

MS NO 110

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi	
COUNTY: Marshall	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 1 1 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Confederate Armory Site

AND/OR HISTORIC: **(Jones-McElwain and Company Iron Foundry,
Confederate Armory and Federal Hospital Site)**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Section 32, Township 3 South, Range 2 West

CITY OR TOWN:
Holly Springs

STATE Mississippi	CODE 38635	COUNTY: Marshall	CODE 093
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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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" 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 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) Not in use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. J. M. Ash

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Holly Springs	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 38635	CODE 28
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chancery Clerk's Office, Marshall County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Holly Springs	STATE: Mississippi	CODE 38635	CODE 28
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

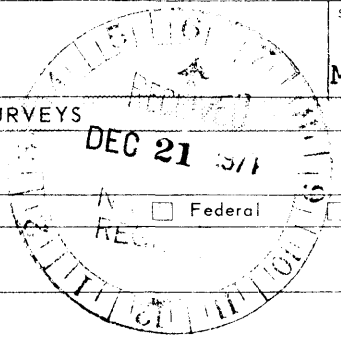
DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

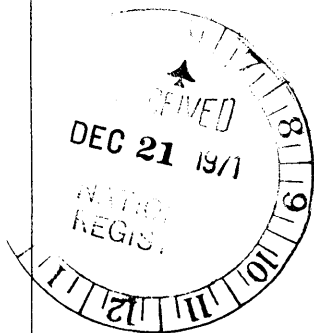
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Confederate Armory complex at Holly Springs was comprised of several buildings, one of which was large enough to contain six rooms, each 200 feet long. Also on the site were several smaller structures, referred to as "outhouses" by the medical officer in charge of the Federal hospital.

After General Earl Van Dorn's troopers burned the buildings, the rubble was left as it had fallen until August, 1971. At that time the site was cleared for the erection of portable buildings to be utilized in a local Headstart project, but the buildings were subsequently relocated as a result of the efforts of the Marshall County Historical Society. During the grading work, foundation walls and a brick floor were uncovered. Among the debris removed from the surface were numerous particles of Civil War medicine bottles melted by the burning of the building.

The base of the huge foundry chimney remains in place, and evidence of the ponds which held water for the plant operations is still discernible. Much of the site is still covered by silt and a thick growth of underbrush.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

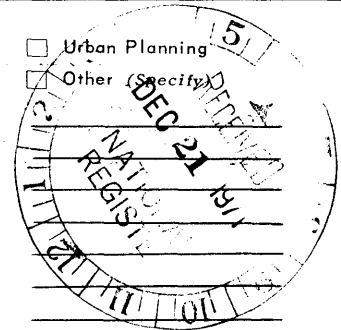
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1859-1862

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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Jones-McElwain and Company Iron Foundry was established in 1859 at Holly Springs, Mississippi. Prior to the Civil War, the company manufactured iron railings, plantation iron, ornamental iron for the fronts of stores and homes, as well as fences and railroad forgings. In 1861, the firm became an armory, accepting a contract with the Confederate government to produce 20,000 rifles of the Mississippi rifle design (U.S. Model 1841) and 10,000 muskets of the U.S. Model 1842 design. The company also contracted with the State of Mississippi for the delivery of 5,000 rifles.

An advancement of \$40,000.00 from the Confederacy was made to the Jones-McElwain and Company in order that it could purchase the necessary machinery for the production of these arms. While this machinery was being obtained, the firm accepted thousands of sporting and old military arms for repairing and converting for military use.

There are no known arms bearing the markings of Jones-McElwain or Holly Springs existing; therefore, it is believed that the firm was only able to repair and convert arms, before they were in danger of being overrun by the Federals after the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. In view of this danger, the machinery was sold to the Confederate Government for the sum of \$150,000.00 and moved to Macon, Georgia, with the arms on hand being sent to Grenada, Mississippi.

On November 13, 1862, the Federal forces moved into Holly Springs. Federal Medical Director Horace R. Wirtz utilized the large buildings of the armory for a Federal base hospital and for storage of the vast medical supplies of the Federals.

