

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Williamson
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ENTRY DATE NOV 29 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Winstead Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
(Columbia Pike, U. S. Highway 31, 2 miles south of Franklin)

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Williamson** CODE: **187**

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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 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)
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
United Daughters of The Confederacy, Chapter #14, Franklin

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Mrs. W. R. Morton, 1011 Fair Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Williamson County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

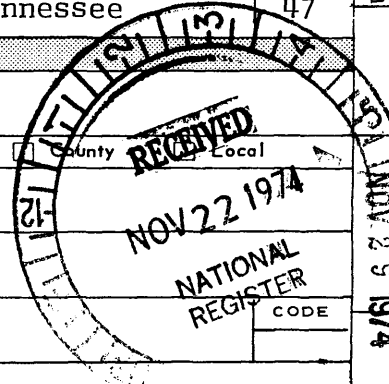
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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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

Winstead Hill is typical of the knobs of the Harpeth Valley of the Nashville Basin of Tennessee. The crest of the hill is 840 feet above mean sea level, approximately 200 feet higher than the Town of Franklin, two miles to the northwest; it was obviously an excellent command and observation post.

Certainly, Winstead Hill does not have a cosmetic appearance. The visitor will find throughout the area the wild flowers, trees, and geological formations--mostly, probably, Ordovician limestones--a few inches under the soil--that are characteristic of, and identified with, the Nashville Basin.

In 1948, Walter A. Roberts deeded 9.75 areas on Winstead Hill to the United Daughters of the Confederacy as a memorial to the soldiers of the Confederacy to be maintained as a park. The 9.7 acres has not been radically altered. Some alterations were necessary. Barbed wire fences are on the south, west, and north boundaries. The Columbia Pike, U. S. Highway 31, to its east, has been widened, and the State Department of Transportation maintains a six-to-eight car roadside park at the base of the hill.

About twenty years ago, a stone walk, with three sets of steps with handrails was built by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, leading to a shelter at the 825 foot level. The stone used was quarried from the site. Under the shelter is a metal relief map, provided by the Tennessee Historical Commission describing the troop movement during the battle.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy is in the process of restoring the walks and shelter which are in good condition, and the organization has requested no financial help from any sources. It will continue to preserve the area as a living part of our community spirit.

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8. 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)

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"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Jefferson Davis in his book The Rise and Fall of the Confederate States referred to the battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864, as "one of the bloodiest battles of the war." He wrote "the Confederates won a victory, but at a fearful cost." General John Bell Hood's command post during the battle was on the northern slope of Winstead Hill (named for Samuel Winstead of Franklin, Tennessee). Major General Benjamin F. Cheatham's corps was deployed at the base of the hill before the charge in the later afternoon of that November.

From his observation post on the hill, 200 feet above the Union-occupied town of Franklin two miles away, General John Bell Hood looked over a broad open field that rolled gently toward Federal positions. He watched his command of 18,000 Confederate infantrymen move relentlessly toward the enemy trenches. He saw and heard the Union infantry and artillery open fire and saw his men fade into the smoke of the battle. The Confederate forces charged and were thrown back thirteen times. When the battle was over late that night, the Confederates had lost 6,000 men dead or wounded, including five generals dead and six others wounded, one mortally.

From the command post, Figuers' Hill and its Fort Granger, three miles away, can still be seen. The railroad tracks, the Harpeth River, the McGavock House (Carnton), and Murfreesboro Road, all significant during the battle, can also be seen from the site in the fall. Roper's Knob, north of Franklin, had a signal station constructed under the supervision of the Union Captain, W. E. Merrill, who also supervised the building of Fort Granger, 1862-63.

Winstead Hill is most significant as the beginning point of the important Battle of Franklin, the beginning of the end for the Confederate Army in the West which was culminated in the Battle of Nashville two weeks later.

Winstead Hill; the Carter House, which was in the center of the battle; Carnton, where the dead Confederate generals were carried after the battle and where a Confederate cemetery was later established; and Fort Granger, the Union stronghold, are the four remaining points of interest relating to the Battle of Franklin. All of these except Winstead Hill are currently in the National Register of Historic Places. Industrial developments

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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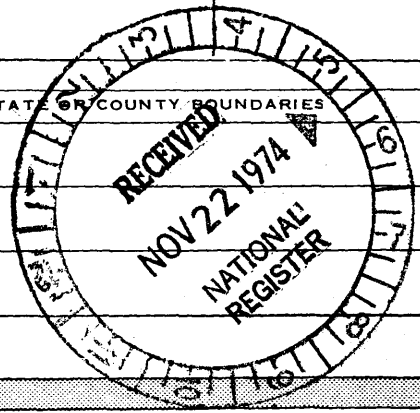
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.75

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:
 Raymond Joseph Hemstreet, Custodian

ORGANIZATION: United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chapter #14
 DATE: 8-5-74

STREET AND NUMBER:
 601 Boyd Mill Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Franklin
 STATE: Tennessee
 CODE: 47

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: Lauren C. Senary
 Title: Executive Director Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 11/18/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
W. H. Morlison
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/29/74
 ATTEST: George F. Emery
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: Nov 29, 1974

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are expanding southward from Franklin, and are approaching Winstead Hill. It is important that the hill be preserved in order to interpret the Battle of Franklin. The United Daughters of the Confederacy are determined that it shall be preserved. Inclusion in the National Register would greatly assist them in their project.

