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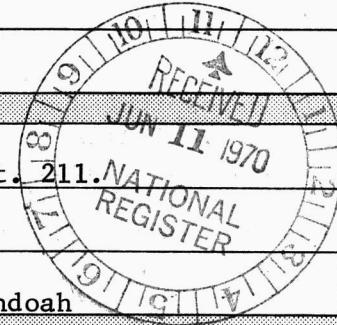
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Virginia	
COUNTY:	Shenandoah	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
70-9-45-0050		9/15



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY		OWNER'S NAME: Virginia Military Institute, Mr. James J. Geary, Director STREET AND NUMBER: New Market Battlefield Park, Box 1864 CITY OR TOWN: New Market												
		STATE:	CODE											
		Virginia	45											
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION		COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Shenandoah County Court House STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: Woodstock												
		STATE:	CODE											
		Virginia	45											
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS		TITLE OF SURVEY: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #85-27 DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building CITY OR TOWN: Richmond												
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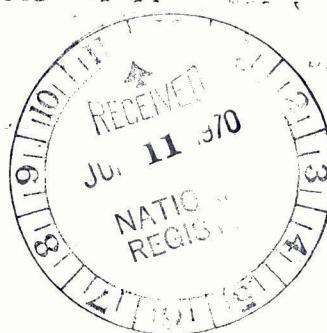
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ESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The New Market Battlefield Park consists of about 160 acres west of the Valley Pike (U. S. Route 11) and about one mile north of New Market. The rolling countryside is relatively free of trees and shrubs, and the land generally slopes from west to east. In the middle of the battlefield stands the Bushong House, used by both sides as a hospital during the battle and now the visitor center for the park. Trails lead across the battlefield and up to the point where the Federal cannon were emplaced. Several full-scale models of Civil War fieldpieces are on display on the bluff, which also has overlooks that provide excellent views of the valley and the Shenandoah River.

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1. Is this property being listed
as a candidate for the National

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) 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As one of the supporting movements in Grant's campaign for Richmond in the spring of 1864, Union troops were to advance up the Shenandoah Valley and take possession of Southwest Virginia, severing Confederate railroad lines and destroying Lee's bases of supply. On May 9, 1864, Union Major General Franz Sigel began moving his command of about 6,500 men toward Staunton, a vital rail center controlled by Confederate forces under Major General John C. Breckinridge. By the time the Union troops had arrived at Strasburg, Breckinridge had gathered his command of about 5,000 men, including 247 cadets from The Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, and marched from Staunton to oppose them. Breckinridge chose New Market as his battleground since the turnpike from Front Royal and Luray joined the Valley Pike (the main north-south thoroughfare) there. On May 15, 1864, the Confederates defeated the slightly larger Union forces. It was the only engagement in the Civil War in which cadets participated.

The Battle of New Market has been called one of the most important secondary engagements of the Civil War. Douglas Southall Freeman wrote:

Had Sigel not been driven back when he was, the Valley of Virginia might have been occupied by the Federals before the wheat crop was harvested. Hunger would have come sooner. In addition, the western end of the Virginia Central Railroad would have fallen into hostile hands. The prospects of losing that supply line might have compelled Lee to send part of his Army to the Valley while pressure at Spotsylvania was heaviest. Short as was the time saved by the Battle of New Market, it was invaluable.

Twenty-three days later, however, the Union Army, then under the command of Major General David Hunter, returned to New Market. The struggle for supremacy in the Shenandoah Valley continued for another five months, the turning point coming on October 19, 1864, when Major General Philip H. Sheridan won a crushing victory at Cedar Creek.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 38 ° 40 ' 12 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 78 ° 40 ' 23 "
NE	38 ° 40 ' 12 "	78 ° 39 ' 40 "
SE	38 ° 39 ' 40 "	78 ° 39 ' 40 "
SW	38 ° 39 ' 40 "	78 ° 40 ' 23 "

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 160 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond

STATE	CODE
Virginia	45

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 Edward P. Alexander, Jr.Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date SEP 15 1970

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
Date JUL 8 1970

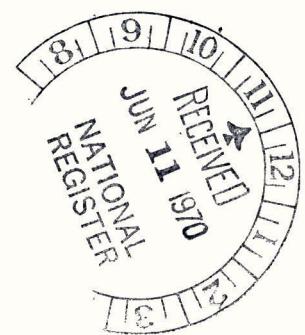
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8. A graduate of The Virginia Military Institute, Mr. George Collins, acquired most of the battlefield in 1944 and willed the property to his alma mater, which received the 160-acre tract in 1964, with a three million dollar endowment fund. A program of restoration and development is now in progress.



