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Road to Tara's Civil War Exhibit Expansion

Jonesboro, GA - The Road to Tara Museum and the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CCCVB) is please to announce the expansion of the Road to Tara's Civil War exhibit. What used to be a portion of the museum has now grown to two rooms dedicated to the commemoration and remembrance of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Jonesboro.

The planning and opening of this expansion coincides with the final year of the Sesquicentennial, the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. The Road to Tara Museum decided to utilize unused office space and transformed the area into new exhibits to hold information and collections gathered pertaining to the Civil War and Jonesboro's involvement. Some of the information will be moved from other parts of the museum while the rest has been gathered by CCCVB staff, collectors and knowledgeable historians to create an enhanced tour for visitors. This newly expanded area includes a hand-created diorama depicting the final day of the Battle of Jonesboro, authentic artifacts and stories of people who died in the Battle. The Civil War exhibit allows visitors to see the real history before stepping into the balance of the museum which focuses on Hollywood's and Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With The Wind*.

"The expanded exhibits at the Road to Tara museum in Jonesboro come at a terrific time. As America commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and, in particular, of the Atlanta Campaign, this new exhibit tells stories that will enable visitors to more fully understand the impact that the Civil War had on our state. It is a great addition to Georgia's tourism industry," says Kevin Langston, Deputy Commissioner for Tourism – Georgia Department of Economic Development.

"We are very excited to open up this expanded part of the museum. This gives visitors the chance to take in more of the actual history of the area and its people before stepping into the fictional history of *Gone With The Wind*. We hope visitors will enjoy the addition focusing on a part of Georgia's and Jonesboro's history," says Danielle Conroy, Director of Marketing and Management at the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The new exhibit will be open to the public beginning Labor Day weekend.

Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official tourism marketing agency for Clayton County. The CVB advertises and promotes the area to bring business to hotels, attractions, historical sites and meeting facilities within Clayton County and its neighboring communities.

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