



Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society

News & Reviews

1058 Whisper Ridge Loop, Waynesville, GA 31566

February 2006

19 February 2006 Meeting will be hosted by Rodney Bennett. Meeting time has been changed to 2 p.m. at the College Place United Methodist Church on Altama Avenue in Brunswick.

4 December 2005 Meeting was a Meeting / Christmas Dinner at Captain Joe's Seafood Restaurant. However, we had a poor turnout in membership, therefore we just had a Christmas Party instead!

101 Best Websites for Tracing Your Family

Clearly, we don't have room for all 101 listings, but here are some important websites of note, listed in Family Tree Magazine's "101 Best Undiscovered Web Sites for Tracing Your Roots".

DAR Library GRC National Index

members.dar.org/dar/darnet/gre/gre.cfm

Search nearly 16 million names in 17,000 typescripts of records from across the country submitted to the DAR's Genealogical Records Committee. If you find your ancestor, you can request copies using the search service (\$15 request up to 10 pages).

Godfrey Memorial Library

www.godfrey.org

\$35 a year gets you a Godfrey Scholar Library Card (no need to live in Middletown, Conn. where the library is located) and remote access to subscription sites such as HeritageQuest Online, Otherdays.com www.otherdays.com and the *New York Times* 1851 to 2001 article archive.

Nationwide Gravesite Locator

gravelocator.cem.va.gov

Search for burial locations of veterans and their dependents in Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, and other Dept. of Interior and military burial places. 3.2 millions listings from the Civil War era and up.

Important Information

Contacts
Web addresses
&
Emails

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual membership to the CGGS is only **\$15** for one person or **\$18** for a family. Membership extends from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006.

Remit payment to our treasurer:

Barbara Baethke 119 Bayberry Circle
St. Simons Is., GA 31522

Important Addresses & Links

Bill Smith, President

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Newsletter Editor

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Send articles for submission, or share info about a meeting or event.

Mailing List Website

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cggs/>

Group Information Page

<http://www.glynngen.com/cggs.htm>

Glynn County Genealogy & History

<http://www.glynngen.com/>

Brunswick Public Library

208 Gloucester Street
Brunswick, GA 31520
(912)267-1212

Meeting Information

Meetings are generally held the last Sunday every other month at the College Place United Methodist Church located at 3890 Altama Ave. in Brunswick.

Meeting time 2 p.m. until 3 or 3:30 p.m.

Vital Records in the United States <www.vitalrecordsus.com>

Several guides to finding vital records across the U.S., please be advised that some of the information can be outdated as far as addresses are concerned.

Digital Library of Georgia <dlg.galileo.usg.edu>

Explore Georgia's history and culture as found in digitized books, manuscripts, photos, newspapers, and other materials. An untapped resource for Georgia research. Many books pre-dating the 1930s can be found typed within the web pages. Many old family photos can be found in the Vanishing Georgia archives.

Long Island Genealogy <longislandgenealogy.com>

This site offers everything from cemetery and town records to colorful local history. Many of us can trace at least one ancestor back to colonial America and Long Island.

African Heritage Project <www.africanaheritage.com>

Based at the Univ. of South Florida, this volunteer project aims to preserve and publish online records documenting the names and lives of slaves, freed persons, and their descendants.

German Roots & Genealogy <www.geocities.com/german_genealogy>

Find links to German databases, ship lists, maps and how-to help.

Lincoln's Descendants Help Make Gene Breakthrough

Monday, Jan. 23 (HealthDay News)--Researchers say they've identified a gene responsible for ataxia -- a rare, incurable degenerative brain disease affecting movement and coordination. And they did it with the help of DNA shared by President Abraham Lincoln.

A team at the University of Minnesota Medical School found that Spinocerebellar ataxia type 5 (SCA5) is associated with a mutation in the α -III spectrin protein, which plays an important role maintaining the health of nerve cells.

Interestingly, the researchers identified this gene in an 11-generation family descended from the grandparents of Abraham Lincoln. The researchers collected and examined DNA samples from more than 300 Lincoln descendants.

