

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

## Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

☐ Monument ☐ with Sculpture ☐ without Sculpture ☐ with Cannon ☐ standalone Cannon  
☒ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque ☐ Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

## Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW  
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☒ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Mississippi Historical Commission

**Original Dedication Date** after 11 March 1949 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

## Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at: Mississippi's Final Stands Interpretive and Visitors Center [On Blue&Gray Map: "1. Mississippi's Final Stands Interpretive and Visitors Center"]

Street/Road address or site location 607 Grisham St GPS Coordinates N 34.50462 W 88.65794

City/Village &/or Township Baldwyn

County Lee State MS Zip Code 38824

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☐ South ☒ East ☐ West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 200 North Street

City Jackson State MS Zip Code 39201

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 601 ) 576-6850 ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☐ Yes ☒ No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

## For Monuments with/without sculpture:

### Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:** Cast aluminum?

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

**For Cannons with/without monument:**

Material of Cannon = \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_\_\_ Iron \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Cannon (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Rifled \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Markings: Muzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Base Ring/Breech \_\_\_\_\_

Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

## Complete for All Memorials

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

36" Height 36" Width 1" Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

**Markings/Inscriptions** (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

{Magnolia blossom and leaves}

BRICE'S CROSSROADS

Six miles west of here, / on June 10, 1864, General / Forrest won his greatest / victory, crushing superior / Union forces of General / Sturgis and driving them / back to Memphis.

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{duplicated on the opposite side}

## Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

### Type of Location

☐ Cemetery    ☐ Park    ☐ Plaza/Courtyard    ☐ "Town Square"    ☐ Post Office  
☐ School    ☐ Municipal Building    ☐ State Capitol    ☐ Courthouse    ☐ College Campus  
☐ Traffic Circle    ☐ Library    Other: outside Interpretive Center

### General Vicinity

☒ Rural (low population, open land)    ☐ Suburban (residential, near city)    ☐ Town    ☐ Urban / Metropolitan

### Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

☐ Industrial    ☐ Commercial    ☐ Street/Roadside within 20 feet    ☐ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)  
☐ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)    ☐ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor \_\_\_\_\_

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 22 March A. D. 2025  
 Your Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell  
 Address 2030 San Pedro Dr.  
 City Arnold State MO Zip Code 63010  
 Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW

### Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

**Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:**

**Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, [cwmemorials@suvchw.org](mailto:cwmemorials@suvchw.org) (314) 630-8407**

*Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.*

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.**

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

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## Condition Information

### Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

### Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	_____	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	_____	_____

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unable to tell

### Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

\_\_\_\_ Gilded \_\_\_\_ Painted \_\_\_\_ Varnished \_\_\_\_ Waxed \_\_\_\_ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unable to determine

### Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

\_\_\_\_ Well maintained \_\_\_\_ Would benefit from treatment \_\_\_\_ In urgent need of treatment \_\_\_\_ Unable to determine

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Inspector's Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell Date 26 May A. D. 2025

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

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ADDENDUM FORM CWM #61 >This form may be photocopied.< ©2007-2023 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Corporation

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## Sixty Historic Sites Of Mississippi To Be Marked

Sixty of Mississippi's most historic sites were tentatively selected for permanent marking by the State Historical Commission at a meeting in Jackson, according to Dr. William D. McCain, chairman of the commission.

"There are literally thousands of historic sites in Mississippi," stated Dr. McCain, "and we can only mark a few with the funds on hand. But we are making a start, and I know that the people of Mississippi will see that the program is continued."

Selection of 60 sites for marking is the beginning of a long-range plan for marking all of Mississippi's historic sites and buildings. Under the law setting up the State Historical Commission, an appropriation of \$9,000 was made for the 1948-1950 biennium. The State Historical Commission hopes that with the cooperation of the State Highway Department, 60 permanent markers can be erected within the appropriation.

Markers, which will be of cast

iron or cast aluminum, and which will be uniform in size and color, will be erected at the following sites: White Apple Village, Nanih Waiya Indian Mound, Dancing Rabbit Creek, Brice's Crossroads, Ackia battlefield, Chickasaw Old Town, Pontotoc Creek, Old Prentiss, Fort Pemberton, Malmalson, Doak's Stand, Beauvoir, Hurricane Brierfield, Springfield, Old Spanish Fort, Ford House near Columbia, Ship Island, Old Augusta, Fort Maurepas, Mt. Dexter, Champion's Hill, Bruinsburg, Old Capitol, Fort Adams, Mayhew Mission, Cotton Gin Port, and Oakland College.

