

# GEORGIA BATTLEFIELDS

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## GBA 2019 tour will cover Atlanta Campaign's end

**Dates:** 7-10 March 2019. Ed Bearss is principal guide.

**Sites:** Cavalry actions at Brown's Mill (Newnan), Lovejoy's Station/Nash Farm, Sunshine Church, and Athens on Friday and Saturday. Decisive battle of Jonesborough (wartime spelling) on Sunday. Lunches and dinners included on Friday and Saturday. More details were in October newsletter. [http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf\\_files/GBAnews1810.pdf](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf_files/GBAnews1810.pdf)

**Hotel:** Hampton Inn at 7342 Hannover Pkwy N, Stockbridge GA 30281 770 389 0065

GBA rate is \$105 per night, plus all the annoying local taxes that raise the effective rate to \$120. Breakfast is included. You shouldn't need a confirmation number, but if asked, use 54717617.

**Cost & Registration:** \$430. Register online at [www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx), or mail check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

## Texas exhibit opens and includes Zero Milepost

On 17 November, Atlanta History Center's display of the locomotive *Texas* opened to the public. The display now includes the Zero Milepost that marked the beginning of railroads in Atlanta. See July 2018 newsletter [www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf\\_files/GBAnews1807.pdf](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf_files/GBAnews1807.pdf). Until the artifact arrived at the Atlanta History Center, its move was kept quiet at the request of the Georgia Building Authority, which retains ownership. The locomotive and milepost are illuminated at night so they are visible from West Paces Ferry Road.

While the locomotive and milepost are premier attractions, the exhibit addresses more broadly the importance of railroads to the existence and growth of Atlanta. The Atlanta History Center has significantly enhanced its ability to present the city's story.



The line to get into the cab



Locomotive Chase display



Zero Milepost



Railroad logos line the wall



New waist-level display



Floor diagram

## Golf course on Peachtree Creek battlefield reopens

Bobby Jones Golf Course reopened on 5 November. As explained in our February 2018 newsletter [www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf\\_files/GBAnews1802.pdf](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/pdf_files/GBAnews1802.pdf), the course is on part of the Peachtree Creek battlefield of 20 July 1864. We observed the site several times during all the earth moving, but we've not been informed whether any artifacts were discovered during the course reconfiguration.

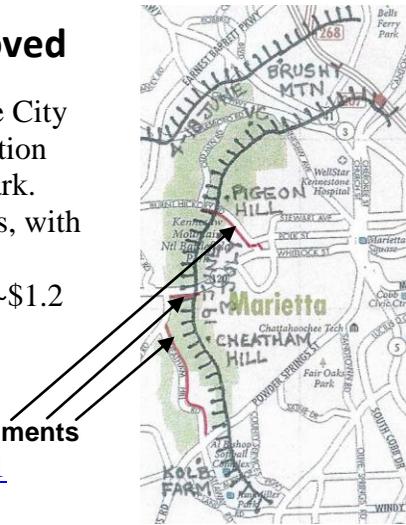
## Johnston headquarters site sold

The January and March 2018 newsletters recounted the history of the Dexter Niles house as General Joseph Johnston's headquarters when he was relieved of command of the Army of Tennessee on 17 July 1864. On behalf of Georgia Historical Society [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com), GBA retrieved the two historical markers that marked the site so they wouldn't be lost or damaged during any redevelopment when WestRock Company sold the site. QTS Realty, the real estate arm of QTS data centers, bought the site in October. GBA has contacted QTS to see about returning the markers to the site once any demolition and new construction are completed.

## Kennesaw Mountain trail improvements approved

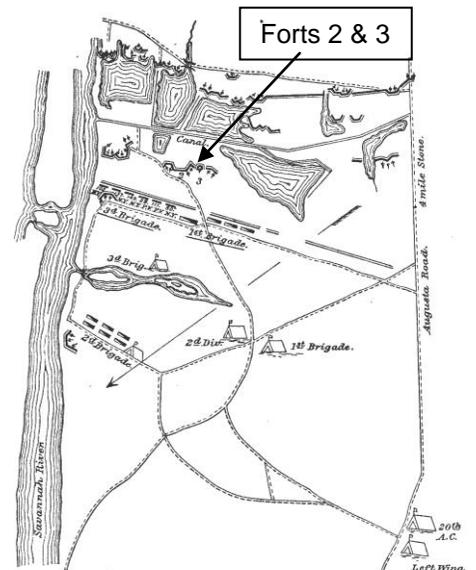
In late October, the National Park Service, Cobb County, and the City of Marietta agreed to improvements to non-motorized transportation to, from, and within Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Total length of the new 8-10 foot wide trail sections is 3.85 miles, with 1.69 miles being within the park boundaries. The new trails will intersect existing trails. Funds come from the City of Marietta (~\$1.2 million), Cobb County (\$724,468), National Park Service (\$1.69 million), and Federal Highway Administration (\$4.08 million).

National Park Service info on the project is at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=56841>



## Savannah area road project

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) is a consulting party for a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project that will realign roads and make railroad crossings safer in Garden City, west of Savannah. Planning for the Brampton Road Connector Project has been underway for several years, and several alternative routes were considered. Historical interest centers on the remains of two Federal artillery forts. Archaeological surveys indicate the Confederate earthworks on the east side of the project area (note North arrow on map) were lost many years ago when the area saw considerable industrial and warehouse development, and Federal infantry works on the west side suffered a similar fate; but discernible to this day are U.S. artillery forts 2 & 3, clearly shown on a map that is part of the official report of Colonel Henry Barnum, commanding Third Brigade, Second Division, 20<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.



A GBA rep participated in a 26 November conference call with representatives from GDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The latest proposed road relocation avoids the fort remnants, and GBA endorsed the other mitigation proposals: Another archaeological data recovery; a historical marker; a documentary film on the colonial, Civil War, and industrial history of the area; a website on the history of the site; and exhibits at local libraries and museums.

## 150 years ago this month

On 25 December 1868, President Andrew Johnson grants an unconditional pardon for treason to all persons involved in the Confederate cause. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.23602600/>

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