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GARS Monthly Meeting

The Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society (GARS) will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10 at Fort Daniel Archaeological Lab located in Grant House basement (2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford). GARS meetings will no longer be held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center.

GARS Archaeological Advisor, Dr. Jim D’Angelo, will give a presentation and update on recently recorded (by GARS) Campbell-Edwards rock art site, which includes a carved date of Dec. 1 1784 (See GAB IV: 6). Recent archival research sheds some light on what may have been the origin of this date on what was then (and until 1819) Creek lands. (See this month’s CRM article on Page 2).

All meetings are opened to the public. We gather at 7PM with meeting beginning at 7:30PM.

GARS Field Trip: GEHC

GARS officers have been busy deciding on upcoming events for the fall. For September GARS members will be going to the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center (GEHC) on Sunday, September 27—meeting there at 1PM. The 6th Annual Honeybee Festival will be occurring; thus, GARS members will be able to participate in the festival. Along with the festival and the museum exhibits (which includes “Portraits in Gray: A Civil War Photography Exhibition Featuring The Collection Of David Wynn Vaughan”) GARS members will be able to have a from-the-outside look of the Chesser-Williams house. If there is enough time, a hike to the mill site might be arranged, so wear comfortable shoes.

There is a program fee of $8, and reservations will need to be made. If you are planning to go, please email Delana.
Background historical research for Fort Daniel includes consideration of the circumstances behind the Creek Indian War and how these relate to Georgia and the vicinity of Fort Daniel. Not the least of these was the constant disregard by many white settlers of boundaries between Settler and Indian. This often included outright settlement—including construction of houses, outbuildings, fences, and wagon roads where there had been trails, as well as cultivation of fields and grazing of livestock.

One of the most dramatic violations was the establishment in 1794 by General Elijah Clarke of a short-lived independent state on Creek lands west of the Oconee River in portions of what is now Greene, Morgan, Putnam, and Baldwin counties. Up to six fortified settlements were erected that eventually were taken down by order of the Federal Government. (For an excellent summary see [http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/trans-oconee-republic](http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/trans-oconee-republic).

Twenty-five years later in the vicinity of the newly created Gwinnett County (this time with regard to Cherokee lands), an eviction notice was posted at the Shallow Ford (where the Hightower Trail crossed the Chattahoochee) by Andrew Jackson, who was acting on behalf of Secretary of War John Calhoun. It read, in part: *Intruders on the Cherokee Land beware. I am about to remove all white men found trespassing on the Cherokee land . . . (they) will be arrested and handed over to the civil authority of the United States . . . their families removed to the United States land, their crops, houses and fences destroyed* (See James Flanigan’s *History of Gwinnett County Vol. I*, p. 6).

Not surprisingly, when in January 1814 Thomas Bourke blazed out Peachtree Road through Creek lands to connect Fort Daniel to the new boat landing and fort at the Indian village of Standing Peachtree, he wrote to General Pinckney: *The road from the hog mountain to this landing . . . is not short of 50 miles 18 of which I found had been made use of by wagons already* (See a full account in the GAB III: 9). That would be the vicinity of downtown Duluth today!

My discovery of Bourke’s correspondence in the National Archives a few years ago came at a time when Bill Field, who has been working on the original land grants for Fort Daniel and vicinity, kept finding more and more grants (including the one just below where Fort Daniel was later built) that were for lands west of the Apalachee River (*pictured above*). Although reasserted in the 1790 Treaty of New York as the Creek boundary line, the Apalachee and the Oconee were first set as the boundary in an 1783 Treaty that had established the Cherokee boundary line—later known as the Hawkins Line. (See Farris Cadle’s discussion in *Georgia Land Surveying History and Law*, Pages 75–76.)
Beyond Boundaries

7th Annual Frontier Faire

Saturday, October 17

9AM–5PM

Fort Daniel Archaeological Site
(2505 Braselton Highway/GA 124, Buford)

Admission; Individual = $2
Family = $5

Reenactors ★ Trading Post ★ Demonstrations
Fort Daniel Museum ★ Food ★ Archaeology Lab
Vendors ★ Onsite Parking

COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY
Supervised Excavations & Activities for the Family

STORYTELLING
By Barry Stewart Man on Cherokee Lore at 10AM

BLUEGRASS MUSIC
By the renowned Skiller Lickers at 1PM

For information visit www.thefortdanielfoundation.org.

