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## Civil War Preservation Trust annual endangered site list

On 13 March, the Civil War Preservation Trust released its annual endangered site list.

GBA nominated the sites in Central Cobb County (including Lost Mountain, Pine Mountain, Brushy Mountain, Gilgal Church, and Mud Creek) for the list (see October 2006 newsletter). The 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission collectively labeled these sites as Marietta ([www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga013.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga013.htm)), and Marietta was included among CWPT's ten most endangered sites ([www.civilwar.org/news/topten2007/MEBR2007\\_online.pdf](http://www.civilwar.org/news/topten2007/MEBR2007_online.pdf)).

Making the list of 15 additional at-risk sites were two Georgia sites: Lovejoy's Station ([www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga021.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga021.htm), see article below) and Kennesaw Mountain ([www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga015.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/ga015.htm)). Despite the existence of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, nearby earthworks have been lost in recent years, and the viewshed continues to deteriorate. GBA is glad to have helped draw attention to these sites.

## Ed Bearss tour, but without Ed Bearss

GBA's 16-18 March tour sorely missed the inimitable style of National Park Service Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss. Ed broke his arm in a fall, and the doctors restricted him from the kind of up hill and down dale hiking that is characteristic of GBA tours. The good news is that Ed is expected to fully recover, and we hope to have him lead us through the Battles of Atlanta, Ezra Church, and Utoy Creek next March 13-16.

Participants still judged the tour a success, though it again illustrated the absence of preservation at many Atlanta area sites. We covered New Manchester Mill (Sweetwater Creek State Park); the crossings of the Chattahoochee at Pace's Ferry, Power's Ferry, Sope Creek, Isom's Ford, and Shallow Ford; the Federal approaches to Atlanta; the Confederate change of command; the Battle of Peachtree Creek; the taking of Decatur; and the Battle of Bald Hill.

Some photos from the tour are already on the GBA web site. **Note:** If you took photos during the tour and would like to have them considered for posting on the web site, please e-mail them to [info@georgiabattlefields.org](mailto:info@georgiabattlefields.org). Come join us in 2008!

## Civil War Commission relocates to Economic Development

Last year, the Georgia General Assembly passed a bill that moved administrative responsibility for the Georgia Civil War Commission from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Economic Development (DEcD), effective 1 July 2006 (August 2006 newsletter). In late February, the Commission's office moved to the main DEcD office at 75 Fifth St, NW, Suite 1200, Atlanta. The mailing address is PO Box 1776, Atlanta GA 30301 and the new phone number is 404 962 4175. Barry Brown remains the Commission's sole full time staff member.

## Old Clinton "War Days" reenactment 5-6 May

The annual Old Clinton War Days event occurs this year on 5 & 6 May. On both days, gates open at 9 a.m., reenactor camps open at 10:05, and reenactments of the Battle of Sunshine Church start at 2:05 p.m. In addition to the camps, reenactments, demonstrations, food, crafts, and other displays, archaeological work on the original tanyard site will be showcased, and a cemetery walking tour will occur on Saturday after the reenactment.

Some of the proceeds (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children aged 6 to 18) are used to preserve the Old Clinton Historic District, which contains several ante-bellum structures, such as the McCarthy-Pope House (circa 1809), which will be open for tours.

Old Clinton is twelve miles northeast of Macon, and a mile-and-a-half southeast of Gray. For more information, contact Richard Durham at 478 986 5300 or [rl Durham1@windstream.net](mailto:rl Durham1@windstream.net), Earlene Hamilton at 478 986 6383, or the Jones County-Gray Visitor's Center at 478 986 1123.

