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Civil War Trust conference in Gettysburg

GBA was represented again at the annual Civil War Trust conference, held this year in Gettysburg from 1 through 5 June.



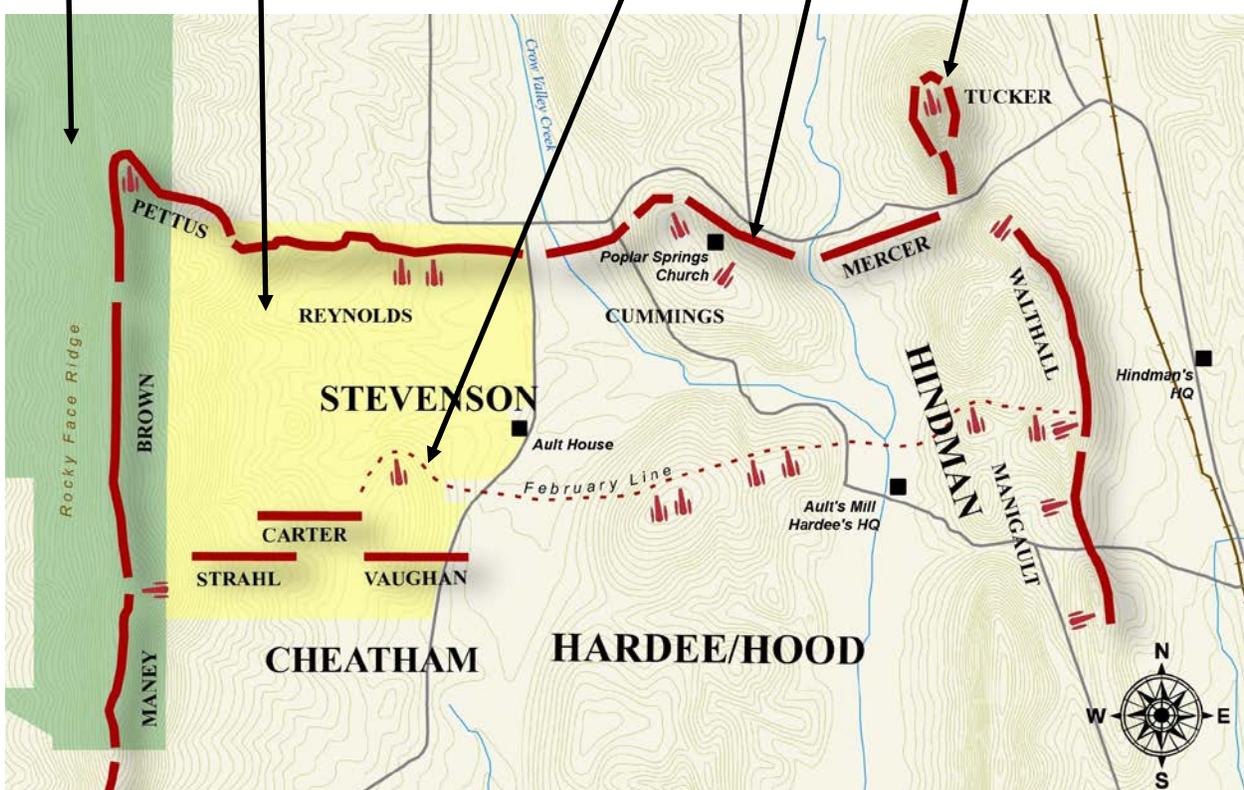
Left: GBA members Bill & Mary Porter, Joe & Cheryl Trahan, Cindy Wentworth, Pat Marx, and Charlie Crawford. Center: Mary Abroe, Charlie Crawford, Vince Dooley. Dr. Abroe and Coach Dooley are Civil War Trust Board members; Charlie and Coach are GBA members. Right: Charlie Crawford holding Quantrill's revolver at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. Left and center photos by Bruce Guthrie. www.bguthriephotos.com Right photo by Buddy Secor.

308 acres saved north of Dalton

At a board meeting in conjunction with its annual conference, the Civil War Trust announced the purchase of 308 acres north of Dalton. This property adjoins 625 acres along the crest of Rocky Face Ridge, saved in part by the Trust in 2001, and it extends into Crow Valley to the east. The site contains remnants of the Confederate lines of both February and May 1864. It was the subject of our "Scouting preservation opportunities" article in the February 2016 newsletter.

