



## The Struggle for Atlanta

Gen. William T. Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, from May 7 to September 2, 1864, was the decisive event of the Civil War. During this grueling four-month ordeal, mighty Union armies maneuvered through northwestern Georgia and forced Confederate retreat from key positions protecting the approaches to Atlanta. Once the Federals crossed the Chattahoochee, the final river shielding Atlanta, the savage battles at the city's gate crippled the Confederates. When Sherman cut off the last railroad into Atlanta at Jonesboro, Atlanta fell. This Union victory ensured Abraham Lincoln's re-election and the preservation of the Union. Join your historian as he interprets the last days of Confederate Atlanta.

### Highlights:

- Follow the Union's advance, beginning with the Battle of Ringgold Gap, Battle of Resaca, the savage Battle of Allatoona Pass, and along the New Hope-Dallas line.
- Visit the [Kennesaw Civil War Museum](#), home to the locomotive The General, stolen in the Andrews Raid on April 11, 1862.
- Recall the battles of Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, and Ezra Church. Conclude with interpretation of the Battle of Jonesboro, and Sherman's declaration that "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won."



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