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Elizabeth Whitley Roberson, author of *Weep Not for Me, Dear Mother*, invites the community to share in the celebration of the life and birthday of Gwinnett County Civil War Soldier, Eli Pinson Landers

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (28 August 2008) – Please join us from 2 – 4 pm on Saturday, September 27 at the Historic Sweetwater Chapel to celebrate the life and 166th birthday of Gwinnett County Civil War Soldier, Eli P. Landers.

Esteemed author Elizabeth Whitley Roberson will speak and sign her award winning book *Weep Not for Me, Dear Mother*. When her neighbor handed her a stack of yellowed letters that had been rescued from a pile of trash in 1960s Atlanta, author Elizabeth Whitley Roberson had no idea what awaited her. Ms. Roberson became enamored with the facts and history of the War Between the States when, as a child, she listened to stories about her grandfather. The book is comprised of Confederate soldier Eli Pinson Landers emotional letters to his mother, Susan Landers, in Yellow River (present day Lilburn), Georgia, with annotation that sets the letters in historical context.

Partners for this event include Atlanta Chapter 18 UDC, The Gwinnett County Public Library, The Gwinnett Historical Society and the Eli P. Landers Camp 1724 SCV. Volunteers will be dressed in period costume and will conduct tours of the Eli P. Lander's home and of the nearby historical cemetery. Eli and members of many other prominent Gwinnett County pioneering families, 33 Confederate soldiers, veterans of the Revolutionary war, the War of 1812, and World Wars I and II are buried there.

Birthday cake will be served during Eli's 166th birthday celebration. Sweetwater Chapel is located at 1000 Pleasant Hill Road in Lawrenceville, GA.

The **Gwinnett County Public Library** is a 14 branch library system in Gwinnett County, Georgia. The library's mission is to support the community's informational, educational, and recreational interests with convenient, creative, customer-friendly access to materials and services.