Georgia Battlefields Association has pledged \$10,000 towards the purchase. If you'd like to help, please send contributions to GBA at P.O. Box 589, Tate GA 30177, or you may contribute directly to the Civil War Trust through www.civilwar.org.

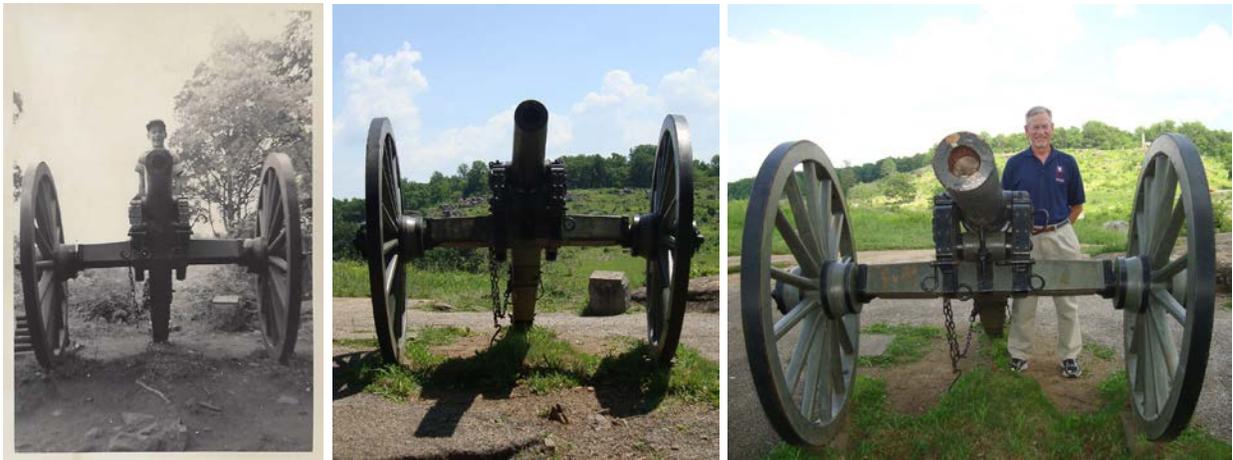
625 acres saved in 2001 (green) 308 acres (yellow) Confederate Lines: February 1864; May 1864 Potato Hill 11 acres bought by GBA



Map by Jon Mitchell of Civil War Trust with input from Greg Cockburn

Dalton ↓

Then and Now



During the Civil War Trust conference at Gettysburg, Charlie Crawford had occasion to revisit a cannon he first saw 60 years ago. The background changed when the Park Service removed foliage to restore the site more to its 1863 appearance. Above are the 1956 photo, the gun today, and Charlie standing by the gun on 1 June 2016. Left photo Bob Crawford. Right photo Alice Mullis.

Mud Creek property subject of law suit

Rezoning application Z-98 (see May and June newsletters) is now the subject of a law suit brought against Cobb County by the attorney representing the property owner and the potential developer. The suit contends that denial of the rezoning constitutes an unlawful taking by preventing the owner from realizing the maximum value of the property. The case will be assigned a mediator, who will attempt to construct a settlement that will then be sent to the Board of Commissioners for a vote. Depending on the terms of the settlement, we may be asking you to contact the commissioners again. This rezoning was mentioned in Mark Davis's front page article about preservation in the 18 June *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

Historic Site Preservation study committee

Along with bills, the Georgia General Assembly passes resolutions. House Resolution 978 creates a Study Committee on Historic Site Preservation and passed 159-0 out of the 2016 session. Such committees may propose legislation. You can see the resolution and its status at <http://www.house.ga.gov/Committees/en-US/HistoricSitePreservation.aspx>. Once the Speaker of the House appoints the five committee members, please consider contacting them.

Kroger Plus rewards cards can benefit Georgia Battlefields Association

Georgia Battlefields Association is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you have a Kroger Plus card, you can designate GBA as the only organization to receive benefits from your purchases. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com with your card number handy. Once you have registered, enter GBA's organization number 62803 or search for Georgia Battlefields Association. If you have any trouble with the process, e-mail us.

Ed Bearss tour of 1863 actions in Middle Tennessee 21-26 August

Ed Bearss will be principal guide for a tour covering Stones River to Chattanooga. Tour dates are 21-26 August. Other guides include Middle Tennessee State Professor Robert Hunt, Thomas Cartwright, and Jim Ogden. Price of \$695 per person includes breakfasts and lunches. Hotels and dinners extra. For info and to register, contact David Currey david@encoreinterpretive.net.

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