

GEORGIA BATTLEFIELDS

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Georgia Battlefields Association's annual tour

GBA's annual tour covered the River Line, the crossings of the Chattahoochee, and the Battle of Peachtree Creek. We missed Ed Bearss, but we had warm weather on Friday and Saturday. Sunday was cooler and overcast, but the rain stopped within minutes after we stepped off the bus to begin our walking tour of the northwest sector of the Atlanta city defense line.



Kathleen Peterson gives human scale to Federal trench remnants opposite Johnston's River Line.



Discussions often lead to better understanding for participants and the guide.



At Sope Creek paper mill ruins.



At the monument to Roswell men who served the Confederacy and Roswell women mill workers.



At the fish dam where the Federals first crossed the Chattahoochee River.



Group photo at Confederate gun position marker.

GBA recognized at Kennesaw State Civil War Center dinner

Kennesaw State University's Civil War Center held its first recognition dinner on 25 February and chose to honor two organizations for their battlefield preservation work. Georgia Battlefields Association was pleased to be recognized along with the Civil War Trust, with which we have cooperated on several preservation efforts in Georgia.

Phoenix Flies featured GBA walking tour of Civil War Atlanta

For Atlanta Preservation Center's annual Phoenix Flies series, Georgia Battlefields Association led walking tours of Civil War Atlanta on 4 and 18 March. We had good weather both days.

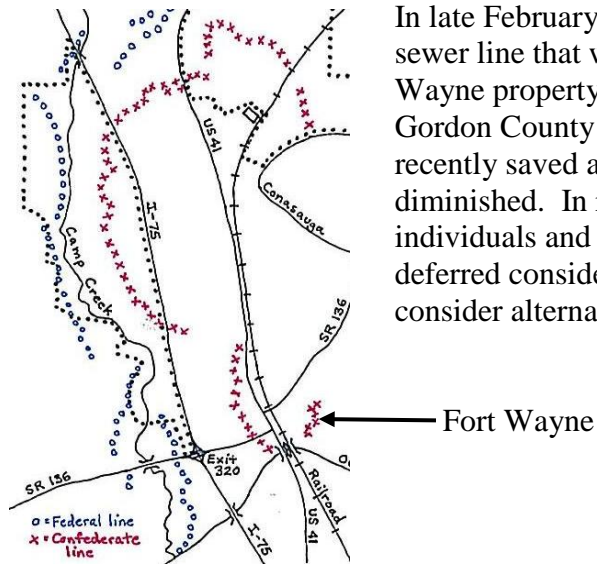
Photo shows the 18 March group near the 1864 site of the car shed. One marker in the background mentions the 1920s viaduct system that raised the street level above the 1864 grade.



GBA presents at 30 March Resilient Atlanta Symposium

A GBA representative spoke on the U.S. Army's role in rebuilding Atlanta at a 30 March Georgia Tech symposium. About 80 people heard presentations on wartime destruction of the city, public health, black-owned businesses, the recovery of commerce, and remembrance of the post-war years.

Resaca sewer line planned to cross Fort Wayne site



In late February, GBA was notified of a proposed City of Resaca sewer line that would transit the Gordon County-owned Fort Wayne property, now a county historic site. GBA wrote to the Gordon County Commission expressing our dismay that a site so recently saved and so well interpreted might in any way be diminished. In reaction to similar concerns expressed by many individuals and organizations, the Gordon County Commission deferred consideration of the proposal and asked the city to consider alternatives.



Locomotive *Texas* due to return to Atlanta in early May

After 17 months of conservation in North Carolina, locomotive *Texas* is scheduled to return to Atlanta in early May. *Texas* will rest on tracks relocated from its former location in Grant Park. It will be in the hall leading from the main Atlanta History Center museum to the new cyclorama building. A glass wall will make *Texas* visible from West Paces Ferry Road, and it will be illuminated at night.



Photo shows tracks for *Texas* in November 2016.

Old Clinton “War Days” Festival is 6-7 May

The annual Old Clinton War Days event occurs this year on 6 & 7 May. On both days, gates open at 9 a.m., reenactor camps open at 10:05, and battle reenactments (Sunshine Church and Griswoldville) start at 2:05 p.m. The event also features food, crafts, and artifact displays. Proceeds (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 6 to 18) are used to preserve the Old Clinton Historic District. The memorial service at 8:05 p.m. Saturday at the Old Clinton cemetery is free.

Old Clinton is 12 miles northeast of Macon, just a block west of US 129. For more info, go to www.oldclinton.org or call 478 251 6745.

150 years ago this month – April 1867

Initially characterizing his assignment as unpleasant duty, thus raising the expectation of those resisting reconstruction, Third Military District Commander John Pope quickly dashes their hopes. On 3 April 1867, he issues General Order No. 1, specifying that civil officers can retain their positions only as long as justice is faithfully and impartially administered, prohibiting the encouragement of opposition to reconstruction, and holding any elections except those authorized by Congress. He also orders mayors and police chiefs to be present at public meetings so that they cannot claim ignorance about any violence or law-breaking.

On 16 April, Colonel Thomas Ruger takes command of the U.S. troops garrisoned in Atlanta.

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