



## *What Are We Doing Here?*

### **GRITS Civil War Tour**

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The stories of the “recent unpleasantness among the States,” known locally as the “War of Northern Aggression,” have been told so often that many of us have ceased to think about what happened here 150 years ago. We like to think we have moved on, past the sentiments and emotions which inflamed the populace, and nearly tore our nation apart.

The GRITS Fall National Convention sits right on top of one of the most tragic and costly areas of conflict. Although largely covered by buildings, roads, and other signs of progress, the clues to the past are quite visible to those who know what they are seeing. Come and join a tour of the area highlighting the places and structures which remain.

General Sherman has assigned a few escorts for you, who know the area and the stories of the places you will see. A short trip to the Marietta National Cemetery will have you seeing those stones in a far different light, when you hear about them from one of TV’s History Channel consultants. From there you are directed to see the fortifications which General Johnson had prepared for the assault which never came at Cassville. Watch out! There may still be rebel soldiers in the woods around these breastworks. We’ll get some vittles here, too. Then we’ll take a return trip by way of the big fight at Kennesaw Mountain. It is hard to visualize it until you see the map in the visitor center, but the whole area was one big battlefield. Your escort will have lots of information the average visitor never hears and places the average visitor never sees. We finish our loop with a quick stop at the confederate cemetery right across the street from the Convention Center. Again, the stones will have stories to tell us.

