

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Battery Bailey/Civil War Earthworks
2. Planning Area/Site Number 35/32 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference  
Map 21 Coordinate A-16
4. Address Westmoreland Hills Recreation Center  
Little Falls
5. Classification Summary
- Category site
- Ownership public
- Public Acquisition --
- Status unoccupied
- Accessible yes; unrestricted
- Present use recreation center/park
- Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal    State xx County xx Local

6. Date 1860s 7. Original Owner Union Army
8. Apparent Condition
- a. fair c. original site
- b. unaltered

**Description:** The battery is atop a hill overlooking Little Falls Branch & is constructed in a "C" shape facing north. It contained 6 platforms for field guns in embrasure; ramparts or trenches extended westward toward the creek and eastward to Fort Mansfield.

Today, the battery & approaches are overgrown with trees and brush. The sharp outlines of the battery have been rounded by time. There appear to be 6 cuts for embrasures in the ramparts, and the remains of the terrepleins are visible.

10. **Significance:** One of President Lincoln's many concerns during the first months of the Civil War was that the Rebels would capture Washington. To fortify the capital, a series of forts, batteries and entrenchments were constructed around the city; this defensive perimeter eventually totaled 34 miles in circumference.

Battery Bailey was named for Col. Guilford D. Bailey, killed in the battle at Fair Oaks in 1862.

Battery Bailey was left unmanned, as it was difficult to assault through the narrow creek and valley. There was no action here during the Civil War.

Battery Bailey is the only Civil War fortification remaining in Montgomery County.

Date researched and researcher June 1978 Robert A. Jones

12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled December 1978 14. Designation Approval

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Battery Bailey

AND/OR COMMON

Civil War Earthworks (Site 35/32 P/A Historic Sites in Montgomery County)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Westmoreland Hills Recreation Center

CITY, TOWN

Hills

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Little Falls in Westmoreland VICINITY OF

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

M-NCPPC

Telephone #: 589-1480

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20907

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1513

Folio #: 29

10.135 A

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:3532

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The earthworks were called Battery Bailey. The battery is on top of a hill overlooking Powder Mill Branch (now called Little Falls Branch) and is constructed in a "C" shape facing north. The battery is listed as being unarmed, being one of the 93 unarmed batteries in the 34 mile circle of forts and batteries that surrounded Washington. The battery was located halfway between Fort Sumner and Fort Mansfield. Ramparts or trenches extended westward toward the creek and eastward to Fort Mansfield. The battery contained six platforms for field guns in embrasure. There were no guns in barbette.

The battery and approaches are overgrown with trees and brush. The sharp outlines of the battery have been rounded by time. There appear to be six cuts for embrasures in the ramparts although center embrasures are difficult to make out. The remains of the terrepleins are visible although they are not all intact. The remains of the platforms cannot be seen. There is a raised section in the center of the fort which I could not identify. The location was a good one in that it is on the highest hill and must have had a good field of fire.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1860s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

One of Lincoln's many concerns during the first months of the Civil War was that the Rebels would march upon and capture Washington. To fortify Washington, a series of forts, batteries and entrenchments were constructed around the city. This defensive perimeter eventually totaled thirty-four miles in circumference.

Battery Bailey was named for Col. Guilford D. Bailey,<sup>1</sup> attached to the Fourth Corps, Second Division, the latter under command of Brig. Gen. Silas Casey. Col. Bailey was Casey's Chief of Artillery during the battle at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862. He was shot from his horse with a bullet through his head while ordering guns of Battery A, 1st New York Artillery stationed in the redoubt off the Williamsburg Stage Road to be spiked. The redoubt was being overrun by Confederate Brig. Gen. ~~John~~ <sup>John</sup> ~~W.~~ <sup>W.</sup> ~~Frederick~~ <sup>Frederick</sup> ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup>'s brigade.<sup>2</sup>

Battery Bailey was left unmanned, as it was difficult to assault through the narrow creek and valley. There was no action at Battery Bailey during the Civil War.

Many of these fortifications have been taken down to make way for housing and roads. Although some sites are preserved in the District of Columbia and Virginia (Forts Stevens, Ward, Marcy), none are preserved in Montgomery County. In fact, only a small segment of the defensive perimeter was in the County. It extended from the Potomac River just above the Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center across Little Falls Parkway to River Road at Western Avenue. Forts Sumner, Mansfield and Simmons and Batteries Alexander and Benson are gone. The only remaining site is Battery Bailey. This battery should be reconstructed and preserved as part of Montgomery County's contribution to the defense of the nation's Capitol.

