

National Historic Landmark Theme 6C Westward Expansion 1763-1898,  
Military-Indian Conflicts

Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

COUNTY:  
Westmoreland

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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Bushy Run State Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Bushy Run Battlefield

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Bushy Run Road (1.5 miles east of Harrison City on State Route 993)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jeanette

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Westmoreland CODE: 129

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:  
Harrisburg

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Westmoreland County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Greensburg

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  
 State  
 County  
 Local

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input 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 site of the battle of Bushy Run is presently contained in the 162 acre Bushy Run Battlefield State Park. The historic setting of woodlands and clearings has been altered slightly by landscaping, driveways, paths, and recreational facilities.

On the hill where the "flour bag fort" once stood is now a memorial stone bearing bronze plaques reproducing Bouquet's letters about the battle, and a description and a map. The next hill to the west has a marker indicating the approximate site of the graves of fifty soldiers killed in the battle. There is also a small museum interpreting the battle. Driveways and paths wind through the battlefield, and there are four picnic areas equipped with fireplaces and shelters. Public use of the land is largely recreational.

In utilizing the State Park boundaries for the landmark boundaries the battlefield site is enclosed in a virtually unaltered environment, and major intrusions are excluded.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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) **August 5-6, 1763**

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/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Battle of Bushy Run, fought in 1763, just 1 1/2 miles north of present day Jeanette, Pennsylvania, was a decisive English victory in the most determined and dangerous Indian attack on the Colonial frontier in the 18th century. Often called "Pontiac's Conspiracy," or "Rebellion," the frontier forts fell one by one, and within a few weeks, along a thousand miles of frontier, only Forts Bedford, Ligonier, and Pitt held out in Pennsylvania, as did Fort Niagara in the north, and Fort Detroit to the west.

Here, Colonel Henry Bouquet, dispatched to relieve the besieged Fort Pitt, confronted the Indian forces. Under sustained attack, Bouquet reversed the tide of battle by a strategic ruse. Feigning retreat and drawing the Indians in disorganized pursuit, he turned and attacked their flank, putting them to flight. In raising the siege of Fort Pitt Bouquet demonstrated an understanding of wilderness warfare which enabled him to pacify the Ohio frontier.

The battlefield site at Bushy Run is contained today within Bushy Run Battlefield State Park, a recreational park, wherein the historic woodlands setting has been only slightly altered.

History

In order to reopen communication with the West, Sir Jeffrey Amherst, the British commander-in-chief, ordered Colonel Henry Bouquet to muster all available troops and march to the relief of Fort Pitt. Bouquet, as second in command under General Forbes in his 1758 expedition against French Fort Duquesne, had gained valuable experience in wilderness warfare. He set out from Carlisle on July 18, 1763, with a force of about 500 soldiers and a long and cumbersome train of supply wagons and packhorses, to make the grueling 200 mile march. It took a week to reach Fort Bedford, and by the time they reached Fort Ligonier on August 2, the Colonel was becoming increasingly concerned by the lack of news from Fort Pitt. To speed up his march, he left the wagons and most of his supplies at Ligonier when he resumed his advance on August 4.

When the Indians learned of the expedition, they determined to repeat their successes against Braddock in 1755 and Grant in 1758. Leaving their four day siege of Fort Pitt, the Indian forces set upon Bouquet's vanguard at Bushy Run, twenty-five miles east of Fort Pitt, on the afternoon of

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Mary C. Darlington, History of Colonel Henry Bouquet and the Western Frontiers of Pennsylvania, 1747-1764, (Private Printing, 1920).  
 Francis Parkman, The Conspiracy of Pontiac (Boston, 1913).  
 William Smith, Historical Account of Bouquet's Expedition Against the Ohio Indians, in 1764 (Cincinnati, 1907).

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	UTM LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	17° 61' 67.70" "	446° 8' 71.0" "	0			
NE	17° 61' 73.50" ✓ "	446° 7' 90.0" "				
SE	17° 61' 68.70" "	446° 7' 120.0" "				
SW	17° 61' 60.80" "	446° 8' 140.0" "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **162 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Richard Greenwood, Historian, Landmark Review Task Force**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Surveys**      DATE: **1/18/75**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1100 L Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington**      STATE: **D.C.**      CODE: **11**

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

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>William L. ...</i>              _____              Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <b>8/31/78</b></p> <p>ATTEST: <b>(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>William Lebowitz</i>              _____              Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <b>June 15, 1978</b></p>
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August 5. Heavy fighting raged until nightfall, when the Colonel had his men strengthen their hilltop position by piling flour bags to form a redoubt. On the following day the Indians renewed the fighting with several fierce assaults on the "flour bag fort". Under this sustained attack, Bouquet countered with the strategic order to feign retreat. As the Indians rushed upon the camp, the Colonial troops turned, attacked the Indians on their flank, and put them to flight.

This two day battle raised the siege of Fort Pitt and clearly demonstrated Bouquet's understanding of the tactics of wilderness warfare. The following year Bouquet's expedition into central Ohio suppressed further uprising and thus made the western frontier comparatively safe for the settlers who were soon to follow.

10-40°21'31" 79°37'11" (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 GREENSBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
MURKINSVILLE 2.9 MI. TO U.S.

50' (SCALE)  
OF THE INTERIOR  
A SURVEY

1:470 000 FEET 615 79°37'30" 618 619  
40°22'30"

