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State guide to Civil War sites finally published

Over nine years have passed since the last update to *Crossroads of Conflict*, the State of Georgia's official guide to Civil War sites. This newsletter has often mentioned the pending publication of a new edition. Finally, the sustained effort of Barry Brown and Rich Elwell is in full color print. It's a considerable upgrade over the 2001 black & white edition, with better organization and many more text entries, photos and maps. Retail price is \$22.95 (\$10 for the e-book), but you can find discounted prices directly from the publisher or other online book sellers www.ugapress.org/index.php/books/crossroads_of_conflict/. The book also will be sold on the forthcoming Georgia Civil War Sesquicentennial web site www.GACivilWar.org.

GBA advocated for posting the guide's contents online so that tourists planning to visit Georgia could preview the material, but UGa Press felt that would cut into sales of the print version.

Nominations open for most endangered sites

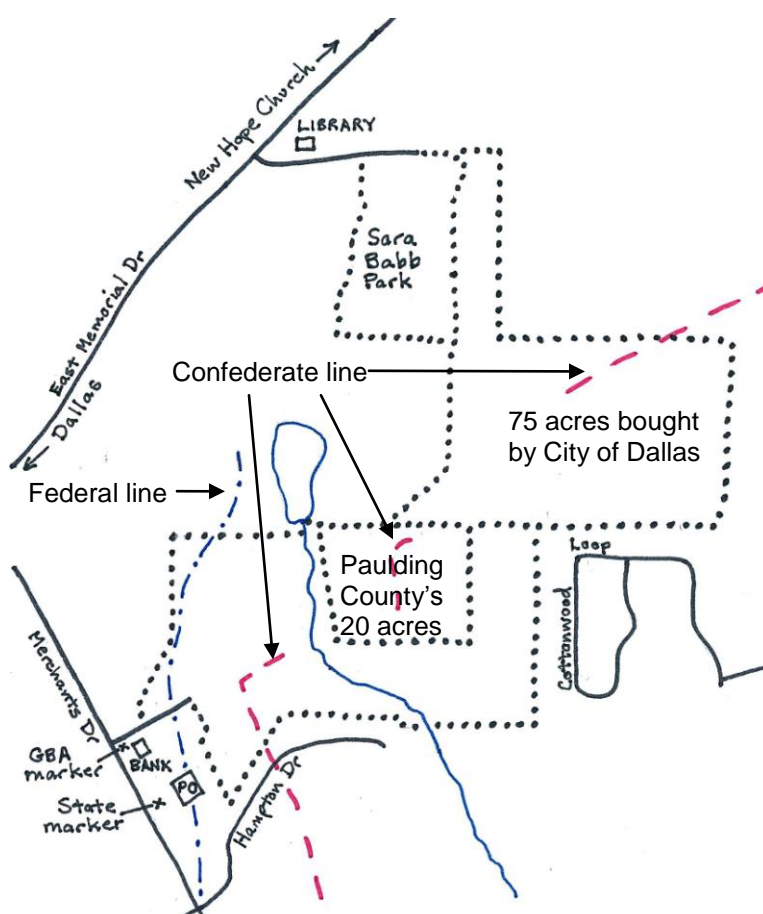
The Civil War Preservation Trust is accepting nominations for its 2011 most endangered site list. GBA has had success nominating Georgia sites over the last ten years (June 2010 newsletter). You are welcome to suggest sites to us, or you can nominate sites directly by filling out the form at www.civilwar.org/endangerednomination. Deadline for nominations is 1 November 2010.

City of Dallas purchases 75 acres of battlefield land

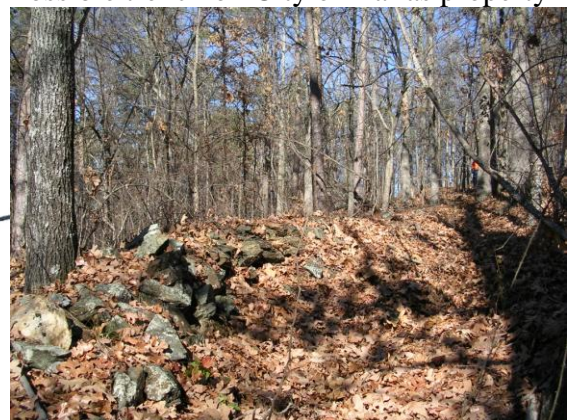
On 9 September, the city of Dallas closed on the purchase of 75 acres that contains parts of the Dallas-New Hope Church line of late May and early June 1864. When funds permit, the city plans to restore and interpret the earthwork remnants, as well as develop a nature trail where school children can identify native plants and trees.

