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Maj Nathaniel Ingraham Hasell Sr.

Birth

30 Oct 1841

Summerville, Dorchester County, South Carolina, USA

Death

31 Dec 1912 (aged 71)

Dothan, Houston County, Alabama, USA

Burial

[Magnolia Cemetery](#)

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A Hero Among Heroes.

The Passing of Major Nathaniel Ingraham Hasell.

Major N. Ingraham Hasell, a well known, universally esteemed Charlestonian, one of the bravest and best of Confederate soldiers, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Marion Hanahan, Dothan, Alabama yesterday morning. The passing of this hero and high-minded citizen, although not a surprise, for he had been ill for some months, has occasioned widespread regret in the community in which he had lived from childhood and to the best interests of which his useful and beneficent life was devoted. Of all those who wore the grey and illustrated Southern courage and daring in the crimson lists of battle there was not one whose record as a soldier surpasses that of the chivalrous and devoted Charlestonian, whose mortal remains will this afternoon be escorted by cherished and sorrowing comrades and lifelong friends into St. Michael's Church, at whose sacred shrine he had often knelt in praise and prayer, and afterwards be laid in the consecrated clay of Magnolia Cemetery. Major Hasell was a worthy scion of an honored line of ancestors, one of whom was a gallant officer under the renowned Paul Jones, on the "Bon Homme Richard"; Commodore Duncan N. Ingraham who won world wide fame by protecting Kosta from capture by the Austrian Government, was his uncle. Major Hasell was educated in this city and seven days after the secession of South Carolina he entered active military service as a member of the Carolina Light Infantry. From that day until the lamentable close of the struggle for Southern liberty Ingraham Hasell served the land he loved so well with unchilled fidelity and inflexible intrepidity, winning laurels on many famous battlefields and wearing them as modestly as they had been worthily won. Entering the service as a private, he rose by merit and manhood to be commander of a splendid company of Sharpshooters-picked men of McGowan's brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. These sharpshooters were noted for dash and during and in every campaign were in the front of the fight. Major Hasell was an intuitive soldier, loved by the men of his command and esteemed by his superior officers. The first commander of the battalion of sharpshooters of McGowan's brigade was the knightly [Captain William Thomson Haskell](#) who went grandly down to death in a charge at Gettysburg. He always spoke of Ingraham Hasell as "the boy hero." Major General W. D. Pendar, commanding the light division shortly before he fell fatally wounded in the town of Gerrysburg, raised his hat and gracefully saluted the sharpshooters. In the charge at Gettysburg Major Hasell was wounded but he remained with his company. He was in every battle in which the Army of Northern Virginia was engaged and his resolute bearing and enthusiasm proved an inspiration to others. On the march in camp, in bivouac and in battle he was a model soldier, undepressed amid fatigue and privation and undismayed when facing danger and death. After the close of the war Major Hasell was appointed a sergeant of police by Mayor Gaillard and he proved to be a fearless and an efficient officer. For some years he was a rice planter on the Cooper River. During

the reconstruction period he did faithful service and rendered valuable aid in the cause of good government. Mayor Smyth considered Major Hasell admirably qualified to hold the office of chief of police, and nominated him for the position but Governor Evans having established the metropolitan police force in Charleston, he did not serve. For twenty-eight years Major Hasell acceptably filled an important position in the Post office. The careful and courteous manner in which he discharged the duties of the office, gained for him the hearty commendation of the postmaster under whom he served and won the praise of those who purchased stamps. He was a devoted member of Camp Sumter, United Confederate Veterans, and an ex-commandant of that organization. His presence at the meetings was always welcomed, and his frank and friendly manner ever found favor with the comrades to whom he was devotedly attached, who knew him to have been on of the bravest of the brace, as gently in manner as he had been intrepid in the fiery front of battle; as firm in friendship as he was true in every other relation of life. Some time ago, in speaking to one of the closest of his comrades of the battlefield one who loved him as a brother and who had witnessed his bravery in many a fight about the death of their valued and valiant comrade. Dr. F. L. Frost, he mentioned the lamentable fact that but four of his old company, the Carolina Light Infantry, were living, B. F. Brown of Augusta, E. J. Martin of Atlanta; Horlbeck C. Palmer of Eutawville and himself. The history of the Carolina Light Infantry, 1st regiment of South Carolina Volunteers written by the captain of the color company (Irish Volunteers) of that regiment was published in The Sunday News last year, and it is a remarkable record, one of unsurpassed heroism, unexcelled devotion and sublime self-sacrifice. Major Hasell was an aide on the staff of Major General H. Teague, South Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, in Macon last year. Major Hasell is survived by a sister who has been ill for some time: two daughters and two sons, Mr. Ingraham Hasell and Mr. Samuel Mortimer Hasell.