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2016 tour with Ed Bearss

Dates: 10-13 March 2016.

Subject: Atlanta Campaign from Gilgal Church to the Smyrna Line, 15 June – 4 July 1864.

October newsletter has more info on itinerary. www.georgiabattlefields.org/newsletters.htm

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Moving and restoring *Texas*

The September 2015 newsletter addressed the relocation of the Atlanta Cyclorama and the locomotive *Texas*. In early December, shrubbery removal and earth moving began on the north side of the Cyclorama building in Atlanta's Grant Park so that *Texas* and its tender could be pulled from the building and moved by trucks to North Carolina for preservation. *Texas* was removed from the building on 21 December.



Left top: Underground north wall of building removed. Buried utility lines prevented clearing of a flat pathway. Consequently, *Texas* and its tender were pulled upslope for the last several yards before being lifted onto trucks.

Left bottom: Two days before removal, *Texas*, moved forward several yards from its display location, is visible in the former auditorium space. Note temporary rails.

Right top: Moving day. *Texas* clear of the building. Actual weight was 52,000 pounds, much more than anticipated.

Right bottom: Finally on the truck. Right photos by Mary-Elizabeth Ellard.



Atlanta Journal Constitution article about the event includes quotes from GBA Vice President Mary-Elizabeth Ellard and more photos:

www.ajc.com/news/news/famed-civil-war-engine-the-texas-on-the-move-again/nppp4/

CNN also covered the story:

www.cnn.com/2015/12/21/us/civil-war-locomotive-texas-atlanta-cyclorama/index.html

To see photos of *Texas* arriving at the repair facility in Spencer, North Carolina:

<http://salisburypost.mycapture.com/mycapture/folder.asp?event=2005970&CategoryID=7199&ListSubAlbums=0>

The Atlanta History Center press release about movement and restoration of the locomotive is at

www.atlantahistorycenter.com/atlanta-history-center-prepares-move-159-year-old-texas-locomotive-north-carolina-restoration.

The new building for the Cyclorama at Atlanta History Center will be connected to the current museum building by a long hallway where *Texas* will be displayed after restoration. The north side of the hallway will be glass and illuminated so that *Texas* will be visible from West Paces Ferry Road, day and night. See the Atlanta History Center's web site for drawings of the intended display. www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/coming-soon-atlanta-cyclorama

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Then and now

On the left is a well-known photo of part of the Resaca battlefield, taken by George Barnard in September 1864. The town of Resaca is in the left distance, as is the rebuilt railroad bridge over the Oostanaula River. The view looks south and shows the remains of Confederate earthworks dug early in the year. The current interchange of I-75 with S.R. 136 would be just off the right edge of the photo. On the right is a recent view taken from the same spot, which is now at the south end of a cemetery. Trees now obscure the view, even when the foliage is minimal.



The 505 acre state park on the west side of I-75 (off both photos to the right) should open soon. We'll let you know when we have specifics.

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