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

New Market Battlefield Park Sketch map

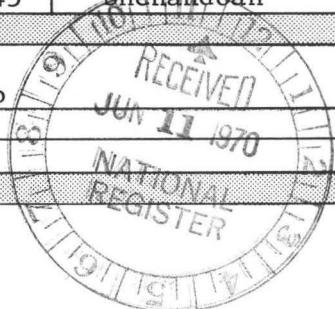
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

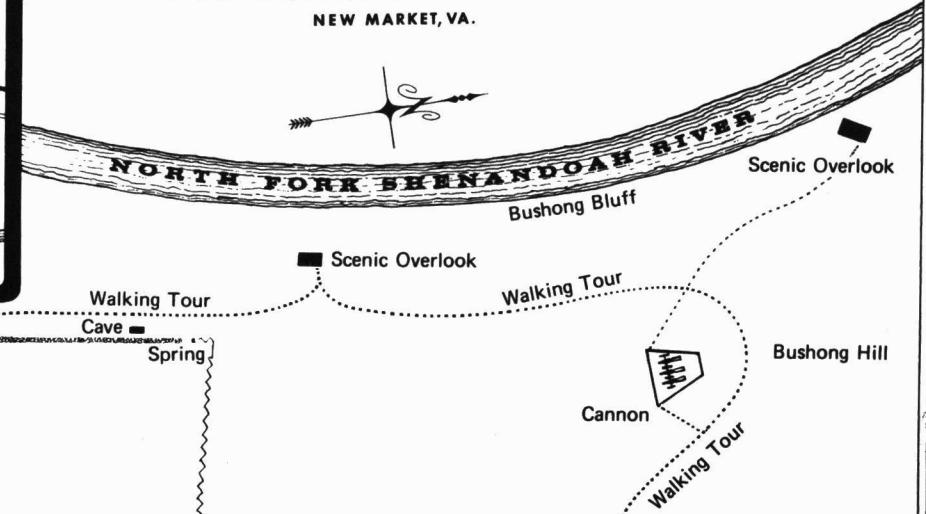
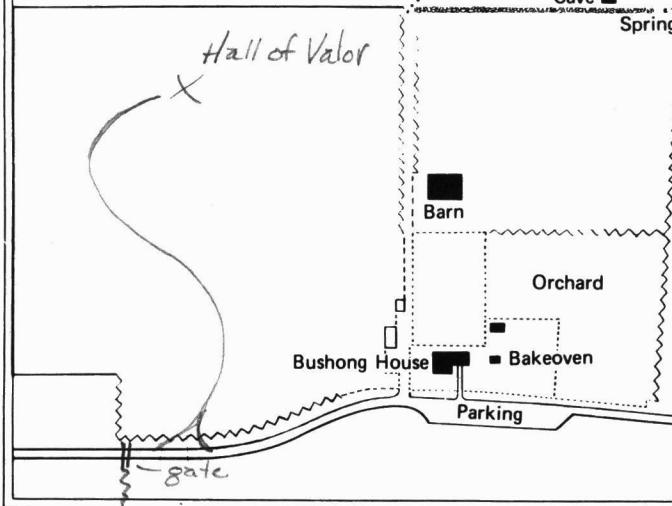
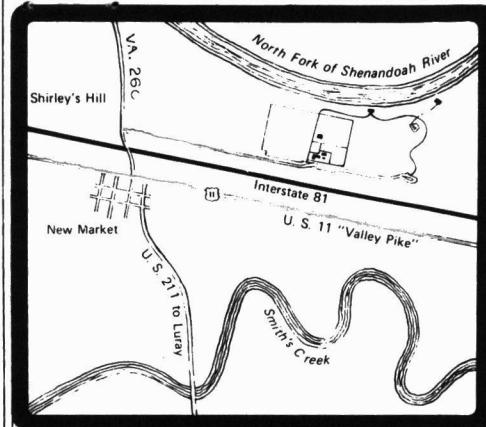


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NEW MARKET, VA.



U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle (Scale:1:62500)
Mt. Jackson, Va. 1942

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New market
1: 240⁰⁰