The Frontier Faire is cosponsored by the Fort Daniel Foundation and Gwinnett Archaeological Research Society. Fort Daniel Archaeological Site is owned by Gwinnett County and is managed by the Fort Daniel Foundation.
The source of the Apalachee where the 1790 and 1783 treaty lines form a corner (which is a few hundred meters west of Fort Daniel) is in the northwest corner of Basil Jones’s 7,300-acre parcel. However, the parcel extends west of the river onto Creek lands. West of Jones’s grant is Richard Call’s 8,160-acre grant, and west of that another Jones’s grant that would encompass Lawrenceville. We don’t know yet how far west they go nor how far south—although there is every indication that they run all along the west side of the Apalachee and the Oconee. In fact, several plats belonging to Elijah Clarke on both sides of the Oconee have been noted—including one for 1,150 acres and one for 4,600 along the west side of the river dated 1785. (Thus, Elijah Clarke was granted thousands of acres of Creek land by the State of Georgia long before his 1794 militia incursion.)

Consequently, it was of no great surprise when Dorsey Campbell brought to my attention the Dec 1 1784 date carved into bedrock on his property near the confluence of the Palm (aka Palmatree) Creek and the Alcovy River (See GAB IV: 6). Delana and I (with Bill’s help) recently did some more research on that site at the Georgia Archives in order to find evidence of grants awarded in this area. While going through the first microfilm looking for plats with stream names like Cedar Creek or Ulcofauhatchee (Indian name for Alcovy)—voila—a plat with Cedar Creek running through it was found. It is for 287.5 acres granted to Thomas Connell on May 6, 1785! There is no way to know exactly where this parcel is, but scrutiny of the original survey plat map for District 5 reveals one distinctive location that could be a match as pictured right.

Of course, these early plat maps were often inaccurate in depicting such details as streams, and the modern USGS map for this area does not even connect Cedar Creek and Palm Creek. However, with what we have (and even with the correct depiction of Cedar Creek), it appears that the Connell grant might be only about two miles from the Campbell-Edwards site—itself only about five miles west of the Apalachee.

The Society for Georgia Archaeology’s Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17 in conjunction with Fort Daniel’s 7th Annual Frontier Faire. For more information visit the SGA Web site.
More Diggin’s

- **Gwinnett Historical Society (GHC) meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 21 at the Historic Courthouse** in downtown Lawrenceville **beginning at 7PM**. The **guest speaker will be Herb Smith** who will give a presentation on the history of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For a full list of events please visit the [GHC Web site](#).

- **Pioneer School at McDaniel Farm** will occur on **Saturday, September 26 from 10AM to 1PM**. Experience a traditional school day of the mid-1800s in a one room school house. Our school marm will teach the 3 Rs with a good dose of recitation, spelling bees, chores, and games. Bring your sack lunch and get ready for some good old fashioned fun. There will be plenty of learning, games, and fun for every age. Homemade butter will be made and sampled during the program. Please bring your own “well water” from home. Parents are welcome to stay and observe from outside the school house. With a program fee of $15 preregistration is required and may be completed on the [GEHC Web Site](#).

- **Fall Folklife Festival** at the **Atlanta History Center** will be held on **Saturday, September 26 from 10:30AM to 4:30PM**. Guests will enjoy the sounds of local musicians performing bluegrass, folk, and funk music and sample local fare from Atlanta-based food trucks. This year’s festival highlights the contributions of African American chefs and home cooks to Southern Foodways. This program is free to members and included in the cost of general admission for nonmembers. For more information visit the [Atlanta History Center Web site](#).

- The **GHC’s 37th Annual Elisha Winn Fair** will be held on **October 3–4** at the **Elisha Winn House** (908 Dacula Road, Dacula) from **10AM to 5PM**. For information please visit [GHS’s Web site](#).

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**As a fundraiser, GARS is collecting recipes for their Old Family Favorites cookbook.** If you have one or more old family recipes to contribute, please email them to Delana Gilmore (dgilmore@wordsmithquill.com) by September 15. The cookbook will be available to purchase in October.

**DONATION NEEDED**

The Fort Daniel Foundation is in need of a 4-foot step ladder for the Archaeological Lab. If you have one and would like to donate it, please email Jim D’Angelo.
Atlanta Cyclorama Relocating

Once located in Grants Park by Zoo Atlanta, the Atlanta Cyclorama and the Civil War Museum closed on June 30, and the preparations have begun to relocate the cylindrical panoramic painting of the Battle of Atlanta, the Western and Atlantic Railroad Texas locomotive, and other Civil War artifacts to the Atlanta History Center. The existing 1921 Cyclorama building in Grant Park will be developed by Zoo Atlanta into an event space and become a featured part of the new African Savanna exhibit. Painting conservators, rigging experts, and structural engineers plan to implement the transfer of the Atlanta Cyclorama (which will be returned to its full size and overall height), the Texas, and the other artifacts.

Beginning in the fall, the Atlanta History Center will begin construction on the 23,000-square foot Cyclorama wing, which will allow the Cyclorama team to reincorporate 3,268 square feet of the painting that have been missing for generations—as well as the diorama and plaster figures from the 1930s. The Cyclorama is projected to open to the public in early 2017.