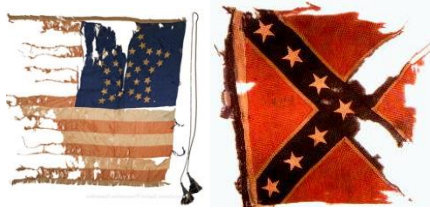


THE HOWLING DAWG

MARCH 2014



51st PVV 16th Geo.

16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G

"The Jackson Rifles"

WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THE ENEMY IS US



Antietam: September 17, 1862 the 51st Pennsylvania charge the Rorbach Bridge - by Don Troiani

There was a popular cartoon strip several years ago that published the well-remembered line, "*we have met the enemy and the enemy is us*" (paraphrasing Commodore Perry: "We have met the enemy and he is ours" from the War of 1812). When someone joins the 16th Georgia, Company G, they know they will be required to galvanize, as need be, and help portray a Federal Infantry unit in order to get the job done. I will say again, "in order to get the job done," and I

emphasize that point because some folks (not within the unit) just don't like for us to do that AT ALL. Perhaps they figure our blood just ain't gray enough and will regard this as the "most hated" issue of the DAWG ever produced. I respectfully submit that their objections just do not matter - AT ALL - we are historians, regardless of what anyone has to say about our lack of diplomas; we can portray villains or saints with equal ease. Nonetheless, I will be clear as to where I stand and where my loyalties lie. I never much subscribed to the theory of a "brothers war." Northerners and Southerners are two distinctly different cultures and no two ways of life can fruitfully occupy the same turf - not really. I would have had difficulty in heeding General Lee's admonition, after Appomattox, that Southern manhood needed to go back home and become "good Americans" once again - "...and I don't need no pardon for anything I done ...". The South's contention has always been with the man who put on the blue suit, not the man who was born with black skin. Any more questions where I stand - hope I have been plain enough? However, I have a pretty fair understanding that my Confederate ancestors did not fight against an inept foe but nearly prevailed against one of the mightiest military (and political) machines to ever exist. I strive to tell that story - enough said!

We (that is the 16th GA) selected the 51st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Co. F, long before I joined and AS FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE we are the only ones who do this, North or South. There are reasons behind this selection. Truly, *"we have met the enemy and the enemy is us."* Ironically, the scene portrayed in the Troiani painting on page 1 shows the 2nd & 20th Georgia Infantry (Toombs' Brigade) in the heights above the bridge and opposing the charge of the 51st Pennsylvania (and 51st New York). It is illustrated from the reverse angle in the John Paul Strain painting on page 3. Many of you are familiar of the story of this episode of the Battle of

Sharpsburg (Antietam), of how, the 51st Pennsylvania and the 51st New York were ordered to take the Rohrbach Bridge (later known as Burnside's Bridge) after earlier Federal attacks had failed. An interesting side note was that Union Colonel Edward Ferrero, a noted teetotaler, had just recently disciplined the 51st Pennsylvania by taking away their whiskey ration. It was well after noon when he addressed the 51st New York and the 51st Pennsylvania



Regiments: *"It is General Burnside's special request that the two 51st's take that bridge. Will you do it?"* A Pennsylvania soldier called out: *"Will you give us our whiskey, Colonel, if we take it?"* Colonel Ferrero turned suddenly around to the Corporal and replied, *"Yes ... you shall all have as much as you want if you take the bridge. I don't mean the whole Brigade, but you two Regiments shall have just as much as you want if it is in the commissary or I have to send to New York to get it and pay for it out of my own private purse; that is if I live to see you through it. Will you take it?"* The two 51st's, New York on the left and Pennsylvania on the right, ... "charged up the road in column with fixed bayonets, and in scarcely more time than it takes to tell it, the bridge was passed. After crossing the bridge, these two regiments moved to the right then back toward the creek and halted to rest while several other regiments passed up the road.



"Burnside's Bridge - Antietam Creek " by John Paul Strain

As the fog began to clear on the morning of September 17th, 1862, a brigade of young Georgians, in the wooded hillside along the creek, began to see long lines of the four advancing divisions of Major General Ambrose E. Burnside's IX Corps. Commanding the Southern men along the heights above the bridge was General Robert Augustus Toombs. Soon after 9 a.m., the Union assault on the bridge began. Charge after Union charge was shattered by the sheets of deadly short range fire of Toombs' Georgian's. By repulsing four distinct attacks, (Crook's Ohio Brigade, 11th Connecticut, 2nd Maryland & 6th New Hampshire) the 2nd and 20th Georgia regiments held the IX Corps (see badge at left) at bay all morning and accomplished their mission, buying General Lee's battered army the time needed to recover from the morning's carnage, as the 16th GA had done, losing 2/3 of their number at Crampton's Gap. About 1 p.m., two regiments, the 51st Pennsylvania and the 51st at New York, marched swiftly out from the cover of a wooded hill, and made the final charge against the bridge. Being supported by converging artillery fire, the 51st Pennsylvania finally crossed the bridge. But all was not lost for the Confederates. Soon General A. P. Hill's notable Light Division would arrive from Harper's Ferry in the nick of time, and plow through Burnside's men. The IX Corps would retreat across the bridge they had won earlier that day. I have heard it said that the 16th Georgia was among the riflemen firing toward the bridge that day but they were actually part of Cobb's Brigade (16TH GA, 24TH GA, COBB'S GA LEGION, 15TH NORTH CAROLINA) not Toombs (2ND GA, 15TH GA, 17TH GA, 20TH GA). The 51st Pennsylvania Infantry was organized at Harrisburg, PA on November 16, 1861; Initially attached to (Reno's) 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Dept. of North Carolina, to July, 1862, then 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April, 1863; Army of the Ohio to June, 1863; Army of the Tennessee to August, 1863, and Army of the Ohio to April, 1864. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 9th Army Corps, Army Potomac, to September, 1864. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, to July, 1865.



THE "REAL" 51st PVV: Taking our portrayal of the 51st Pennsylvania Infantry seriously, we were always on the lookout for images and information about them - such items are scarce. A rare written history goes for as much as \$185. Recently, we were gratefully able to obtain the following pictures from Ronald Coddington, editor of *Military Images Magazine*.



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

1. Levi Bolton, born in 1836, was a bricklayer when he enlisted on August 31, 1861. His uncle was the major of the regiment.
2. Corporal J. Umstead of Company C wears the short jacket common in the 51st.
3. This is an unidentified member of Company C. Notice the 9th Corps badge on his jacket and the navy blue trousers. The 51st PVV seems to have used them at least as much as the sky blue variety.
4. This man is also unidentified except for the "51 P.V.V." on his kepi.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

5. Corporal Shainline, Co. I wounded at Fredericksburg and still has head bandaged.
6. Private Enos Espenship, Co. C. Wounded at Spotsylvania at age 16.
7. Private George D. "Stormy" Williams, has "51" on his hat.
8. 1st Lt. Thomas C. Evans, Co. A. Enlisted 7/3/1863. Mustered out 9/2/1863.

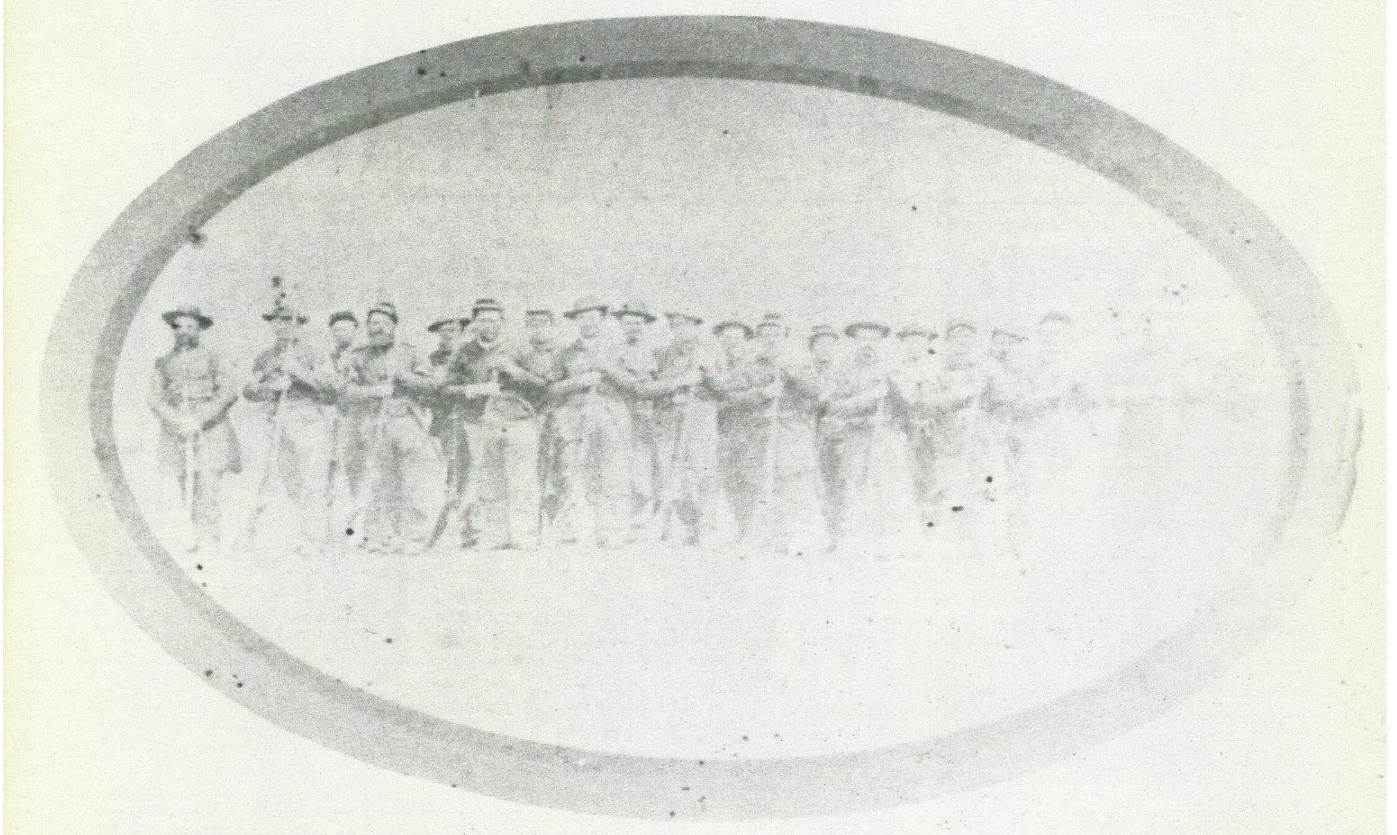


TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

1. **Captain John H. Coulston, Co. A. Rose through the ranks from a private. Wounded at Cold Harbor.**
2. **Lt. Howard Bruce, Co. F. Wounded at Antietam and the Wilderness.**
3. **Lt. Allen Fillman, Co. F. Wounded at Antietam. Killed at the Crater by the same shell that wounded Col. Bolton.**
4. **Lt. Mark Supplee, Co. I. Wounded at Fredericksburg.**

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

5. **Lt. Jacob P. Brooke, Co. F. Wounded at the Weldon Railroad.**
6. **Surgeon W.C. Shurlock, ministered to the 51st's casualties.**
7. **Colonel John Hartranft.**
8. **Captain William Allebaugh, Co. C. First across the bridge at Antietam. Later captured at Spotsylvania with a large number of the 51st and the regimental colors.**



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

- 1. Sgt. Thomas H. Parker, Co. I. Wounded at Antietam and Jackson, Mississippi. Finished the War as a captain and wrote an excellent regimental history.**
- 2. Major Lane S. Hart. Wounded at Antietam and at the Weldon Railroad, August 19, 1864.**
- 3. Colonel William Bolton. Wounded at Antietam and Petersburg, July 30, 1864.**
- 4. The flag of the 51st PVV had the state seal in the field of blue. The right-hand horse in the emblem was carried away by an artillery shell at Antietam.**

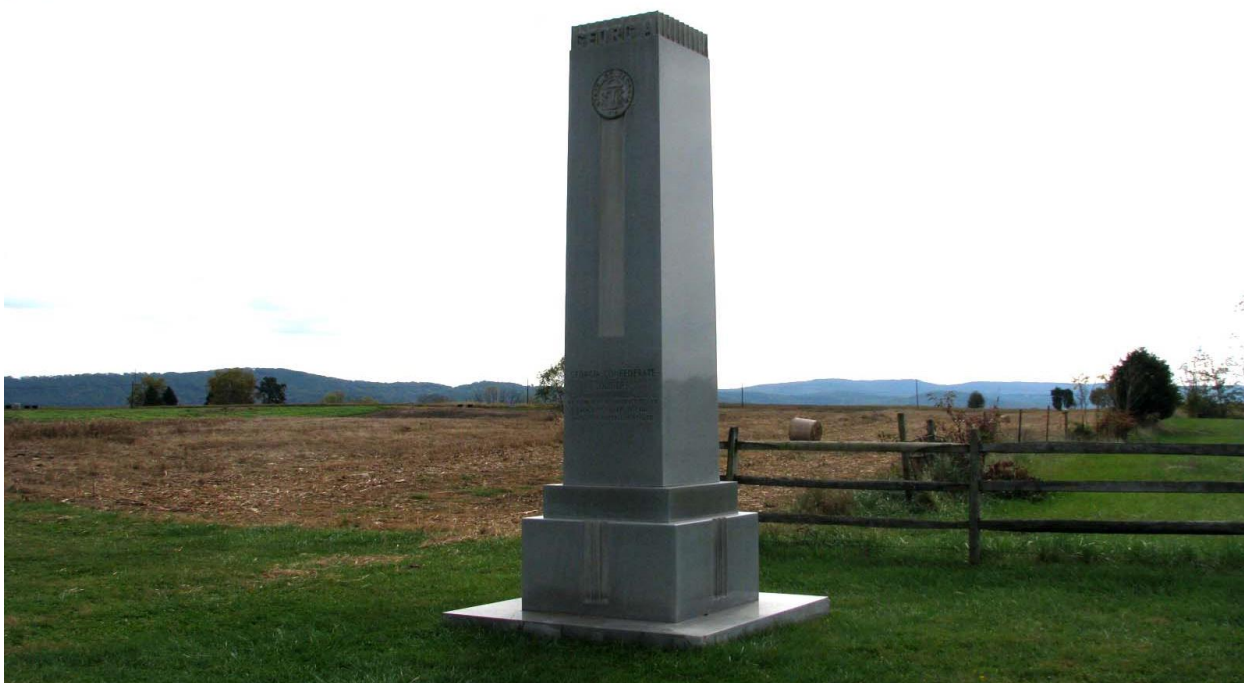
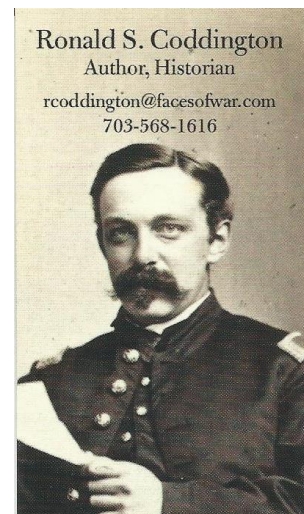
BOTTOM ROW

- 1. Captain Joseph K. Bolton and Co. A at Stanford, KY in 1863. The men wear frock coats, jackets and a variety of head gear.**

TOM TROY

As the Union Army pressed Petersburg, Virginia from three sides in early April of 1865 Brevet Major General Orlando Wilcox commanded the 9th Corps east of the city. They received reports that the Confederate forces were withdrawing, leaving only a picket line in front. The 51st Pennsylvania was part of Wilcox's 1st Brigade when a captain in the ranks requested a volunteer to go into Petersburg to see if it was evacuated. Thomas Troy of Company I stepped forward from the Union lines about 1 A.M. on April 3rd. He was asked to go unarmed and unequipped but he refused to do so. Eventually, ol' Tom returned to confirm that Confederate forces moving out of Petersburg as far as they could. He had apparently found a good quantity of spirits while on patrol and returned a "leetle tight."

Along the bitterly contested city perimeter, groups of Federal soldiers were filtering into the now abandoned Confederate positions. Skirmishers from the 51st Pennsylvania and the 38th Wisconsin pushed through Colquitt's Salient and into the town's residential outskirts. From south of Petersburg elements of John Hartranft's division poked into the suburbs and the 200th Pennsylvania laid claim to being the first organized regiment to cross the city limits, but there was no doubt that Tom Troy of the 51st had been there.



Georgia Monument at Antietam

"We sleep here in obedience to law; When duty called, we came, When country called, we died."
Cobb's Brigade (including the 16th Georgia) crossed the Potomac at daybreak and halted near General Lee's Headquarters west of Sharpsburg. At about 9:20 A.M., it formed line on the south side of Bloody Lane, its left resting at this point and, with Rodes' and portions of Garland's and Colquitt's Brigades, participated in the engagement with French's Division of the Second Corps. Later in the day the Brigade changed front to the right, facing east, and supported D. H. Hill's Division and George T. Anderson's Brigade in resisting the advance of Richardson's Division. Note: Toombs' Brigade : 2nd Georgia, 15th Georgia, 17th Georgia, 20th Georgia and Cobb's Brigade: 16th Georgia, 24th Georgia, Cobb's Georgia Legion and the 15th North Carolina.

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

Annie Ruth Johnson Smith Byron, GA- Annie Ruth Johnson Smith, of Byron, GA, died Saturday, March 29, 2014. Services were held at 4:00PM on Monday, March 31, at Hardison Baptist Church in Byron, with Rev. Rick Odum officiating. Burial followed in Byron City Cemetery. Born in Cordele to the late William Nathan Johnson and Elizabeth Mae Good Johnson, Mrs. Smith worked in the family business, S & S Scale Service Inc., after leaving Bibb Manufacturing Company. She was a member at Hardison Baptist Church where she taught the women's Joy Sunday School. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hardison Baptist Church @ 13845 GA Hwy 42 South, Byron GA 31008.

J.C Nobles writes of her: "For y'all that didn't know, Mrs. Annie Ruth Johnson Smith was the Mother/Mother in Law of Miss Charlotte & Colonel Steve "Red Bone" Smith as well as Ms. Beverly and Ricky "Coon Possum" Smith. She was a very dear, sweet God fearing Christian woman that was a second Mother to a lot of us old dawgs "back in the day". She will be missed by many here, but is now reaping Her rewards, for being a good and faithful servant of our Lord.

Brother Joey Young, Chaplain of the Georgia Voluntreer Battalion adds, that everyone is so very sorry to hear this. Please tell Beverly, Ricky and all that we will be praying for their family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. God bless.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hardison Baptist Church @ 13845 GA Hwy 42 South, Byron GA 31008. Those wishing to send sympathy cards may do so to the following addresses: Ricky & Beverly Smith P.P. Box 702 Byron, GA 31008 or Steve and Charlotte Smith 372 Ross Road Byron, GA 31008.



On the Monday evening of March 3, Jason Banks lost his fight with cancer. He was only 31 and the nephew of Gary Banks, 16th GA. SPC Jason Banks had served for 3 years as an infantryman in the U.S. Army 's 3rd Division at Ft. Benning and was a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He received the Army Commendation with V-Devise for Valor, the Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Jason was a talented welder and was employed by GE Energy. He enjoyed sailing, motorcycles and was a member of the FBBC. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Gary Banks 103 Hudson Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

Last month, we sadly announced the passing of several from the ranks: Roger Combs (right) and Jack Wilbanks of the 10th Georgia Infantry and Wendell Graham of the 12th Georgia Infantry. Since that time a photograph of Roger Combs has been shared with us and we publish here in memoriam.

Cheryl Aultman appreciates the expressions of sympathy in behalf of her husband Andy's stepdad whose sudden passing occurred recently. She asks that we continue to keep them in our prayers.



QUOTES

"Between drills, we drill, and sometimes stop to eat a little and have a roll-call." - Oliver Norton, Army Letters "The past is not dead ... it's not even past." - William Faulkner, 1951, "Requiem for a Nun"

"When you show up, you are an encouragement. If you don't you are a discouragement, period." - Duke

"I value all things only by the price they will bring in eternity?" - John Wesley

Just one life, 'twill soon be past

Only what's done for Christ will last

And when I am dying, how glad I'll be

That the light of my life was burned out for Thee.

TIMES I LIKE THESE

"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy..."

- Psalm 107:2. As an update to some of those we have been praying for, our friend Frank Foulke (96th PVVV, retired) who subscribes to the "Dawg", writes "...doing great. No restrictions of any kind. Not without arthritic aches and pains plus some other relatively minor gripes, but it would do no good to complain. After what I (and Bette) have been through I thank the Good Lord just to be here! I want to say thanks to you and all who have said a prayer for my well-being. We know there is power in prayer, but when the surgeon tells you that 99.9% of folks with similar circumstances do not make it through surgery, that is very sobering.

I do not recall that I told you about my "prayer angels." That late Friday afternoon I had my problem Bette was across the street in our little community playing dominoes with three other ladies. When I knew something was up I called Bette on her cell phone and said she had better come home - then called 911. As the ladies would later relate, when the fire truck and ambulance came to our place they then knew that something was seriously wrong with me. Upon that realization they stood, joined hands and prayed for me. Forgetting dominoes, they went home where one lady called an old pastor friend in California to ask his assistance in prayer and the other called a neighbor. I am convinced they "got the ball rolling." Please tell all I am well, and "Thank you" for all their prayers."

Bobby Duskin (16th GA and Cochran SCV) continues surgery recovery and writes: "I'm getting better as time goes by; hope to be 100% soon but much better. Thank ya'll so much, Bobby"

Kim Beck reports he is doing better after some recent heart troubles. Continue in prayer for him.

