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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

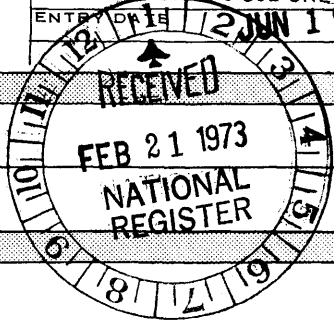
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Georgia

COUNTY:  
Fulton

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY DATE: JUN 19 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Texas

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Cyclorama Building, Grant Park

CITY OR TOWN:  
Atlanta

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
4th Congressional District  
Benjamin B. Blackburn

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Fulton CODE: 121

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" 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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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>On Exhibit</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Atlanta, Parks and Recreation Department

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Resolution, Georgia General Assembly, Approved August 9, 1910

STREET AND NUMBER:  
State Capitol, Capitol Square

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

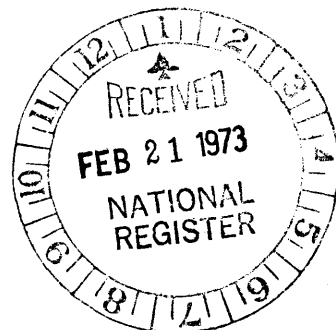
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE (object)

The Texas, an eight wheel American type steam locomotive (4-4-0), was built by Danforth, Cooke and Company of Paterson, New Jersey, and placed in service on the Western and Atlantic Railroad in October of 1856. The original cost was \$9,050. The locomotive has cylinders 15" in diameter and a stroke of 22". It was originally built to five foot gauge and with five drivers.

Records are few of any changes made during the Texas' almost fifty years of service on the W & A Railroad and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway. On May 1, 1886, the gauge of the W & A was changed from five feet to 4' 8 and 1/2" and the gauge of the Texas was changed accordingly.

The W & A began numbering their locomotives in 1866 and the Texas was assigned number 49 as it was the 49th locomotive to be acquired by the Railroad. Prior to this time, locomotives were not numbered but rather named. About 1880, it was renumbered as No. 12 and named Cincinnati. In 1890, after the W & A was leased by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, it was assigned the number 212. It remained No. 212 until taken out of service about 1904.

The Texas was virtually neglected for the next 23 years. From 1904 to 1911 it rusted in the Atlanta railroad yards and from 1911 to 1927 it was subjected to weather conditions and vandals on the grounds of Grant Park. In 1927 the Texas was moved into the basement of the Cyclorama Building. No effort was made to restore the locomotive until 1936 when it was refurbished to look as it did in 1860 but not actually to work. It remains today on public display in the Cyclorama Building.



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**3. 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) **1856; April 12, 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"/> Urban Planning                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____  |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Texas was built for service on the Georgia-owned Western and Atlantic Railroad by Danforth, Cooke and Company of Paterson, New Jersey in 1856. It was one of the principle locomotives in the Andrews Raid also known as the "Great Locomotive Chase" during the Civil War. Continuing in service until 1904, it is now on display at Grant Park.

The Texas was one of three locomotives which pursued the General on April 12, 1862. A civilian James J. Andrews and 19 Union soldiers seized the General and three box cars at Big Shanty (now Kennesaw), Georgia and headed north toward Union lines. Their mission was to destroy the railroad and cut off communications from Atlanta, a major supply point for the Confederacy. In conjunction with the Raid, General Ormsby M. Mitchel was to move from Shelbyville, Tennessee, to Huntsville, Alabama and then on to attack Chattanooga. The Texas entered the chase about 34 miles north of Big Shanty and ran 51 miles in reverse in pursuit of the General. The engineer of the Texas that day was Peter James Bracken and the fireman was Henry Haney. When the General was abandoned by the Raiders, the Texas towed the damaged engine back to Ringgold.

The Texas continued to serve the Confederacy throughout the Civil War. It remained in service until about 1904. From 1904 to 1911 the Texas rusted in the Atlanta railroad yards. In 1911 the locomotive was presented to the City of Atlanta and on May 10 of that year was moved to the grounds of Grant Park. On March 15, 1927 the Texas was moved into the basement of the Cyclorama Building where it remains on exhibit.

The story of the Andrews Raid in which the Texas played such a dramatic role has captured the imagination of Americans. Two films recounting this Civil War event have been produced: "The General", starring Buster Keaton (considered a silent film landmark); and "The Great Locomotive Chase," a Walt Disney film.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre (object)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission      DATE: Feb. 14, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 116 Mitchell Street, SW

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 Juvett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date February 15, 1973

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

Robert W. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 12 73