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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia
 COUNTY: Clay
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: DEC 16 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Fort Gaines Cemetery Site (~~New Park Cemetery~~)
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Fort Gaines Cemetery
 CITY OR TOWN: Fort Gaines CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2
 STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Clay CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Cemetery</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

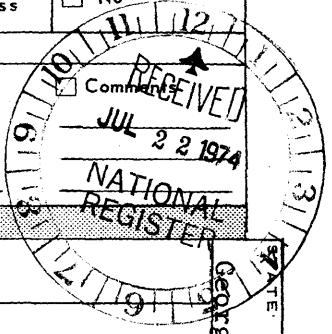
OWNER'S NAME: City of Fort Gaines
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Fort Gaines STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clay County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Fort Gaines STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Archaeological Survey of Georgia
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic Preservation Section
 STREET AND NUMBER: 270 Washington St.
 CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

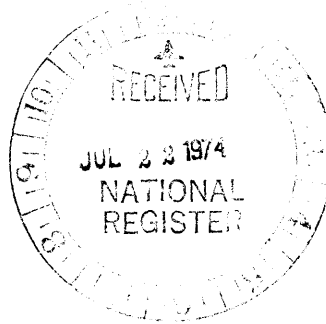
Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a mound with a gazebo on top of it, within the newer city cemetery in Fort Gaines, Clay County. The mound is circular and seems to be relatively undisturbed. It is surrounded by graves. The cemetery is on a high bluff overlooking the Chattahoochee River. Shells and stone chips have been found in the area of the mound. The mound is about four feet high and about 40 feet in diameter.

George White, in 1854, in his Historical Collections of Georgia wrote of Fort Gaines:

"Fort Gaines is on a high bluff of the Chattahoochee, and it is a place of considerable business. It derived its name from a fort built against the Indians, in 1816 by order of General Gaines."



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site has not been excavated as an archaeological site, therefore, little is known about it. It certainly holds the potential for adding to the cultural history of the lower Chattahoochee River area and possibly an even broader region.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archaeological Survey of Georgia, 1974, Historic Preservation Section.
 White, George, Historical Collection of Georgia, 1854

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

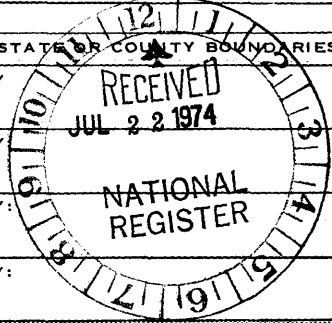
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Marilyn Pennington

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Preservation Section, Dept. Natural Resources** DATE: **3/25/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
270 Washington St.

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlanta** STATE: **Georgia** CODE: **13**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mary Gregory Jernatt

Title State Hist. Pres. Officer

Date March 29, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/16/74

ATTEST:

C. J. Sumner
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12-9-74

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ADDITION TO

Fort Gaines Cemetery Site (New Park Cemetery)

Apparently development in the surrounding area has disturbed or destroyed the village area and the mound remains as an isolated remnant. Several years ago, Frank Schnell, archeologist for the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts, tested a Confederate gun emplacement on a hill about 150 yards north of the cemetery. The two hills are about the same elevation. In the slot trenches dug in the Civil War site, he found early Mississippi pottery typical of that found from Moundville, Alabama, to Fort Walton, Florida. This pottery probably came from that general area. Locally, this type pottery was called Rood's Phase.

Just over a mile north, there are portions of five sites of the same time period. These sites are south of the Walter F. George Dam and several similar sites, north of the dam, are flooded now.

A highway and a bridge have been constructed between the hills with the gun emplacement and the cemetery.

The mound has not been excavated, so it is not possible to know how it was used. While its contour is rounded now, this may be the result of erosion or cultivation.

Marilyn Pennington
Historic Preservation Section
Department of Natural Resources
270 Washington Street, S.W., Room 703C
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November 20, 1974

NAME Jackson O'Neal Lamb
JACKSON O'NEAL LAMB
TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer
DATE _____

