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The 80th year Anniversary of the Nat Turner Rebellion

“My people and I are not animals, but will fight like some.”
- Nat Turner

THE WHOLE NAT TURNER STORY REVEALED

THE ORIGINAL NAT TURNER REBELLION

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ESCAPE THE SOUTH AND WAR

After the rebellion went sour, Nat Turner went into hiding. He travelled from cave to cave, eluding his captors in hopes to make it to the North. It is unknown exactly when Nat...

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WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Nat Turner's revolt changed the history of The United States, his forces in the confederate states split military attention which allowed the union to infiltrate and defeat the confederacy.

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Martin Van Buren



Nat Turner



Slaver Rebellion of August 1831

Martin Van Buren and Nat Turner joined forces to save the union, but what really happened?



Horrid Massacre in Virginia Primary Source Doc



Slave revolts

WHO IS NAT TURNER

Nat Turner was a man born into slavery under his master Samuel Turner. There is not much known about his father, it is believed that he escaped when Nat was younger. Nat was taught to read and write when he was younger which was illegal at the time. Nat Turner was always said to be quick witted, and very religious. Most of Nat's time in his youthful days was spent in prayer if not in service of his master.

As he got older, his fellow slaves saw that he was special which allowed him to gather a following of people whom were loyal to him.

THE CALLING

Nat believed that he was called by God to fulfill a task in which he was called out to do. Nat was astonished that he out of all people were called to do such an amazing task.

His beliefs grew stronger once he escaped slavery and God came to him and told him that he must return to the services

of his earthly master. Nat indeed returned and focused on himself and his religion.

Nat Turner saw an eclipse happen, and concluded that this was a sign from God saying that blacks shall rise and take back their freedom.

THE REVOLT

The revolt lasted for about 2 days before it was diluted by the militia. Nat Turner fled into the woods and hid out for many months. In the Nat Turner's [letter to Martin Van Buren](#), Nat Turner states that he fled to the north after all.

While all this was happening whites became very violent towards black people free and enslaved. Hundreds of black men and women were killed in retaliation to the revolt. Those who associated with Nat Turner, were sent to trial, then hanged.

Slaves would revolt against their masters, however the Nat Turner Revolt was the most brutal killing 55 white men, women, and children.

Headed North

Nat Turner was a man wanted for many months. There was a [newspaper article](#) stating that there were slaves missing from their homes. Many of those slaves whom escaped joined Nat Turner and his Journey to the North.

It is unknown how long it took Nat and his followers to make it to the North, however once there Nat Turner starting living amongst the people never interacting with them too much. His life revolved around his religion and making his plans to return south.

The Second Coming

Nat had developed a following. Nat had hundreds of free and recently enslaved black men on his side. Nat Turner ventured back into virginia and started his attack September 22, 1836.

Those whom followed Nat Turner called this the 'Second Coming.' Nat would attack during nightfall, leave, and keep moving south. The warriors of the 'Second Coming' never stayed at the same place for more than a few hours. For every plantation raided, new warriors would join.

Eventually Nat Turner made it to South Carolina and developed his own militia. While in South Carolina, Nat divided his forces up, each having multiple blacks who could read so they could communicate with each other via letter. The supporters of the second coming who weren't fighting would give the letters to the warriors whom would follow the orders.

Nat headed North towards Virginia where he was raised with over one hundred men. Those who wanted to were able to go North to stay, whilst others stayed to fight.

The War Starts

The rebellion started much controversy throughout the nation. The people of the South were scared and most slave owners were angry that blacks would escape to the north and never get returned.

Martin Van Buren was the victor of the presidential election becoming the eighth president of the United States. Van Buren was against slavery which made more controversy among the southerners.

The union broke apart, and Van Buren declared war on the Confederacy starting the civil war. The civil war was going bad for the Union. Nat Turner's troops held no loyalties to either side of the war. Nat Turner believed that whites could not be trusted so didn't side with anyone. Nat Turner wrote a letter to Van Buren, and Van Buren responded with his [letter](#), convincing Nat Turner to fight for the Union.

With Nat helping the Union and vice versa, the tide of the war quickly turned. Nat's forces would perform what is now known as guerilla attacks on the confederate army, attacking them mostly in the darkness. Nat Turner and his people mostly carried knives and axes mainly because they were unable to get access to guns because they were so spread out. Most battles in the open went against them, however the forest made the difference in the war.



Conclusion

The United States stayed together after the confederacy lost the war. All blacks became free men and women. Nat Turner was no longer most wanted and was honored among the Union as a war hero.

THE SAVIOR

Nat Turner and Martin Van Buren were having a meeting at a diner in Washington. An assassin Joe Wiles Boot came into the diner and pointed a gun at Van Buren. Nat Turner immediately stepped in front of Van Buren and was shot in the chest two times. Nat Turner died three days later.

Those whom followed Nat Turner mercilessly hunted the killer down, but he was never found. Martin Van Buren spoke at Nat Turner's funeral calling him a great man and an excellent leader.

"He was a greater leader than anyone could possible imagine."

Present Day America

Nat Turner and Martin Van Buren created a free America for all races. Nat Turner created a certain respect and hatred for black people. Racial violence was very harsh in the south, however in the North things were very great. The United states was nearly segregated by borders until the 1900's.

In America now, 69% of all black people live in the Northern states because their ancestry tracked them here. Nat Turner is not known to have has any kin. Martin Van Buren had 3 children whom all had children. The Van Buren family never lived on to make anymore presidents.



Nat Turner as a Major General.

Nat Turner in his last picture in his Major General Uniform.

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