

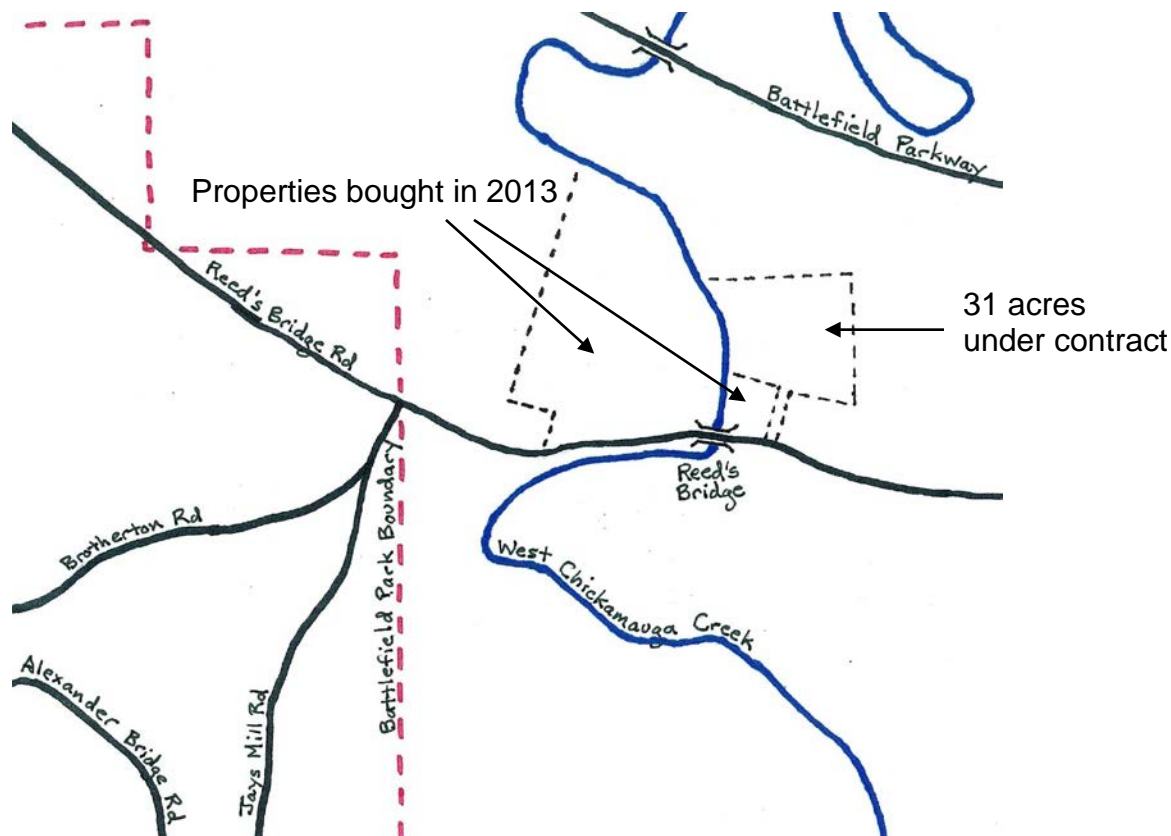
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More of Chickamauga battlefield saved

The Civil War Trust agreed to purchase almost 31 more acres at Reed's Bridge, the site of the opening of the Battle of Chickamauga in September 1863. This adds to 109 acres in two properties bought two years ago (July 2013 newsletter). As with the previous acquisition, Georgia Battlefields Association contributed, in this case \$5,000. If you can help, please send your checks to Georgia Battlefields Association at P.O. Box 589, Tate GA 30177-0589.



Georgia Fiscal Year 2016 budget and preservation

The State Fiscal Year 2016 (1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016) budget signed by Governor Nathan Deal on 11 May 2015 continues to reflect the state's lack of emphasis on historic preservation. The Georgia Civil War Commission again receives no state funding. Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails receives only \$10,000. In positive developments, \$25,000 will go to the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division to promote historic sites, and \$100,000 will go to Georgia Historical Society to produce and install historical markers. To review the budget documents, see <http://opb.georgia.gov>.

GBA presents to Round Table of the Ozarks

On 8 July, a GBA representative addressed the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks in Springfield, Missouri. At the Round Table program chair's request, the topic was Jefferson Davis's escape from Richmond and eventual capture in Georgia at the end of the Civil War.

GBA has a series of presentations, because educating people about what happened often helps increase support for preserving the sites where those events occurred. Among the presentations, each 45 to 60 minutes long, are eight that cover the Atlanta Campaign, two on the Andrews Raid, two that cover the war's effect on Georgia from 1860 to the end of 1863, one on the Fall 1864 campaign in northwest Georgia, one on the March to the Sea, one on Wilson's Raid, and the aforementioned presentation on Davis's flight. Taking advantage of vice president Mary-Elizabeth Ellard's professional expertise, she developed a special presentation on veterinary medicine during the war. Most frequently, we speak about battlefield preservation efforts in general and the preservation status of Georgia sites. You can inquire about scheduling a presentation by e-mailing info@georgiabattlefields.org.

Coordination with Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) has long had a good relationship with Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association (TCWPA). That relationship became more formal when TCWPA invited GBA to have a representative on the TCWPA Advisory Board, and GBA President Charlie Crawford attended the 29 June TCWPA Board meeting.



TCWPA executive director Mary Ann Peckham, GBA President Charlie Crawford, and TCWPA President Joe Smyth at the 29 June TCWPA board meeting in Nashville.

20th anniversary polo shirts still available

Polo shirts commemorating Georgia Battlefields Association's 20 years of preservation work are still available in green or maroon (shown in photo). Fabric is a micro-fiber that wicks away moisture. If you donate at least \$35 to GBA (not including membership dues), you're eligible to receive a shirt upon request. Specify size and color.



150 years ago this month – August 1865

On 2 August, *CSS Shenandoah* encounters a British ship in the north Pacific and learns that all Confederate armies have surrendered and that President Davis has been captured. Having captured 38 U.S. merchant and whaling ships since 30 October 1864, *Shenandoah* heads for England rather than risking piracy charges by surrendering in a U.S. port or to a U.S. warship. Captain Waddell has the Confederate naval ensign lowered, the guns stored below deck, and the hull painted to look like a merchant ship, not knowing how long the voyage to England might take or what other ships he might encounter.

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