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Art Carey dies

Former GBA treasurer (1999-2005) and secretary (1999-2002) Art Carey died on 4 April.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/arthur-carey-obituary?pid=198257676>

Colonel Art Carey, U.S. Army (retired), said he could not have had a more supportive wife than Alice, who endured the frequent moves of a military family while raising a son and two daughters. Art's secondary military specialty was finance, which led to his post-military job with the state of Georgia motor fuels tax division and his service as GBA treasurer. Art resigned as GBA treasurer to have more flexibility to perform mission trips for Catholic charities, though he continued to provide wise counsel to GBA to the end. Art was always ready to help, as he demonstrated by his service to several organizations.



Art on a GBA tour

Annual GBA tour planned for 7-10 October

We're planning the annual GBA tour for 7-10 October, but we won't open registrations until medical guidance makes us more certain that it will be safe to put the group in the confines of a bus. We'll be based in Macon, and sites will include Griswoldville, Old Clinton, Milledgeville, and Ball's Ferry. Visit www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx for the latest info.

Prison time for theft of trees from Chickamauga battlefield

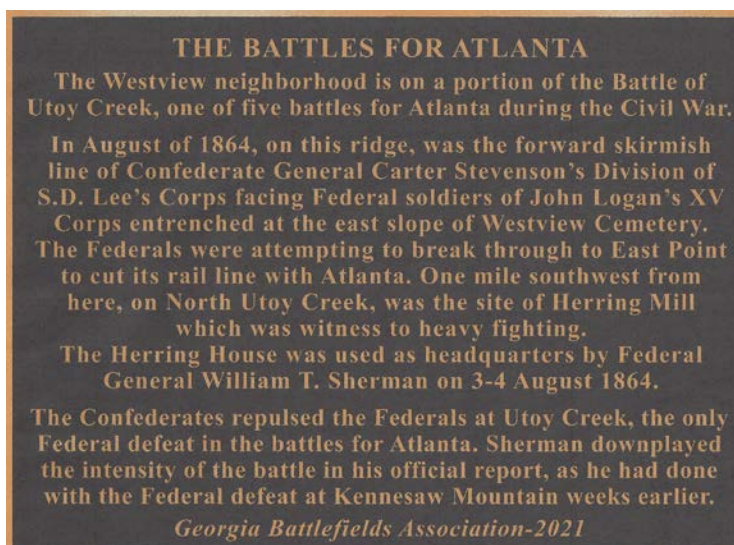
Associated Press reports that a man convicted of harvesting oak trees from Chickamauga National Military Park has been sentenced to prison. Last September a park ranger noticed that about a dozen trees, including several old-growth oaks, were missing, and an illegal road had been cut through the woods. The ranger installed a camera that caught a man revisiting the site. An investigation led to the owner of an Alabama sawmill that specialized in old-growth white oaks. The owner was arrested and accepted a plea deal that included serving just under twelve months in prison. A Department of Interior representative estimated the damage to the park at \$60,000 but added that it is difficult to put a value on trees over 100 years old.

Any number of adjectives can apply to this crime, including outrageous, sad, and intolerable.

New Westview marker

The Atlanta BeltLine organization awarded a grant to the Westview neighborhood to install a dozen historical interpretive panels. The Westview neighborhood is south of the Ezra Church battlefield and northeast of the Utoy Creek battlefield and was traversed by units from both sides. The Community Organization decided to focus the historical panels only on social history of the last 50 years, so neighborhood resident Chad Carlson decided to erect a Civil War-related panel in his front yard and asked GBA to review the wording shown.

GBA did review the wording, and by a vote of the trustees also offered to contribute half the cost of casting the metal plaque at a local foundry. Carlson decided to pay the rest of the cost but gave GBA credit for the plaque. The marker was installed in late April on Rogers Avenue in Southwest Atlanta, as shown at right.



Discovery Park at the River Line

Last month's newsletter mentioned the opening of Discovery Park at the River Line. Thanks to River Line Historic Area, Mike Shaffer, and Cobb County, interpretive panels will be installed. You can see them at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d31f240bdd44418fa9f7f0f31884fd6e>. For a few years, newly installed or revised interpretive signs at several historical sites have used QR codes to provide supplemental information to visitors who have mobile phones, and the supplemental information at Discovery Park is extensive and well-researched.

The park will eventually include much easier access to a Federal battery site on the south side of Nickajack Creek, but that is still a couple of years away. Here are some photos.



Welcome kiosk sign with trail map (top) & QR code (lower left).



Solitary Shoupade.



Trench remnant.

Right: Artillery fort at south end of Confederate line.
Below: Trail entrance.



GBA leads walking tours

In March, GBA led the Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour twice for Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program and the Georgia Tech Campus in 1864 tour for the Atlanta Civil War Round Table. We were fortunate to have good weather on each occasion. We lead tours to inform people about what happened at the sites, in the hope that those who are aware of what happened, even in urban areas that no longer bear any resemblance to their wartime appearance, will be more inclined to support preservation of sites that retain earthworks or wartime vistas.



Left to right: Site of the Zero Milepost. Joe Drexler photo. Where Atlanta City Hall was in 1864, now site of state capitol. Joe Drexler photo. Georgia Tech administration building, wartime site of Fort Z. John Miller photo.

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