Groundbreaking New Book Chronicles the Revolutionary War in South Carolina

Charleston, SC: From noted Revolutionary War historian Michael C. Scoggins comes The Day it Rained Militia: Huck’s Defeat and the Revolution in the South Carolina Backcountry, May–July 1780. Through six years of exhaustive research, Scoggins has amassed a wealth of information—including a cache of previously unpublished firsthand accounts—that sheds light on the important and little-known role that South Carolina played in America’s war for independence.

Scoggins tells a story that begins with the capture of an entire American army at Charleston in May and ends with a resounding series of Patriot victories in the Carolina Piedmont during the late summer of 1780—victories that set Lord Cornwallis and the British Army irrevocably on the road to defeat and to surrender at Yorktown. Just in time for South Carolina’s celebration commemorating the 225th anniversary of important Revolutionary battles, The Day it Rained Militia presents the events as they unfolded and reveals a compelling, largely untold story that will appeal to historians and general readers alike.

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