

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Mississippi

COUNTY: Hinds

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE: MAY 6 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bailey Hill Civil War Earthworks

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
41 US 51/55

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28 COUNTY: Hinds CODE: 049

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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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>graveyard</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Hinds County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hinds County Chancery Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 686, 316 South President Street

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Mississippi CODE: 28

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

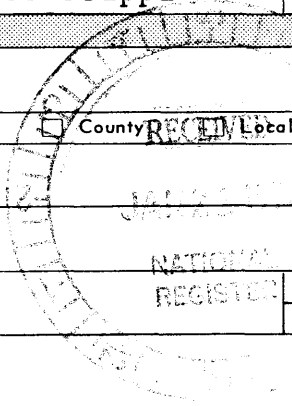
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

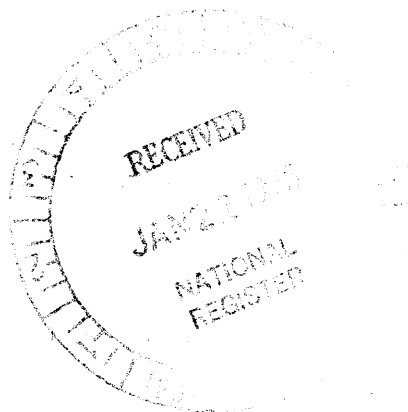
CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The view afforded by the Bailey Hill prominence overlooking the city of Jackson readily explains why the Federal artillery would choose the site to construct three major works: earthen parapets, secondary positions behind these, and a rifle trench along the forward crest. The hill's elevation gave the gunners an extra half-mile in range, an advantage which allowed them to hit the center of the city with their shells. These earthworks remain in excellent condition today and are little affected by nature because the hill is well drained.

Shortly before the turn of the century the hill was utilized as a burial site for paupers interred by the county. Except for a very few markers supplied for veterans by the government, there is little indication of these graves, and no records are available which indicate the number of graves on the hill. However, there will be no future burials on the site, which is located within 16th section land set aside for educational benefit. Therefore, the site is provided a certain degree of protection and will play an important role in interpreting the Siege of Jackson.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **July 9-16, 1863**

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 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 Civil War earthworks located on Bailey Hill are the best preserved fortifications of their kind in Jackson. They were once part of the Federal army's siege line which formed a semi-circle around the city from the Pearl River on the north to the Pearl on the south. Very few remains of this line exist today. The Bailey Hill earthworks played a vital role during the Siege of Jackson, July 9-16, 1863, when the site was occupied by the 7th Michigan Light Artillery, the 1st Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery, and the 33rd Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. The artillery was commanded by Captain Jacob T. Foster and the infantry by Colonel Jonathan B. Moore. The 33rd Wisconsin was a part of Brigadier General Jacob G. Lauman's Fourth Division, Sixteenth Army Corps, which had been temporarily attached, along with eleven other regiments, to the Thirteenth Army Corps and placed in line between the Jackson and New Orleans Railroad and the Pearl River.

On the morning of July 12, General Lauman ordered his already advanced line forward without orders from his superiors. Colonel Isaac C. Pugh of the 41st Illinois describes the advance in his report.

I was ordered by General Lauman to move my line forward cautiously, which order I obeyed. After passing a small creek (Lynch), lined with timbers and dense underbrush, my command arrived in the open field, when I halted and had my line dressed up. I did not like the looks of the ground. There was a corn-field in front, beyond which there was a skirt of timber, and beyond that the timber had been felled. The fences had been laid down, and the corn cut down, except a strip immediately in front of my line. I ordered one of my aides to request General Lauman's presence on the ground, as I did not like the appearance of the field, and when the general came up he ordered the skirmishers to be pushed forward to the distance of 300 or 400 yards, and then gave the order to my brigade to

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Personal inspection of the site, October 14, 1974, by staff members and Director, Mr. Elbert R. Hilliard, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

U.S. Congress. The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. 70 vols. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1880-1901. Republication. Series 1, Vol. 24, Part 2.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William C. Wright, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE: 12/30/74

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office 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: Elbert R. Hilliard

Title: Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Date: January 6, 1975

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

A. R. Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/6/75

ATTEST:

Charles O. Stewart
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-2-75

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'forward' which order was obeyed. As soon as the line had crossed the field and had got fairly into the timber, the enemy opened a murderous fire on my whole line, but the men and officers pressed forward until they got within 120 yards of the enemy's breast-works when they took shelter behind the fallen timber, but the fire was so murderous that what officers and men were left fell back . . .

During this time the batteries situated on the high hill poured shot and shell into the Confederate line, thus preventing a countercharge against the withdrawing Federal infantry. His brash and unauthorized action cost Lauman over 580 casualties and his command. Immediately after the advance, Major General Edward O. C. Ord removed Lauman from command and placed the Fourth Division under the able Brigadier General Alvin P. Hovey.

Hovey's report of the action gave special mention to the artillery posted on the hill: ". . . two sections of Foster's battery, one commanding the railroad and one on the high prominence to the right of the road, did fine execution by throwing their 20-pound shot and shell into the enemy's works and the heart of the city."

Under cover of darkness on the night of July 16, General Joseph E. Johnston's army evacuated Jackson and marched toward Morton. The Federal army did not realize that the Confederates had entirely abandoned the trenches until the next morning after token artillery resistance gave way. By that time, the army had safely crossed the Pearl River.

