

## Clark's Regimental Histories <sup>[1]</sup>

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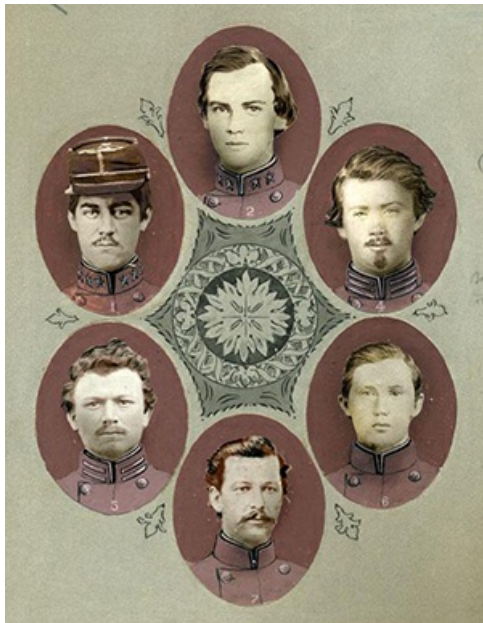
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Lithograph print of Walter Clark. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History.

<sup>[3]</sup>"Clark's Regimental Histories" is the popular title for the five-volume *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War, 1861-1865*, edited by [Walter Clark](#) <sup>[4]</sup> and published by the state in 1901.

In October 1894 the North Carolina Confederate Veterans Association in [Raleigh](#) <sup>[5]</sup> resolved that a history of each



Proof sheet from Clark's Regimental Histories of officers of the 70th N.C. Regiment. Image from the North Carolina

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<sup>[6]</sup>er state organization that served with the Confederate army should be prepared by a member of that unit and printed at state expense. Although this was nearly 30 years after the war ended, men from all but five regiments were found to carry out this assignment. Those not included were the Senior Reserves, who were over age 45 at the time they served, as by 1894 few of them survived.

The [General Assembly](#) <sup>[7]</sup> of 1899 provided [funds for publication](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, but those who prepared the regimental histories did so without compensation. As [histories](#) <sup>[9]</sup> were submitted to the editor and his advisers, they were reviewed and then submitted for publication in [newspapers](#) <sup>[10]</sup> in the community from which the unit originated. This gave [veterans](#) <sup>[11]</sup> of the unit an opportunity to recommend revisions. Among the newspapers that cooperated in this undertaking were the [Raleigh News and Observer](#) <sup>[12]</sup>, [Raleigh Morning Post](#), [Wilmington Messenger](#), [Wilmington Star](#) <sup>[13]</sup>, [Charlotte Observer](#) <sup>[14]</sup>, [Fayetteville Observer](#) <sup>[15]</sup>, [New Bern Journal](#), [Asheville Citizen](#) <sup>[16]</sup>, and [Waynesville Courier](#).

The work is illustrated with wartime pictures, selected by the authors of the regimental histories, of a large number of the

men. A few [maps](#) [17] also were prepared especially for the work. The final volume contains accounts of numerous [battles](#) [18], many written by the officers in command. There are contributions on various military academies and on the role of the [University of North Carolina](#) [19] in the war, the [Home Guard](#) [20], the [first soldier from the state to die](#), the [last battle and the last surrender](#) [21], and other topics. There are indexes to the Appomattox parole list, to illustrations, and to the complete work.

### Additional Resources:

"An act to authorize the publication of the sketches of North Carolina regiments." *Public laws and resolutions of the State of North Carolina passed by the General Assembly at its session of 1899*. Raleigh, N.C.: Edwards & Broughton, and E. M. Uzzell. 1899. p. 124. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/public-laws-and-resolutions-of-the-state-of-north-carolina-passed-by-the-general-assembly-at-its-session-of-...1899/4115703?item=4118936> [8] (accessed October 31, 2012).

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