



GONE HOME

“GONE HOME” commemorates the 150-year anniversary of the Civil War by honoring the Confederate war dead. I document these graves to preserve the determination, wit, and vigor of the South, a culture, which fought for a lost cause.

The War Between the States is the most catastrophic war in US history. More than 3 million Americans fought each other from 1861 to 1865 on American soil and sustained over a million casualties, killed or wounded. The total number of Civil War killed in action battle deaths (about 290,000) is estimated to be nearly the same number as those of Americans killed in World War II which had over 16 million troops worldwide.

However, the real tragedy lies with the Confederacy. Although the North and the South lost almost the same number of troops, the Union army outnumbered the Confederacy two to one. The North lost one out of every ten troops while the South lost one out of every four.

I photograph graves within four categories of cemeteries: battlefield, private, municipal, and CSA (set aside for the veterans of the Confederate States of America). The geographic regions include the eleven states, which officially made up the Confederate States of America: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee.