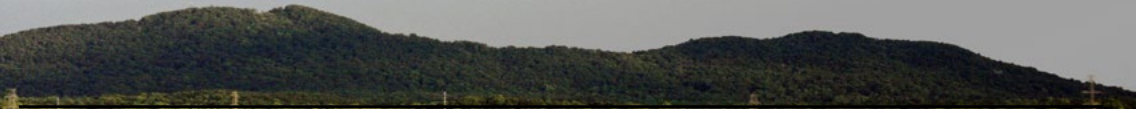




# EARTHWORKS



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## January 2021 Trail Director Report

*Bill Gurry 1/21/21*

Since my last report, trail activities have been as follows:

The small workday planned for October 10 was rained out.

On October 17, 2020, eight crew leaders completed several projects on the 24 Gun Battery Trail. Rich cut out the dirt between the deck boards on the Gilbert Road bridge to allow rain water to seep through, blew a few leaves off, then joined the dirt crew. Bob, Bill, Mike Fred, and Glenn (back from California where he's been fighting fires with the Forrest Service), removed duff, log, and rock berms that have been holding water on the trail and cut many knicks through the duff deposited by soil and organic material loosened by hundreds of thousand feet over time. Harry and Scott removed two large blowdowns, and then hauled a couple loads of loose rocks to a site for a future project.

Also in October, Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar gave us a short introduction to "Compliance" to help us understand NPS procedures. This will be useful for future planning. Afterward, Geoff, Andy, Bob, and Bill went out to clean a

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## Trail Ambassador Highlights

### January 2021

At this time there are no interpretive events for Trail Ambassadors to support. Our primary priority remains hiking the trails and informing the park staff of any problems concerning visitors and of adverse trail conditions. I do not foresee a change in the current situation until there is wide spread immunization .

The park approved private, trail maintenance groups of 20 people. When these groups are scheduled I will send out information for those who wish to support the effort through assisting with registration and safety oversight at the work sites. When the club is approved to resume second Saturday club trail work days I will send that information via group e-mail.

Please consider this gentle reminder to sign a new Volunteer services agreement, a covid 19 conditions form and receive a Trail Ambassador job description. The Volunteer services agreement and current conditions form are yearly requirements.

*Janie Brier*

Trail Ambassador Director

## January Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the January Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than December 20th!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

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culvert and ditch on Gilbert Road.

On November 14, 20 KSU cross country runners and two coaches came out to do some annual maintenance on the Brumby trail and the fire road on the mountain. We had 3 sites a mile apart and each site was about 300 feet long, so we were able to distance. Thanks to crew leaders Geoff, Fred, Mike, Bruce, Bill, Donald, Coach Rich, Glenn, Eric, and the Trail Ambassadors for helping out.

On December 12, 2020, Dr. Dyal from KSU brought 3 very enthusiastic health class students to Pigeon Hill to work with Scott, Fred, Mike, Geoff, Rena, and Bill to fix a problem on the trail just below the earthworks. This trail was built long ago straight up the fall line and has been eroding for as long as I can remember. You may remember ruts a foot deep on this trail. The trail itself had eroded nearly 2 feet in places over the years. In previous years, rocks and dirt were brought in to build water bars as, other than a reroute, no other option was feasible. The effort has been largely successful. Recently, hikers had been walking around the timber water bar shown in the photo that was created to stop water from above turning the corner and eroding the trail. We added some low rock steps and a terrace to make the trail more gradual and inviting to hikers and trashed the social trail. Also, we rebuilt a rock water bar below where someone had moved the rocks and cleaned loose sand and silt out of others. This probably needs to be done every year or so.

Donald and I have taken a couple of hikes with Superintendent Patrick Gammon to view trail issues and get his guidance on repairs. We have also tweaked a couple of future work plans to be ready to go once we can start having larger work days.

I received a call from a consultant to the American Battlefield Trust who was preparing a report on how the ABT can support local preservation groups. ABT sponsors park Day and gives us T shirts. I spoke to him for an hour. I also suggested that he contact Scott about the Friends group. ABT has an online survey that I forwarded to Scott.

Over the last 3 or 4 months, work has been slow partly due to wet weather but mostly due to the pandemic. The number of cases and deaths in Georgia has increased dramatically since September and is now much worse than ever. Most of

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

## Johnny Nash -- "I can see clearly now - Bright (Bright) Sunny Day"

[tinyurl.com/53nm8mgm](http://tinyurl.com/53nm8mgm) (Copy this link to your browser)

It's one of those things many of us pay a little attention to at the end of a year, hearing the names of people who have passed away. There may be a picture or a statement about the person and sometimes there's a song that will bring back a memory. Johnny Nash died in October at 80 yrs of age. Of course most of us, myself included, wouldn't recognize his name but most likely we all know his hit song, "I Can See Clearly Now."

Like most artists they seem to be remembered for a certain thing, style or song. But if or when you do research of someone you'll find that actually there are a whole lot of things that they've done and what you know about them is actually very little. Since I like to write about things pertaining to the Trail Club I immediately thought after hearing of Mr. Nash's passing about the song and the difficulties that we all went through last year and especially the hardship of not having all the volunteers come out for the monthly trail days. I imagine many of you have been going to the park and walking the trails. And, I'd be happy to know that many of the folks, especially our younger ones, have been visiting the park and recalling what they'd worked on or what event they attended there. You know it may seem hard to imagine people doing so, given that the work or programs are pretty simple; but oh so important.

The song lyrics are very simple, not too many words but put together they're a beautiful thing. Think about what is used when working on the trail, very simple tools and materials, but when work is done it's beautiful.

Just the other day a former crew leader who I used to work with called to say hi. We hadn't talked for more than several years. He said that he and his wife had just come from walking at the park; it was a beautiful day and he was thinking about all the work that we'd done and the volunteers who'd teamed up with us. Then he mentioned that over the years when someone from out of town would come to visit he'd maybe take them out there for a hike and point out things and especially the rock that he and his son had put in place. Pretty simple stuff, but being able to see something that you did or learned or maybe a particular place or thing it's important to you. Don't let obstacles get in your way, look all around or look straight ahead, enjoy and share the experience if possible.

If there's a bright moonlit night and all the clouds have cleared away then maybe you'll have a bright (bright) sunny day.

Thanks,

*Doug*

## A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

### FY 2020

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*

*BOY SCOUT TROOP 89*

*KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC*

*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

*POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY*

*RIVER RIDGE HS*

*RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC*

*TRUST (KSU)*

*WALKER HS*



### FY 2021

*KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM*

*KSU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES CLASS*

We had 3 members of a KSU Environmental Health Issues class, along with their professor, participate in our December 12th work day, along with approximately 5 Crew Leaders. Their project was to participate in a Service Learning Experience - students are required to find an experience where they can give back while learning.

Thanks!

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our volunteers over the last few years have been in the age group 18-29. According to the Georgia DPH, this group has the most covid cases, but very, very few covid related deaths. Many of our crew leaders, however, are around 70 years old, where, although there are fewer cases, the reported death rate of related deaths per case greatly exceeds the 18-29 group by about 150 to one. This is the worst possible mix, so I did not schedule any volunteer work days in January.

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### **Wanted: Membership Chair!**

“The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. **Contact Scott Mackay at [box2105@mindspring.com](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com).**”

### **Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!**

Contact Bill Gurry (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Bill Gurry - [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Janie Brier - [ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

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## 2021/2022 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

**As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.**

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.” There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club\*  
Attn: Tom Okerberg  
Whitlock Accounting Services  
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW  
Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

\* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.





## Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

**Date**      **Time**      **Location**      **Event**

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point.

All trails are now open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are now open. Visitor Center is now open. The Mountain Rd. has been reopened to motorized vehicles, however it is still closed to vehicular traffic on the weekends.

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page

See page 9 herein for a list of February events -

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page_internal)

We will send out an email when events warrant a restart of work days and events.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is currently closed, but will reopen open daily from 10 AM till 5 PM in the May time frame.



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### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

All planned work days for the upcoming months have been cancelled until further notice.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at [kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

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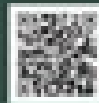
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# W. J. M. Hames of Marietta and Kennesaw Mountain

By Andrew Bramlett



**W.J.M. "Bill" Hames**

**Marietta Journal – May 29, 1929**

William Joseph Marion Hames, who went by Bill, was born March 26, 1852. His father was H. C. Hames. The Hames family fled Cobb County in 1864 as Sherman approached the area during the Civil War, and they returned to the area in 1865.

According to the May 9, 1929 Marietta Journal, Bill Hames had recently walked into the paper's offices and stated he was the first "Printer's Devil" to work for the Marietta Journal. He recalled working for the paper when Volume 1, Number 1 was released in 1866.

