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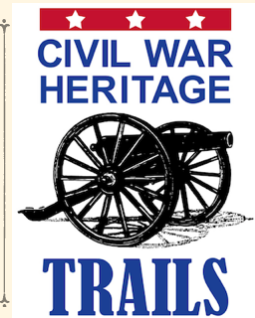
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Generals Alfred Iverson & George Stoneman*



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“Along the Trails”

Stoneman’s Raid

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In July 1864 Union Major General William T. Sherman’s armies were closing-in on Atlanta. He sought to hasten the city’s fall by sending Major General George Stoneman’s division of 2,100 cavalymen, assisted by a second division, to cut the only railroad still re-supplying Confederate-held Atlanta (entering that city from the south). Stoneman’s division departed Decatur on July 27th, riding east through Covington before turning south. Unable to locate a suitable ford across the Ocmulgee River, Stoneman continued riding south with the hope of liberating Federal prisoners held in Confederate stockades at Macon and Andersonville.



**Interpretive marker -- The Old DeKalb County Courthouse -- Veterans Monument
Decatur GA: “Old DeKalb County Courthouse” (#28) - GPS: 33.7750, -84.2966**



**Interpretive marker on Covington Square -- Veterans Monument -- Newton County Courthouse
Covington GA: “Covington Square” (#L4) - GPS: 33.5965, -83.8601**

General Stoneman sent a small party to destroy railroad facilities at Gordon and elsewhere before skirmishing with Confederates at Fort Hawkins and other locations near Macon. Abandoning his rescue effort, Stoneman began re-tracing his route back north. On Sunday, July 31st, Confederate Brigadier General Alfred Iverson's 1,300 cavalymen blocked the Federals' route near Sunshine Church.



**Gordon Depot Museum --- New interpretive marker --- Historic railroad facilities in Gordon
Gordon GA: "Gordon" (#R12) - GPS: 32.8818, -83.3340**



**Interpretive marker --- Fort Hawkins --- New Fort Hawkins Visitor Center
Macon GA: "Fort Hawkins" - GPS: 32.8496, -83.6118**



**"Sunshine Church II" --- New interpretive marker -- Sunshine Church, marker and memorial
Round Oak GA: "Battle of Sunshine Church" (#R8) - GPS: 33.1090, -83.6162**

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Upcoming Events

Alabama: The End of an Era - July 1 through 31, Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, 12632 Confederate Parkway, McCalla AL. This museum exhibit features Civil War artifacts relating to the cavalry raid which destroyed the Tannehill Ironworks and other industrial sites in Alabama in the closing days of the war. Open Tuesdays through Fridays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Sundays 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Closed on Mondays. Admission charged. 205-477-5711, <http://tannehill.org/>

Georgia: Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration at A. H. Stephens - Saturday, July 4, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, A. H. Stephens State Park, 456 Alexander Street NW, Crawfordville GA. Events begin with a bicycle parade. Old-time games include sack races, three-legged races, relays, egg and water balloon tosses, and a paddle boat race. Alexander Hamilton Stephens was Vice President of the Confederate States. The Stephens home, Liberty Hall, is fully furnished and open for tours. Adjacent to Liberty Hall is a museum with one of the finest collections of Civil War artifacts in Georgia. Park admission: \$2.00/person plus \$5.00 parking fee. 706-456-2602, <http://gastateparks.org/AHStephens>

South Carolina: Finding Freedom's Home: Archaeology at Mitchelville - July 1 through 31, South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia SC. This exhibit highlights the rich history of the freedman's town of Mitchelville, South Carolina. The exhibit tells the story of nearby enslaved people who fled their plantations for the Union lines after Union occupation of Port Royal in November 1861. Recent archaeological discoveries are included from the site of Mitchelville, which help tell the story of formerly enslaved men and women who rebuilt their lives, legal system, schools, churches and homes after becoming free. These findings are important clues to the life in one of the first self-governing freedmen's communities in the United States. Mondays through Fridays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesdays until 8:00 pm, Saturdays until 6:00 pm, Sundays 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Closed major holidays. Admission charged. 803-898-4921, <http://scmuseum.org/>



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