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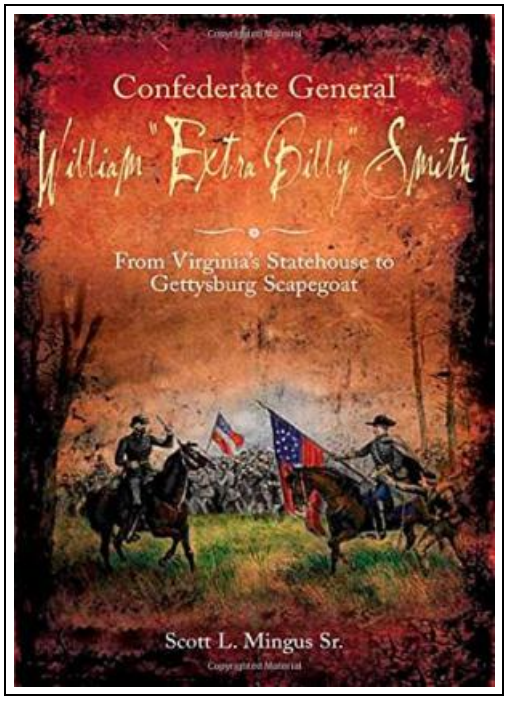

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Savas Beatie, United States, 2013. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. William Extra Billy Smith, the oldest and one of the most controversial Confederate generals on the field at Gettysburg, was also one of the most colourful and charismatic characters of the Civil War and the antebellum Old South. Despite a life full of drama, politics, and adventure, until now no full-length biography of this former general, governor, and attorney existed Known nationally as Extra Billy because of his prewar penchant for finding loopholes in government postal contracts to gain extra money for his stagecoach lines, Smith served as Virginia s governor during both the War with Mexico and the Civil War, served five terms in the U.S. Congress, and was one of Virginia s leading spokesmen for slavery and States Rights. Extra Billy s extra-long speeches and wry sense of humor were legendary among his peers. A lawyer during the heady Gold Rush days, Smith made a fortune in California and, like his income earned from stagecoaches, quickly lost it. Despite his advanced age Smith took the field and fought well at First Manassas, was wounded at Seven Pines and again at Sharpsburg, and marched with Lee s Army of Northern Virginia into Pennsylvania. There, on the first day at Gettysburg, Smith s frantic messages about a possible Union flanking attack remain a matter of controversy to this day. Did his aging eyes see distant fence-lines that he interpreted as approaching enemy soldiers-mere phantoms of his imagination?-or did his prompt action stave off a looming Confederate disaster? What we do know is that his calls for support diverted limited Confederate manpower away from attacks against Cemetery Hill and Culp s Hill that might have turned the tide of Southern fortunes. Mingus...

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