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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Record Group 220

Series: Records About Civil War Battle Sites, 1990 - 1993

What information is in these records?

The information relates to battlefields of the American Civil War, 1861-1865. The Events file contains information on 384 conflicts out of 10,500. Each record includes: the state and county of the historic site, the type of battle or event, the theater of operations and the campaign to which the engagement relates, the dates of the battle or event, the current ownership of the site, and the assessment of three subject area experts of the military significance, physical integrity, historic preservation status, and interpretive potential of the site or event, and whether it should be a priority for protection of cultural property. The Counties file identifies the county location(s) of each battlefield and is linked to the Events file by a common battlefield reference number.

Why were these records created?

The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission created this database to support its congressional mandate to identify Civil War battlefields, determine their historic significance, assess short- and long-term threats to their integrity, and propose new ideas about their preservation and interpretation. The Commission intended the recommendations to be used as the basis for legislative proposals in the area of battlefield preservation.

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