

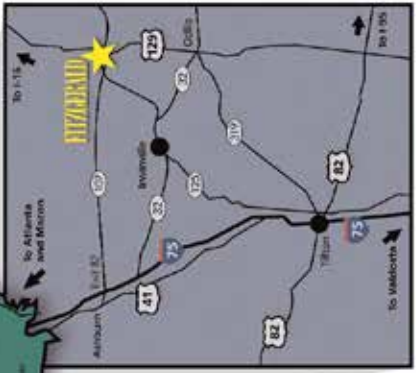


FITZGERALD, GEORGIA IN 1896.

FITZGERALD, GEORGIA
BLUE & GRAY MUSEUM



Directions: I-75 to Exit 82 (Fitzgerald). East on Hwy 107 for 3.3 miles. Bear right. Go 17 miles. Hwy 107 turns right onto the bypass. DO NOT TURN. Continue 2.6 miles to Merrimac Drive. Turn right. Go 3 blocks. Turn left at the traffic light. Go 5 blocks on Central Avenue. Turn left on Jackson St. at Museum sign. Go 1 block. Turn right to the Museum.



2,000 UNION SOLDIERS
IN SOUTH GEORGIA...



*And Hundreds
of Confederates...*



MARCHING AS ONE TO CREATE

SEE THE STORY UNFURLED AT THE BLUE & GRAY MUSEUM.

A Museum dedicated to peace and harmony was the dream of the founder of Fitzgerald, Georgia's Blue & Gray Museum. The vision was based on the story of the founding of the city by Yanks and Rebs in 1896 - thirty years after the Civil War – former enemies who worked side-by-side to create a community deep in the piney woods of South Georgia.

Today, the Museum stands as a monument to that dream. Housed in a historic railroad depot, the facility is brimming over with rare Civil War artifacts from both sides of the conflict, plus household goods and memorabilia which tell the lives of those veteran pioneers who created the town.

Step inside the Hall of Honor and discover the names of the Veteran pioneers who traveled in covered wagons, on horseback or on steam ships from throughout the Midwest to stake their claim in the South's newest city. Become a part of history! Have your photograph made with your state flag to be displayed in the Hall of Honor!

Discover in *Marching as One*, an exciting video documentary, the whole story of how P.H. Fitzgerald, an Indiana pension attorney, created the plan to carve a city out of the woods for aging Union Veterans – and how former enemies finally became friends and worked in harmony to fulfill his plan.



WOMAN'S BEIGE AND BURGUNDY FLORAL COTTON WAIST, homemade with both hand and machine stitching. The buttonholes were stitched by hand. From a collection of antique clothes from the Fletcher family.



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC REUNION CAP with insignia and corps badges, worn by Fitzgerald pioneer C C Lobingier, Company A, 100 Pennsylvania volunteers, the "Pennsylvania Roundheads."



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC POSTER, black with gold and red lettering and glitter.



CONFEDERATE REUNION HAT with a "Georgia" band. Worn to many reunions by John David Morgan, who was wounded in battle and discharged. Morgan later received the Southern Cross of Honor from the UDC, which is also on display.



A KEY FROM ANDERSONVILLE PRISON, found at the site of the bakehouse in 1927 by Thomas S. McCrimmon of Fitzgerald.



CIVIL WAR ERA DRUM, dated October 1861 inside. Manufactured at the Pittsfield Drum Factory, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, operated by A D Stephens, maker of "brass, military and children's drums." Not military issue, but probably used in the war, certainly used in pageants and parades in Fitzgerald and a part of Fitzgerald history for more than a century. Owned by William Farrand Osborne of Bergen, New York, who served three years in a New York Regiment.



SURVEYOR'S COMPASS in its original box; manufactured in Troy, New York. Used to survey Ben Hill County.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR medal bestowed on John David Morgan, CSA, for service rendered in the Shenandoah Valley. Morgan enlisted in Talbot County, Georgia, and was discharged for battle wounds received late in his service. The Confederate States of America had no Medal of Honor program per se. After the war, the United Daughters of the Confederacy originated the Southern Cross to award the service of every soldier who had fought for the CSA. In all, the UDC was able to award some 78,000 medals.

Veterans of all Wars are honored at the Blue & Gray. Uniforms, arms and medals used in this century's major conflicts are displayed. One section is dedicated to Fitzgerald native and US Congressional Medal of Honor winner General Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret.).



THE US CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR was awarded to servicemen for the first time during the American Civil War. This particular medal went to John C. Buckley, sergeant in Company G, 4th West Virginia Infantry, for "gallantry in the charge of the volunteer storming party" at Vicksburg, on May 22, 1863, where the Union suffered heavy losses – more than 3000 men – in the course of the assault. Buckley is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald.

Extend your visit to the Blue and Gray. See Fitzgerald's history on every corner. Visit Evergreen Cemetery and find Yanks and Rebs "resting side by side." Take the Architectural Treasures Tour and enjoy Midwestern architecture in a Southern setting. Take the family to the Fire Engine Museum. Stop by the Office of Tourism for guides to one of America's most unique communities.



Blue & Gray Museum

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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PHILANDER H. FITZGERALD The City of Fitzgerald is named for this Indiana native who created the Old Soldiers Colony which led to the purchase of the South Georgia land on which the city is founded. P.H. was born in 1848 in Greensburg, Indiana.