Footnotes:

1. Interview with Mark Carrol, Historian, National Park Service, May 1978.
2. Civil War Times Illustrated, Vol. XII, No. 5, August 1973 "Stalemate at Seven Pines" by Charles F. Bryan, Jr.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. "The Defenses of Washington 1861 - 1865" by Stankey W. McClure, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, 1957.
2. Battles and Leaders, Vol. 2, reprinted 1956, Yoseloff Publishing Co. NY.
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

See attached photos. Originals on file with Robert A. Jones

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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June 1, 1978

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

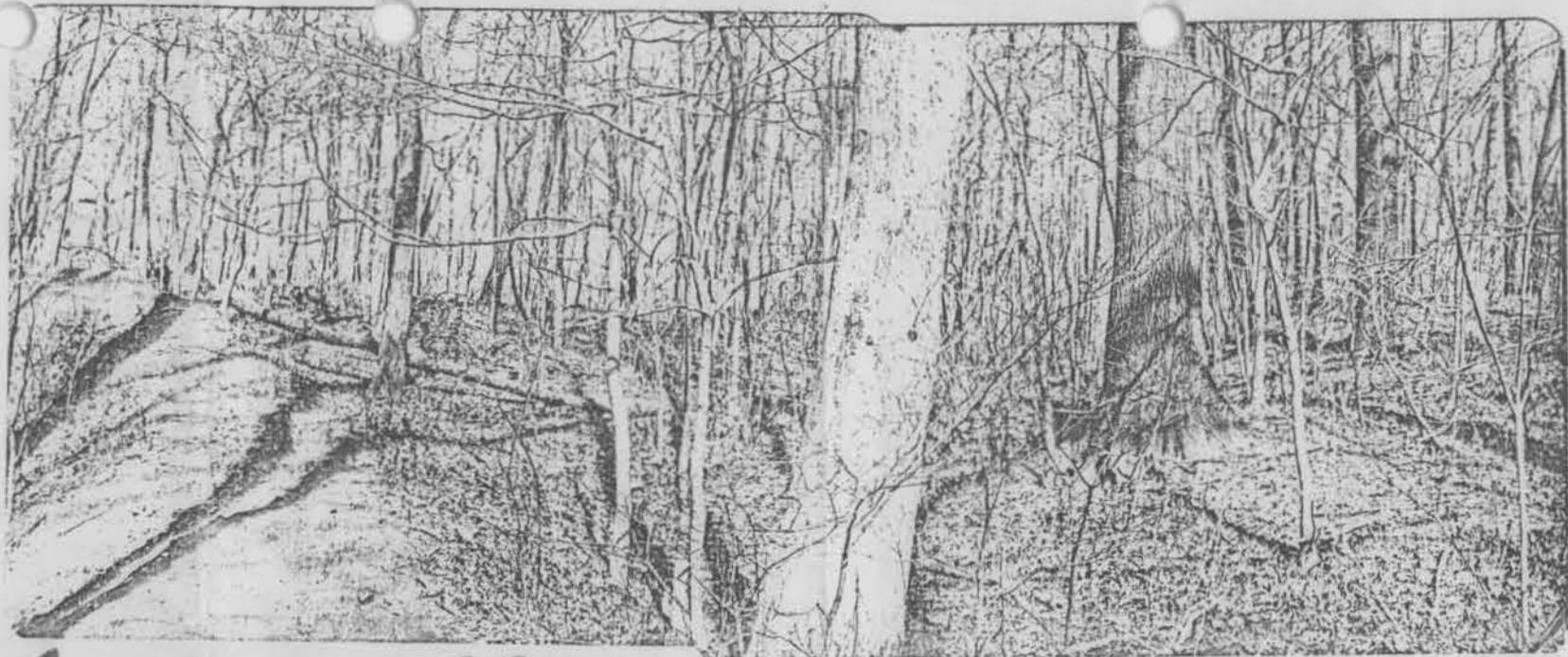
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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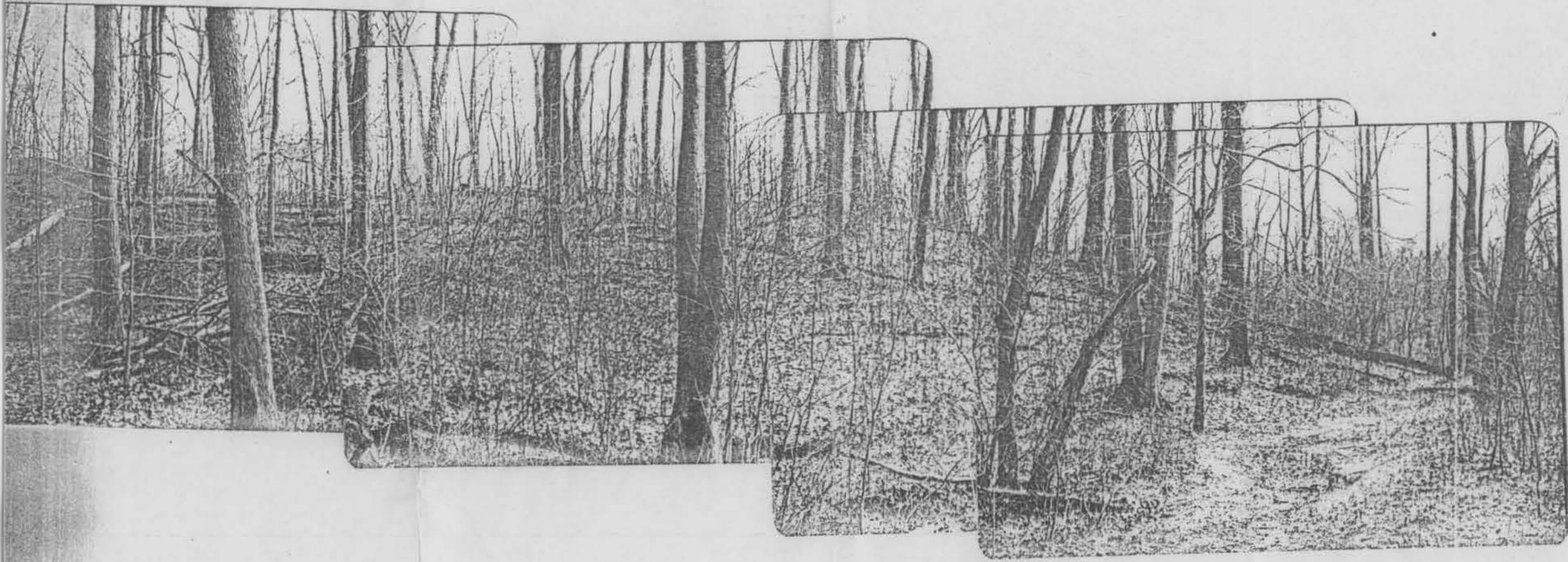


