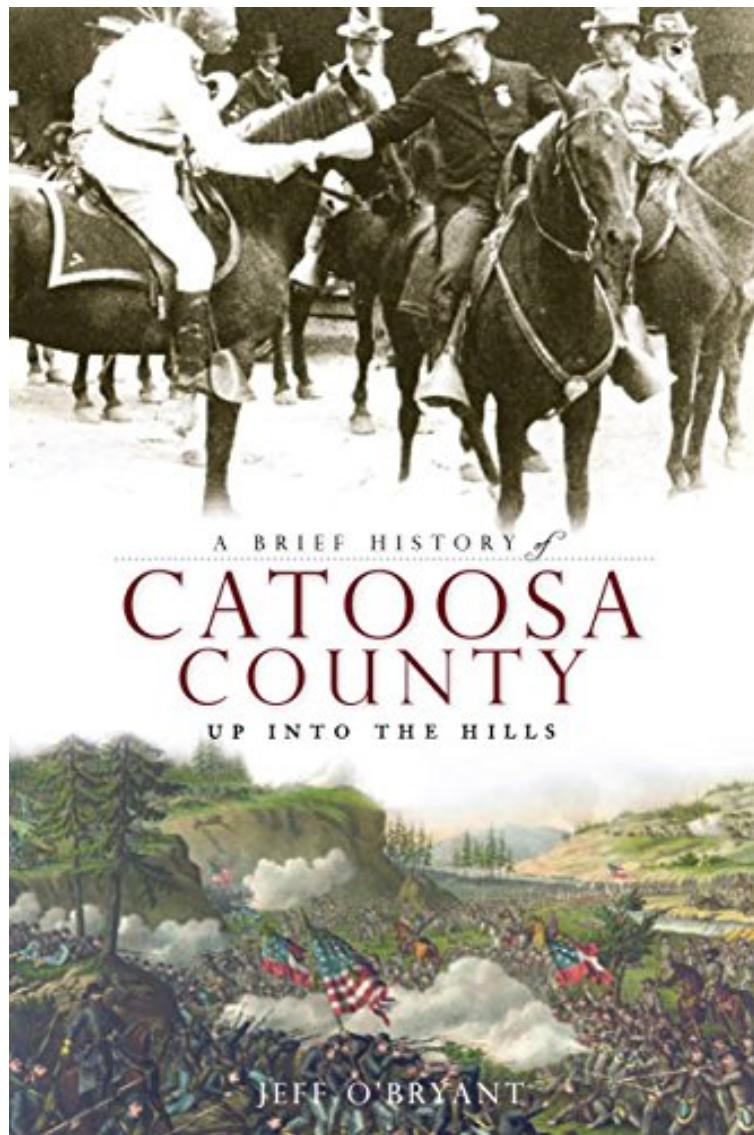


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Catoosa County's rich history touches upon many of the defining events and social changes of America's past. As settlers expanded westward, Georgia forcibly removed Native Americans from the boundaries of what would eventually form Catoosa, a Cherokee name that the settlers adopted as their own. As the site of the second most costly battle in the Civil War, Chickamauga set the stage for much that followed in Catoosa's history, from the end of a three-thousand-year-old mode of warfare to the beginnings of women's service in the military. Though nearly one million people visit Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park each year seeking to understand and connect to the Civil War struggle, many remain unaware of the larger part Catoosa played in the unfolding drama of America. Join local historian Jeff O'Bryant as he brings this valuable heritage to light.

About the AuthorJeff Bryant has been a political columnist and staff writer for the Catoosa County News since 2003. He has also written the brief history chapter of the county's "heritage" festival self-published book. He has a BA in history and a BA in education, both from The University of West Georgia, and has spent many years as a teacher and Andersonville (GA) National Historic Site seasonal park ranger, responsible for interpreting events and exhibits for visitors.