Towns which have been allotted one marker each are Holly Springs, Oxford, Hernando, Tupelo, Corinth, Grenada, Iuka, Daleville, Meridian, Woodville, Port Gibson, Macon, Yazoo City, Enterprise, Greenwood, Paulding, Vicksburg, Biloxi, Ellisville, Monticello, Hattiesburg, Columbia, Winchester, Crystal Springs, Clinton, Pass Christian, Aberdeen, Jackson, Washington,

of their discovery.

Natchez, Canton and Brookhaven.

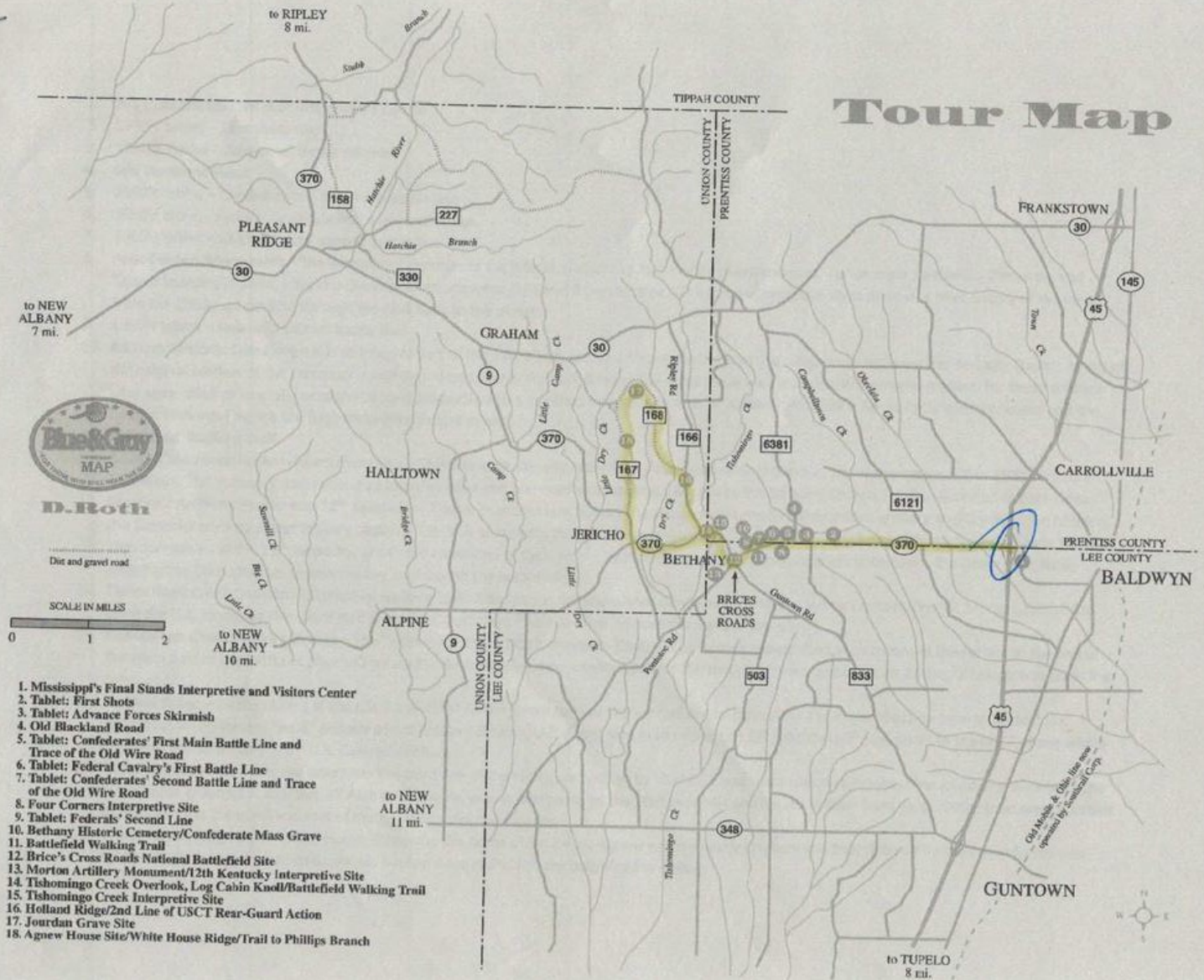
Members of the State Historical Commission present at the March meeting, in addition to Dr. McCain, are as follows: Dr. James W. Silver, University of Mississippi; Dr. John K. Bettersworth, Mississippi State College; Dr. Wirt A. Williams, Delta State Teachers College; Dr. R. A. McLemore, Mississippi Southern College; Representative Andrew W. Sullivan Jr., Macon, and Dr. Ottis C. Skipper, Mississippi State College for Women.



