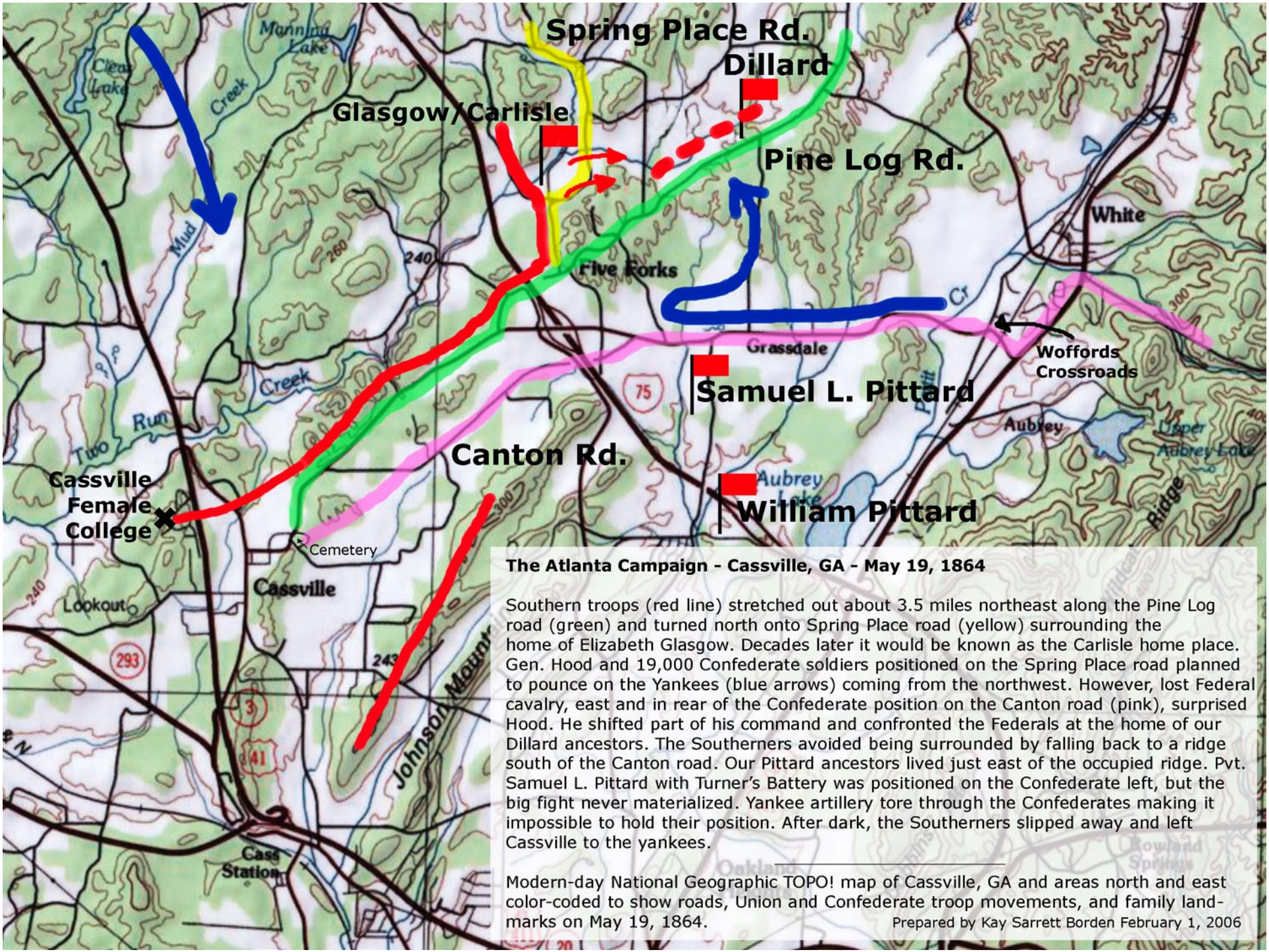

The Atlanta Campaign - Cassville, GA - May 19, 1864

Southern troops (red line) stretched out about 3.5 miles northeast along the Pine Log road (green) and turned north onto Spring Place road (yellow) surrounding the home of Elizabeth Glasgow. Decades later it would be known as the Carlisle home place. Gen. Hood and 19,000 Confederate soldiers positioned on the Spring Place road planned to pounce on the Yankees (blue arrows) coming from the northwest. However, lost Federal cavalry, east and in rear of the Confederate position on the Canton road (pink), surprised Hood. He shifted part of his command and confronted the Federals at the home of our Dillard ancestors. The Southerners avoided being surrounded by falling back to a ridge south of the Canton road. Our Pittard ancestors lived just east of the occupied ridge. Pvt. Samuel L. Pittard with Turner's Battery was positioned on the Confederate left, but the big fight never materialized. Yankee artillery tore through the Confederates making it impossible to hold their position. After dark, the Southerners slipped away and left Cassville to the yankees.

Modern-day National Geographic TOPO! map of Cassville, GA and areas north and east color-coded to show roads, Union and Confederate troop movements, and family landmarks on May 19, 1864.

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