

YELLOW BLUFF FORT

Fla. 105, New Berlin
Duval County

A Confederate battery was located at Yellow Bluff on the north bank of the St. Johns River below Jacksonville during the summer and early fall of 1862 to help the battery at St. Johns Bluff keep Federal gunboats from going up the river.

Because of its significance as a port and railhead, Jacksonville was the key to North Florida. Between 1861 and 1865, the city and the territory along the St. Johns changed hands from Union to Confederate armies no less than four times.

In February of 1864, Yellow Bluff was occupied by Federal troops, chiefly, apparently, to prevent the Confederates from using it. After failing to restore Florida's allegiance to the Union, Federal forces withdrew from the fort for the last time on July 26, 1864, and Yellow Bluff again came under the domination of the Confederacy.

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


Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 23 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:


Keeper of The National Register

JUL 8 1970

Date _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida	
COUNTY: Duval	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-9-09-0020	DATE 9/29/70

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Map

1. NAME

COMMON:
Yellow Bluff Fort

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1 mile south of Highway 105 on New Berlin Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Jacksonville vicinity

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Duval CODE: 031

3. CLASSIFICATION

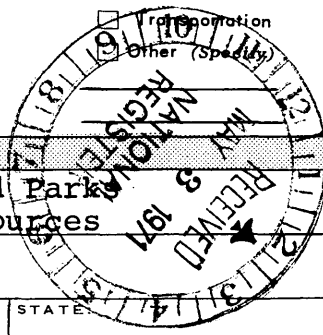
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Division of Recreation and Parks
Department of Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER: Larson Building

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12



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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET AND NUMBER: Elliott Building

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Florida Historic Sites Survey 1940

DATE OF SURVEY: 1940 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of Archives, History and Records Management

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 East Gaines Street

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

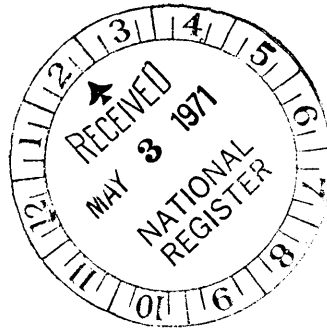
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Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Yellow Bluff Fort was situated on elevated terrain which rose steeply from the shoreline of the St. Johns River. From its lofty position, the fort's guns commanded a wide stretch of waterway. The fortifications consisted of triangular earthen works dug to provide protection for the guns.

Cleared of tangled underbrush and palmetto scrub, the memorial offers the visitor a scenic view of the area. With the exception of the large spreading live oaks, draped with Spanish moss, the site remains as it was in 1862.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the summer of 1862, batteries were erected by the Confederates on the St. Johns River below Jacksonville, at Yellow Bluff And St. Johns Bluff, on opposite sides of the river. For approximately 20 days in September, these batteries prevented a Federal squadron of six boats from coming up the river to Jacksonville.

Yellow Bluff Fort changed hands four times from 1862 to 1864. The longest and probably the most significant occupation of the fort was the last, which lasted from February 7, 1864 until July 26 of the same year. During this time, General Seymour used Yellow Bluff Fort as a signal station for his river operations. After failing to restore Florida's allegiance to the Union, Federal forces withdrew for the last time on July 26, 1864, and Yellow Bluff again came under the domination of the Confederacy.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Craig, James C. "New Berlin and Yellow Bluff Fort," Papers of the Jacksonville Historical Society. III (1954).
 Davis, William Watson. The Civil War and Reconstruction in Florida. New York: Columbia University, 1913.
 Gold, P. D. History of Duval County, Florida. St. Augustine: Record Co., 1928.
 Proctor, Samuel "Jacksonville During the Civil War," Florida Historical Quarterly. XLI (July, 1962-April, 1963), 343-355.

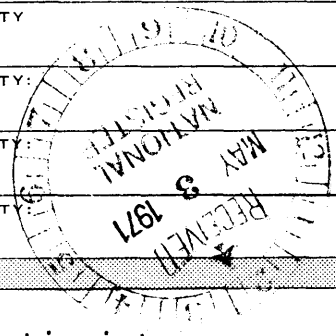
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Randy F. Nimnicht, Historic Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Archives, History and Records Mgt.** DATE: **3/10/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State, The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **12**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *Robert Williams*
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: April 29, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ermit A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: NOV 23 1971

ATTEST:
William S. Montoya
 Keeper of the National Register
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CODE

031

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: United States Coast and Geodetic Survey,

~~New Berlin Quadrangle, 7 1/2 minute series (top)~~

SCALE: 1:24,000

DATE: 1954

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Map per