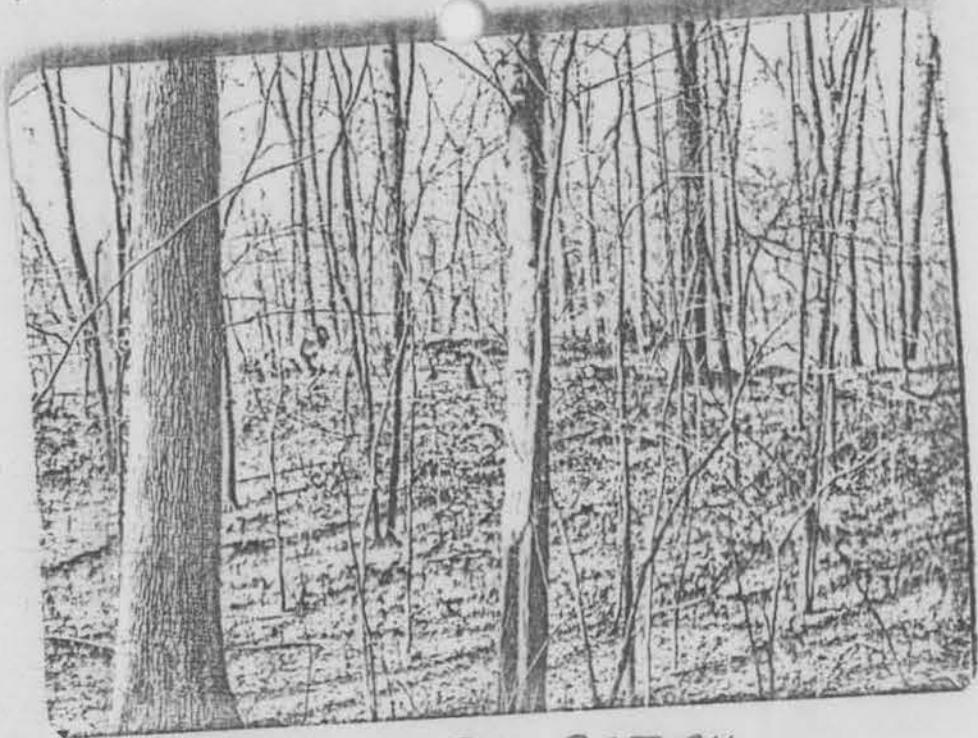
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LOOKING NORTH

