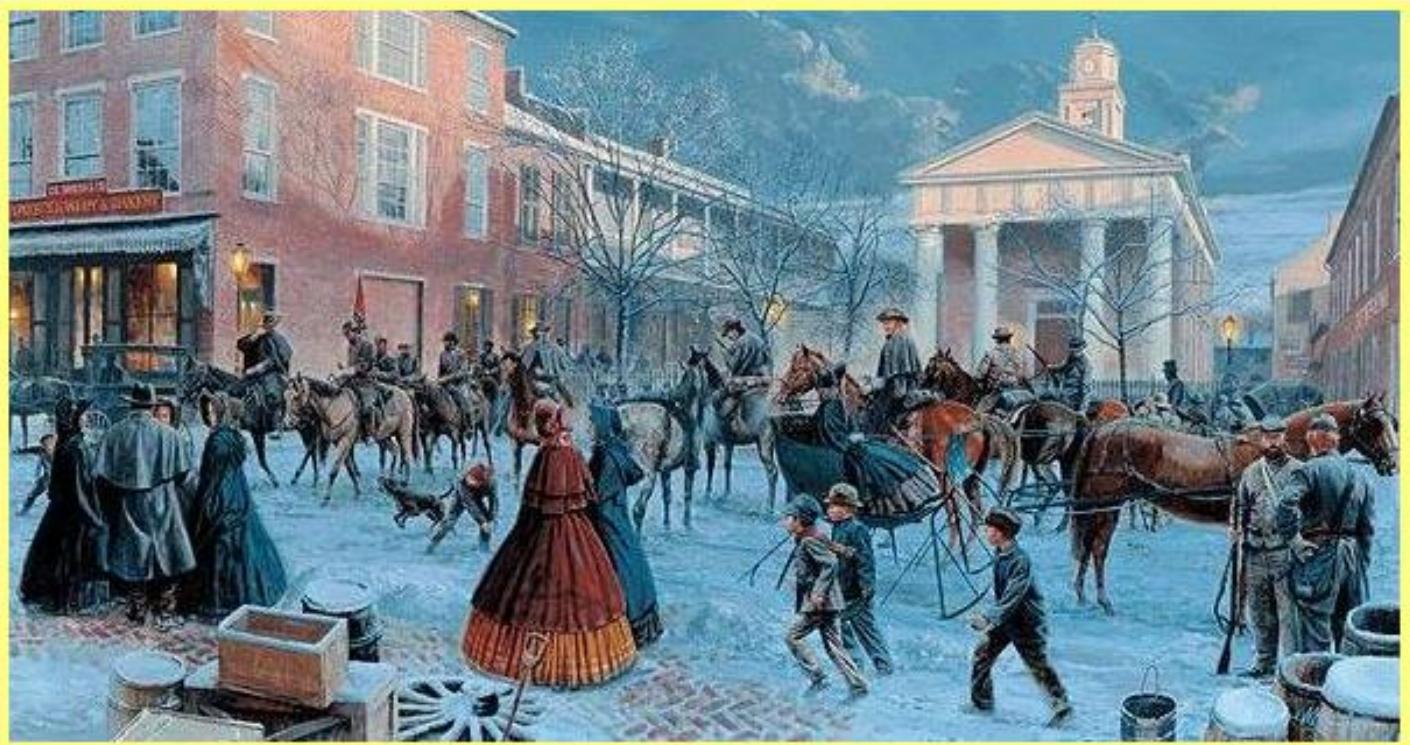


Children of the Wind

Lost Children of the Confederacy

My growing up years was spent primarily as a vagabond in a land and culture foreign to myself! Early on I was never told of my Southern ancestry or that my forefathers had died fighting for the security and independence of the Confederacy. Therefore I was not raised or trained to know and understand that I was an heir of the most Christian, honorable and noble civilization ever to exist in 2,000 years of human history. Still something burned deep within me, which caused me to know instinctively that I was out of place, a stranger in a foreign land. My heart was drawn to those things Confederate and Southern, even to the point of searching for the forbidden literature, while visiting the public library. I seemed to know without being told, those soldiers, their ladies and the children of the Confederacy, were my people. Thus I dedicate this short story to their memory; it is titled the ‘Children of the Wind – Lost Children of the Confederacy’!



The vile hatred of all things Confederate and Southern as expressed by the aggressive invasion, conquest, occupation and bitter reconstruction of the Confederate States of America by the Yankees fell heaviest on the innocent children. Our nation, cities and homes were burned; our women raped and murdered, the barbarians who came down upon us like a plague of locust desecrated

even our houses of worship. These invaders murdered, robbed and destroyed indiscriminately. In the process a large number of our Confederate Children having survived their atrocities simply vanished, many were believed kidnapped and transported north by the Yankees to be brain washed into their evil ways. These children would have their true identities taken from them, their rightful heritage lost; as a result they disappeared from history forever. Like the winds that often blow across the land, the ravages of an illegal and unconstitutional aggressive war, the lost children of the Confederacy carried these innocent children away.

Make no mistake ‘those people’ committed crimes which today would bring charges of crimes against humanity and war crimes, waging an aggressive war of conquest, and mass murder. In effect their war was never legitimate but rather constituted criminal action not unlike that of Joseph Stalin or Adolph Hitler! Those Yankees who participated were acting in opposition to every principle upon which their own nation was founded, in violation of international law as well as their own constitution to which they had foresworn. They were neither heroes nor patriots but criminals of the most repugnant kind! Many today might reply in their defense, they were simply carrying out the orders of their president, but such an excuse did not prove to be justifiable at the Nuremberg trials after the Second World War nor would they do so in any other just court of law. The colonies had exercised their unalienable rights in seceding from Great Britain, so likewise did the Southern States in seceding from the United States. Never the less the greater atrocities were those committed against the Children of the Confederacy!

This explanatory prelude is furnished in order to set the stage in your mind as to the conditions, which existed during and after that horrible war. It is extremely easy after so many generations for the Yankee victors and their apologists, to claim these atrocities never occurred. Since them and their cohorts, the liberals of the public educational system, Hollywood and the mass media wrote the history we study, and in this case history has been revised in order to fit their politically correct liberal rendition of events. Still nothing upon this earth can wash away the stain brought about by the evil, blood thirsty and extreme hatred that permeated the ranks of the Yankee invaders. While it is true the actual terminology such as war crimes and crimes against humanity did not exist at that time. None-the-less this will never cleanse them of the guilt of crimes so hideous that I dare not discuss them here, save to quote the following: *“That the Southern People literally were put to the torture is vaguely understood, but even the historians have shrunk from the unhappy task of showing us the torture chambers.”* --- Claude G. Bowers