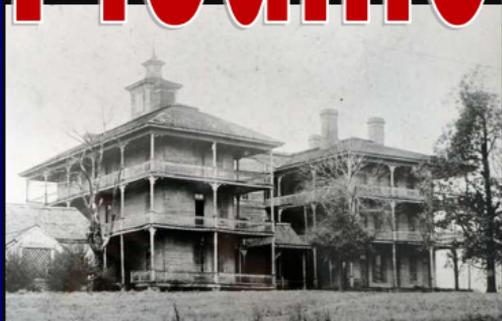


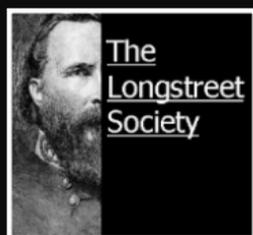
The **Historic** **Piedmont Hotel**



And Gen. Longstreet's Gainesville

Walk in the path of Civil War Generals, writers,
a future president and fried chicken history

In its heyday, the Piedmont Hotel was an imposing three story building with 36 rooms in two wings with a connecting hallway which contained a lobby and ballroom. General James Longstreet, commander of the famous old Confederate First Corps and Robert E. Lee's second in command and closest confidant, opened the hotel in 1876. Thanks to the Longstreet Society's last minute intervention, the ground floor of the north wing was saved from demolition and now serves as Longstreet Society headquarters and an education center, museum and memorial dedicated to James Longstreet. The railroad hotel was once a social hub and hosted famous people like Woodrow Wilson (his daughter Jesse was born here), Joel Chandler Harris, Henry Grady, Lafayette McLaws and Eppa Hunton. The Piedmont was also renowned for serving many delicious varieties of chicken and it is speculated that southern fried chicken was first battered, fried and served at the hotel.



Free admission
827 Maple Street
Gainesville GA 30501
Tuesdays - Saturdays
10 - 4 pm

Meeting & event facilities available for rent

Longstreet in Gainesville

Longstreet Home Site - Shortly after moving to Gainesville in 1875, the General bought a 120 acre farm and terraced it. Here he built a home and raised muscadines, turkeys and fruit trees. In 1889 the home burned down under suspicious circumstances. On the site now is a handsome statue of the General commissioned by the General James Longstreet Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and was sculpted by local artist Gregory Johnson. ~See 959 Longstreet Circle



The Helen Dortch Longstreet Home - The General lived here with his second wife, Helen Dortch Longstreet until his death. Helen had a chapel built in the basement and Gainesville's first Catholic Church held their services there. The house is privately owned and there is no street parking, but it can be viewed from across the street at First Baptist Church Gainesville. ~See 746 Green Street



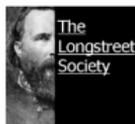
Roosevelt Square - The site of the old Hall County Courthouse where General Longstreet's funeral was held in January, 1904. The funeral is thought to be the largest ever held in the county. This building was destroyed by the tornado of 1936 but there is a Georgia historical marker at the site. ~See in the square behind 300 Henry Ward Way



The Death Site - The home of the General's daughter, Maria Louise Longstreet Whelchel and her husband Eston. The General was suffering from cancer of the eye but rallied on the morning of January 4, 1904 and asked to be driven to his daughter's home. Once there his condition worsened and he quickly developed pneumonia. During a coughing spasm the neck wound from the Wilderness Campaign, weakened by his cancer, tore open and he literally bled to death. ~See 207 College Avenue



The Grave Site - The General chose "the good ground" similar to that of the Union position at Gettysburg for his family burial plot in Alta Vista Cemetery. He was buried here on January 8, 1904. Even today a steady stream of admirers comes to pay their respects to the General. ~See at 1080 Jesse Jewel Parkway. Go to the flagpole at the center of the cemetery



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