LOOKING NORTH TO WEST  
TAKEN FROM CENTER  
OF BATTERY ↘

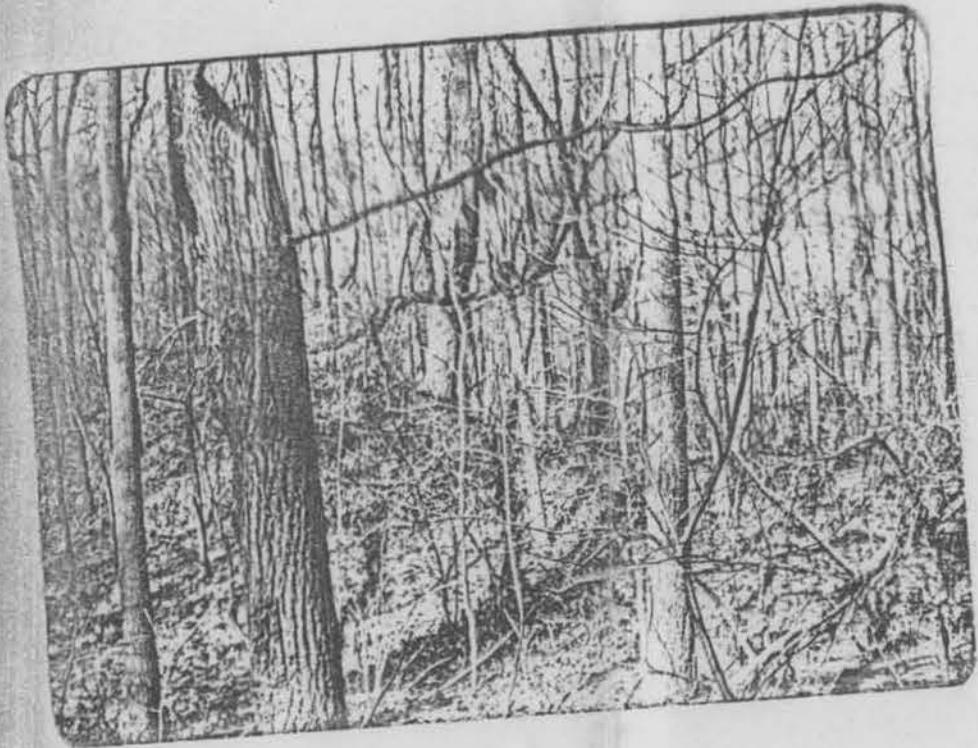


VIEW UP HILL IN A SOUTHWARD DIRECTION.  
LOOKING TOWARDS THE CENTER OF THE BATTERY  
PHOTO TAKEN FROM THE BRIDGE OVER THE CREEK



