

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Batt Humphreys spent 15 years at CBS News in New York, most as a senior producer. As a reporter, he covered hurricanes, executions and more murders than he cares to remember. When he left CBS in 2007, one of his colleagues wrote, "Quite frankly, there's no one other than Batt that you'd rather have in the control room when news breaks. He worked ridiculous hours, through the middle of the night, and somehow managed to be sharper and tougher and more quick-witted than those of us who were less sleep-deprived could ever be."

In 2007, Humphreys returned to his beloved South, but it wasn't long before the lure of the headline drew him to a century-old story.

