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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **
Battle of Corinth, Confederate Assault Position
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Shiloh Road
CITY, TOWN
Corinth
STATE
Mississippi
VICINITY OF
First
COUNTY
Alcorn
CODE
28
CODE
003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Billie Ray Briggs (executor)
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Corinth
STATE
Mississippi 38834

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Alcorn County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Corinth
STATE
Mississippi 38834

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Confederate assault columns of Brigadier Generals Dabney H. Maury and Louis Hébert formed on the west side of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad (formerly the Memphis & Charleston). The position is bordered on the north by Shiloh Road, on the west by Nelson Street, and on the south by Fourth Street. The field, which has been in cultivation since the Civil War, has a gentle, sloping terrain that terminates in a crest on the west side. This crest provides a good view of the north side of Corinth and was undoubtedly used to that advantage during the battle.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES October 3-4, 1862

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After the Battle of Iuka, September 19, 1862, Major General (Provisional Army) Sterling Price moved to Ripley, Mississippi, where he was joined by General Earl Van Dorn, C. S. A. Van Dorn had devised a plan to attack the Federal garrison at Corinth under the command of Major General William S. Rosecrans, who had about 23,000 men at Corinth and at least 25,000 Federal troops stationed at Bolivar, Memphis, and Jackson, Tennessee. Van Dorn, with his 22,000 troops, hoped to make a successful attack on Rosecrans, capture the vast Federal supplies, and take possession of the railroads, before Rosecrans could be reinforced from these other garrisons. This battle for possession of Corinth was probably the best example in the Civil War of the value of a good interior line system.

When the Federal scouts discovered Van Dorn's movement north from Ripley on September 29, they had no way of knowing which of the four garrisons was the objective. Van Dorn turned east from Pocahontas and, on the morning of October 3, began sharp skirmishing with the Federal outposts along the Chewalla Road northeast of Corinth. By the end of the day Van Dorn and Price had successfully forced the Federals into their last line of defense within Corinth, but darkness, thirst, and exhaustion forced a halt to the fighting for the day. Van Dorn would later have charges brought against him by Brigadier General John S. Bowen because he did not press the advantage of the last few minutes of daylight and of the night, if necessary.

Major General Ulysses S. Grant had ordered reinforcements to Corinth as soon as he learned of the attack. Major General James B. McPherson arrived in Corinth from Jackson, Tennessee, about two hours before the fighting ended on the third. Major General Edward O. C. Ord was also at this time approaching with some 6,500 fresh troops from Bolivar, Tennessee. They would not, however, arrive in time to participate in the action at Corinth, but would encounter the Confederates on October 5 at Hatchie Bridge.

During the early morning hours of October 4, after Van Dorn and Price planned their objective for the day, the Confederates occupied positions within musket range of the Federal line. Van Dorn was to attack the redoubts on the west while Price's men were to launch a frontal attack against the line extending from Battery Robinett on the west to Battery Powell on the north. The division of Brigadier Generals Dabney H. Maury and Louis Hébert formed along the west side of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in a large field bordered by screening woods. Shortly before daylight the artillery were at work.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jackson. Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Battle of Corinth, McKean Papers.

United States. War Department. The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Ser. 1, vol. 17, pt. 2. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1889.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 40

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 6	3, 60, 7, 5, 0	3, 8, 6, 7, 8, 7, 5	B	1, 6	3, 6, 0, 8, 0, 0	3, 8, 6, 7, 3, 5, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1, 6	3, 6, 0, 3, 7, 5	3, 8, 6, 7, 3, 5, 0	D	1, 6	3, 6, 0, 3, 7, 5	3, 8, 6, 7, 8, 2, 5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Mississippi	28	Alcorn	003
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

DATE

April 7, 1975

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STATE

Mississippi 39205

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

STATE X

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Edward B. Williams

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

April 7, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

APR 1975

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/30/76

DATE

4-28-76

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which held, aided by the guns of Battery Williams. Price's men, unable to hold their ground without the fall of Robinett, were compelled to withdraw to their former position west of the railroad. Shortly thereafter, they joined the retreat to Hatchie Bridge.