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The War for Southern Independence aka Civil War ended for the state of Georgia on April 26, 1865 at Durham Station North Carolina where Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrendered the CSA Army of Tennessee to Union General William T. Sherman. Previously on April 9 at Appomattox Virginia CSA General Robert E. Lee had surrendered the CSA Army of Northern Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant. The remaining CSA Army of Trans-Mississippi under the command of CSA Generals Edmund Kirby Smith and Richard Taylor surrendered on May 26. The last Confederate surrender of infantry and cavalry took place June 23 in Indian Territory by CSA General Stand Watie, a Native American Indian, and the 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles. The final CSA surrender was on November 6, 1865 by Captain James Waddell of the Confederate Navy Ship CSS Shenandoah at Liverpool England.

The Private Confederate Soldiers were earnest and honest patriots in their convictions, who knew they were right to defend their own, their native land, its soil, its altars, its homes and firesides and its honor from a ruthless invader. They were not rebels or traitors in obeying their State sovereignty. They knew it was lawful to take up arms under their mandates, authorized by the Federal Constitution, to repel invasion.

Most of these men had no stately mansions; no slaves to plow and plant their fields; no stocks or investments in interest bearing funds. They were poor but proudly patriotic and indomitably brave. They faithfully followed leaders whom they trusted and honored. They fought with

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devout confidence and courage, which was unconquerable save by starvation, blockade, overwhelming numbers and death. Of these men of the ranks their beloved leader, General Robert E. Lee, once said during their last winter on the lines: "The men of this war who will deserve the most honor and gratitude are not the men of rank, but the men of the ranks, the privates!"

Union victory changed the American Republic to a Socialist Democracy. LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS WAS A LIE " As famous editor H.L. Menken wrote about the Gettysburg Address in "Smart Set" in 1920: "It is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense. Think of the argument in it. Put it into the cold words of everyday. The doctrine is simply this: that the Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives to the cause of self-determination "that government of the people, by the people, for the people," should not perish from the earth. It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in that battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves. What was the practical effect of the battle of Gettysburg? What else than the destruction of the old sovereignty of the States, i.e., of the people of the States? **The Confederates went into battle free; they came out with their freedom subject to the supervision and veto of the rest of the country and for nearly twenty years that veto was so effective that they enjoyed scarcely more liberty, in the political sense, than so many convicts in the penitentiary.'....Finally, the final outcome of the Civil War did not usher in "a new birth of**

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freedom." It did quite the opposite. It consolidated federal power, neutered the 9th and 10th Amendments and gave birth to the fascist system and the imperial presidency under which we now suffer."

Misuse of government power, particularly in times of stress, has brought suffering to humanity in all ages about which we have authentic history. Men endowed with unlimited government power are dangerous. Lincoln's unconstitutional war for New England economic control of the Southern states caused the deaths of about 750,000 Americans and crippled or disabled over a million more and killed 1-1/2 million horses and mules.

The famous English author Charles Dickens summed up the reason for the invasion of the Southern states in 1861. **"The Northern onslaught upon Southern slavery is no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern States"..**

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