Our Compatriot and friend Craig Coleman (commander of the Milledgeville SCV) needs our prayers for his recovery. He fell while walking his dog and broke one clavicle and the fibula on one of his legs. He is not to walk until this heals. Thank you for remembering Craig during this time. We also need to pray for his wife, Mary Sue, as she cares for him.

Also, remember the physical needs of Mark Thompson (16th GA), Will Butler (16th GA) and Dennis Lord (Hawkinsville SCV).

Report from Broxtons Bridge: "We had a great weekend. On Friday we handed out about 250 tracts to school kids. We had one problem with a government institution instructor (public school teacher) who took the tracts away from her class, and said it was illegal to hand these out to school children. I of course told her she was wrong , and informed her why. She said they were not old enough to make the right decision for themselves. It was a third grade class. I finished handing out tracts and the next teacher said " God bless you!" Saturday was also a good day. The Battle was great. Sunday, the Lord showed up and 6 people trusted Christ and one got reassurance of his salvation. God is always so good! We started a prayer request program (with the help of Mandy) and it went really well. Made it back home safe. Thank you for your prayers. Pray for the 50+ souls saved at re-enactment ministries so far this year and to ask God's comfort for those who have lost loved ones recently - quite a few in this young year among the historical community. Rev. Joey Young

Best wishes go out to our ol' friend Mel Daniel, 3rd Wisconsin/39th GA who was married on March 29.

NOTE: If you know of similar items that should have been mentioned here, please forgive me and let me know. - Duke



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD "

- Jeremiah 29 : 11 -14

WE ALL LIKE TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE IS THINKING OF US. THE FIRST PEOPLE THAT USUALLY COME TO MIND ARE MOM, DAD, GRANDMA, GRANDPA, GIRLFRIEND, WIFE, ETC..... HOW MUCH MORE HUMBLING IS IT THAT THE

CREATOR OF EVERYTHING THINKS OF US.

HE WANTS US TO HAVE PEACE. WITH ALL THAT IS GOING ON IN THIS WORLD GOD WANTS US TO HAVE PEACE IS AMAZING. HE WANTS TO KNOW EVEN THOUGH HE DOES KNOW THAT WE THINK OF HIM. HE WANTS US TO PRAY AND HE WILL LISTEN. SEEK AND FIND HIM. WHEN YOU SEEK DO SO WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

WHEN THE LORD IS WITH YOU THERE IS PEACE. GOD'S PEACE IS PEACE INDEED!!!! WHEN WE ACTIVELY SEEK GOD HE IS BLESSED BY HIS CHILDREN. HIS CHILDREN WHO LOVE HIM AND THINK ABOUT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. WE SHOULD DELIGHT IN THE FACT THAT HE THINKS OF US. Won't you bless your Heavenly Father today?

- Chaplain Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 16th GA, Co. G



The McCarthy-Pope House, circa 1809, the oldest house existing house in Clinton, will be open for tour. Ladies of the Confederacy will have the house furnished and decorated in the era of the War Between the States. Miss Annie's Store, which will be set up as an 1800's mercantile establishment, will also house a display of a wide variety of war relics, a prize winning exhibit of Griswold pistol parts, a beautiful example of a finished Griswold pistol, a Burnside carbine, other war weapons, and authentic Confederate currency. The 16th Georgia will again sponsor rapid fire as well as ultimate soldier/U.S. & C.S. authenticity contests and unit drill competition this year. Representatives of The Camp of the Unknown Soldier, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia will be on hand all weekend, if anyone is interested in joining this recently-formed, organization. The entire event takes place in the Old Clinton Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Self-guided walking tour information will be available. Crafts of the era will be demonstrated; "modern" arts and crafts will also be available for purchase; and "modern" as well as food of the period will be served. Saturday's program will conclude at 8:05 P.M. with the 16th Georgia, Company G, Jackson Rifles, CSA conducting a memorial service in the Old Clinton Cemetery to honor Clinton's Confederate dead. Gates open at 9:00 A.M. Battle at 2:05 each day. Admission/Contribution each day: Adults - \$5; Students 18 and under \$3; Children under 6 - Free. Memorial service - Free. Clinton is located 12 miles NE of Macon, 1-1/2 miles SE of Gray, one block west off US Hwy 129. For more information contact J.C. Nobles (16th GA & Camp # 2218) at 478-718-3201 Earlene Hamilton at 478-986-6383 or the Jones County-Gray Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center at 478-986-1123.

THE FIGHT FOR OUR HERITAGE

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."
- Psalm 16:6



Recently, Georgia became the first state in American history to pass the Convention of States application to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. The House voted to approve the Senate's version of the resolution by a vote of 107-58. Georgians took a stand for self-governance and history will remember what happened today. Because they decided to write letters, make calls, attend hearings, and meet with their state representative, they can tell their children and grandchildren they made a difference in the fight to preserve liberty. We expect many more states to follow Georgia's lead in the months ahead. These are historic times! - Mark Meckler Co-Founder, Convention of States Project President, Citizens for Self-Governance

A recent story aired of eighteen-year-old Mason Deering of San Antonio, Texas who created a white tee shirt with black lettering that read, "Confederate Born, Confederate Bred." Confronted about it and while waiting for the principal, Mason claims the assistant principal told him to change the shirt because it was racist. He refused and left the school. The principal never met with Mason but told district administrators he wouldn't have made Mason change his shirt and that he can wear the shirt in the future as long as it's not a distraction. As of this writing Mason plans to wear the shirt again on March 31. His father says he wants an apology from the school.



Discrimination against students who wear emblems of their rightful heritage is not new. This, however, could set a treacherous precedent. Unlike most similar instances, there was no Confederate flag nor other such icons on Mason's shirt; just four simple words. Obviously the controversy is about the word "Confederate". Has it, like the "N" word been outlawed. Where is that ordinance written? How does an assistant principal get to define what is racist?

The "N" word is typically an insult hurled at another, while the word "Confederate" is a word often proudly attributed to self. Being dissimilar, should equal restriction apply?. The political correctness crusade seems to have adopted the NAACP vow to remove every vestige of the Confederacy from the face of the earth. Does that include the very word, "Confederate"?

- John Wayne Dobson

Olustee

By Earl Colvin

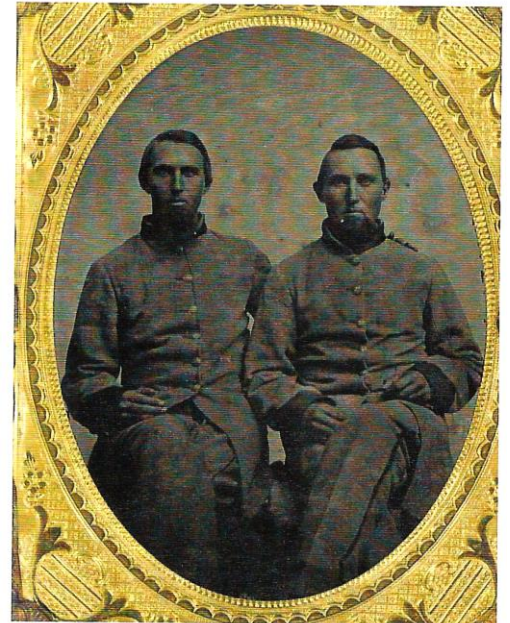
The Seminole word "Olustee" means pond and so was named the rail depot located near the battle site also known as Ocean Pond. Far from home, James Marion McElheney and his six brothers found themselves there as part Company A, 32nd Georgia Regiment which made up General George Harrison's Brigade. James Marion McElheney and Stephen Thomas Tribble, also of Company A, were my Great Great Grandfathers. The company was made up of men from both Jones and Jasper Counties and held many collateral ancestors, all who unknowingly would be represented in my family tree.

