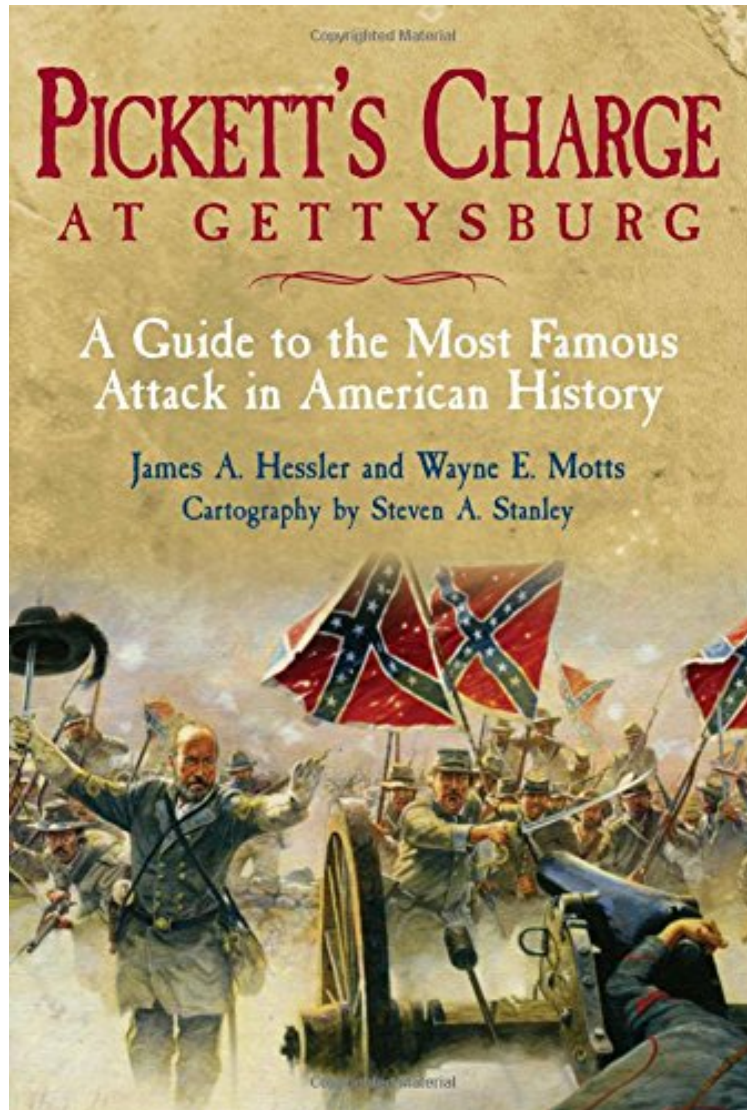


## Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg: A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History

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book does not disappoint. It is a thorough history of one of the most famous charges in American History. It definitely raises the bar on future publications. While many well written resources and accounts use the written word, this book is lavishly illustrated along with topographical maps are superb. Written in a style that will allow any reader to visit the field with book in hand and tour the field in a logical and concise manner. Whether a beginner or an expert, you can take your tour at your pace and utilize the book as a personal guide while studying this portion of the field. Personal vignettes of both regimental and individual experiences bring the battle to life 152 years later. I definitely recommend this book for your library if you don't already have it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very factual. By James A Jackson. Very factual, but not easy to read. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Pickett's Charge. By Chuck. This is a must book for anyone who has an interest about Gettysburg. I enjoyed the book and plan to walk each path that the troops took 152 years ago. I ordered 3 books and plan to use one in the "fields" at Gettysburg. I have walked the path of Pickett's charge before (from the VA side) and from the TN side. Maps are great. Thanks for a great book.

More than 150 years after the event, the grand attack against the Union position on Cemetery Ridge still emotionally resonates with Gettysburg enthusiasts like no other aspect of the battle. On the afternoon of July 3, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee ordered more than 12,000 Southern infantrymen to undertake what would become the most legendary charge in American military history. This attack, popularly but inaccurately known as "Pickett's Charge," is often considered the turning point of the Civil War's seminal battle of Gettysburg. Although much has been written about the battle itself and Pickett's Charge in particular, Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg is the first battlefield guide for this celebrated assault. After the war, one staff officer perceptively observed that the charge "has been more criticized, and is still less understood, than any other act of the Gettysburg drama." Unfortunately, what was true then remains true to this day. The authors of this book—two of Gettysburg's elite Licensed Battlefield Guides—have teamed up with one of the Civil War's leading cartographers to unravel the mysteries of this attack. Grounded in the premise that no better resource exists for understanding this unique event than the battlefield itself, Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg encourages its readers to explore this storied event from a wide variety of perspectives. For the first time, readers can march toward the Copse of Trees with Armistead's Virginians, advance from the Confederate left with Pettigrew's North Carolinians, or defend the Angle with Alonzo Cushing's gunners and thousands of Union soldiers. There is much here to enrich the experience, including dozens of full-color original maps, scores of battlefield and other historic photographs, a unique mix of rare human interest stories, discussions of leadership controversies, a full Order of Battle, and a rare collection of artifacts directly related to the charge. Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg is designed for readers to enjoy on or off the battlefield, and will give Civil War enthusiasts an entirely new appreciation for, and understanding of, Gettysburg's third day of battle.

"...extremely well done... designed as a tour guide to the area of the battlefield where the famous July 3 1863 Confederate assault on the center of the Union Line took place...the heart of any tour guide is maps, and that feature is served up in exemplary fashion here..far more than just maps. The two text authors are battlefield guides and the detail provided is immense.. strongly recommended" (Civil War News)"Students of the battle will love this thoughtful, balanced, and fascinating exploration of Pickett's Charge. The authors leave no aspect of this famous attack untouched, and their insightful analysis and vast knowledge of the subject make this a book not to be missed by anyone with an interest in Gettysburg." (D. Scott Hartwig, former Chief Historian for Gettysburg National Military Park, and the author of To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of September 1862)"This exciting new tour guide delivers far more than a standard walking tour of the advance of Pickett's Virginia infantry on the final day of the Battle of Gettysburg. The 'other half' of the assaulting force? Pettigrew's and Trimble's North Carolinians, Alabamians, Tennesseans, Mississippians, and a few more Virginians? get full coverage. Those interested in the pre-assault artillery bombardment will be delighted by the extensive attention given to that element of the fight. And, finally, General Winfield Scott Hancock's Union defenders finally receive the detailed examination they always have deserved. Wayne Motts, James Hessler, and Steven Stanley have done a masterful job!" (Carol Reardon, Penn State University, author of A Field Guide to Gettysburg)"The most famous infantry charge in American history finally has an excellent tour guide. Written by a pair of experienced historians and battlefield guides, and designed and mapped by one of the war's leading cartographers, it has everything a Civil War buff or visitor would want in walking in the footsteps of soldiers on both sides of that afternoon on July 3, 1863." (Jeffrey D. Wert, author of Gettysburg, Day Three) About the Author James A. Hessler works in the financial services industry and is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. He has taught Sickles and Gettysburg-related courses for Harrisburg Area Community College and the Gettysburg Foundation. In addition to writing articles for publication, Hessler speaks regularly at Civil War Round Tables.