

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Pocahontas	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Droop Mountain Battlefield

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On U. S. 219

CITY OR TOWN:
About 14 miles south of Marlinton

STATE West Virginia	CODE 54	COUNTY: Pocahontas	CODE 075
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Division of Parks and Recreation, W. Va. Department of Natural Resources

STREET AND NUMBER:
Capitol Building

CITY OR TOWN: Charleston	STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Pocahontas County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Marlinton	STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 288 acres

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:	CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park is today a densely wooded mountain area cut by deep ravines and traversed by well maintained roads. Buildings, all modern, include a park headquarters, three cabins, small stone shed, shelter, and two overlooks, one in the form of a tower. Cranberry bogs occupy a large oval area in this center of the park. A small grassy field to the east of the lookout tower is the only large break in the foliage. Route U. S. 219 borders this property.

The Civil War road to Lewisburg, however, extended over the mountain, and Confederate Colonel H. R. Jackson disposed his troops to block it against Averell's invasion from the North. At that time the northern slope of Droop Mountain was partially cultivated, strips of woodland partly concealing the approach from the pike. To attack this force from the front, Averell was forced to advance across open fields, but he placed his main reliance on a flanking movement through thick underbrush to weaken the Confederates' center.

There is now little to be seen of trenches and fortifications, which were constructed in part of perishable materials; however, trenches are still visible along the northern boundary.

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8. 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) November 6, 1863

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape		Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

West Virginia soldiers participated in major battles on many distant fronts throughout the Civil War, but the Battle of Droop Mountain was fought on home soil, with West Virginians fighting West Virginians in close contact. This battle exemplifies the tragic Civil War descriptive phrase, "Brother against Brother." When the Battlefield was dedicated as a State Park in 1926, it was to be developed as a memorial to both the North and the South.

From a military standpoint, the Federal objective was to clear the Confederate forces from the Greenbrier Valley, which they occupied in its total length. A continuing objective of the North was the severing of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, lifeline of Confederate forces fighting in the eastern part of Tennessee. But access to this railroad was next to impossible as long as the Confederates blocked the Greenbrier Valley.

There are six hundred and thirty-two (632) actions of various types listed for the State of West Virginia; the Battle of Droop Mountain is considered one of the principal conflicts.

Brigadier General William Averell defeated Brigadier General John Echols, CSA, of Virginia, on November 6, 1863. Averell's Federal troops outnumbered the Confederate troops 3 or 4 thousand to 1,700. Echols had the advantage of position from the crest of Droop Mountain. Dr. Dallas Shaffer in a booklet describing the conflict lists Union casualties, killed, wounded and missing, at 119 and Confederate losses at 275. The defeat of the Confederates restrained further Confederate action in all the area west of the Allegheny Mountains with the exception of a few minor skirmishes. A West Virginia historian notes that from the conclusion of this battle the Confederate forces never had any further success in West Virginia. In December, 1863, Averell was able to reach Salem, Virginia, and destroy the railroad at that point.

West Virginia's part in the war was one of divided loyalties, as illustrated most clearly in the Battle of Droop Mountain.

The Battle of Droop Mountain was in some degree responsible for the creation of the State of West Virginia, while Lincoln referred to Averell's victory to boost the morale of Federals in Tennessee who had recently been defeated by General Sam Jones at Rogersville. Federal Commander Burnside thought this news greatly encouraged his troops.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shaffer, Dallas B. The Battle at Droop Mountain. Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources. Charleston, 1963. 12 pp. For the lives of the principals, Averell and Echols, Cf. Dictionary of American Biography.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 07' 06.40	80° 16' 52.99				
NE	38° 07' 06.40	80° 15' 48.05				
SE	38° 06' 06.04	80° 15' 48.05				
SW	38° 06' 06.04	80° 16' 52.99				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Kanawha, West Va.			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Clifford M. Lewis, S.J.

