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Buckhead Sits on Civil War Battlefield: Author to Discuss Battle of Peachtree Creek

To commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Peachtree Creek, the Buckhead Heritage Society will sponsor a lecture by Civil War Author Robert "Bob" Jenkins Sr. The lecture will be held Friday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bobby Jones Golf Club, which is located on the site where the battle took place. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Admission is free for Buckhead Heritage Founding Members, \$5 for Members or \$10 for Non-members.

Bob Jenkins is a Dalton attorney who recently completed a book on the Western Theater of the Civil War. During his research over the past 20 years, he uncovered many letters, photographs, diaries and articles that had remained out of the public eye for more than 100 years. Sparking his initial interest in writing the book was an ancestor's service in the 31st Mississippi Regiment. What began as a work on that regiment evolved into a book on the overlooked and misunderstood Battle of Peachtree Creek.

"Collier Road, Peachtree Battle Avenue, Tanyard Creek Park and Howell Mill Road are all local landmarks but few of us recognize the history behind the names," said Christine McCauley, executive director of the Buckhead Heritage Society. "What was once a major Civil War battlefield is now home to the vibrant community of Buckhead. Bob's book is replete with numerous maps which will help us put this historic event into today's perspective of bustling city streets and beautiful neighborhoods."

The Battle of Peachtree Creek was fought on July 20, 1864. It was the first of four conflicts for the possession of Atlanta during the Civil War. The determined assault threatened to overrun the Union troops at various locations; however, the Union troops eventually prevailed. More than 6,500 soldiers lost their lives that day.

To register for the event or learn more about the author, visit the Buckhead Heritage Society Web site, www.buckheadheritage.com/events. The Bobby Jones Golf Club is located at 384 Woodward Way in Atlanta.

The Buckhead Heritage Society, a non-profit organization, was formed three years ago to protect, preserve and promote Buckhead's historic resources. The group recently completed a restoration of historic Harmony Grove Cemetery, located at the corner of West Paces Ferry and Chatham Roads.

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