The 75-acre property connects Sara Babb public park to a 20-acre tract owned by Paulding County. The county property also contains parts of the Confederate line, including a rock trench.

Dallas is also developing a Civil War Memorial Trailhead Park in conjunction with Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails www.gcwht.org. The park will be adjacent to the First Baptist Church.



Possible trench on City of Dallas property



Rock trench on Paulding County property

New markers to be dedicated in October

We previously reported on Georgia Battlefields Association contributing both to the cost and the content of new historical markers that the Georgia Historical Society is installing in preparation for the Civil War Sesquicentennial (May 2010 newsletter). Two of the markers will be dedicated in October. At 1030 on 6 October, former ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young will speak at the dedication of a marker relating to the actions of two regiments of U.S. Colored Troops at Fort Hill in Dalton. At 0900 on 22 October, the Battles for Atlanta marker will be dedicated at the Carter Center. More details are at www.georgiahistory.com/containers/23.

2011 GBA tour led by Ed Bearss will base in Augusta

From 10 to 13 March 2011, our annual tour will be based in Augusta, in part to emphasize Georgia's importance as a manufacturing center for the Confederacy.

We'll begin as always with a Thursday (10 March) evening reception at the hotel. On Friday (11 March) morning, we'll board the bus at 0800 for a trip to Crawfordville and the home of Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens. It was here that Stephens waited for Federal troops to arrive in May 1865. The house and associated museum will be open for our tour.

From there, we'll head north and several decades backward in time to the Kettle Creek battlefield from the Revolutionary War. The action at Kettle Creek typifies the upcountry fighting in the south, with loyalist militia fighting separatist militia and few if any regular troops involved.

From Kettle Creek, we'll visit the historic town of Washington, home of Robert Toombs, site of the last Confederate cabinet meeting, and rendezvous point for paroled Confederates after the surrenders of Lee and Johnston. After lunch, a museum visit, and a tour of the town, we'll head for Chennault with a local expert who will demystify the stories about stolen Confederate gold. Friday evening's dinner will be at the Augusta History Museum, where we'll see some artifacts from the sites that we'll be visiting the next day.

On Saturday, we'll again leave at 0800, this time for downtown Augusta, where we'll walk to historic sites from the Civil War and earlier times, including St. Paul's Church, the Confederate Monument, The Most Holy Trinity Church, and the First Presbyterian Church, including the minister's house where his son—Thomas Woodrow Wilson—watched Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens ride under Federal guard to the boat landing from which they would head north into captivity. The final stop on our walking tour will be Magnolia Cemetery, where seven Confederate generals are buried as well as over 300 soldiers who died in the area hospitals. After lunch, we'll head to Augusta State University, where several buildings from the former arsenal remain. Also on the campus, we'll visit the Walker Family Cemetery, burial place of Major General W.H.T. Walker, killed 22 July 1864 at the Battle of Atlanta.

On Sunday (13 March) morning, we'll head for the site of the facility that was the principal supplier of gun powder for the Confederacy: Only the chimney remains. Next, we'll go to the Augusta Canal Museum. After viewing the displays, we'll board a boat for a tour to better understand why the canal was so important to manufacturing and commerce. We'll be back to the hotel by noon to end our tour.

We'll be based at Homewood Suites, 1049 Stevens Creek Rd, Augusta GA 30907. This is on the north side of I-20, just east of Washington Road exit 199. Call 706 738 3131 and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$105 per night (about \$120 after taxes). The tour price is still \$395 per person, but you must be a GBA member to register. Your reservation is confirmed when your check to GBA arrives at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

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