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# Tour Map



1. **MS Final Stands Civil War Interpretive Center**
2. 1950's tablet – First shots fired
3. 1950'2 Tablet – Advanced forces skirmish
4. **Old Blackland Road**
5. 1950's tablet – Confederates' first main battle line
6. 1950's tablet - Federal Cavalry's first main battle line
7. 1950's tablet – Confederates' second battle line
8. **Four Corners Monument** – The monument represents the intersection of the four northeastern counties, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Pontotoc, and Tippah founded in 1834, after the Chickasaw Indians were removed from the area. The three interpretive signs provide a brief history of the land from the Chickasaw Nation through the Civil War, to the present.
9. 1950's tablet – Federal's second battle line
10. **Bethany Historic Cemetery** – It is an integral part of the battlefield, lies on a three-quarter acre site which once included the Bethany Church. Many of the original settlers of the community and their descendants are buried here. The mass grave area includes 96 memorial markers for those soldiers who were killed or mortally wounded during the battle and a five flags display. The flags of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee and the Second National Flag are the flags these men fought under.
11. **Battlefield Walking Trail**
12. **Brice's Crossroads National Battlefield Site** – This one-acre site administered by the National Park Service, sits in the center of the 1500-acre core battlefield. The William Brice home stood here in 1864 and was used as a hospital, along with the Bethany Church, for the wounded of both sides.
13. **Morton's Artillery Monument/12<sup>th</sup> Kentucky** – The large monument honors the success of Forrest's highly skilled artillery and Captain John Morton, the Confederacy's youngest artillery captain. This skill along with their experience with a variety of field pieces helped tip the scales on June 10, 1864. Two companies of the 12<sup>th</sup> Kentucky, under the command of Capt. Henry Tyler, extended the Confederate left to threaten the Union right flank, allowing the Confederates to gain the key position on the battlefield.
14. **Tishomingo Creek Overlook/Battlefield walking trail**– This ridge is the site where Confederate artillery, led by Captain John W. Morton, rained fire upon the U.S. troops as they retreated from the Crossroads. There are five interpretive signs at this site.
15. **Tishomingo Creek Walking Bridge** – The Tishomingo Creek site is there the Confederate troops routed the Union troops in the retreat at the end of the main part of the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. The bridge became a bottleneck for the troops, wagons and cannons as they attempted to cross the creek.
16. **Holland Ridge** – Black soldiers of the USCT and other Union forces formed the second line of defense in a rear-guard action here to protect the retreating Union forces. The 3<sup>rd</sup> brigade of Col. Edward Bouton, U.S. Army, was made up of the 55<sup>th</sup>, and the 59<sup>th</sup> regiments of the USCT, along with a 2-gun section of Battery F, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Artillery
17. **Jourdan Grave Site** – This site interprets the third line of the rear-guard action by the USCT and other Union regiments. The Jourdan grave marks the burial place of James C. Jourdan, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, who was taken in by the Phillips family and buried in their front yard. Cedar trees were planted by the family at the head and foot of the grave to mark the location.
18. **White House Ridge Site** – White House Ridge was the home of Dr. Enoch Agnew and his family is where the final defense by the Union forces was fought. With their ammunition depleted, Bouton's command left the battlefield in defeat.





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