ORGANIZATION: In contract with W. Va. Antiquities Commission DATE: October 7, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wheeling College

CITY OR TOWN: Wheeling STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

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 Dallas B. Shaffer
Dallas B. Shaffer

Title State Liaison Officer

Date October 9, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE: West Virginia CODE 54 COUNTY: Pocahontas CODE 075

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Henry Topping
DATE OF PHOTO: November 6, 1863, date of drawing
NEGATIVE FILED AT: W. Va. Antiquities Commission, 39 Mountain Lair (Old),
West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

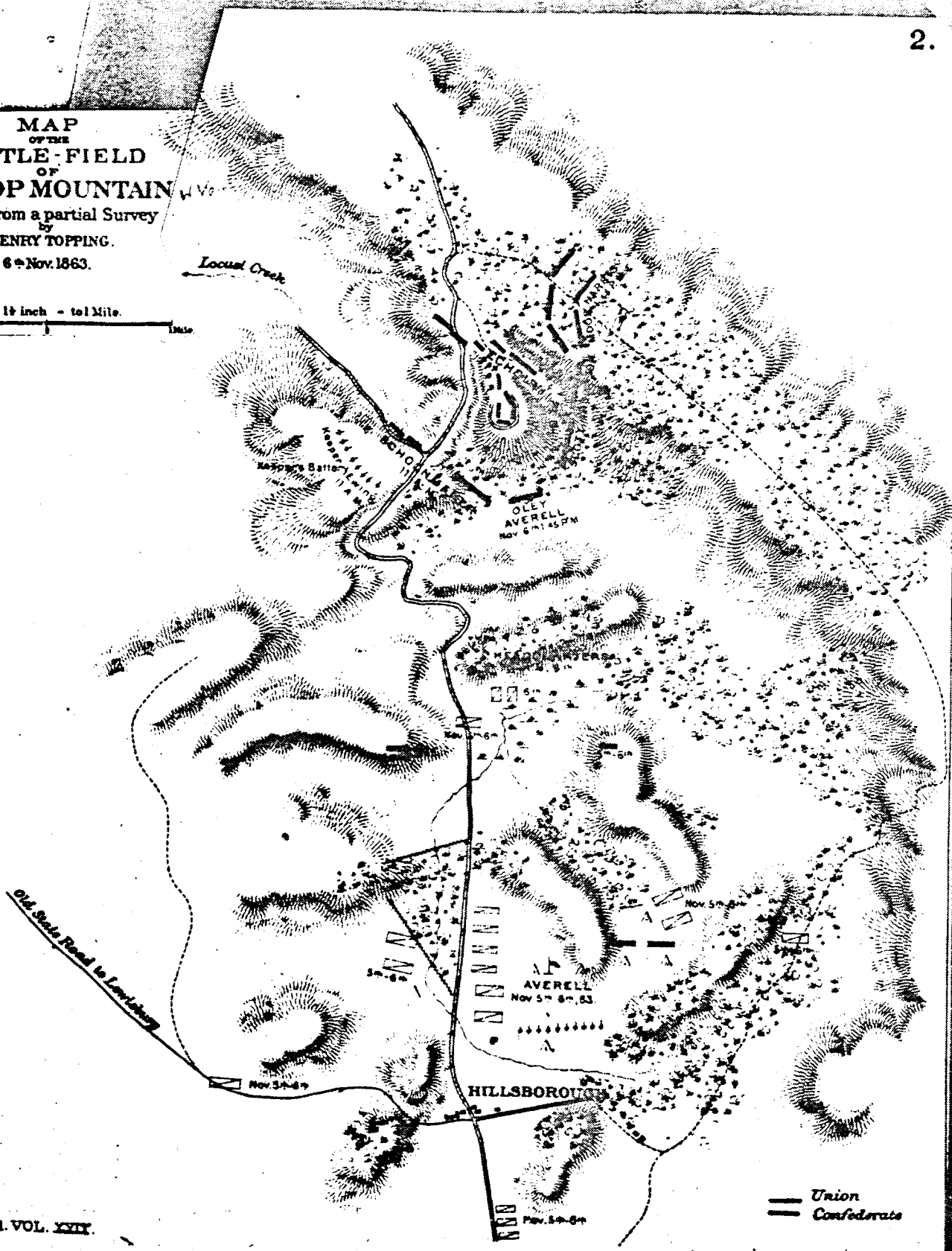
4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Taken from War of the Rebellion, Series 1, Vol. XXIX. Shows disposition of troops at the Battle of Droop Mountain.

MAP
OF THE
BATTLE-FIELD
OF
DROOP MOUNTAIN
drawn from a partial Survey
by
HENRY TOPPING.
6th Nov. 1863.