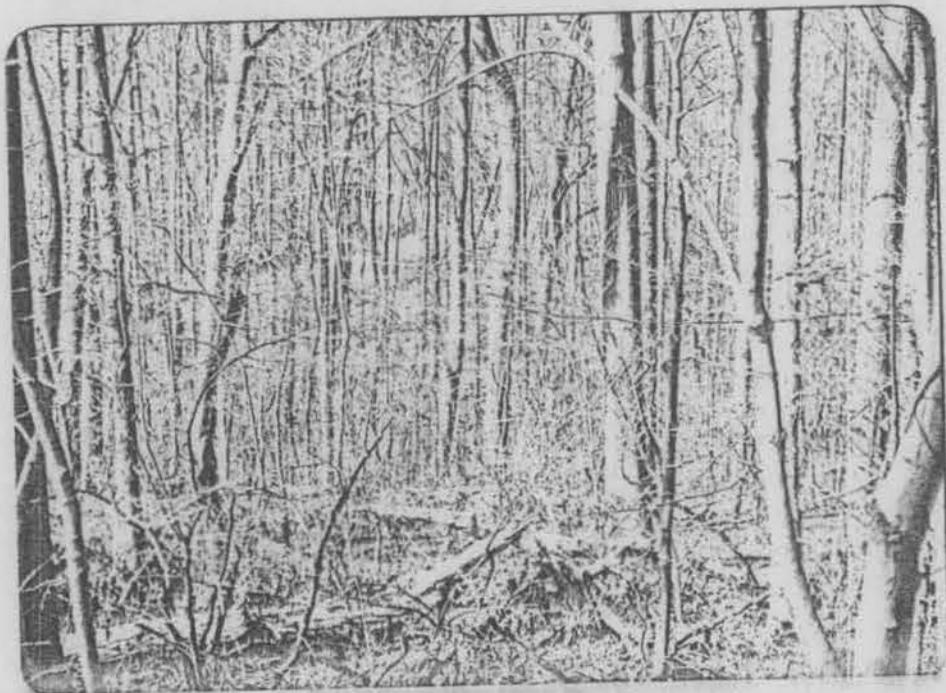


VARIOUS SITES OF THE BATTERY

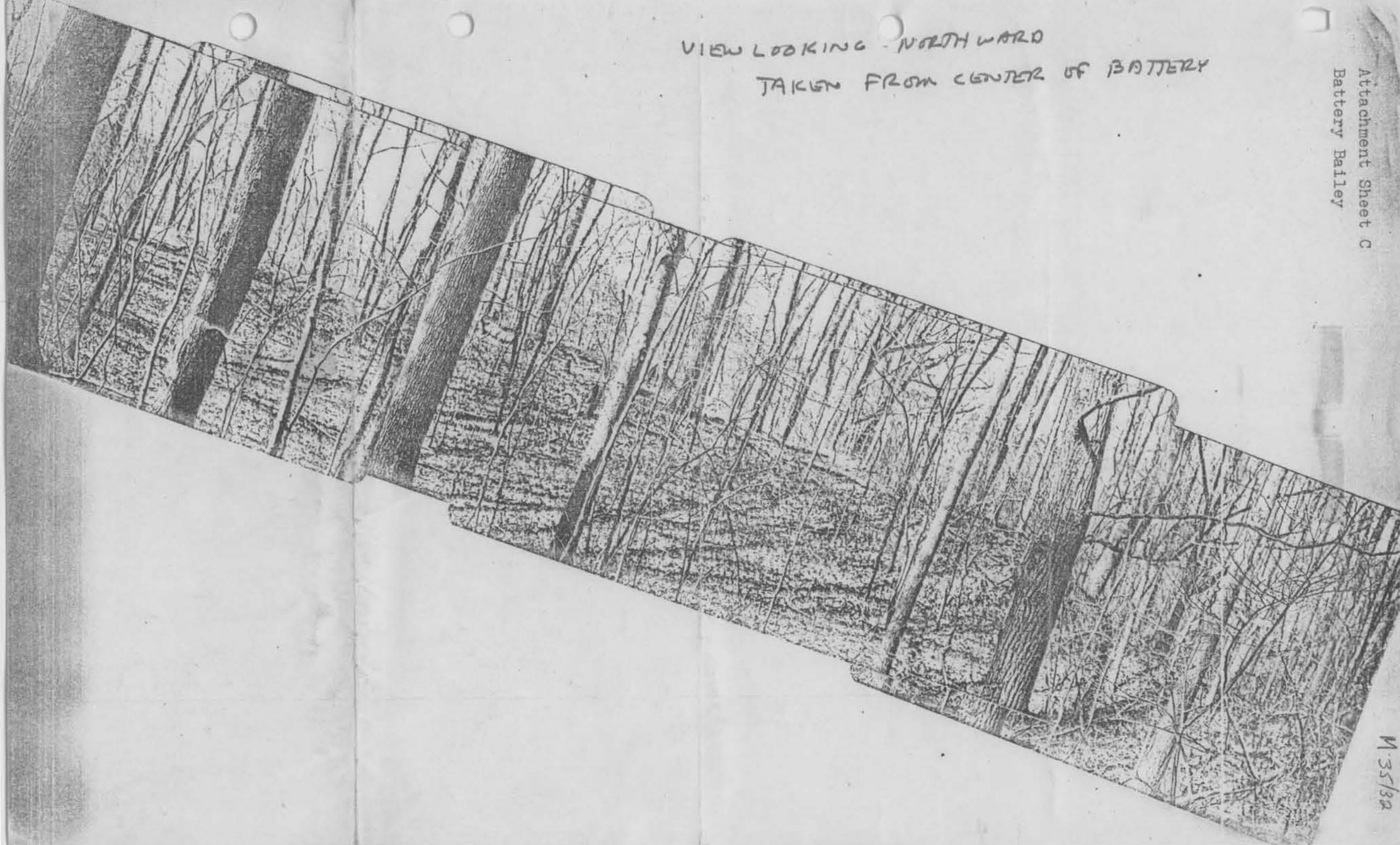




VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE BATTERY



VIEW LOOKING NORTHWARD  
TAKEN FROM CENTER OF BATTERY



Attachment Sheet C  
Battery Bailey

M. 35/32

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Battery Bailey

AND/OR COMMON

Civil War Earthworks (Westmoreland Hills Recreation Center)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Little Falls in Westmoreland Hills

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland-National Capital Park &amp; Planning Telephone #: 589-1480

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The remains are located in a wooded bluff overlooking Little Falls Branch (near the Westmoreland Hills Recreation Center.) The earthworks are badly worn down, and the trampled earth is bare. However, a ring of shallow trenches can be discerned. It is hoped that now that the Parks Dept. is aware of this site, it will be stabilized and preserved.

According to a native of this area, an old farmhouse of Civil War period stood here at the time of Park acquisition.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:35-32

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the last remaining vestige of Washington's Civil War defenses in Mont. Co. Part of a ring of connected forts and earthworks, constructed between Nov. and Dec. of 1862. The nearby Milton-Loughborough House was occupied by Union soldiers during the Civil War, although its owners served in the Confederacy.

NOTE: Digging of any kind on these lands is strictly forbidden! The site is protected by the Maryland Antiquities Act (besides which the fort was unarmed, and has been landscaped and stripped clean of any possible artifacts years ago.)

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- 1) Cohen, Roger, Jr. "The Defenses of Washington", THE MONT. CO. STORY, (Feb. 1961) Mont. Co. Hist. Soc.