Because of my ancestral connection Ocean Pond has always intrigued me and I have always held a special connection to those battlefields that I had roots in. The 150th Olustee commemoration had an added flair with the skirmish in Lake City on Friday afternoon as this was the first time the 16th had participated. While rather small and seemingly run by more cowboys than seasoned re-enactors, it was not the skirmish that was so special to me but being there for it.

Standing in a group of my brothers in the 16th, waiting for the action to start, a white haired lady walked up to me and asked if any of us were affiliated with the 32nd Georgia. My reply was, "No ma'am, I don't really know of anyone who portrays the 32nd but I knew some of the men who were actual soldiers." With a puzzled look she replied that she did too; Company A. In shock I asked who she knew in Company A and she replied John Henry McElheney. We came to realize that her Great Grandfather was a brother to my Great Great Grandfather, James Marion McElheney.

Of all the people in Lake City and all who were standing there impersonating a Southern soldier, only fate could have brought Mrs. Anne to me. I had read that John Henry had took a mini ball in the face which ripped out the roof of his mouth. His pension records described the terrible sufferings that he endured as a result. We continued to talk of family matters and she, along with her husband, cousin and his wife, had brought their grandchildren down to see where their ancestors had fought.

While in conversation with the cousin Mrs. Anne disappeared and returned with a brass framed daguerreotype photo of John Henry (on the left) and one of his brothers. James Marion and John Henry were only one year apart in age and I found myself looking at what could possibly be my g-g-grandfather. The image on the right strongly resembles my great grandfather who would have been his son. The boys had the type made in Savannah early in the war as they wore fine enlisted frocks with blue collars and cuffs and had blue piping down their pants legs. If the brother was not James Marion he was at least another uncle and a blood relative.



Shocked at all the new found information I asked Mrs. Anne if I could possibly get a copy of the type. She walked the short distance to her car and returned with a photo of the daguerreotype and handed it to me. It was so much more than I expected. I invited the family to come to the memorial service on Saturday afternoon and they were the small group that stood to the far right side of the formation. Mrs. Anne, a genealogist, had researched the family all the way back to Ireland and once the memorial was concluded she presented me with papers which held genealogy of my family. We said our goodbyes as they were to leave for home that evening.

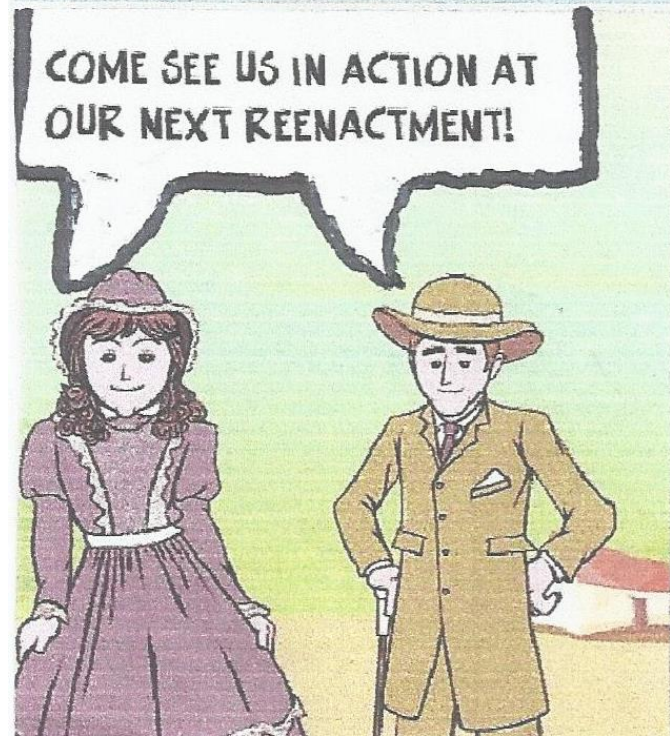
I'm not superstitious but do have a firm belief in the power of divine intervention. Maybe those men who stood that sacred ground so many years ago asked God to send me a tribute from heaven. Either way the visit from Mrs. Anne proved to me that they know where I stand.

GOOD MEMORIES OF MANASSAS 2014

We had about a dozen riflemen at this event, counting brevetted Captain Kevin Sark, who did an outstanding job. Kevin still carried his rifle and if you think it is odd for a unit commander to carry a rifle, just remember Col. Hume r. Field (1st Tenn.) of Sam Watkins' "Co. Aytch" book. The Col. Carried a "repeating rifle" and was said to drop an enemy soldier with every round. The Stancil family who came with Kevin to Olustee and whose company we sure enjoyed were at Manassas as well. Evie even put on the blue suit and added a badly needed rifle to the ranks, doing a great job. Kenny and Cathy also contributed a good many of the pictures featured below. The 16th GA came away with both authenticity plaques and was not out of the running for rapid fire. Sunday's battle was canceled due to bad weather.







Date:

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Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States

Old Clinch WARRAYS
MAY 29 - MAY 31, 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

- 9:00 - Call to Colors (Mandatory for Assembly)
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Old Clinch Historical Society
159 Randolph Street
Greenville, SC 29602

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Upcoming events

APRIL 12 - OLD CLINTON WORKDAY

APRIL 26 - CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY - attend a service near you.

MAY 2-4 - WAR DAYS- 150TH SUNSHINE CHURCH & GRISWOLDVILLE

MAY 16-18 - 150TH BATTLE OF RESACA, GA

MAY 24 - OLD SOLDIER'S DAY AT ERVIN GARNTO'S (in 2012 it was May 26th)

JUNE - BATTLES AT ALMA - POC Is Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290.

JULY 26 - OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT - Living History - By invitation of the Park ONLY !

SEPTEMBER - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN,GA (In 2012, it was on the 15th)

SEPTEMBER 19-21- BATTLE OF ATLANTA AT NASH FARM

OCTOBER 3-5 - ANDERSONVILLE (1st weekend)

OCTOBER - BATTLE @ IRWINVILLE - POC LEE MURDOCK 478-986-5290.

NOVEMBER 7-9 - SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE NOVEMBER 22- 150TH

GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL- *SPEAKER: PASTOR JOHN WEAVER*

NOVEMBER CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS (in 2013, it was on the 9th)

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS@RICHLAND CHURCH (in 2013 it was on Dec. 6-7)

DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE (in 2013 it was on Dec. 14).

