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## Old Clinton War Days return 2-3 May

The Old Clinton Historic District will again host reenactments of the July 1864 Battle of Sunshine Church and the November 1864 Battle of Griswoldville. On Saturday and Sunday, gates open at 9 a.m. and troop assembly follows immediately. Between scheduled events, tour the historic buildings, including the McCarthy-Pope House, the oldest house in town. Proceeds (\$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-18, free for ages 5 and under) are used to help preserve the historic district.

Old Clinton is 12 miles northeast of Macon, just a block north of US 129. Turn north off US 129 onto Randolph St at the traffic signal by the Exchange Bank. If you use a direction-finding app, enter 412 Pulaski St, Gray GA 31032. For more information, call 478 251 6745 or see the web site <http://www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/> or [Old Clinton Historical Society](#) on Facebook.

## Annual Battle of Resaca reenactment is 15-17 May

One of the largest reenactment events every year is the Battle of Resaca, held on a portion of the battlefield. For more info, see [https://www.georgiadivision.org/bor\\_main.html](https://www.georgiadivision.org/bor_main.html). Proceeds go towards preservation of the battlefield. <http://www.resacabattlefield.org/FoRstart.html>

## Free Symposium in Dalton on 23 May

[Blue & Gray Education Society](#) is staging a symposium on 23 May in Dalton, Georgia.

Subject: Civil War in the Western Theater

Admission: FREE

Venue: [Huff House](#), 314 N. Selvidge St., Dalton GA 30720

9:00 A.M.: David A. Powell – Confederate Cavalry Raiders in Northwest Georgia and the Battle of Lafayette during the Atlanta Campaign

10:00 A.M.: James Ogden – Federal Hospitals in Chattanooga during the War

11:00 A.M.: Richard M. McMurry – Joe Johnston in a Jar: The Significant Role of Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston in the War

12:00 P.M.: Robert Jenkins – The Battles for Dalton and the Opening of the Atlanta Campaign

1:00 P.M.: Marvin Sowder – Confederate Hospitals in Dalton during the War

## Discounted books from University of Tennessee Press

As a thank you to Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) for raising over \$400,000 for battlefield preservation, the University of Tennessee Press is offering a 25% discount to GBA members on books in its popular Command Decisions in America's Civil War series. This long-running series explores critical decisions made by key figures in the major campaigns and battles of the Civil War. Each volume features maps and driving tours, and readers looking for a concise introduction to the battles can tour the site—or read about it at their leisure—with key insights into each campaign and a deeper understanding of the Civil War itself.

The link to see the books is <https://utpress.org/series/command-decisions-in-americas-civil-war/>

At checkout, after entering your shipping information, use the promo code 30GBA in the Discounts section to receive 25% off your order. This **discount is valid until May 31, 2026**.

## Annual tour revisited opening of 1864 campaign, 9-12 April 2026

GBA's 2026 tour had great weather for its Dalton-based tour that covered events leading up to the start of the Spring 1864 campaign through the 15 May 1864 conclusion of the Battle of Resaca. Our guide was the incomparable Jim Ogden.

For this tour, we faced a planning constraint: Even though we added an extra day compared to our prior tours (2004 and 2014) that covered the same period, we chose to prioritize recently preserved sites, thus reducing our time at formerly visited sites.



First tour stop was Old Stone Church.

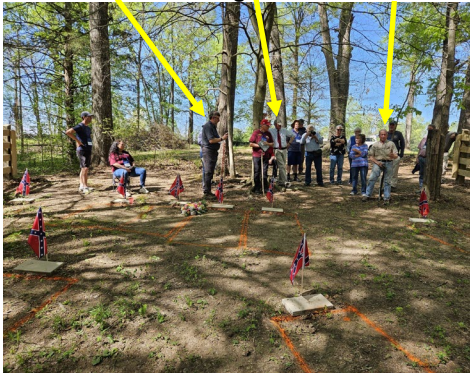


Relocated Johnston statue at Huff House that was his headquarters.



Jim Ogden (left) and 12 of the 15 GBA trustees at Potato Hill, where GBA provided the funds to save 11 acres. We didn't climb to the top this time.

Bob Jenkins, Jim Ogden, Bill Blackman



Renovated Tunnel Hill Depot now better evokes its wartime appearance.



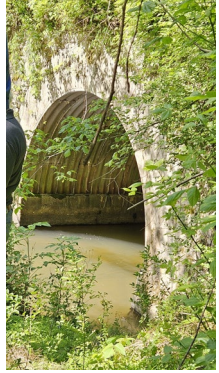
Jim Ogden reads a wartime account at the newly preserved Confederate artillery position on Rocky Face Ridge.



On the Confederate right at Resaca, also the site of annual reenactment.

In the photo at left, the tour group visits a rediscovered grave site, where ten Confederate cavalry men were initially buried on 9 May 1864 and where at least seven remain. For the story of the rediscovery, see the May-June 2026 issue of [Civil War News Magazine](#).

When we visited the site on the afternoon of 10 April, we were glad to have present Dr. Bill Blackman, Marvin Sowder (not in photo), Bob Jenkins, and others who helped research and mark the site. After a review of the history of the site, Marvin Sowder asked if a chaplain was present, and our group included Pastor Skip Johnson, a GBA board member. Skip's prayer was a somber capstone to our visit, and GBA pledged to help fund a monument for the site.



Culvert the Confederates blocked to flood Mill Creek Gap.



Part of Confederate trench that extended across Crow Valley.



Jim Ogden (far left, in the distance) talks about a Confederate trench at Resaca.

You can help fund the monument by donating to the [Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia](#), referencing [Save the Dalton Battlefields LLC](#). Checks can be mailed to PO Box 6124, Dalton GA 30722-6124.

**GBA 2027 tour:** Will be 8-11 April and will cover three weeks that followed the Battle of Resaca.

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