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**Buckhead Heritage hosted Civil War Historian and Author for Sold-out Speaking Engagement and Reception, sponsored by Wes Vawter and The Vawter Group of Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty**

NORTHSIDE ATLANTA . . . The Buckhead Heritage Society hosted Civil War historian and author Robert "Bob" Jenkins, Sr., for a reception and sold-out lecture on "The Battles for Buckhead: Nancy Creek, Moore's Mill, Buckhead Bridge, and Peach Tree Creek" on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bobby Jones Golf Club. Buckhead Heritage also hosted Jenkins for a program on the Battle of Peach Tree Creek on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Tanyard Creek Park. Both events were sponsored by Wes Vawter and The Vawter Group of Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty as part of The Vawter Group's celebration of exceeding over \$1 billion in aggregate sales.

On Friday evening, Jenkins regaled a crowd of approximately 110 people with details of the Civil War battles that took place across Buckhead's irregular landscape. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1864, near Nancy Creek, vastly outnumbered Confederate troops were able to briefly halt the advance of Union forces toward Atlanta, but the Southerners were ultimately pushed back. The following day, fierce fighting took place near Moore's Mill. Then, on July 20, 1864, Union forces were finally able to cross Peach Tree Creek, the last major physical barrier between the Union army and the City of Atlanta. Instead of taking a defensive position, General John Bell Hood, the newly appointed Confederate General, decided to charge Union lines. The Battle of Peach Tree Creek, which lasted only about 90 minutes, resulted in nearly 5,000 casualties and a Union victory. According to Jenkins, "the Battle of Peach Tree Creek marked the beginning of the end for the Confederacy." The Battle of Peach Tree Creek was fought, in part, on land that now comprises the Bobby Jones Golf Course.

Jenkins also spoke to a gathering of 40 people at Tanyard Creek Park on Saturday morning, May 15<sup>th</sup>, about the Battle of Peach Tree Creek. During the program, Jenkins pointed out the physical landmarks in and around the park that troops encountered during the battle. Dressed in a Civil War uniform, Jenkins also revealed what soldiers carried with them into battle and created a vivid picture of the hardships soldiers faced during their everyday existence.

Robert Jenkins, Sr., an attorney practicing in Dalton, Georgia, has written two books on the Civil War, "The Battles for Buckhead" and "The Battle of Moore's Mill."

"Robert Jenkins is an authority on the Civil War battles that took place in our own backyard," said Buckhead Heritage's Executive Director Erica Danylchak. "We are so pleased to have hosted this compelling speaker for two educational forums that have helped raised awareness of our local history."

The Buckhead Heritage Society, a non-profit organization, was founded in 2006 to identify, preserve, and promote the community's historic resources. In addition to restoration projects and advocacy efforts, the Society hosts educational events to foster a conscious respect within the community for its rich and diverse history.

To learn more about the Buckhead Heritage Society and its events or to become a member, please call 404.467.9447 or visit [www.BuckheadHeritage.com](http://www.BuckheadHeritage.com).

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