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Locomotive *Texas* returned to Atlanta on 4 May

The newly conserved locomotive *Texas* arrived at its new home at the Atlanta History Center on 4 May. During a 14-month process at the North Carolina Transportation Museum, conservators found that a plurality of dateable parts were from the 1886 reconfiguration, so the locomotive was restored to its 1886 appearance. Railroad gauges throughout the U.S. were standardized to four feet eight and a half inches in 1886, and most southern railroads had been using five feet, so all locomotives were converted. In 1886, the locomotive bore the number 12, so that was the number used for the restoration. (Note: No numbers were used on Western & Atlantic Railroad locomotives in 1862. The number 49 familiar to those who saw the locomotive on display in Grant Park was from a post-war configuration.) In 1886, the locomotive bore the name *Cincinnati*, but the restoration bears the name *Texas* to reflect its 1862 moniker.



Above: Unusual traffic on West Paces Ferry Road. Right: Lift of *Texas* begins. Below: Arrival of tender. Below right: Lifting the tender.



Above: Parker Evans, who rode on *Texas* in 1927.

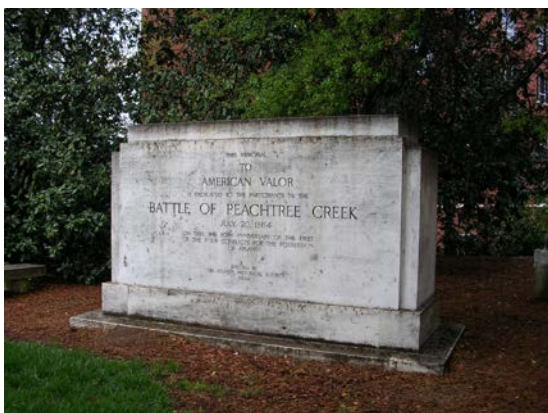


In place and covered.

Wearing reflective vests in bottom left photo are Atlanta History Center's Gordon Jones (left) and Jackson McQuigg, who deserve great credit for managing the conservation, transportation, and placement of *Texas* and its tender.

Battle of Peachtree Creek monuments temporarily removed

The Battle of Peachtree Creek monument that stood in front of Piedmont Hospital since 1944 was dismantled recently due to the hospital's expansion. It will be re-erected once the construction is finished. Information about the dismantling is included on the web site <http://betterpiedmont.org/building-updates> that tracks the status of the construction: See the update for 21 April. A smaller monument to Captain Evan Howell's artillery battery was in front of the Sheffield Medical Building just south of the hospital grounds. It belongs to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who removed the stone and plaque until they can be relocated.



Peachtree Creek monument before (left) and after (below) disassembly. Planned new site will place the monument farther north—and thus less accurate—than its former location. Howell battery stone (right).



GBA helps with historical marker repair

Since the state of Georgia closed its historical marker repair shop a few years ago, Georgia Historical Society has been responsible for repairing damaged markers. Most often, this involves replacing the mounting post, which has usually been hit by a vehicle. In early May, GHS contacted GBA about a marker in the Atlanta area. The GHS technician was bringing a replacement post, but two people are needed to remount the cast aluminum marker. GBA provided additional labor.

Before (left) and after (right) new post.



Preservation and history education items in state budget

As usual, preservation was not a high priority in Georgia's FY2018 (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018) budget. Decrements for the Georgia Historical Society (\$100,000), Georgia Humanities Council (\$10,000), and Georgia Civil War Commission (\$25,000) were proposed during the budget process, but these were restored in the final bill that the Governor signed on 1 May.

Second annual Vince Dooley leadership seminar at Kennesaw State

Kennesaw State Civil War Center is holding its 2nd annual Vince Dooley Leadership Seminar from 9:30 a.m. until noon on 17 June at the KSU Center, Room 400, 3333 Busbee Drive in Kennesaw. Speakers include Coach Dooley, U.S. Naval Academy emeritus professor Craig Symonds discussing Allied Leadership at D-Day, and KSU professor Brian Wills discussing Secrets of Leadership Success in the Civil War. Fee is \$50 and includes breakfast. Register at <http://cwc.hss.kennesaw.edu/> or call 470 578 2551.

Battlefield mapping app for smart phones or tablets

Georgia Tech professor Bill Drummond, who has been working on Geographic Information System (GIS) battlefield mapping for 20 years, has linked his Atlanta Civil War fortification maps to a free program called Avenza Maps. Here are the directions:

1. Install free Avenza Maps app from the applicable (Apple or Android) app store.
2. Allow the app to access your position and any other needed permission.
3. Open the app and close any window requesting sign in or registration.
4. Click on a plus (on Android, this is within an orange circle).
5. Click on "Download or import a map."
6. Click on "Tap to enter a URL of a map."
7. Enter one of the following URLs

www.prism.gatech.edu/~wd4/at11875.pdf

www.prism.gatech.edu/~wd4/gt1875.pdf

www.prism.gatech.edu/~wd4/gtmodern.pdf

8. The app will download and format the map.
9. Click on the newly imported map.

Your GPS position will display as a blue circle if you are currently within the map area.

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