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Last chance for Chicago Civil War Round Table tour 26-29 April

Chicago CWRT will bring its annual tour to Georgia to explore the opening of the Atlanta Campaign through the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Ed Bearss and Jim Ogden are the guides. Details and registration for the tour are at www.chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html.

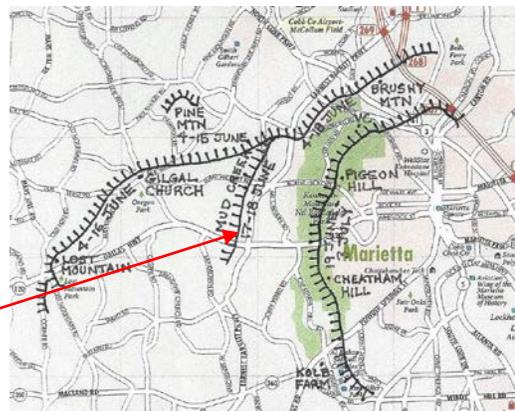
Civil War Trust Park Day is 7 April

This is an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain Civil War sites throughout the country. To see participating sites, including those (Kennesaw Mountain among them) that will use a different date, go to www.civilwar.org/events/park-day or call the Trust at 202 367 1861.

Mud Creek Line property lawsuit dismissed

In May 2016, a developer reached agreement to buy a property that still contained traces of the Mud Creek Line, occupied by Confederates 17-19 June 1864. The developer submitted to Cobb County a plan for senior living units and a commercial building. The rezoning was denied by the county commission, and the property owner filed a lawsuit indicating he had been denied the maximum value of his property. See May, June, and July 2016 newsletters.

The case was assigned to a Cobb County judge as mediator. On 23 February 2018, the judge dismissed the suit, so the property will not be rezoned and developed as commercial space. However, the property is still zoned for residential use, so it may yet be sold and the one house on the site replaced by several. For now, the earthwork trace remains.



Mud Creek Line property site

Annual tour with Ed Bearss

Georgia Battlefields Association had luck with the weather for our annual tour with Ed Bearss. Our 9 March visit to sites related to the Battle of Atlanta started with a chilly morning but finished with a warm, sunny afternoon. We finished with a visit to Oakland Cemetery to see the spot from which General Hood directed the 22 July 1864 fighting. Our 10 March visit to the battlefields of Ezra Church and Utoy Creek was similarly fortunate. Rain came early on Sunday (11 March), but we were spending the morning indoors at the Atlanta History Center to see the restored locomotive *Texas* and the restoration process of the cyclorama depicting the Battle of Atlanta. See www.georgiabattlefields.org/photo_gallery.aspx for more photos.



Ed Bearss in the cab of the locomotive *Texas*.



At the McPherson monument in East Atlanta.



Mary-Elizabeth Ellard leading a tour.



Lieutenant Colonel Perry Bennett (in Civil War U.S. uniform) explains actions near Utoy Creek.

Join us in March 2019 when we plan to cover cavalry actions relating to the Atlanta Campaign, including Brown's Mill, Lovejoy's Station, Sunshine Church, and Athens.

Civil War Atlanta downtown tours for Phoenix Flies

Georgia Battlefields Association led two more of its Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tours as part of the Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program. Both the 3 March and 17 March tours were conducted in bright sunshine, which was especially appreciated for the 17 March tour since the rain stopped just ten minutes before the tour's start.

At the site of the 1864 car shed (passenger depot).



GBA helps find site of soldier's death at Battle of Peachtree Creek

A woman seeking the site of her ancestor's death during the 20 July 1864 Battle of Peachtree Creek contacted Atlanta History Center, which referred her to Georgia Battlefields Association. Kathy Meron of Gansevoort, New York, had already done much research on her ancestor's death site and initial burial site. What Ms. Meron didn't have was familiarity with the battlefield area, which GBA was happy to provide. Kathy and her husband Rick visited the Atlanta area on 4 March and were given a tour of the battlefield, including the area where the 134th New York Infantry regiment fought and where her collateral ancestor, Levi Shaver, died; and they were also taken to the site of the Campbell house, on which property he was first buried, though his remains were later moved to Marietta National Cemetery.



Rick Meron and Charlie Crawford.
Photo by Kathy Meron.

Old Clinton "War Days" Festival is 5-6 May

The annual Old Clinton War Days event www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/ occurs on 5 & 6 May. On both days, gates open at 9 a.m. 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.

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