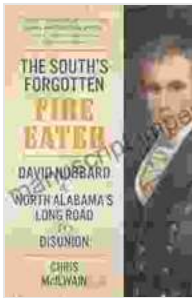


# David Hubbard and North Alabama: A Long Road to Disunion

David Hubbard, a prominent abolitionist and Unionist, played a pivotal role in the secession of Alabama from the Union. His life and work provide a fascinating window into the complex historical events leading up to the American Civil War.



## The South's Forgotten Fire-Eater: David Hubbard and North Alabama's Long Road to Disunion by Chris McIlwain

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## Early Life and Education

David Hubbard was born on June 19, 1806, in Goochland County, Virginia. His father, Thomas Hubbard, was a wealthy planter and slaveholder. Hubbard's early education was provided by private tutors and at local schools. He later attended the University of North Carolina, where he studied law.

As a young man, Hubbard was exposed to the horrors of slavery firsthand. He witnessed the brutality inflicted upon slaves on his father's plantation and became increasingly troubled by the institution. His growing abolitionist sentiments led him to break with his family and move to Ohio in 1827.

## **Abolitionist Activities**

In Ohio, Hubbard became actively involved in the abolitionist movement. He joined the American Anti-Slavery Society and worked tirelessly to promote the cause of emancipation. He wrote numerous articles and pamphlets condemning slavery, and he gave speeches throughout the country, denouncing the evils of the institution.

Hubbard's abolitionist activities brought him into contact with other leading figures in the movement, including William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglass. He also established close ties with the Underground Railroad, helping slaves escape to freedom in the North.

## **Move to Alabama**

In 1841, Hubbard moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where he continued his abolitionist work. He established a newspaper, *The True Democrat*, which became a vocal advocate for the end of slavery. Hubbard also helped to organize the Alabama Anti-Slavery Society and worked to build support for the abolitionist cause throughout the state.

Hubbard's activities in Alabama were met with strong opposition from pro-slavery forces. He was threatened with violence and faced numerous legal challenges. Despite these obstacles, he remained steadfast in his commitment to the abolitionist movement.

## **Secession and the Civil War**

As tensions between the North and South escalated in the 1850s, Hubbard became increasingly outspoken in his opposition to slavery and secession. He spoke out against the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which allowed for the expansion of slavery into new territories, and he condemned the Dred Scott decision, which ruled that slaves were not citizens and could not sue in federal court.

When Alabama seceded from the Union in 1861, Hubbard remained loyal to the United States. He was elected to the Alabama Senate, where he fought to keep Alabama in the Union. However, his efforts were unsuccessful, and Alabama joined the Confederate States of America.

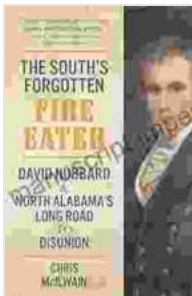
During the Civil War, Hubbard served as a chaplain in the Union Army. He witnessed the horrors of war firsthand and continued to advocate for the end of slavery. After the war, he returned to Alabama and worked to promote reconciliation and rebuild the state.

## **Legacy**

David Hubbard was a courageous and principled man who dedicated his life to the fight against slavery and for the preservation of the Union. His work played a significant role in shaping the course of American history.

Hubbard's legacy continues to inspire people today. His life and work remind us of the importance of standing up for what we believe in, even when it is unpopular. He is a role model for all who seek to make a positive difference in the world.

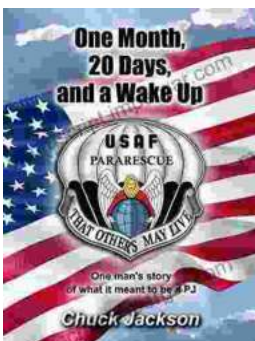
To learn more about David Hubbard and his role in the American Civil War, I highly recommend reading the book "David Hubbard and North Alabama: A Long Road to Disunion" by historian William Warren Rogers. This well-researched and engaging book provides a comprehensive account of Hubbard's life and work, and it sheds light on the complex social, political, and economic factors that led to the secession of Alabama from the Union.



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