

Work on Bobby Jones Course

FRAGMENTS OF SHELLS AND BULLETS FOUND DAILY

Brings War Relics to Light

Out on the banks of Peachtree creek, in Peachtree Battle Memorial park, reminders and mementoes of the day in July, 1864, when Captain Evan P. Howell's battery in its position on the Jack Spaulding place kept up its hot fire on a Union battery across the creek, are being found daily in large numbers.

A fragment of a shell, soft-nosed bullets by hats full and other souvenirs of that July 21 fight, a part of the major battle of Atlanta, are sawed out of timber being cut from the Bobby Jones golf course in the park.

Word of the finds has spread around that section until every day there gathers a crowd watching the operations. Persons who have lived half a century and more close by, including now and then a Confederate veteran who helped supply the guns of Captain Howell's battery.

W. A. Phillips and sons, who run the sawmill which is cutting the timber for the county, reported Friday that the most important find so far

is a shell fragment, probably shrapnel, several inches across, which was embedded in a poplar 35 feet above the ground. The fragment was eight inches from the heart of the tree, which squared 28 inches across.

In this same poplar was found a rifle bullet about 20 feet from the ground and in the very heart of the tree. But finding relics of the fight is costly as well as interesting. Saw teeth are being jammed right and left (literally) and when the shell fragment was hit, operations with that saw just shut down for the day.

One veteran of the fight by Captain Howell's battery, on a visit recently to the scene of the sawing, told workmen and others where the troops dug in and located other spots where fighting was hot. He remembered details well, he said, and gave an eyewitness account of some of the fighting.

The shell fragment will be presented to the state for its museum of war relics as will some of the bullets and any other interesting souvenirs of that July day 65 years ago.