

# GEORGIA

---

# BATTLEFIELDS

---

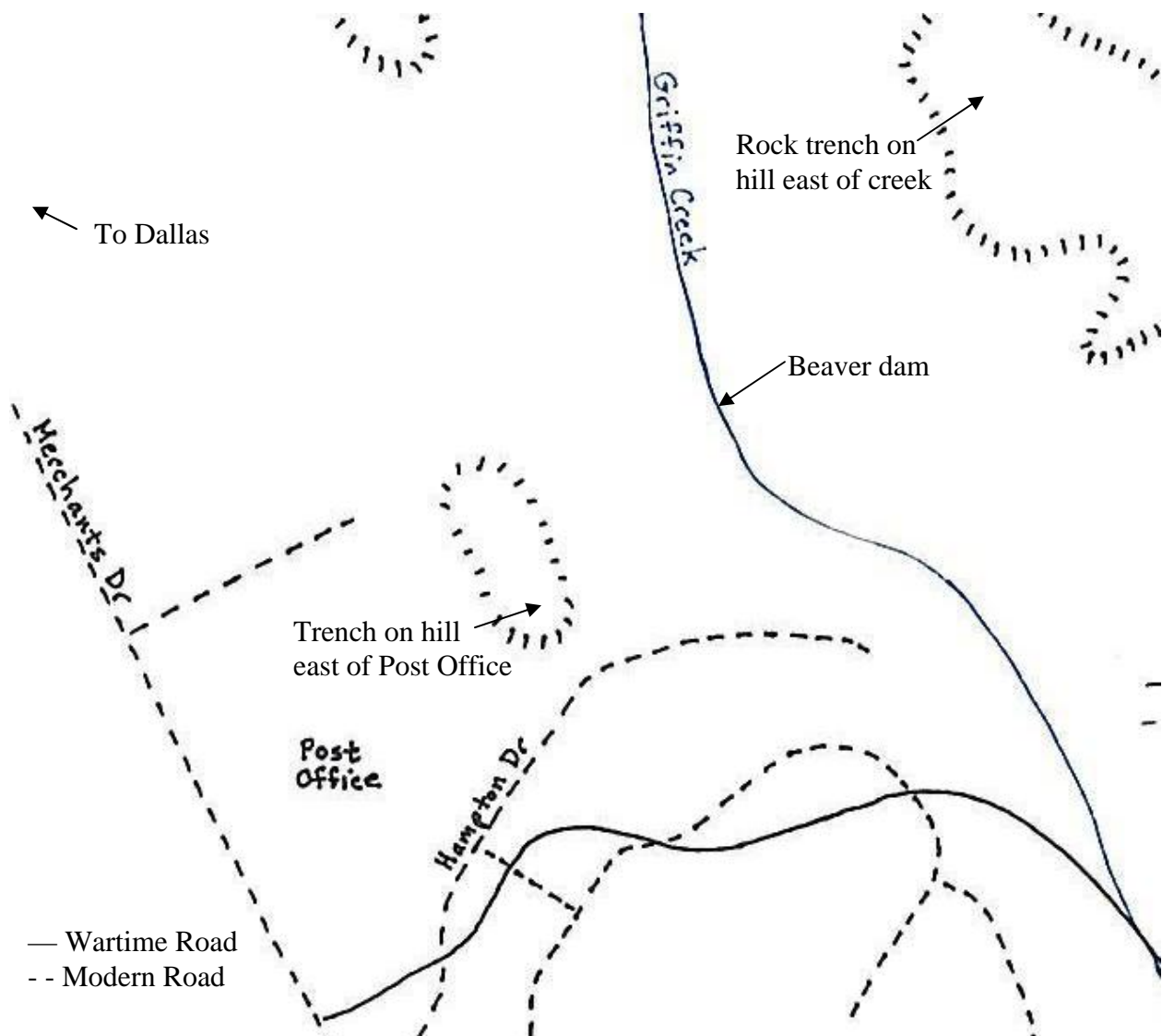
Published by Georgia Battlefields Association, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to preservation of Georgia's Civil War history and sites. Contact newsletter editor by e-mail: [info@georgiabattlefields.org](mailto:info@georgiabattlefields.org)

