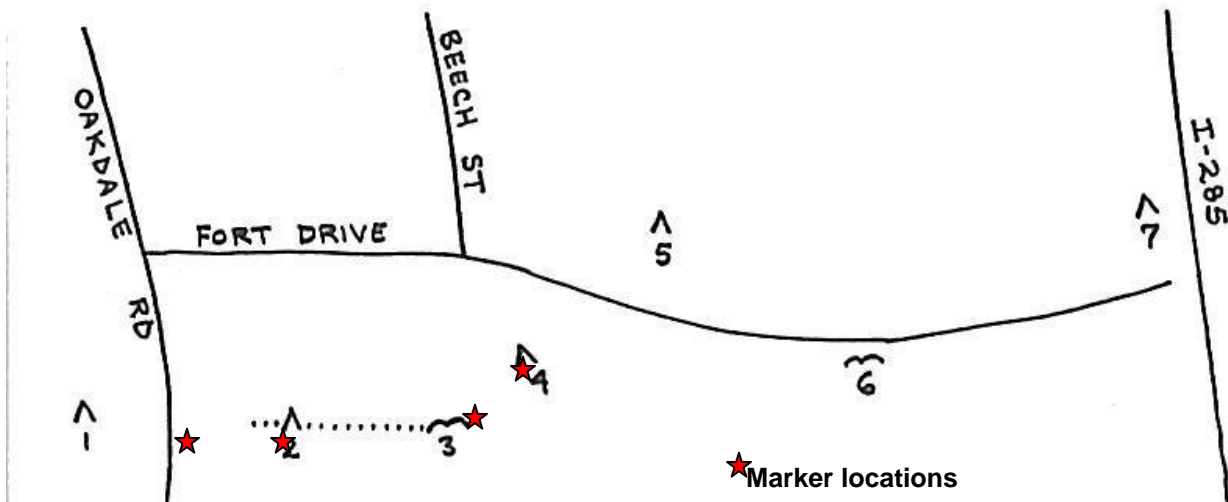


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Shoupade Park markers installed

The remnants of Johnston's River Line along Fort Drive in Cobb County have been the subject of several articles over the past four years (see October, September, and June 2006 newsletters). In July 2005, the Cobb County Commission approved development plans for properties both north and south of the remaining fortifications, provided that the land immediately around two Shoupades, an artillery redan, and the connecting line was preserved, ultimately for a county park (encompassing items 2, 3, and 4 on the map below). The developer (Pulte Homes) asked GBA to provide the content for historical markers for the proposed park. The developer then paid for the design and manufacture of four markers that were installed in mid September. While fortifications 1, 5 and 6 are gone, we're still trying to save the remaining Shoupade (7). A dedication ceremony for the markers is scheduled for 2 p.m. on 9 November.



An overall marker for the park is just east of the parking pull-off along Oakdale Road.



Marker behind the first Shoupade (#2 on map) along the walking trail.



Marker on the east edge of the only remaining artillery redan (#3 on map).



Marker immediately behind the second Shoupade (#4 on map) included in the park.

2008 Georgia Battlefields Association tour with Ed Bearss

We're finalizing the plans for our 13-16 March 2008 tour led by Ed Bearss. We'll tour the sites of the Battles of Atlanta, Ezra Church, and Utoy Creek. We'll also cover the subsequent siege of the city in August 1864. We'll conclude with a walking tour of downtown Atlanta, visiting the locations of the structures that made the city a major administrative, training, manufacturing, storage, and transportation center for the Confederacy.

Thursday (13 March) evening reception at the hotel; Friday night dinner at the Cyclorama; Saturday night dinner at The Carter Center, with the presidential library and museum open. Hotel is the Marriott Century Center, just northeast of the Clairmont Road exit off I-85. To reserve a room, call (404) 325-0000 or book through the internet at www.marriott.com/atlne. Ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$99 (\$111 including tax) for a king bed or \$107 (\$120) for twin double beds. NOTE: Breakfast is not included.

The costs of the facilities we're renting and the price of fuel for the bus have both increased over our previous tours, but we want to keep the price to our members (and you must be a GBA member to reserve a place on the tour) as low as possible while still generating some profit for preservation. Consequently, the price remains \$395. While you may inquire about availability by e-mailing us at info@georgiabattlefields.org, your reservation is not confirmed until your \$395 reaches the GBA treasurer at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

Ed Bearss called to tell us he's enthused about the itinerary, so come join us.

150 years ago this month

On 6 November 1857, Joseph E. Brown is sworn in as governor of Georgia. A strong proponent of state's rights, he will become an advocate of secession.

Also in November 1857, the Atlantic Monthly is first published. Harper's Monthly, the model for the new publication, has had such success that it has become Harper's Weekly. Together, the two publications will provide national coverage of the tumultuous coming years.

2008 battlefield preservation grant process now open

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2008 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) battlefield preservation grants. Deadline for applications is 18 January 2008. Application form and complete guidelines are at www.cr.nps.gov/abpp.

Columbus Naval Museum symposium on 10 November

The Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus will hold its 5th Annual Civil War Naval Symposium on 10 November. Details are at www.civilwarnavalmuseum.com/events/historysymposium.php, or you can call the museum at 706 327 9798.

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