At dawn on the morning of December 20, 1862, General Earl Van Dorn's Confederate cavalry made a daring raid on the town for the express purpose of destroying the millions of dollars worth of United States supplies stored in Holly Springs.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hartje, Robert. "Van Dorn Conducts a Raid on Holly Springs and Enters Tennessee." Publications of The Tennessee Historical Society and The Tennessee Historical Commission, XVIII (June, 1959), pp. 125-129.
Rebellion Record, 1862-63. Doc. 79: "Surrender of Holly Springs, Miss.," December 22, 1862, as reported in the Missouri Democrat. pp. 276-281.
Register and Advertiser (Mobile). January 7, 1863.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
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NW	34	46	55"	89	23	41"	0			0		
NE	34	46	55"	89	23	39"						
SE	34	46	32"	89	23	39"						
SW	34	46	32"	89	23	41"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **32**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William C. Wright, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Mississippi Department of Archives and History** DATE: **11-22-71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: **Jackson** STATE: **Mississippi 39205** CODE: **28**

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 *R. A. McLemore*
R. A. McLemore

Title **Director, Miss. Department of Archives and History**

Date **December 9, 1971**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *4/11/72*

ATTEST:
William C. Wright
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **APR 11 1972**

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Medical Officer Wirtz said in his report of this raid"I took a building that had been built for an armory by the Confederates, consisting of six large rooms, each 200 feet long and numerous outhouses, and after two weeks incessant labor I had everything prepared for 2,000 patients....On the morning of December 20, one of the most completely furnished and extensive hospitals in the army was just ready to receive its sick.... On that morning the town was taken by the Confederates under General Van Dorn....I repaired to the headquarters of the Rebel general near town and made a formal request that the armory hospital should not be burned....I returned to my quarters, but had not been there an hour when I was informed the building was on fire. Thus this fine structure....was soon in ashes."

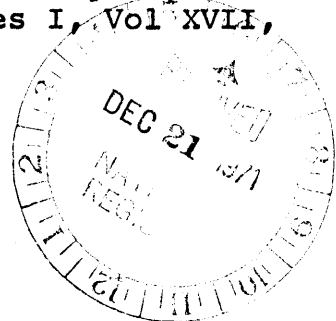
Van Dorn's raid altered the strategy of General U. S. Grant, who had planned an attack on Vicksburg by way of the Mississippi Central Railroad in support of General Sherman who was moving down the Mississippi River. Grant was now forced to retire to Memphis, while Sherman suffered a crushing defeat at Chickasaw Bayou on the Yazoo River north of Vicksburg.