## Battle of Resaca reenactment 19-20 May

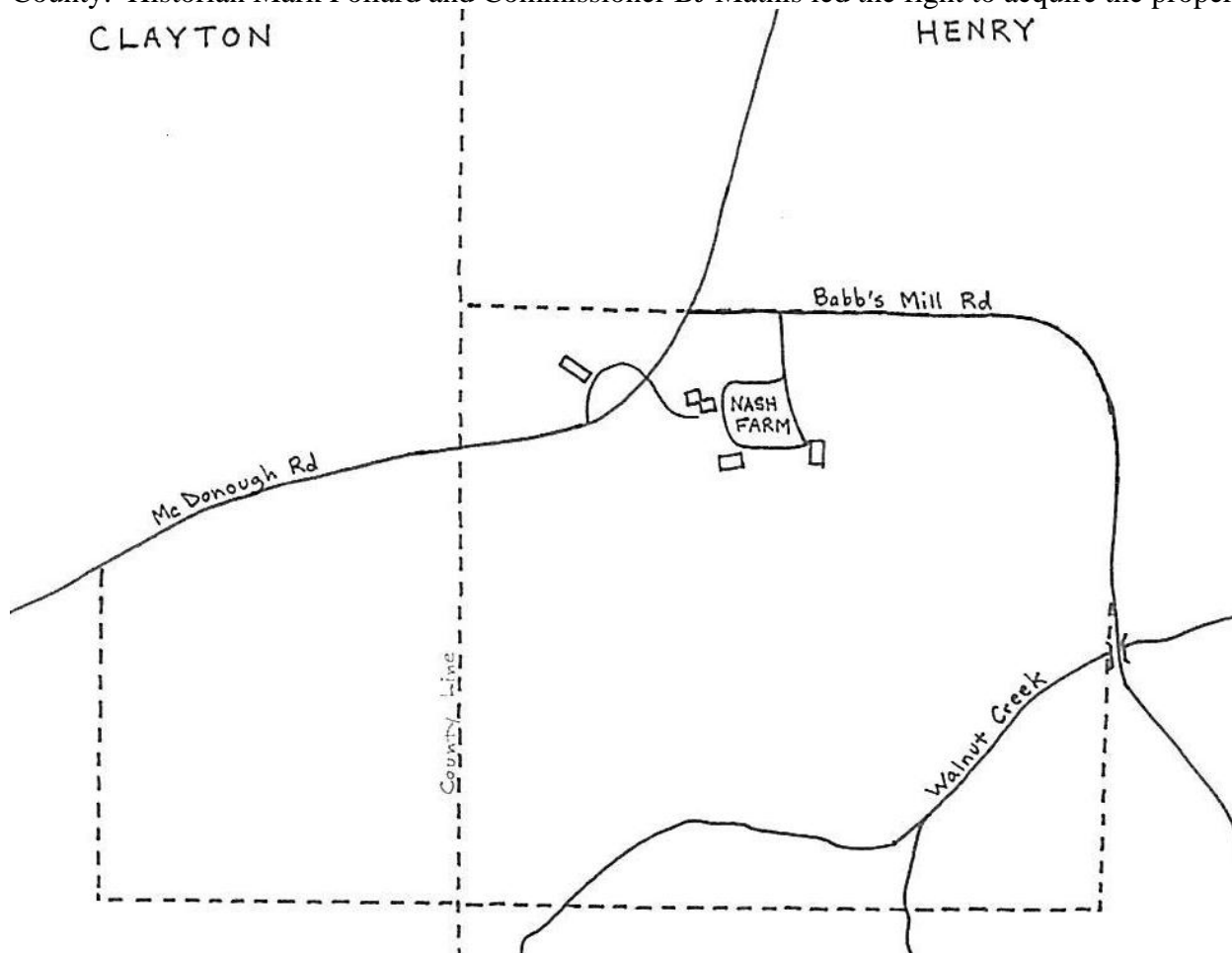
The 25<sup>th</sup> annual reenactment of the Battle of Resaca will occur on 19 & 20 May at the Chitwood Farm, part of the original battlefield. This is always one of the largest and best run reenactments. For more information on participating or attending, see the web site [www.georgiadivision.org](http://www.georgiadivision.org) or write Battle of Resaca, P.O. Box 919, Resaca GA 30735-0919 or e-mail [csgrizly@bellsouth.net](mailto:csgrizly@bellsouth.net). As usual, some of the proceeds from the reenactment will go to preserve the battlefield. The Friends of Resaca Battlefield ([www.resacabattlefield.org](http://www.resacabattlefield.org)) have been great guardians of the site.

## Nash Farm: Survey conducted and historic structure added

The Nash Farm site near Lovejoy's Station witnessed a 20 August 1864 battle that included both cavalry and infantry and a 3 September 1864 infantry fight (November 2006 newsletter). Henry County government commissioned the LAMAR Institute to conduct an archaeological study of the site, which occurred 31 January to 11 February 2007. A preliminary report indicates over 1000 artifacts were recovered, and these are still being evaluated; but the variety of ordnance, spurs, buttons, and other military items confirmed both cavalry and infantry troops had been present at the Nash Farm. The complete report is available at [www.henrycountybattlefield.com](http://www.henrycountybattlefield.com).

On 21 March 2007, the former home of Colonel Charles Zachry, John Nash's commander in the 27<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry, was saved from demolition and moved from McDonough to the Nash Farm. If you're interested in restoring this 1840 house—especially if you're a carpenter, mason, electrician, or roofer—please call 678 770 7003 to volunteer.

The archaeological study validates the Henry County Commission's initiative to buy and preserve the site and reinforces concerns about development threats to adjacent properties in Clayton County. Historian Mark Pollard and Commissioner BJ Mathis led the fight to acquire the property.



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