After the Civil War, H. C. Hames purchased part of Kennesaw Mountain. He sold bark from the mountain's oak trees to a tannery whose ruins still stand on Kennesaw Avenue. In 1879, Bill Hames purchased 16 acres on the northeastern slope of Kennesaw Mountain from his father for \$200. He cleared the land and planted 1,000 peach trees. His original trees soon died, but he was able replant. In 1881, he added 500 Concord grape vines, which Hames planned on turning into wine.

By 1888, Hames owned a store in Marietta, where he sold groceries, fruit, "War Relics," and Native American artifacts. According to an ad for his business in the July 26, 1888 Marietta Journal, Hames store required "something less than 100 hands to run it." According to the May 30, 1892 Atlanta Constitution, one of the more unique items in his store was a "box filled with human skulls, which have been gathered on different battlefields. These he purchased."

In 1888, Hames joined the Marietta and North Georgia Real Estate and Investment Company, which at one time planned on building a hotel on Kennesaw Mountain. He left the business later that year. In 1889, Hames was involved with the Marietta Land Company, but he soon sold his stake of that business as well.

In 1890, Hames began construction of his house on Marietta's Lawrence Street. He still had his orchards on Kennesaw Mountain, and by 1893 there were 11,000 peach trees. A "severe freeze" in 1894 killed them all. By August, he had added cantaloupes to his mountain farm.

In 1895, Hames began selling tickets at his store to visit Kennesaw Mountain. Tickets for Adults cost 25 cents, while

tickets for children 12-and-under cost only 15 cents. Around this time, he replanted his peaches. In 1904, Hames and his wife went to the St. Louis World's Fair, and shortly after returning moved to Atlanta. By 1906 Hames had become the Cobb County salesman for Viva, a "pleasant, healthful summer drink" made in Atlanta. Between 1903 and 1907 Hames filed 4 patents. His first patent was for a wrench, while his other three patents were for cleaning and polishing devices.

Around 1911, Hames moved back to Marietta. In 1915, he sold 90 acres on Kennesaw Mountain to Vigil McCleskey, C. M. Dobbs, and W. T. Holland for an undisclosed amount. The men formed the Holland Realty Company, which planned on placing a hotel on the mountain summit. In 1916, Hames purchased a cottage at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain.

At some point, Hames sold a boxcar load of Civil War artifacts to the War Relic Museum located on Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga. In 1942, Hames donated some of his remaining relics to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. At the time, he was living at 625 Ormewood Avenue in Atlanta. Hames passed away in December of 1947.

Even though Bill Hames has largely been forgotten, the remains of the terracing he used for his orchards can still be seen on Kennesaw Mountain today.



*Photos of the peach orchard terraces on Kennesaw Mountain. Pictured above is a photo taken 1/13/21 of a couple of the terraces on Kennesaw Mountain. The photo, below, is an enhanced version to better portray the terraces.*

**Fred Feltmann**





# FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

## The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is [FriendsOfKMNB.org](http://FriendsOfKMNB.org).

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

### Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

**Programs supported:** Outdoor Education  
KEMO Trail Club  
Living History  
Trail Ambassadors

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NPS Website

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Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website

<http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

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## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for February**

**\*\*All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.**

All programs will be VIRTUAL and presented on Facebook/Youtube.

All programs are free with no registration required

### **February 4 @ 8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘Reconstruction: Connecting the Now to the Then’**

While the Civil War ended over a century and a half ago, its legacy is still very much with us and continues to shape the make up of this country. In this short video, Ranger Jake will discuss the end of the Civil War and some of the key events that would make up Reconstruction and later set the stage for the Civil Rights movement.

### **February 8 & 11-14 @ 8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘Sherman’s Critical Years’**

William T. Sherman is undoubtedly one of the most well known and complex figures in Civil War history. In this 5-part series of videos and informational posts, rangers will take you behind the scenes and explore who this man was and how his career shaped him.

### **February 15 @ 8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency’**

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 212<sup>th</sup> Birthday, this short video discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America.

### **February 16,17, & 18th @ 8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘Winter Break Ranger Chat’**

We know that Winter Break is a time to take a break from the school work. We invite you for a fun, in depth look at our Environmental Trail. Topics will include plant identification, counting tree rings, and even how to spot certain wildlife!

### **February 20 & 27th @ 8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘Inventor Spotlight: Lewis Latimer and George Washington Carver’**

In recognition of Black History Month, Ranger Amanda will present a combination of videos on the lasting legacy of some the greatest scientific minds in our country’s history. Lewis Latimer and George Washington Carver made incredible innovations that are still being utilized and discussed today.

*\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at*

*[www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)*

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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