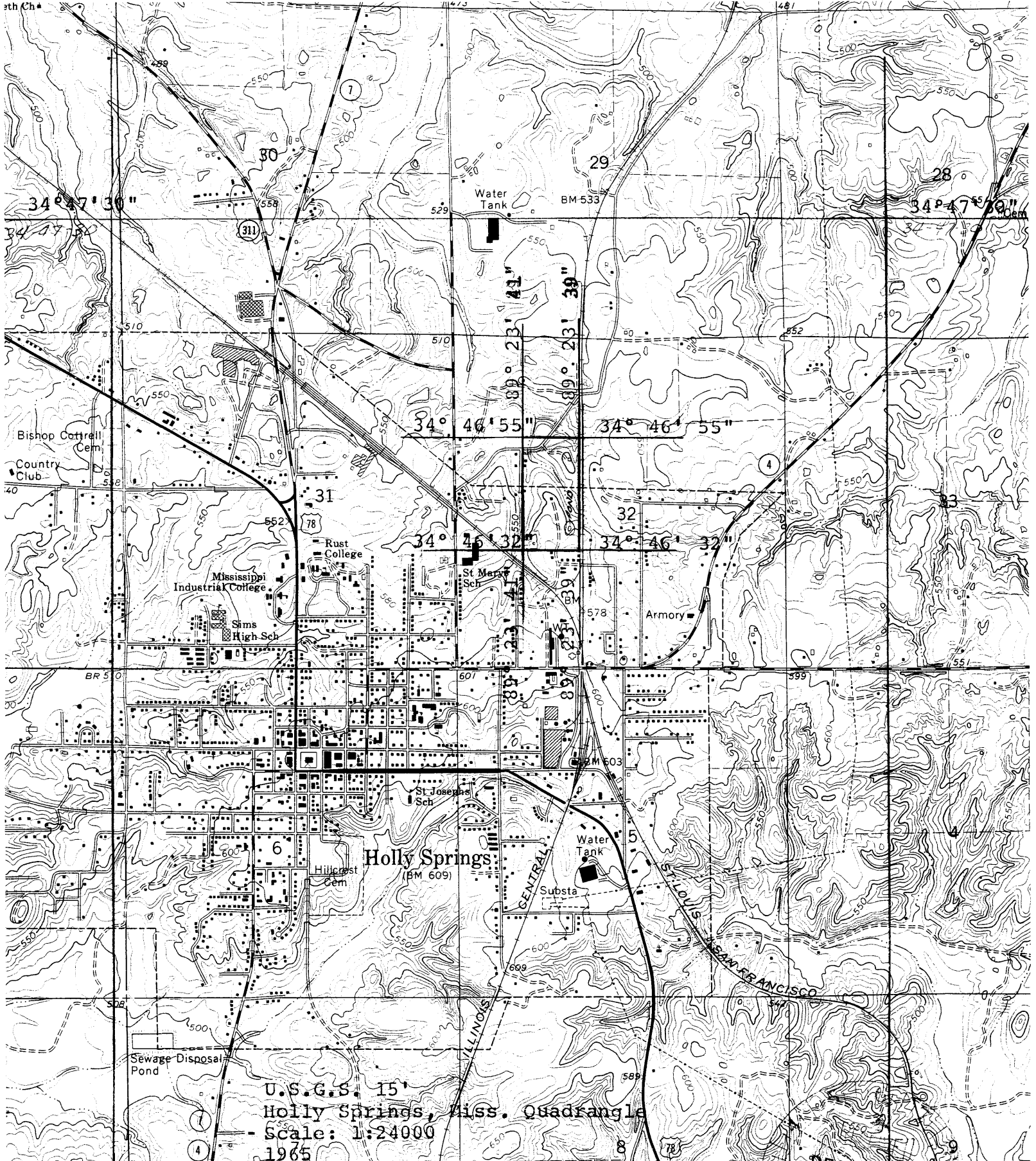
The archaeological remains of the foundry have remained intact through the years and provide an ideal setting to interpret the history of the company, as well as the impact of Van Dorn's raid. They also afford an excellent opportunity for the first industrial archaeological study in Mississippi.

The Marshall County Historical Society, which recently prevented destruction of the remains, plans to acquire the site and to initiate plans for its development.

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The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1889. Series I, Vol XVII, Part 1, pp. 508-510; Part 2, p. 463.

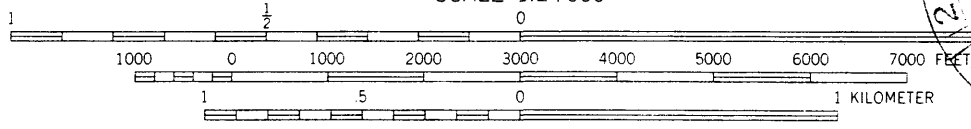




U.S.G.S. 15'
 Holly Springs, Miss. Quadrangle
 Scale: 1:24000
 1965

R. 3 W. 27' 30" R. 2 W. 0.7 MI. TO JUNC. MISS. 4 & 7 (POTTS CAMP 1:62 500) POTTS CAMP 17 MI. NEW ALBANY 29 MI.
 OXFORD (VIA MISS. 7) 28 MI. 3153 III.

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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N 89°
 1/2 MILE

4 1/2°
 1 MILE