- 2) MARYLAND REMEMBERS, Md. Civil War Centennial Guide, p. 30.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
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STATE	COUNTY
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M-NCPPC

DATE

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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THE CIVIL WAR IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- I. The Defenses of Washington during the Civil War  
by Roger S. Cohen, Jr.
  - II. Reminiscences of the Civil War  
by Mollie Hays Jones
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THE DEFENSES OF WASHINGTON

Located in Montgomery County During the Civil War  
by Roger S. Cohen, Jr.

Among the casualties of the March of Progress have been the defenses of Washington constructed during the Civil War. Except in a few cases, almost all of the 161 forts and batteries as well as 20 miles of rifle trenches have been erased by the expansion of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Only a small portion of them were located in Montgomery County and those only because the topography of the western portion of the District of Columbia made it necessary. The accompanying map shows the location of these defensive works overlaid on a modern map of the area.

The first defenses of Washington were built as the result of a resolution of the U. S. House of Representatives on July 8, 1861. This resolution directed the War Department to survey and erect forts at important points on the approaches to Washington on both sides of the Potomac River. The Corps of Engineers of the U. S. Army had already surveyed in May and June, 1861; therefore, work was started immediately. (1)

In July, 1861, three forts were built in Montgomery County, namely Forts Ripley, Alexander and Franklin. They were located northwest of the Maryland approach to Chain Bridge in order to protect both the bridge and the Receiving Reservoir of the Washington water system. (1) (See accompanying map)



all dim are approx.

