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## New treasurer for Georgia Battlefields Association

After 30 months of outstanding service, GBA treasurer Lloyd Thompson asked to resign his position, and the GBA trustees are pleased that Bill Gurry agreed to replace Lloyd. Bill grew up in the Chicago area and has civil engineering and industrial administration degrees from Purdue. He moved to Atlanta in 1973 to work as a geotechnical and materials engineer and had a long career as a construction consultant focusing on scheduling, cost control, and contract administration until retiring earlier this year. Bill is a member of six historical and preservation organizations, and many of you will be familiar with his service to the Atlanta Civil War Round Table and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.



Ed Bearss and Bill Gurry at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitors Center

**Note:** The change in treasurers means the **GBA mailing address has changed to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066-9953.**

## River Line earthworks threatened again

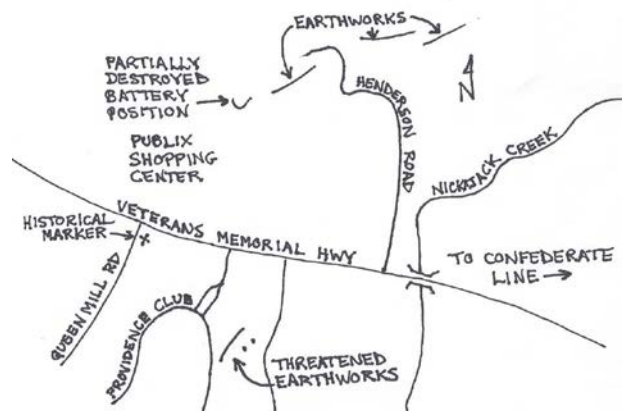
Beginning in 2003, Georgia Battlefields Association has been involved in preservation of earthworks on either side of the 1864 Mayson-Turner Ferry Road, now Veterans Memorial Highway in Cobb County. What is now the River Line Historic Area (RLHA) has been the lead organization, and despite the partial destruction of a Federal battery by the 2004 construction of the Publix shopping center, the 2006 Cobb Parks Bond resulted in the preservation of Federal earthworks near Henderson Road. A well-defined trench and two artillery positions south of Veterans Memorial Highway were preserved by a 2004 agreement but are threatened again by proposed expansion of the Providence development. See [www.riverline.org](http://www.riverline.org) for the site plan and previous stipulations about preserving the earthworks.

The proposal was to be considered by the Cobb County Commission in September, but well documented questions about potential damage to the earthworks caused a temporary stop work order, and the proposal is now on the agenda as Other Business (OB-040) for the 17 October commission meeting. GBA supported RLHA's opposition in an e-mail to county historic preservation planner Mandy Elliott and copied 4th district commissioner Lisa Cupid and her assistant Bianca Keaton.

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## Tours: Kennesaw State, GBA, Chicago Civil War Round Table

### 7 October: Kennesaw State University Civil War Center tour of McLemore's Cove

KSU's Civil War Center will conduct a one day tour of the actions in and around McLemore's Cove in October 1863, part of the Chickamauga Campaign. Guides will be Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden and Kennesaw State University Civil War Center director Brian Wills. The tour will depart at 8 a.m. from and return at 5 p.m. to the KSU campus. Cost is \$49 and includes lunch. Register at <http://bit.ly/mclemoretour>.

## **8-11 March: Georgia Battlefields Association annual tour led by Ed Bearss**

We're happy that Ed Bearss confirmed that he will guide our annual tour. We'll continue tracking the Atlanta Campaign, covering the battles of Atlanta, Ezra Church, and Utoy Creek.

We'll begin with our usual reception on the evening of Thursday, 8 March, at the hotel, which will be the Courtyard by Marriott Executive Park, 1236 Executive Park Drive, Atlanta GA 30329. Dinner after the reception will be on your own. GBA rate is \$117 per night: With tax, that's \$139.55. Central reservation number is 800 264 0729. Hotel number is 404 728 0708. Click [here](#) for online booking link.

Friday, 9 March, will be devoted to the 22 July 1864 Battle of Atlanta. We'll finish the day covering the action at Decatur and have dinner at Revival before returning to the hotel.

On Saturday, 10 March, we'll cover the 28 July 1864 Battle of Ezra Church in the morning and the 6 August 1864 Battle of Utoy Creek in the afternoon. We'll return to the hotel before dinner, which will be at Petite Violette, not far from the hotel.

Sunday morning, 11 March, will be spent at Atlanta History Center, where we'll see the recently conserved locomotive *Texas* and also see the Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama as it is being restored. This will be a chance to see the painting up close and hear its history, including the current conservation process.

To cover increased costs (for the first time in 15 years), we've **increased the tour price**, which will be **\$430** per person. To register, see our web site [www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx).

## **26-29 April: Chicago Civil War Round Table tour led by Ed Bearss and Jim Ogden**

Chicago CWRT will bring its annual tour to Georgia to explore the opening of the Atlanta Campaign through the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Details and registration for the tour are at [www.chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html](http://www.chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html), but here are the basics. Chicago CWRT hopes to fill two buses, with Ed Bearss guiding one bus and Jim Ogden guiding the other. On 26 April, they'll cover Tunnel Hill through Resaca. 27 April is New Hope Church through Pine Mountain, and 28 April is Kennesaw Mountain. On Sunday morning, 29 April, they'll visit the Atlanta History Center to see the locomotive *Texas*, the Cyclorama, and the Turning Point permanent exhibit. All meals are included through lunch on Sunday.

Hotel is Holiday Inn Express, 2485 George Busbee Pkwy, Kennesaw GA 30144. 770 427 5210. Price is \$845 per person double occupancy and \$1,120 per person single occupancy. Price for the tour only is \$545. There is normally an additional charge for non-members of the Chicago CWRT, but because of the assistance provided in designing the tour, members of GBA, the Cobb CWRT, and the Atlanta CWRT will pay the same price as Chicago CWRT members.

## **Georgia Battlefields Association in the media**

Georgia Battlefields Association was again asked to comment on Confederate monument removal, this time by AIBTV. An interview recorded 24 August 2017 is now online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tV8rCokMqM>.

## **150 years ago this month**

Under the watchful eye of the U.S. government to insure that black men were not denied their right to vote, Georgians went to the polls 29-31 October to decide two issues: Should a convention be held to replace the Georgia constitution of 1865, and if so, who should be the delegates? By a narrow margin (106,410 to 102,283), voters approved holding a constitutional convention and selected 166 delegates, 33 of which were African-Americans.

### **Note new address**

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