150th MARCH TO THE SEA

Dear Collaborators: It is with a heavy heart that I must terminate my efforts to make the recognition of Sherman's March a reality. I'm afraid I have neglected other responsibilities by devoting too much time to the project. So I must reluctantly, but necessarily, withdraw. I hope someone finds the time and effort to continue. If I could be of any service in this regard, I would give support where I could. I thank you all for your time and consideration and wish you much success in your future endeavors. Sincerely, Dick Watson
richardalanwatson@yahoo.com

BITS 'n' PIECES



BEEZER & CLEOTIS: These two ol' dawgs caught up with one another at a recent area car show.
ON YOU TUBE

ON YOU TUBE: A brief new National Park Service video of the 150th Olustee. I watched it and it is about what you would expect from them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHWkukC98&list=UUNntFUP7qVDy7IRip0yH2ng> - Duke

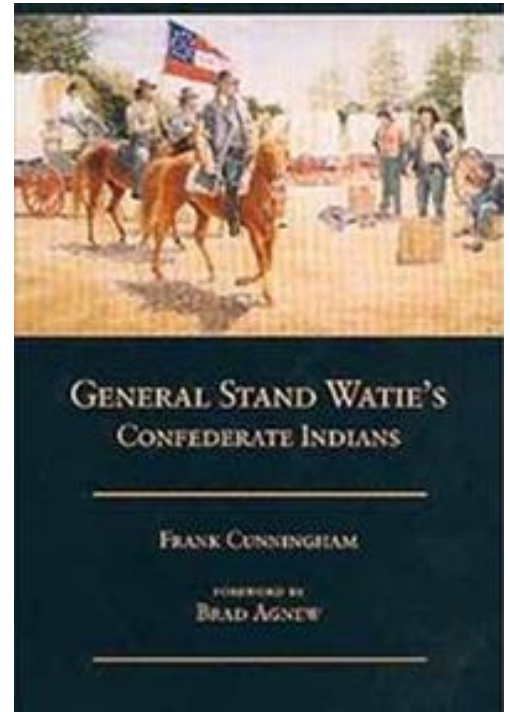
CL CASTING SEEKS CIVIL WAR REENACTORS: Please submit 3-4 photos, (be sure to include photos of yourself in your civil war reenactment attire) your height, weight, sizes, age, email address, and phone number in the body of the email to WalkInTheWoodsATL@gmail.com Subject: CIVIL WAR. Please share this with any friends who are CIVIL WAR REENACTORS. I have no idea what this movie/show will be about. You may want

to inquire before agreeing to film and if they are shooting something inaccurate or negative about our heritage perhaps we can correct it. For the South, William Waller Stewart/Webster



A BOOK TO CONSIDER

GENERAL STAND WATIE'S CONFEDERATE INDIANS - by Frank Cunningham - This was a theatre of operations where the Confederacy remained workable right to the end. Stand Watie was rewarded with General's stars in 1864, and was the very last Confederate General to stack arms. This book is a true classic, a well written account of a part of the War that most people don't even know existed. - \$19.95





Pictured are five .58 caliber Williams cleaner bullets . These are the type III variant examples from Virginia in the Richmond/Petersburg area.

16th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry

The 16th Infantry Regiment [also called Sallie Twiggs Regiment] was organized during the early summer of 1861. Its companies were raised in the counties of Madison, Elbert, Gwinnett, Habersham, Jackson, and Hart. Sent to Virginia the regiment was assigned to General H. Cobb's, T.R.R. Cobb's, Wofford's, and DuBose's Brigade. It fought with the Army of Northern Virginia from the Seven Days' Battles to Gettysburg, then moved with Longstreet but was not engaged in the fight at Chickamauga. After serving at Knoxville, it returned to Virginia and participated in the conflicts at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Cold Harbor. Later the unit was part of Early's operations in the Shenandoah Valley and the Appomattox Campaign. The regiment had a force of 488 effectives in April, 1862, lost 11 killed and 50 wounded at Malvern Hill, and of the 368 engaged at South Mountain, fifty-two percent were disabled. It sustained 70 casualties at Fredericksburg, 133 at Chancellorsville, and twenty-six percent of the 303 at Gettysburg. The 16th lost many at Saylor's Creek and surrendered 2 officers and 51 men. Its commanders were Colonels Goode Bryan, Howell Cobb, James S. Gholston, and Henry P. Thomas; Lieutenant Colonel B. Edward Stiles; and Major John H. Skelton.

16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"

Brig. Gen. Herbert Burns - 478-668-3598
Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry - 404-242-7213
1 Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755
1st Sgt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796
2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague - 478-320-8748
Adjutant John Wayne "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531
1st Corp. Alan "Cookie" Richards 478-308-9739
2nd Corp. Chas. "Goodtime" Whitehead 478-986-8943
3rd Corp. Lee "Pappy" Curtis - 478-365-6785
Lead Chaplain - Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 478-986-8798
Hon. Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-994-0958
Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878
Treasurer - Pvt. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687
Honorary Colonel J. C. Nobles - 478-718-3201
Musician - Landon Allen - 478-294-9870
Musician - Jacob Thompson - 478-214-0687
Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029
Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029
Musician Al McGalliard - 478-986-4827



ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". All 2011-14 issues of *The Howling Dawg* are available @ scvcamp1399.org & some @ scv2218.com, thanks to Steve Scroggins and Al McGalliard.

UNIT ELECTIONS



The 16th Georgia Infantry, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles" will hold elections at Old Clinton War Days 2014 for the positions of Captain, 1st Lt. and 2nd Sgt. All candidates including those currently holding these positions are required to announce their intentions, in writing, to the Adjutant. As of the April 1 deadline Captain Bradberry, 1st Lt. Noah Sprague and 2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague have announced that they will run again for the offices they now hold.



Sherman's Mercenaries

“On March 7, 1865 General William T. Sherman and his army of mercenaries from Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and Prussia, as well as the northern United States, many of whom could not speak English, crossed the North Carolina State line. Behind them lay the smoking ruins of sacked Georgia and South Carolina cities, homeless widows and orphans, and death by starvation.

At Laurel Hill, NC, Sherman halted to refresh his troops, and from here he wired General Schofield in Wilmington that he would be in Goldsboro, NC March 20, 1865 via Fayetteville, NC. On March 12th Sherman and his army of barbarians reached Fayetteville. After plundering the residential section, it was then burned. Also destroyed were four cotton mills, the churches, banks, courthouse and warehouses. Sherman then

moved on looting and burning. Any item that could not be carried, including furniture, carpets and farm equipment, was destroyed. Even the cabins of the slaves were robbed by the Yankees.” (Land of the Golden River, Volume 2 & 3, Lewis Philip Hall, Hall’s Enterprises, 1980, page 101)

Why No Company “J”?

Here are some intriguing possibilities: The answer goes back into history and is probably why there is no “J” street in Washington, DC. In the 18th century English, the capital “I” and “J” were interchangeable especially when hand written. Imagine the confusion trying to deliver a letter to one of two streets next to each other. The 1740 “New General English Dictionary” published in London had a single section for words beginning with I and J. Thomas Jefferson even identified his personal possessions with “T.I.”. This handwriting practice probably continued on into the Civil War period. Those of you who do Civil War genealogy should be aware that veteran “John Issaquah Jones” may show up on company roles as “John J. Jones” or “John I. Jones” or both. It has also been suggested that during the Civil War the pronunciation of “J” could be confused with “A” so “J” was not used. The origin of “No J” may go back to Roman times. In Latin, “i” and “j” were usually treated as two forms of the same letter. Strange how Rome may have influenced Civil War armies and Washington street names.