E = EMBRASURES

(mound dirt up;  
then cut U out +  
put cannon in;  
embraces cannon

LITTLE FALLS BRIDGE

Bridge

PATH

TERREPLEINS

SMALL HILL

RAMPARTS

TRENCHS  
OR  
MORE RAMPARTS

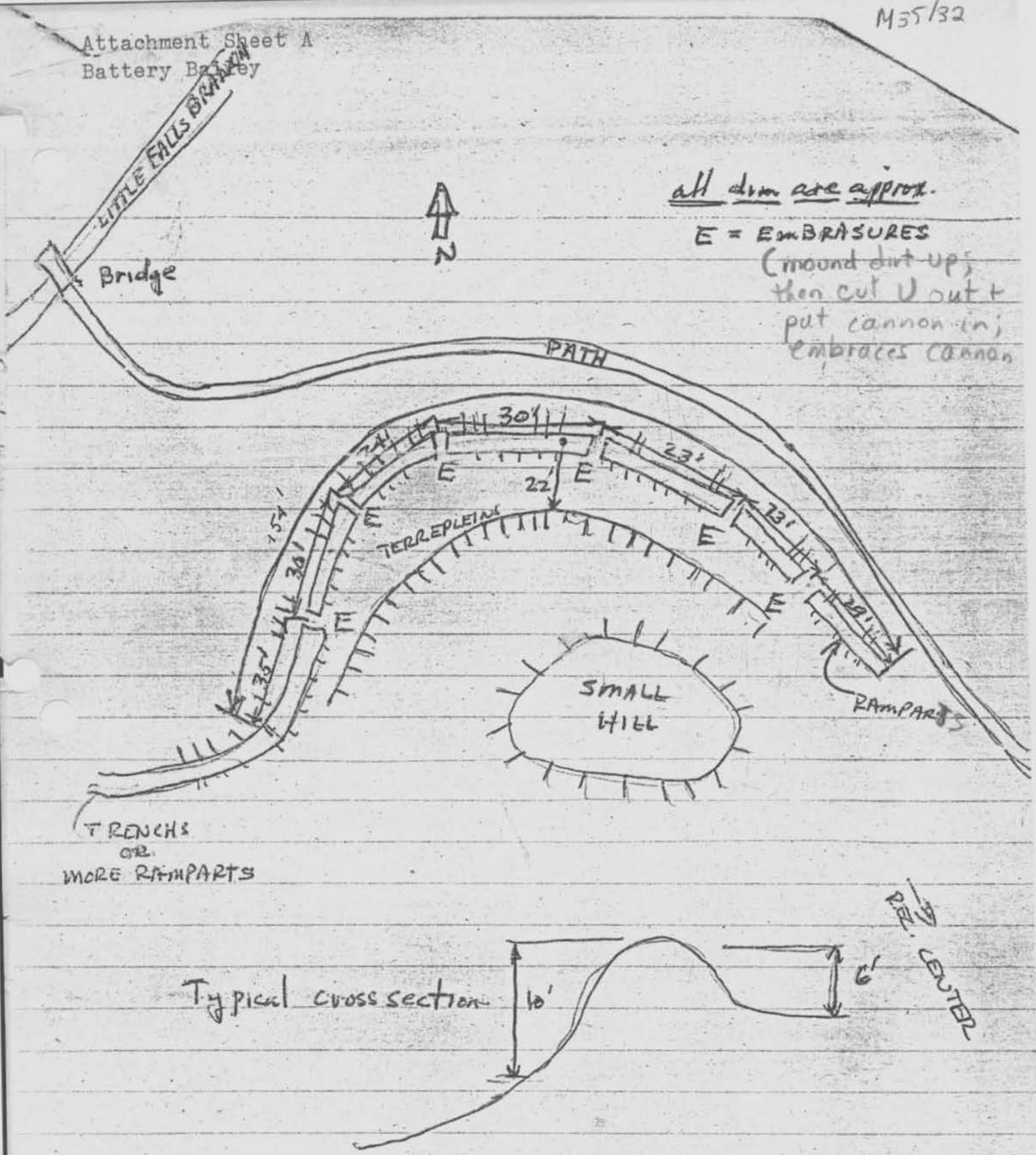
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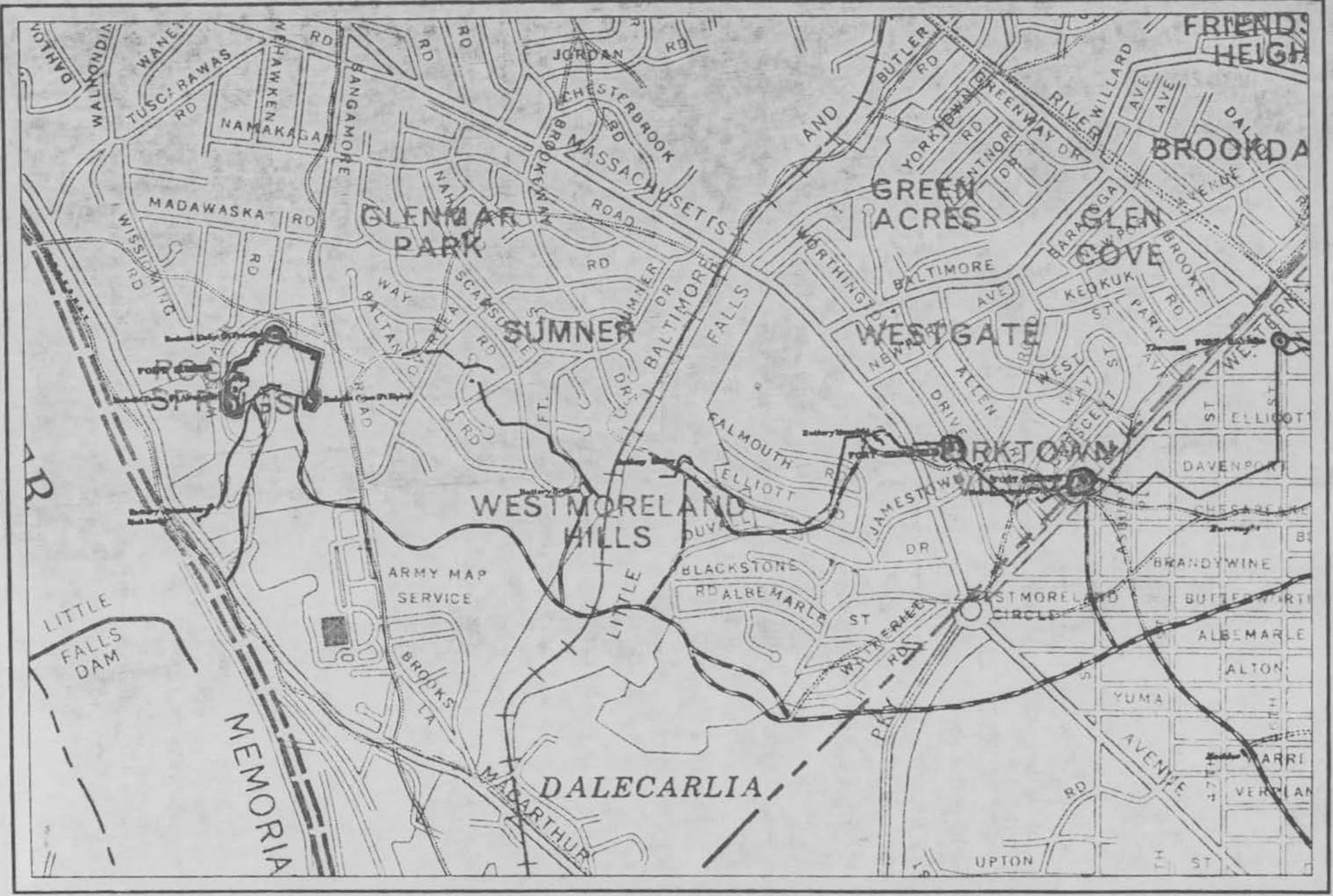
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RE. CENTER

Ba Heng Bailey



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4314  
4313  
GREAT FALLS 9 MI  
GLEN ECHO 1.5 MI  
5561 NW  
FAIRFAX 14 MI  
6 MI TO INTERSTATE 495  
(FALLS CHURCH)



SECTION 3  
M: 95-32

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5315 Elliot Drive  
Washington West Quad, 1965, PR 980

SECTION 3  
M: 95-32



NAME CIVIL WAR EARTHWORKS

M: #35-37

LOCATION (WESTMORELAND HILLS REC. CENTER-MHCPR)

FACADE LOOKING NW

ELLIOTT RD, CHEVY CHASE,  
MD.

PHOTO TAKEN 4/22/76

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