

Minutes
Meeting of the Historic Commission
City of Chattahoochee Hills
March 13, 2021
9:30 a.m.

The Historic Commission convened on Saturday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m., for a tour of Cochran Mill Park. This tour, led by Ken Langley, explored some lesser known features and extant remains of historical sites within the park, and provided additional information for the commission to consider as it finalizes the Cochran Mill Park Interpretive Plan. This tour took the place of the Historic Commission's regularly scheduled meeting for March, and was open to the public.

Tour attendants included: Allison Duncan, Gene Griffith, Amber Lightsey, Sarah Love, Lila Rhyne, Kim Taylor-Cloud, Mayor Tom Reed, Councilmember Camille Lowe, Parks Commission Chair Diana Wilson, Parks Commission Member Kay Long, and members of the public.

9:30 a.m. – Met at Cochran Mill Park, 6875 Cochran Mill Road, Chattahoochee Hills, GA 30268

- The Historic Commission (HC) assembled at Zack's Glade in the western end of Cochran Mill Park (CMP).
- Ken Langley provided the tour participants with copies of a section of an 1864 Confederate map, noting that the O. Cochran Mill was labeled at that time as "Phillips Mill."
- This map highlighted the area of the tour, comprised of the extant remains of the Cedar Branch community.
- Ken pointed out the old roadbed of Atlanta Newnan Road still visible in the landscape, and he described the 1870s post office routes through the area.
- Cedar Branch's postmaster, Grant Roberts, had a home near the Cedar Branch post office; this was in close proximity to a possible cemetery visited on the tour.
- The site of the possible cemetery showed many rectangular pieces of granite spaced apart in a mostly west/east orientation, the traditional placement of tombstones. No other artifacts were visible.
- Additional granite pieces were seen along the tour and indicated possible foundation stones of a home site and associated outbuildings.
- Small bursts of daffodils seen on the tour are likely the naturalized remains of deliberate plantings by the former residents of the Cedar Branch community.

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- Parallel piles of rocks gathered on either side of Bear Creek may indicate the remnants of footings for a wooden bridge.

The tour of Cochran Mill Park ended at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of April, 2021.

Allison Duncan, Chair

Attest:

**Dana Wicher, City Clerk
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