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Battery Hill - Jackson Co. Site #56

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BATTERY HILL 7 Box 6  
Jk. Co. Bp. Site #56 ITEM  
Bridgeport, Alabama 55

TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY  
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.

Number as appears on your county map 56

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2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) in town of Bridgeport

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4. Historical significance of site or structure if known Important position for the Federal Troops during Civil War. Many Federal ~~Units~~ Units positioned here including the 111th Illinois.

**Names:**

111th Illinois, Federal  
Troops

Battery Hill

TARCOG Historical  
Survey

**Places:**

Bridgeport, AL

**Types:**

survey

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BARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes  
Sorrells

Historical Notes Number: 256  
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: 56-57-58-59-60  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Battery Hill *(There are other houses here that should be considered. I didn't make HS-1 on acc of them)*

2. Location: near Bridgeport, Alabama; overlooking Bridgeport, and Tennessee River

3. Owner of Property: owner of Condra Drug Store.

4. Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Classification: site - military. Civil war era.

7. Integrity: unaltered, original site.

Form HS-1  
p. 1

Names:

Condra,

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Places:

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8. Condition: Very good.

9. Present Use: Not used - vacant property.

10. Areas of Significance: During the Civil War it was occupied by both the Federal and Confederate troops. A dismantled Confederate sawmill was captured by Union General W. F. Smith and reassembled at the foot of Battery Hill. The sawmill played an important part in the war as the Union troops constructed pontoon bridges and steamboats from its lumber production. (see note below)  
(IN AND AROUND BRIDGEPORT, Flossie Carmichael & Ronald Lee Collegedale Press, Collegedale, Tennessee, 1969, page 39.)

11. Architectural Description: Earthen, grass covered embankment used for cannon emplacement with field of fire directed toward Tennessee River and L&N Railroad bridge. Embankment is approx. 3 to 4 feet above ground level. Several mounds directly behind emplacement indicator excavated soil not used for embankment, was placed for a higher elevation such as used by a spotter. Indents in embankment indicate possible gun positions. Knoll is cleared except for several old trees. Kept very clean.  
One house on Olcott Ave., west of Denton home has a roofed carport built built on west side of house. Period of house not identified.

12. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Battery Hill is also noted for the number of Stanford White designed homes which still stand today. The home of David Loyd was built by W. W. Whitaker (who built most of the White homes for himself. He later decided he needed more room so he built the home now owned & occupied by the John A. Denton's (interview with Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Blakemore, mother of Mrs. John A. Denton, only person at home when Christine Sumner called at the home).

Date of Completion: 2/23/74

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p. 2

**Names:**

Carmichael, Flossie

Lee, Ronald

Smith, W. F., General

**Types:**

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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Jackson

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Sorrells

Date of Photograph: 2/22/74 View Description: Brantworks /

Roll Number: via from battery position.

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): 2  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): 2  
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): Atop Battery Hill at point over looking river and railroad bridge.

Owner ~~or~~ Occupant: Mr. Condra  
(Name, if known)

Address: Bridgeport, AL. (Condra Drug Store)

TYPE of Structure: ( ) House ( ) Outbuilding ( ) Commercial  
( ) Barn ( ) Industrial (X) Other, describe  
(where appropriate, check one or more) military site. Artillery position during Civil War  
ca. 1861.

Apparent period of construction: ( ) Federal  
( ) Greek Revival  
(X) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions: ( ) Federal  
(if appropriate) ( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
( ) Later 20th Century (modern)

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: Site has brantworks used by CSA.  
Overlooks Tennessee River at Railroad bridge crossing - Depressions noted  
indicating position of cannon.

Date of completion: 2/22/74 Form HS-2

Names:

Battery Hill

Condra,

Forbes,

Sorrells,

Places:

Bridgeport, AL

Types:

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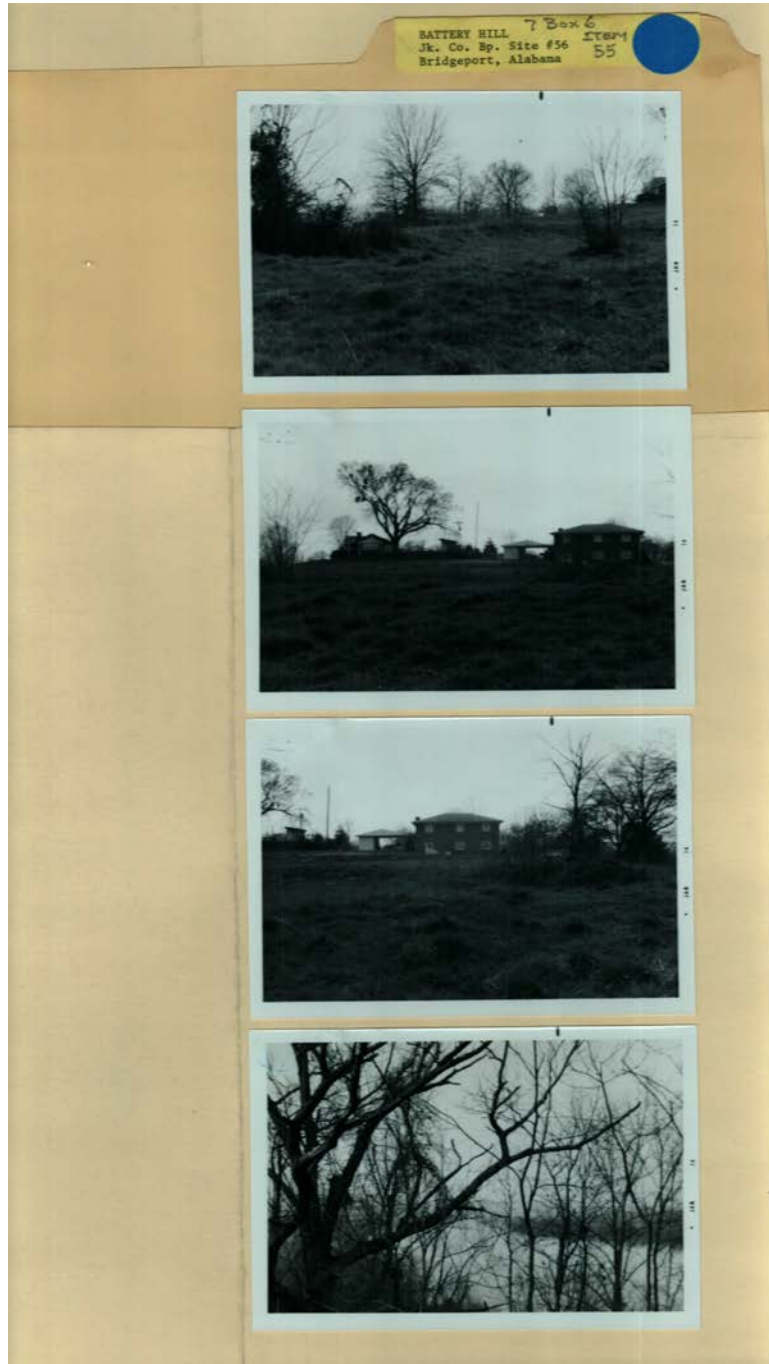
Dates:

Feb 23, 1974

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**Types:**

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