"We are excited about this discovery because it provides a genetic test that will lead to improved patient diagnoses, and gives us new insight into the cause of ataxia and other neurodegenerative diseases, an important step towards developing an effective treatment," study senior investigator Laura Ranum, a professor of genetics, cell biology and development, said in a prepared statement.

About one in 17,000 people have a genetic form of ataxia. If a parent has SCA5, each of his or her children has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the mutation and developing ataxia. The onset of SCA5 usually occurs between the ages of 30 and 50, but can appear in younger and older people.

Identification of the specific genetic mutation that causes SCA5 means that it's possible to test people at risk for the disease before they have any symptoms and to determine whether their children are at risk of inheriting the mutation. The finding could also provide historical insight.

"Finding the SCA5 mutation in Lincoln's family makes it possible to test Lincoln's DNA -- if it becomes available -- to unequivocally determine if he carried the mutation, or would have developed the disease," Ranum said. She noted there are descriptions of Lincoln having an uncoordinated and uneven gait, early symptoms of SCA5.

You are invited to **“Revolutionary Days”**
honoring the 227th Anniversary



Battle of Kettle Creek



Saturday, February 11, 2006

Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

Kettle Creek Battlefield

located ten miles from Washington, GA off SR 44

*All Societies and Chapters of the CAR, DAR, SAR, SR,
Society of Cincinnati and others are invited
to represent their organizations.*

Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

PROGRAM

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Kettle Creek Video & Discussion

*Led by U.S. Army Historians, Dr. Walt Andre
and Steve Rauch, and Author, Dr. Christine
Swager, Mary Willis Library, Washington, GA*

10:00 AM

Parade - Living History - Fun

*SAR Color Guard & Revolutionary era per-
sonalities, Washington Town Square*

11:00 AM & 12 Noon

Battlefield Walking Tour

*Assemble at Kettle Creek Battlefield Monu-
ment for tours led by U.S. Army Historians*

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Chicken & Pork Bar-b-que

*Served at Battlefield picnic area, with beans,
slaw, dessert & drink, \$8.00 per plate*

2:00 PM

Kettle Creek Battlefield Ceremony

*227th Anniversary and Wreath Ceremony
at Kettle Creek Battlefield Monument*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OPENHOUSE 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Washing-
ton Historical Museum, 308 E. Robert Toombs
Ave. Special Kettle Creek Exhibit.

PARADE Assemble by 9:30 a.m. in Liberty Street
in front of Library. Parade route: Jefferson Street
toward Robert Toombs Avenue; left on Toombs
to enter Town Square, march around the Square,
ending in front of Court House for Ceremony.