## GBA assists member with book research

GBA member Larry Peterson of Colorado had been writing a biography of his great-great-grandfather, Confederate Brigadier General Alfred Vaughan. Vaughan's brigade saw action in many engagements of the Atlanta Campaign and was heavily involved in the 27 June 1864 fighting at Cheatham's Hill (Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). Vaughan suffered a traumatic amputation of the left foot when an artillery shell landed near him and his staff on 4 July 1864 just south of Smyrna. Participants in our 2006 tour with Ed Bearss may recall Larry recounting the story of his ancestor's wounding.

While Larry has visited the Atlanta area on several occasions and GBA has previously helped him locate sites, he returned in early December to try to pinpoint two locations: The scene of a March 1864 snowball fight in the Confederate camps around Dalton, and the site of a 27 May attack by Cheatham's Division along the Dallas-New Hope line. Thanks to our friends Marvin Sowder and Marcelle White of the Dalton Civil War Round Table and the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, Larry was able to locate the area of the snowball fight southeast of Dalton.

For the fighting near Dallas, Larry received assistance from the Pickett's Mill State Historic Site (James Wooten) and Friends of Civil War Paulding County (FOCWPC: Hugh Walters, Wayne Willingham, Connie Tibbits, Jim Shurling). On 9 December, Larry performed an extensive field investigation with GBA members Charlie Geiger and Charlie Crawford and, most importantly, FOCWPC local guide Danny Echols. With some sweat-inducing (despite the cold) hiking up and down ridges and across a beaver dam, the group attempted to match the terrain to the sketchy and confusing reports of the fighting. (See map below and corresponding photos on next page.) While definitive proof of the locations may never be found, we drew some logical conclusions that should help Larry's book become a valuable source for subsequent historians.





Trench on the hill east of the Dallas Post Office. Dug by Confederates on and after 27 May 1864. Through the trees are houses on Hampton Drive.



GBA president Charlie Crawford crossing Griffin Creek on beaver dam. Note stick on top of ice in bottom left of photo.



Larry Peterson and Danny Echols in the rock trench on the hill east of Griffin Creek. This trench was dug by Confederates posted on the hill from 27 May to 4 June 1864.

The effect of development on the ability to identify historic sites and understand what occurred was again brought home by this field work. The continued growth of Paulding County makes the threat to these sites both real and increasingly urgent.

## GBA will lead Phoenix Flies tour of downtown Atlanta

Atlanta Preservation Center annually arranges tours and events that raise awareness of historic buildings and sites within the city of Atlanta. For 2007, the Preservation Center requested that GBA design a tour of Civil War sites around downtown. While no buildings remain from 1864 (mostly due to subsequent development), the sites will always exist. Come join us for a walking tour of Civil War Atlanta on Saturday, 24 March. Watch the Atlanta Preservation Center's web site ([www.preserveatlanta.com](http://www.preserveatlanta.com).) or call the center at 404 688 3350 for details.

## Sign up for Bearss 2007 tour

Dates: 15-18 March 2007

Hotel: Hampton Inn Atlanta-Galleria, 2733 Circle 75 Pkwy. Call the hotel at 770 955 1110 and ask for the GBA rate (\$102 per night) or see the web site [www.hamptoninn Galleria.com](http://www.hamptoninn Galleria.com).

Sites: Chattahoochee River crossings, Federal approaches to Atlanta, Battle of Peachtree Creek.

Dinners: Friday at Atlanta History Center; Saturday at house that served as Sherman's HQ.

Register by sending a check for \$395 to GBA at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

**Note: Only GBA members may register for the tour.** See our web site for an application.

## 150 years ago this month – January 1857

A convention on disunion is held in Worcester, Massachusetts. Abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison proposes that the free states separate from the slave states.

**Georgia Battlefields Association**  
7 Camden Rd NE  
Atlanta GA 30309

[www.georgiabattlefields.org](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org)

January 2007

Address correction requested  
Return postage guaranteed