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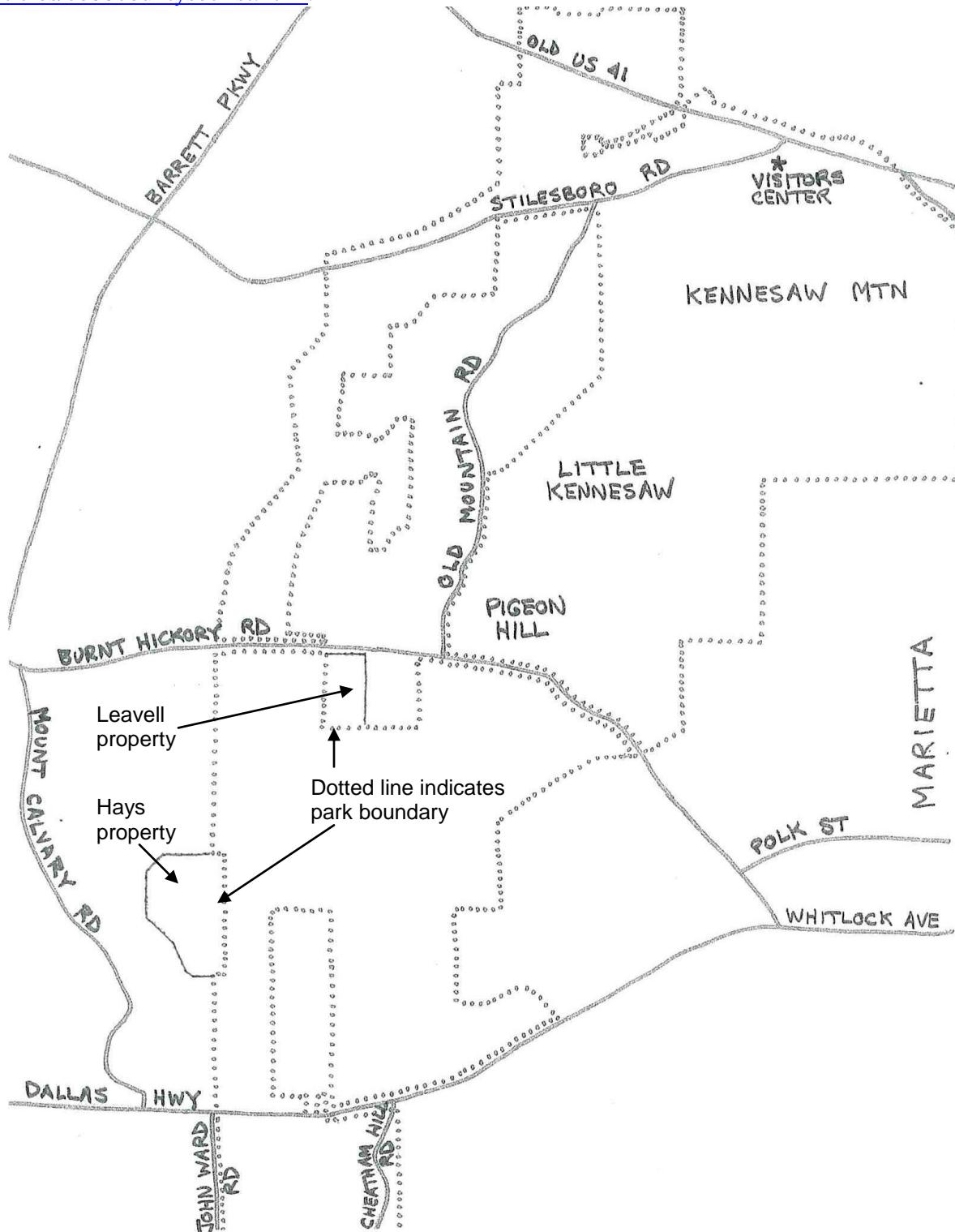
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GBA supports land acquisitions for Kennesaw Mountain Park

In 2011, at the request of the Trust for Public Land, GBA twice sent letters to Representative Gingrey and Senators Chambliss and Isakson supporting funding for the National Park service to acquire land adjacent to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP). Most recently, GBA agreed to endorse a letter to the Director of the National Park Service asking that the 16 acre Leavell property be a priority for funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 and the 42 acre Hays property be a priority for FY 2013.

The Leavell property, in a "donut hole" surrounded by park land, was the site of a 27 June 1864 attack by Lightburn's Federal brigade during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The Hays property, immediately adjacent to park land, was the site of 20 & 21 June 1864 fighting and includes Nodine's Hill, named for the Federal commander whose brigade assaulted the position. A good account by the late Dr. Phil Secrist is on the Civil War Trust web site at www.civilwar.org/battlefields/kennesawmountain/kennesaw-mountain-history-articles/cobbcountysechrist.html.



Annual GBA tour goes back to Savannah 9-12 March 2012

Although we'll be without Ed Bearss, we'll still visit Savannah sites not normally seen, as well as those usually visited. Note that this is a Friday evening through Monday morning tour rather than our usual Thursday to Sunday. Hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott in the historic district at 415 West Liberty Street (www.savannahcourtyard.com). The GBA group rate is \$169 plus tax and includes breakfast, but parking is additional, either valet at the hotel (\$12 per night) or in the nearby public parking garage (\$10 per night). You can make reservations at 912 373 1284 or through a special web site <http://cwp.marriott.com/savdt/gabattlefieldassn/>. The tour price remains \$395, but you must be a GBA member to participate. Your place is reserved when your check to GBA arrives at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

Our web site www.georgiabattlefields.org now has a link to more information about the tour.

150 years ago this month

1 January

President Lincoln hosts the traditional New Year's Day reception at the Executive Mansion. As customary, cabinet members, senators, representatives, and the public attend. Having attended pre-war receptions in his role as senator and secretary of war, Jefferson Davis holds a similar event at the Confederate president's mansion in Richmond.

While winter weather reduces field operations, skirmishing nevertheless continues throughout the month in the border states: Missouri, Kentucky, and Virginia. In western Virginia, Thomas Jackson conducts a campaign centering on Romney in early January.

11 January

100 ships carrying Ambrose Burnside, 15,000 troops, and their animals, equipment, and supplies leave Hampton Roads, arriving two days later at Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina. This second major expedition (following the Port Royal landing in November) is hampered by a lack of shallow draft vessels that would allow an advance on the inland waterways.

To the relief of President Lincoln, Secretary of War Simon Cameron resigns. Lincoln chooses Edwin M. Stanton to succeed Cameron, and Stanton is confirmed by the Senate on 15 January. The War Department will now operate much more effectively.

16 January

George Thomas leads 4,000 Federal troops towards an equal Confederate force at Beech Grove, Kentucky. The Battle of Mill Springs results on 19 January, with the Confederates retreating across the Cumberland River.

22 January

Federal gunboats shell Fort Henry on the Tennessee River, as U.S. Grant and the navy probe for routes of advance into Tennessee.

26 January

Beauregard is ordered west from Virginia to become A.S. Johnston's deputy in Kentucky. Frustrated by the inaction of Federal forces, President Lincoln orders a general advance to begin on 22 February (Washington's Birthday).

30 January

A large crowd gathers to watch the launch of *USS Monitor* at Greenpoint, Long Island.

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