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Civil War Trust annual conference in Richmond

The Civil War Trust conference this year was in Richmond and featured tours covering the last months of the war. Georgia Battlefields Association was again well-represented. The conference presents an opportunity not only for participants to tour with exceptional guides but also for GBA to nurture relationships with the Trust and other preservation organizations.



GBA members Dan Hanks, Jack Davis, and Vince Dooley (also a Civil War Trust Board member).



Civil War Trust Director of History & Education Garry Adelman (right) shares a laugh with GBA trustee Joe Trahan.



GBA trustee Charlie Crawford (left) and Pamplin Park Executive Director Will Greene. Will was formerly executive director of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War sites, a predecessor organization of the Civil War Trust.



GBA members Jim & Cindy Wentworth, Mary & Bill Porter, Joe Trahan, and Pat Marx before the banquet.



Charlie Crawford talks with historian Gordon Rhea, who led the North Anna battlefield tour.



GBA members Michael Marx (left) and Jim Wentworth discuss a site they've just visited. Pat Marx (in blue) observes.



The Haw's Shop tour included lighter moments for Michelle McMahon (left), Civil War Trust Director of Web Strategy & Development, and Charlie Crawford.

Photos above by Bruce Guthrie. To see more, go to www.bguthriepictures.com.

Sandy Springs Civil War lecture series

Every Tuesday in July at 6:30. www.heritagesandysprings.org/HSS-Parking.pdf

7 Mike Shaffer – Stacking of Arms: The Confederate Surrender Ceremonies

14 Brian Wills – Georgia during the Age of Reconstruction

21 Clarke Otten – 100 Years of Sandy Springs: 1860-1960

28 Stan Jones – Personal Military Weapons of the American Civil War

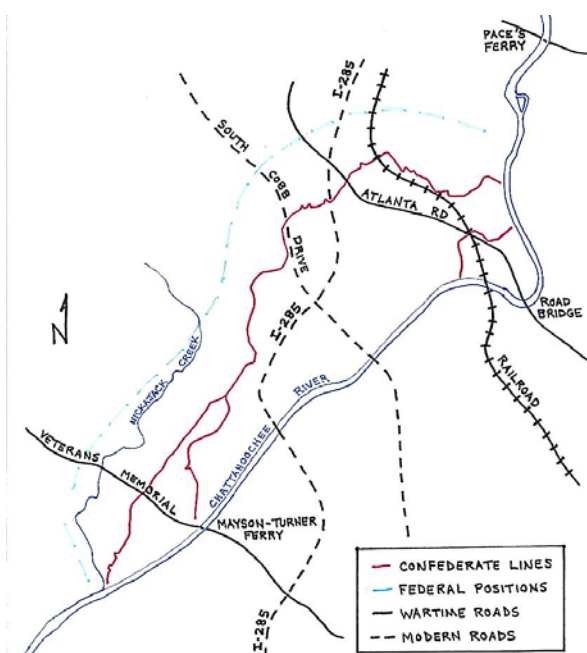
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Sections of Chattahoochee River Line added to National Register

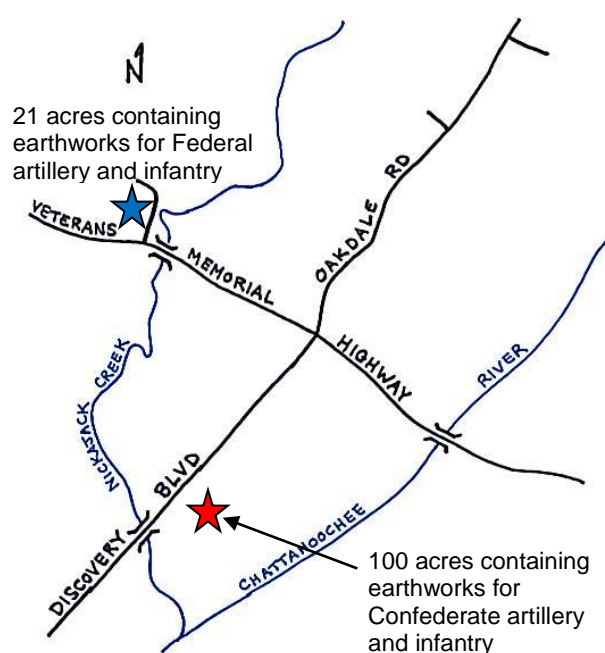
On 8 June, the state Historic Preservation Division announced that two sections of the Chattahoochee River Line had been added to the National Register of Historic Places on 18 May. One section was part of the line constructed using slave labor beginning in mid June 1864 and occupied by the Confederates from the night of 4-5 July to the night of 9-10 July. The other section was part of the corresponding line built by Federal troops starting on 5 July. The two parcels were nominated separately. Both are owned by Cobb County.

These two parcels have been the subject of previous newsletter articles (e.g., September 2012 and August 2009). GBA helped prepare the Mableton Improvement Coalition application that resulted in a National Park Service grant to develop a preservation plan for the sites.

The River Line Historic Area www.riverline.org hopes the National Register designation will increase the chance of receiving park bond money previously approved by Cobb County voters. The money would be used to improve accessibility to both sites and to install directional signs and interpretive markers.



Overall map of Confederate and Federal lines.



Enlargement of southwestern portion.

Civil War Round Table listing updated

The Georgia Battlefields Association web site listing of Civil War Round Tables active throughout the state has been updated. www.georgiabattlefields.org/round_tables.htm.

150 years ago this month – July 1865

On 7 July, four Lincoln assassination conspirators—Mary Surratt, Lewis Powell, David Herold, and George Atzerodt—are hanged at the Washington Arsenal (now Fort McNair).

On 13 July, Georgia Governor James Johnson issues a proclamation abolishing slavery and calling for an October election to choose delegates to a constitutional convention.

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