Scale: 1 1/2 inch = 1 Mile.



SERIES I. VOL. XXII.

— Union
- - - Confederate

30'E - 330'

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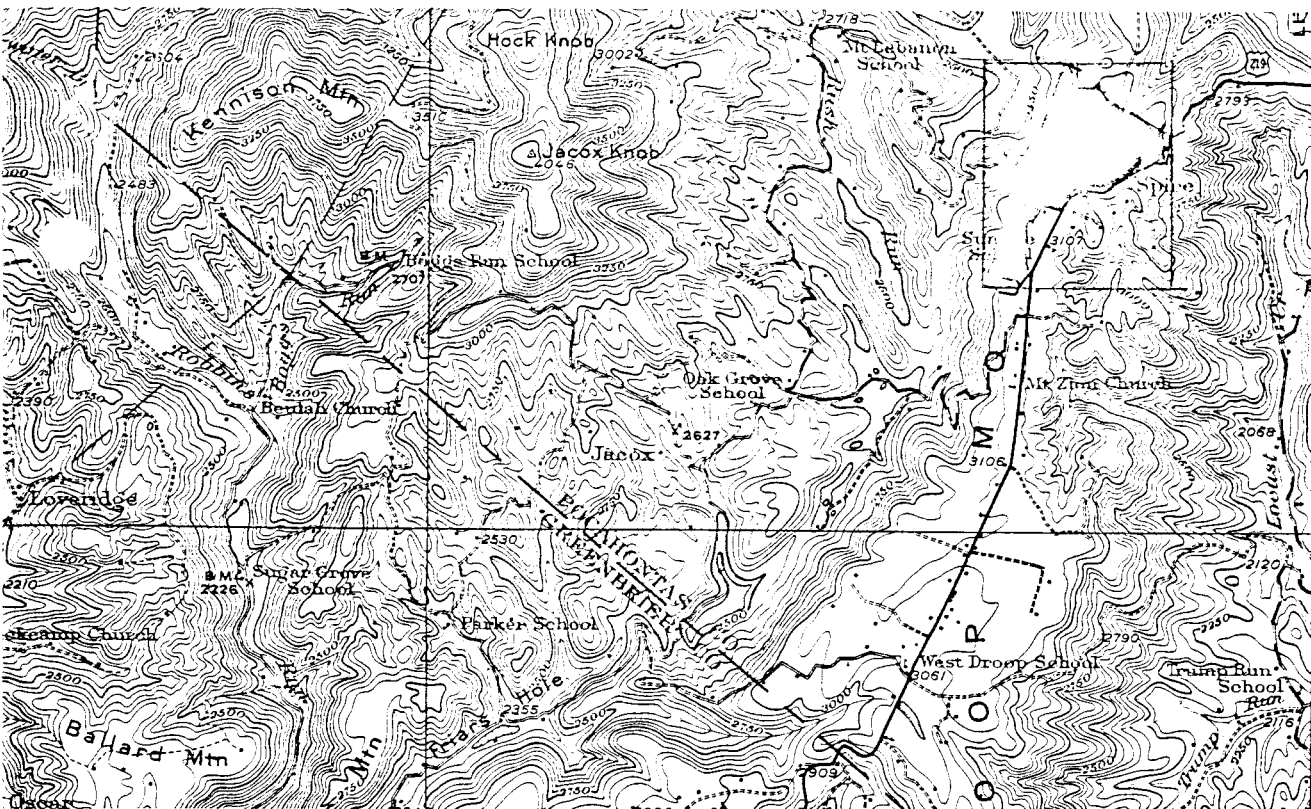
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West Virginia	54	Pocahontas	075
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
J. C. Waugh, Department of Natural Resources (W. Va.)			
SCALE: 1"=200'			
DATE: January 21, 1963			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

SCALE 1"=200'

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS		
DESIGNED BY	DROOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK PROPERTY MAP	PLAN NO.
DRAWN BY J. C. WAUGH		SHEET NO.
SUBMITTED	DATE	DATE 1-21-63
RECOMMENDED	DATE	DATE
APPROVED	DATE	DATE



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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. Geological Survey (Lobelia)			
SCALE: 1:62500			
DATE: 1935			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
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