BLACK SOLDIERS AT THE CRATER: “Among the Negroes captured and sent back to the lines on Monday morning to assist in burying the dead was one who could scarcely speak English. But in a conversation with the writer, in broken English, he told me that he was born in the West Indies, came to New York on a Spanish ship, got leave of absence to go on shore, got drunk, and when he recovered consciousness he was well on his way to Virginia, snugly buttoned up in a blue uniform and cooped up with a number of his race similarly conditioned. He lamented his fate in piteous tones, mingling English and Spanish in due proportion, and with the most emphatic language he declared that if he ever got out of this scrape the American Negro could work out his freedom without hope or expectation of further help from him.” (Sgt. Thomas H. Cross, 16th Virginia Regiment; Philadelphia Weekly Times 5, No. 29, September 10, 1881; New Annals of the Civil War, Cozzins/Girardi, editors, Stackpole Books, 2004, pp. 392-393)

Ultimate Soldier Competition Clinton 2014

May 3rd, 2014 @ 1105 hrs. behind the McCarthy-Pope House

Each participant will be evaluated in 3 separate areas. Loading and firing from different positions, authenticity, and drill. Each soldier will start out with 50 points. Points will be deducted at each stage of the competition. Winner is awarded the following: \$100.00 cash, 2 pounds of powder, Plaque. Cartridges will be provided for the competition. **If you are participating, please let Adj. J.W. Dobson (waynedobson51@yahoo.com) or 478-731-5531 know prior to April 1st, 2014 so we can roll an accurate number of cartridges.** You may enter either as Federal or Confederate. Questions about the competition itself: **Lt. Noah Sprague 706-491-9755.**

Moving, loading and firing:

- (1) Participant will draw three pre-rolled cartridges and **must have a 3 band rifle or musket.**
- (2) Participant will then be timed for the following:
 - (a) Move to a specific location, load and fire from the standing position using and returning ramrod.
 - (b) Move to another location, load and fire from a kneeling position behind cover.
 - (c) Move to a third location, load and fire from a prone position.
*Whoever has the fastest time will not lose any points. Second place will lose 1 point, third place will lose 2 points etc. Points will also be deducted for improper loading techniques. 1 point will be deducted for each loading and firing mistake such as dropping ramrod, firing cap only, dropping cartridge(s), dropping cap(s), not returning ramrod, not taking an **AIMED** shot etc. (An aimed shot should be an attempt to find an actual moving target down range looking through the sights).

Authenticity:

- (1) Participant will be judged for overall authenticity guidelines either Federal or Confederate. Have a first person impression ready because there will be some first person questions. Points will be deducted for un-authentic items and also incorrect first person answers.

Drill:

- (1) Participant will be judged on the Manual of Arms and questions on basic drill maneuvers. Points will be deducted for improper Manual of Arms and wrong drill maneuver questions.

The 1st place winner will receive \$75.00 and a plaque.

2nd place, \$50.00 and a plaque.

3rd place, \$25.00 and a plaque.

SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE

COME EXPERIENCE THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT IN HISTORIC
SANDERSVILLE, GA

NOVEMBER 7 – 9, 2014

COME WALK THE PATHS THAT SHERMAN'S ARMY WALKED 150 YEARS AGO AS THEY INVADED SANDERSVILLE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED CONFEDERATE RESISTANCE. THIS BATTLE WILL BE RE-ENACTED ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SANDERSVILLE ON SATURDAY MORNING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BATTLE AT ANOTHER CLOSE BY LOCATION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE 97TH REGIMENTAL STRING BAND WILL BE HERE ALSO TO PROVIDE MUSIC BEFORE EACH BATTLE AND A BALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH ARTILLERY PIECE
(ARTILLERY WILL BE LIMITED)

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE LARGEST INFANTRY UNIT

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE LARGEST CALVARY UNIT

THIS IS A ONE TIME EVENT

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR RE-ENACTORS AND NO CHARGE TO SPECTATORS. THIS EVENT SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE 39TH GA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING AT A LATER DATE

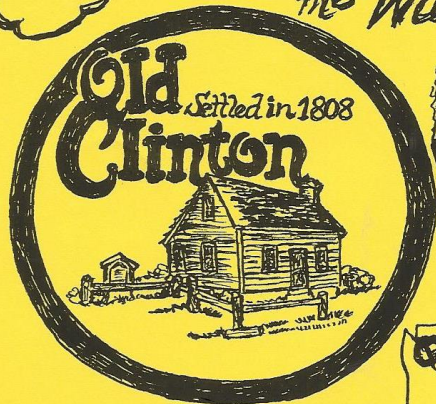
SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS HISTORICAL
EVENT

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

MEL DANIEL (478) 232-8494

STACY WILLIFORD (478) 357-1120

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary for
the War Between the States



Come Share the History
WABDAYS
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MAY 3 & MAY 4 of 2014

Clinton, Ga.
Located 12 miles NE of
Macon, Ga. and 1 1/2 miles
SW of Gray just off
of Highway 129.

For more information:
Call Earlene Hamilton
(478-986-6383)
Old Clinton Historical Society
154 Randolph Street
Gray Georgia
31032



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

- 9:05... Call to Colors (Mandatory Troop Assembly)
- 10:05... Authentic Camps Open to the Public
- 1:35... Narration of Battle History Begins
- 2:05... Battle of Sunshine Church
- 5:05... Camp Closes to the Public
- 8:05... Memorial Service at Old Clinton Cemetery

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

- 9:05... Call to Colors (Mandatory Troop Assembly)
- 10:05... Authentic Camps Open to the Public
- 11:05... Church Service at the Macarthy Pope House
- 1:35... Narration of Battle History Begins
- 2:05... Battle of Griswoldville
- 4:05... Camp Closes

ADMISSION & CONTRIBUTIONS

Adults...\$5.00 Children (Age 18 & Younger...\$3.00
(Under Age 6 - Free)

FEATURING: Crafts, Foods and
Entertainment for Everyone



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The Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville

OLD CLINTON
WARDAYS

MAY 3-4, 2014

School History Days May 1-2

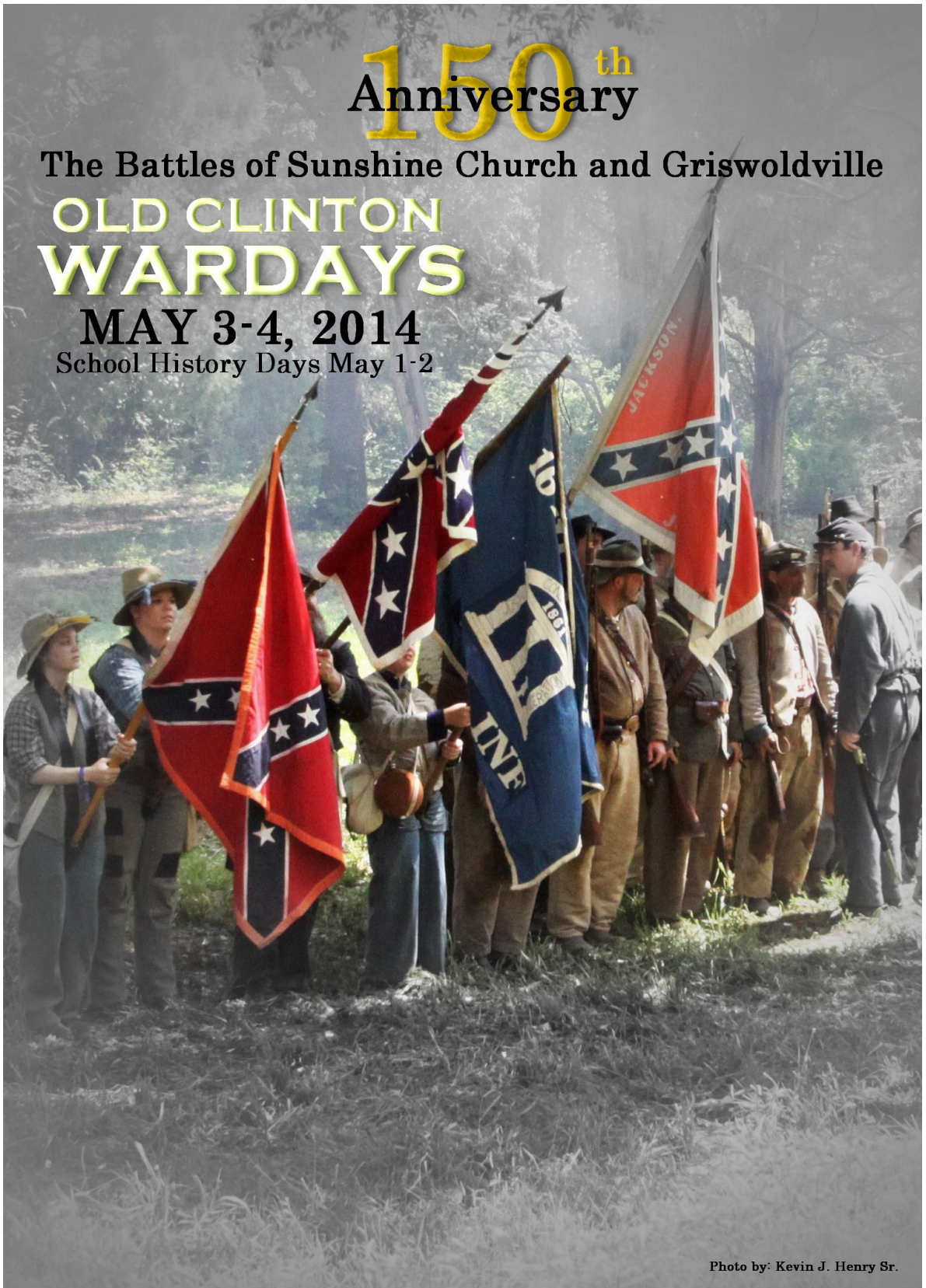


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- Civil War Reenactment -

150th Anniversary

May 16 - 18, 2014

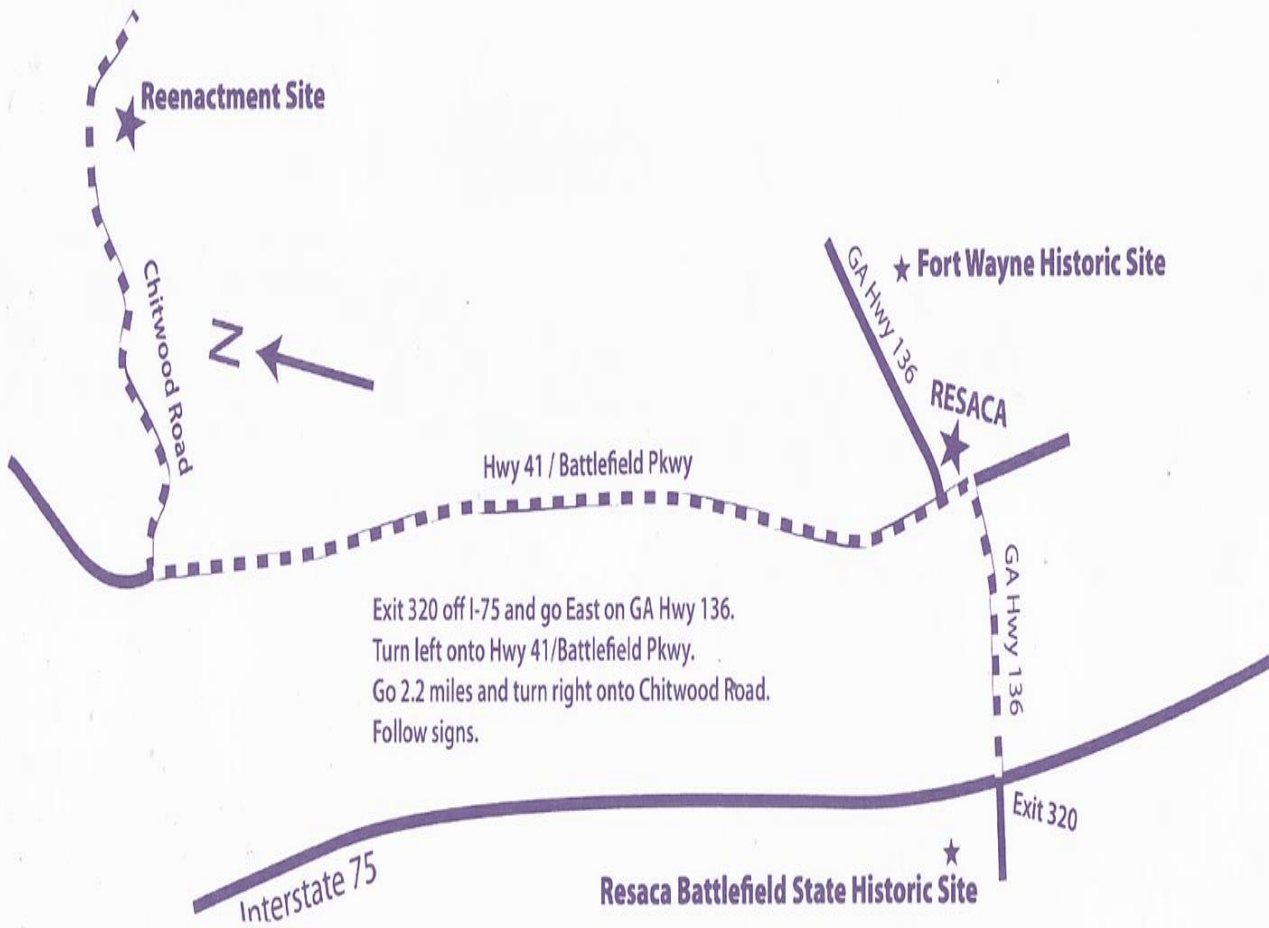
BATTLE OF RESACA



First major battle of the Atlanta Campaign held on a portion of the original battlefield.
While in the area, also visit

- **Resaca Battlefield State Historic Site:** Opening in 2014 - Just a few miles from the reenactment site.
- **Fort Wayne Historic Site:** Just yards from downtown Resaca. Historic fort was part of the Confederate defensive works and, after the battle, was occupied by Federal troops.

The event will be held rain or shine! For more information, go to: georgiadiivision.org



150th Anniversary

The Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville

33rd
Annual

OLD CLINTON WARDAYS

MAY 3-4, 2014

South of Gary Ga. On HWY 129

School History Days May 1-2

Sponsored by:

Old Clinton Historical Society

Camp of the Unknown Soldier SCV 2218

16th GVI

\$5.00 - \$3.00 - FREE
Adults Ages 6 to 18 Under Age 6

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

9:05am Morning Colors Formation

10:05am Camps are Open

**2:05pm Reenactment Battle
On Saturday and Sunday**

8:05pm Saturday

Memorial Service at the Old Clinton Cemetery

For more information

Earlene Hamilton OCHS - (478)-968-6383

J.C. Nobles 16th GVI - (478)-945-2261

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