

Poker Run Memorylane Cruiser

Saturday, April 18, 2020

History of Washington-Wilkes <https://www.historyofwilkes.org/index.html>

1. Robert Toombs Home **Start of Run**

- a. A legend in his own time, Robert Toombs was a successful planter and lawyer who led a turbulent career as state legislator, U.S. Congressman and Senator. "Defend yourselves; the enemy is at your door...!" thundered Toombs from the Senate floor on January 24, 1860. The following year, Georgia seceded from the Union and Toombs personified the South by evolving from conservative Unionist to fire-breathing secessionist. After serving just five months as Confederate Secretary of State, he resigned to serve as brigadier general in the Army of Northern Virginia.
- b. <https://gastateparks.org/RobertToombsHouse>

2. Metasville, Ga **First Stop**

- a. The community perhaps derives its name from [Metacomet](#), an Indian chieftain.^[2] A post office called Metasville was established in 1887, and remained in operation until 1944.^[3] Metasville--named for a Mrs. Albea when the post office was established
- b. The [Georgia General Assembly](#) incorporated Metasville as a town in 1917.^[4] The town's municipal charter was repealed in 1995.^[2]

3. Sandtown, GA

- a. Sandtown is the unmarked burial site of John Barclay whose murder was arranged by his wife in 1806. She was one of the first women hanged in the US Sandtown ([GNIS FID: 326503](#)) is a populated place located in [Wilkes County](#) at latitude 33.836 and longitude -82.688.

4. Danburg, Ga **Second Stop**

- a. A variant name was "Danburgh".^[1] The community derives its name from one Samuel Danforth (1798-1856).^[2] The [Georgia General Assembly](#) incorporated the place in 1904 as the "Town of Danburg", with municipal corporate limits extending in a one-mile radius from the front door of Anderson's country store.^[3] A post office called Danburgh(h) was established in 1826, and remained in operation until 1980.^[4] Danburg's town charter was dissolved in 1995.^[2]

5. Tignall, Ga. **Third Stop**

- a. The [Georgia General Assembly](#) incorporated Tignall as a town in 1907.^[4] Tignall was named for Tignall Livingston Moss, a lieutenant in Hill's Wilkes Guards Confederate unit who was killed at Sharpsburg in 1862. His son James A. Moss was an early town leader. When it was assigned a post office, the postmistress named it Tignall in his honor.
- b. Surrounded by rolling pastures, farms, and vast woods Tignall, Georgia, has long been the center of North Wilkes County. Formally incorporated in 1907, one of the first orders of business for the new town was the installation of electric lights. In only two decades Tignall grew from a crossroads to a thriving town boasting many stores and a hotel-thus earning it the nickname, "Little Atlanta"
- c. Find the name of Tignall on the Mural at the Kum Bak Café

6. Mallorysville, GA

- a. Mallorysville was named after William Mallory, a county official.^[2] The Mallorysville post office closed in 1903.^[3]
- b. The [Georgia General Assembly](#) incorporated Mallorysville as a town in 1819.^[4] The town's municipal charter was repealed in 1995

7. Washington-Wilkes Airport **Fourth Stop**

- a. End of airport at church
- b. KIIY – Washington-Wilkes County airport is located near Historic Washington GA. The airport is a public use airport with 24 hour fuel services for both Jet-a and Avgas. We have 2 GPS Approaches and a VOR-DME approach.
- c. We have a 4020 x 72 runway, parallel taxiway to both runways, lighted windsock. We have pilot controlled lighting operated on the CTAF Frequency. After hours service can be arranged by contacting the FBO.

8. Callaway City Museum

- a. Callaway, Plantation, a 56 acre restoration project, offers a glimpse into a bygone era of working plantations in the agricultural South. Telling the intimate story of one family's legacy, visitors to Callaway Plantation can see, touch and hear 200 years of Wilkes County history. Callaway Plantation began with a log cabin built by Job Callaway in 1785, then grew to a 3,000 acre working plantation complete with a brick mansion by the 1860's. Gifted to the City of Washington by the Callaway family, the property is now home to unique historical structures open for public tour - the Log Cabin (1785), the Grey House (1790), Dally Slave Cabin (1840), a one-room schoolhouse (1891), and the General Store (1930).

9. Washington, GA

- a. Even before the colonization of Savannah, Georgia, pack traders and trappers were in this area and intrepid families were slowly moving in.
- b. However, from the moment the broadside issued by Governor Wright in 1773 went out into the Carolinas, Virginia, and Pennsylvania offering the rich, deep-loamed, well-watered hills of these ceded lands of northeast Georgia for headright settlement, sturdy pioneers of English, Scotch-Irish, and German descent brought their families to claim this favored earth. In 1774, the first forts were established near the confluence of the Broad and the Savannah Rivers just north of the present town of Washington, Georgia.
- c. <https://www.historyofwilkes.org/>

10. Robert Toombs House, **Fifth Stop** end of Run!

- a. Continue through downtown ½ mile on your right.