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## GBA 2018 tour will continue to follow the Atlanta Campaign

**Dates:** 8-11 March 2018. Ed Bearss will be primary guide.

**Sites:** Battles of Atlanta, Ezra Church, and Utoy Creek. Visit to Atlanta History Center to see locomotive *Texas* and Cyclorama being conserved. More details in October 2017 newsletter.

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott Executive Park, 1236 Executive Park Drive, Atlanta GA 30329. GBA rate is \$117 per night (\$139.55 with tax). Central reservation number is 800 264 0729. Hotel number is 404 728 0708. Click [here](#) for online booking link.

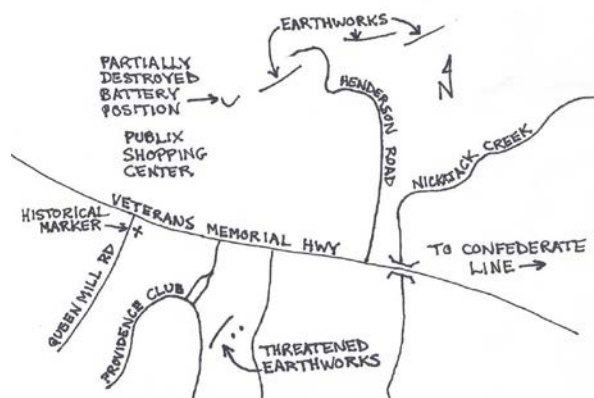
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## Chicago Civil War Round Table tour 26-29 April 2018

Chicago CWRT will bring its annual tour to Georgia to explore the opening of the Atlanta Campaign through the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Details and registration for the tour are at [www.chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html](http://www.chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html), or see Georgia Battlefields October newsletter.

## River Line earthworks hearing postponed

The Cobb County Commission has postponed consideration of OB-40, the Other Business item that relates to a trench and two artillery positions on the Providence property on the south side of Veterans Memorial Highway (see October newsletter). As is common, the Cobb commissioners defer to the commissioner representing the area in which the subject property is located. In response to communications from neighborhood groups and preservationists, District 4 Commissioner Lisa Cupid asked that the matter be held until at least 21 November, writing "I need to better understand the history of this site and Pulte's role at Park Avenue and Shoupade Park before moving forward. It is my understanding that the earthworks at Providence have been disturbed although there is supposed to be a significant surrounding buffer. Again I just would like more time to understand and address these issues in this zoning."



## Shoupade Park celebration

On 23 September, River Line Historic Area celebrated the replacement of the historical markers at Shoupade Park in Cobb County. [www.riverline.org](http://www.riverline.org) Roberta Cook, who has fought to preserve the River Line for over fifteen years, hosted the event, which was covered by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and other media. Cobb County Board of Commissioners Chair Mike Boyce attended, and Mary-Elizabeth Ellard represented GBA, which provided the content for the markers. Ms. Cook took the opportunity to discuss better park maintenance with the Parks Director.

Top photo: Cutting the ribbon are (L to R) LeAnn Williamson, President of the Park Avenue Homeowners Association; Roberta Cook; Lisa Barnett, an early donor to the cost of new markers; and Cobb County Commission Chair Mike Boyce (holding Lisa's dog). Bottom photo: Vice President Mary-Elizabeth Ellard (at far left) represented GBA. Photos by Bill Ellard.



The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* article (click [here](#)) about the ceremony also refers to the Providence property (article above). See Mary-Elizabeth's comments at the article's end.

## **Confederate monument and street name news**

On 13 October, the City of Atlanta announced formation of an advisory committee to review Confederate street names and city-owned monuments. The committee plans to solicit feedback from historians, business leaders, and residents to provide context and perspective for the landmarks in the city limits and will ultimately recommend how the community can be involved in determining the handling of each case. The announcement and list of the eleven committee members is at [www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/8201/1338?backlist=%2F](http://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/8201/1338?backlist=%2F). The first committee meeting was on 18 October.

On 24 October, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution calling for the removal of the 1908 Confederate monument behind the old courthouse in Decatur, though a 2001 state law would seem to prohibit relocating the monument except to preserve it.

## **House that served as Confederate headquarters may be torn down**

Oakton, a house at 581 Kennesaw Avenue in Marietta that served as a headquarters for Major General W.W. Loring in June 1864, may be sold and torn down. The house has been for sale for over two years, but the only offers have been from developers who want to remove the house and put in 13 or more new houses. The current owners have been resisting these offers but are anxious to sell. [facebook.com/saveoaktonproject](https://www.facebook.com/saveoaktonproject)

## **Robert Toombs house to reopen 21 November**

The Robert Toombs house in Washington, Georgia, will reopen 21 November after repairs and installation of a new roof. <http://gastateparks.org/RobertToombsHouse>

## **Time to apply for annual battlefield preservation planning grants**

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) annual planning grant process is underway. The web site [www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/grants.htm](http://www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/grants.htm) will have guidelines and an application form. If you don't have access to the internet, call ABPP grants manager Kristen McMasters at 202 354 2037. Completed applications must be postmarked by 2 January 2018.

These ABPP grants cannot be used to acquire land, unlike those through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Georgia projects received grants in 2009, 2010, and 2012.

## **150 years ago this month**

On 19 November 1867, Brigadier General John Pope ordered that Georgia's constitutional convention should convene on 9 December in Atlanta.

## **Georgia Gives Day and Giving Tuesday unite**

The Georgia Gives Day and Giving Tuesday programs are uniting to raise awareness and funds for the non-profit sector. Their combined effort will be a giving marathon on 28 November, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, in the hope of balancing Black Friday and Cyber Monday "getting" with a concentrated 24 hours of "giving." To donate to Georgia Battlefields Association, go to <https://www.gagives.org/c/GGD/a/georgiabattlefields> or Google GAGives and enter our name in the search box. You can also encourage or challenge others to match your gift. Of course, you can donate any time, but the event organizers offer awards and incentives to groups that raise the most money or have the most donors on 28 November. GBA would appreciate your support.

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