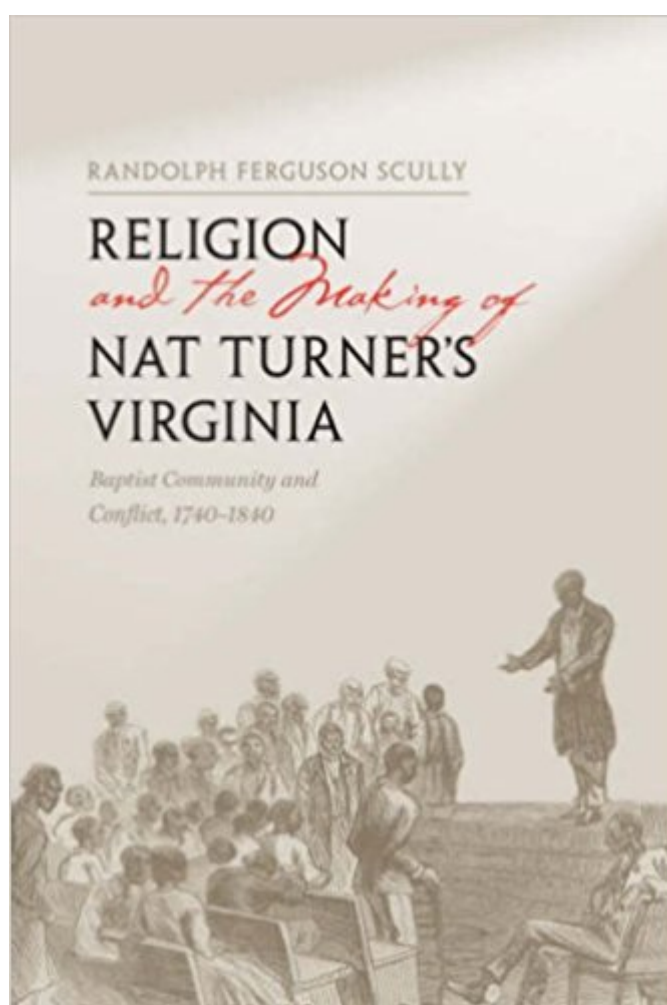


The book was found

# Religion And The Making Of Nat Turner's Virginia: Baptist Community And Conflict, 1740-1840 (The American South Series)



## Synopsis

Religion and the Making of Nat Turner's Virginia provides a new interpretation of the rise of evangelical Christianity in the early American South by reconstructing the complex, biracial history of the Baptist movement in southeastern Virginia. This region and its religious history became a subject of intense national scrutiny in the wake of the 1831 revolt led by the enslaved preacher and prophet Nat Turner. But by the time Turner led his fellow slaves on their deadly march across the fields and swamps of Southampton County, Virginia's religious landscape had already been shaped by more than eighty years of conflict about the implications of evangelical faith for the evolving cluster of interrelated ideas about race, slavery, household, family, and patriarchy that constituted the state's social order. For both black and white Virginians, evangelical discourses of authority, community, and meaning provided the material for a wide variety of interpretations of Christianity's social and spiritual message during the Revolutionary and early national eras. Even as some white church leaders sought to institutionalize a white, paternalist vision of evangelicalism's meanings, rapidly increasing black participation in Baptist congregations in the early nineteenth century provided fertile ground for new, alternative interpretations of Baptist concepts and practices. The Turner rebellion brought these diverse subterranean currents of dissent to the surface in ways that upset the delicate balance between white institutional authority and black spiritual independence that had evolved in the previous decades. Reaction to the uprising intensified the trend toward separation and segregation of black and white religion in the antebellum period and had powerful, lasting effects on race relations and religious culture in America.

## Book Information

Series: The American South Series

Hardcover: 320 pages

Publisher: University of Virginia Press (August 12, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0813927382

ISBN-13: 978-0813927381

Product Dimensions: 6.3 x 1.1 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #931,377 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #230 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Protestantism > Baptist #2179 in Books > History

> Americas > United States > Revolution & Founding #2774 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Humanities  
> Religious Studies > Christianity

## Customer Reviews

This is an original, carefully argued, clearly written book that revises our understanding both of the evolution of the Baptist religion and its adherents, black and white, and the religious context of Virginia in 1831 in which the Nat Turner insurrection occurred and was interpreted. It is a significant contribution to our knowledge of religion, society, and slavery in early Virginia, and should be added to the short shelf that includes Rhys Isaac and Jan Lewis as essential for understanding the religious nature of antebellum Virginia society. (John B. BolesRice University, author of The Great Revival: Beginning of the Bible Belt)"Religious violence is an inescapable presence in our own world, but as Randolph Scully reminds us, Nat Turner saw himself as the avenging angel of his time. Religion and the Making of Nat Turner's Virginia reaffirms the centrality of religion in Turner's revolt and signals an important advance in understanding the spiritual milieu from which this most enigmatic of American slave rebels sprang. (Jon SensbachUniversity of Florida, author of Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World)

Randolph Ferguson Scully is Assistant Professor of History at George Mason University.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Religion and the Making of Nat Turner's Virginia: Baptist Community and Conflict, 1740-1840 (The American South Series) Soap Making: 365 Days of Soap Making: 365 Soap Making Recipes for 365 Days (Soap Making, Soap Making Books, Soap Making for Beginners, Soap Making Guide, ... Making, Soap Making Supplies, Crafting) Soap Making: 365 Days of Soap Making (Soap Making, Soap Making Books, Soap Making for Beginners, Soap Making Guide, Soap Making Recipes, Soap Making Supplies): Soap Making Recipes for 365 Days South Beach Diet: South Beach Diet Recipe Book: 50 Delicious & Easy South Beach Diet Recipes (south beach diet, south beach diet recipes, south beach diet beginners guide, south beach diet cookbook) The Confessions of Nat Turner: and Related Documents (Bedford Series in History & Culture) Nat Turner The Fires of Jubilee: Nat Turner's Fierce Rebellion The Confessions of Nat Turner: The Leader of the Late Insurrections in Southampton, Va. . . The Confessions of Nat Turner: A Novel Democratic Religion: Freedom, Authority, and Church Discipline in the Baptist South, 1785-1900 (Religion in America) MATEWAN BEFORE THE MASSACRE: "POLITICS, COAL AND THE ROOTS OF CONFLICT IN A WEST VIRGINIA MINING COMMUNITY" (WEST VIRGINIA & APPALACHIA) Principles and Practices for

Baptist Churches: A Guide to the Administration of Baptist Churches The Baptist Way: Distinctives of a Baptist Church Baptist Questions, Baptist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith Conflict Resolution in the Workplace: How to Handle and Resolve Conflict at Work ~ an Essential Guide to Resolving Conflict in the Workplace ADC The Map People South Hampton Roads, Virginia: Street Atlas (South Hampton Roads, Virginia Street Map Book) The Blackwater Chronicle: A Narrative of an Expedition into the Land of Canaan in Randolph County, Virginia (West Virginia and Appalachia Series, 2) (WEST VIRGINIA & APPALACHIA) The Ultimate Soap Making Guide: Unique Soap Making Recipes & Complete Soap Making Guide for Beginners (Soap Making at Home, Soapmaking Guide, Soap Making Recipes, Soap Making Book) A History of US: Making Thirteen Colonies: 1600-1740 A History of US Book Two South Beach Diet: The South Beach Diet Beginners Guide to Losing Weight and Feeling Great! (south beach diet, south beach diet beginners guide, south beach diet recipes)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)