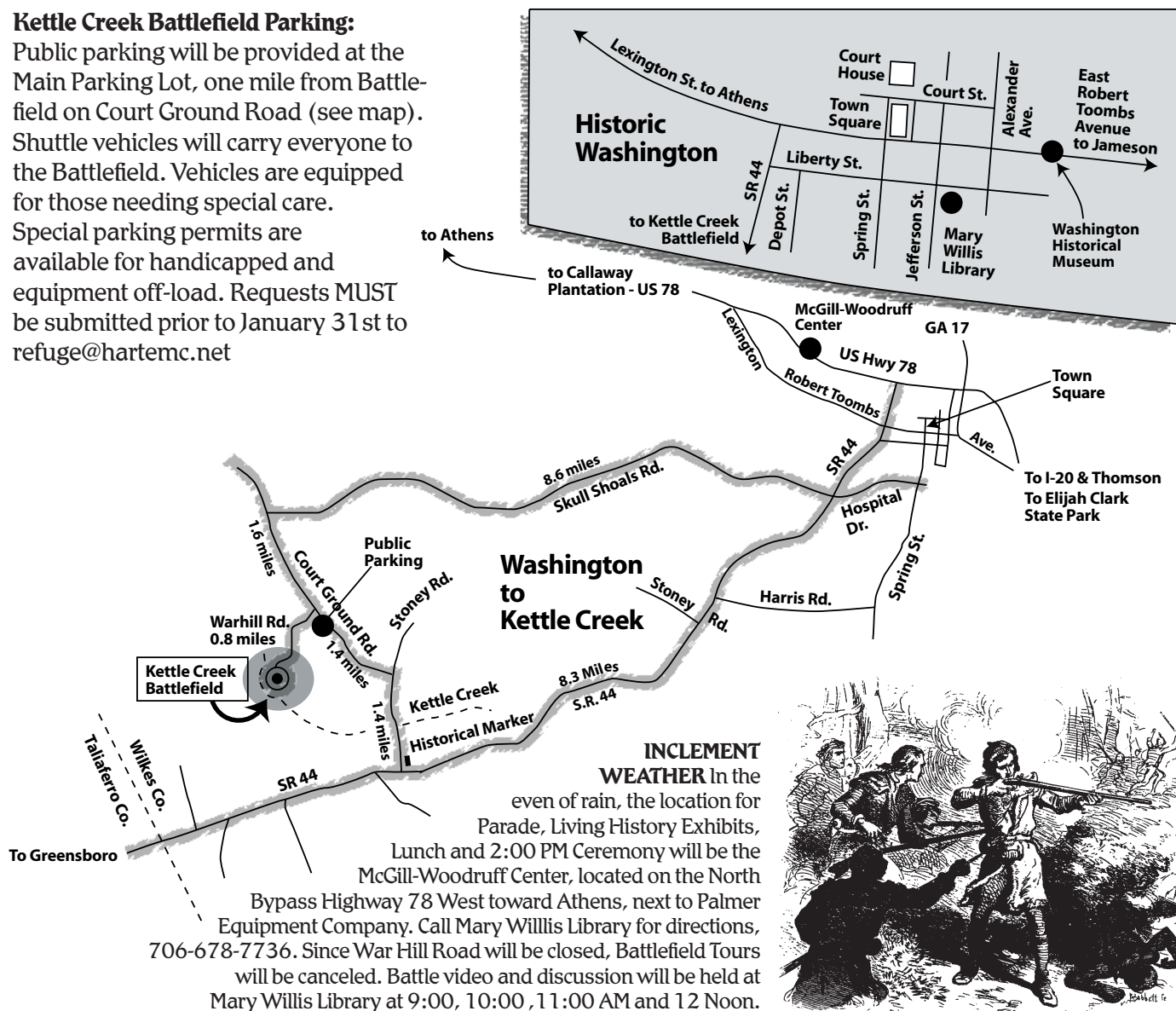
**LODGING & RESTAURANTS IN WASHING-
TON** Fitzpatrick Hotel, 706-678-5900; Jameson
Inn, 706-678-7925; nine other lodging options
(<http://www.washingtonwilkes.org/>) along
with restaurants, including two at Town Square:
Washington Jockey Club, 706-678-1672 &
Watchmakers Restaurant, 706-678-5901.

WREATHS On Saturday, February 11, wreaths
may either be delivered to attendant at Main
Parking Lot prior to 1:00 p.m. OR taken on shut-
tle and given to attendant at Monument Staging
Area prior to 1:30 p.m. Fresh wreaths may be or-
dered in advance (two day minimum) from Gar-
den Party, 706-678-6906 or Hendrick's Florist,
706-678-2751.

**Georgia Society & Samuel Elbert Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution
with support from the Kettle Creek Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution**

Kettle Creek Battlefield Parking:

Public parking will be provided at the Main Parking Lot, one mile from Battlefield on Court Ground Road (see map). Shuttle vehicles will carry everyone to the Battlefield. Vehicles are equipped for those needing special care. Special parking permits are available for handicapped and equipment off-load. Requests MUST be submitted prior to January 31st to refuge@hartemc.net



Cut Off and Mail to Address Below

Request for Wreath Presentation at Kettle Creek February 11, 2006



Organization _____ State _____

Honoring _____

Name of Presenter _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Mail to: Ed Fluker, P.O. Box 5144, Macon, GA 31208 by January 25, 2006

RSVP: Email: fluker2@earthlink.net • Phone 478-743-4268