

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

Name: Brown's Mill Battlefield

Location: 155 Millard Farmer Road, Newnan (vicinity), Coweta County

Description: Brown's Mill Battlefield is located approximately three miles southwest of downtown Newnan and consists of largely rural acreage. Most of the district is rough and heavily wooded. Elevations range from 929 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) in the northeastern extent to 740 feet AMSL along the east fork of Sandy Creek, a shallow, high-banked stream that courses through much of the southwest portion of the battlefield, and forms a portion of the southwest and southeast boundaries of the nominated property. Two deep ravines on the north side of Millard Farmer Road channel storm water away from the high ground in the upper third of the district. South of the road and near the center of the nominated property, three shallower ravines, one a dry gully and two others sheltering small streams, drain toward the southwest. Non-historic development within the boundaries consists primarily of single-family homesteads scattered along the present-day road that forms the north, east, and west boundaries. Substantial non-historic intrusions on the battlefield include two commercial/industrial developments: Haynes Recycling, Inc., a 20-acre automobile recycling business at 1045 Old Corinth Road, and McWaters Paving, a nearly 50-acre cleared area at 1240 Old Corinth Road. Visible on aerial photographs, an early-20th century transmission line bisects the northern portion of the battlefield.

Acreage & Boundary Explanation: 1,371.34 acres; following topographic features, waterways, historic roadbeds, and land lot lines

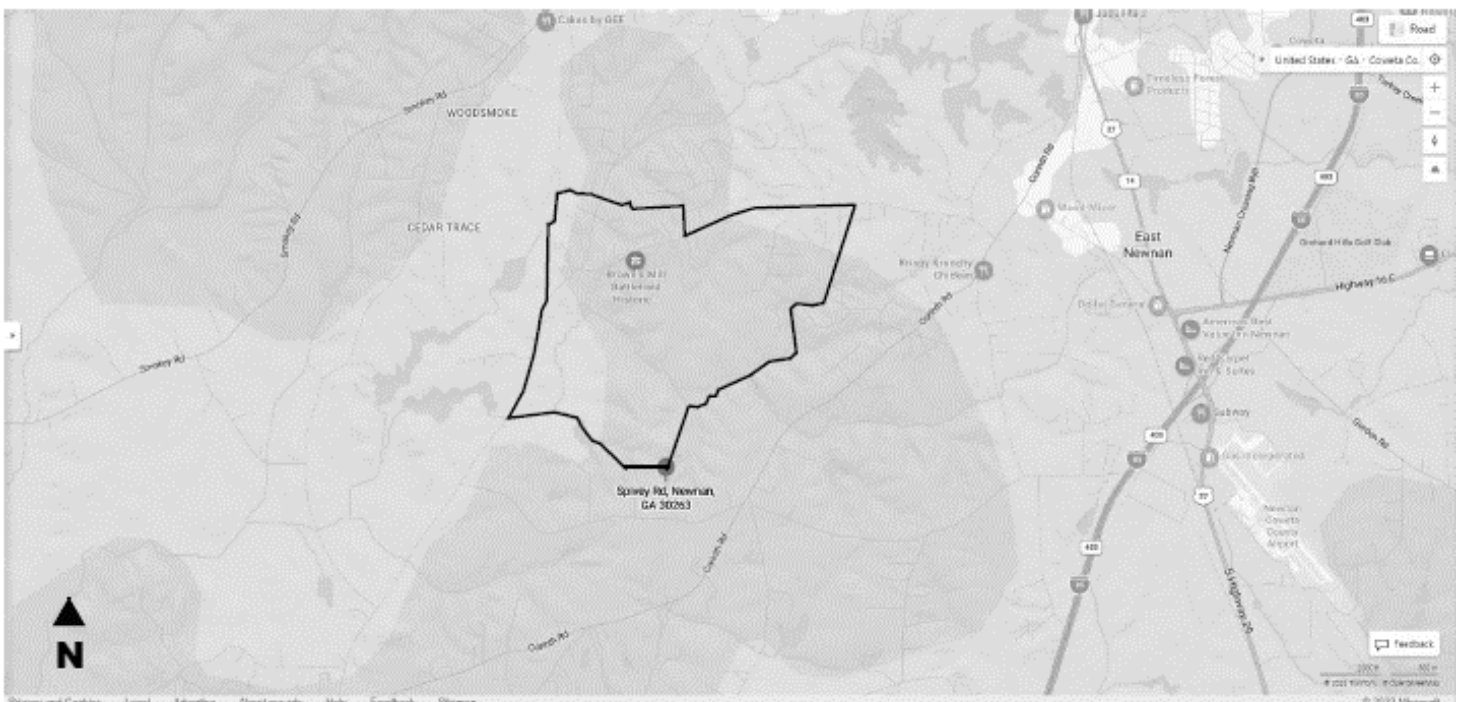
Period of Significance: July 30, 1864

NR Criterion & Area of Significance: Criterion A, Military; Criterion D, Archaeology; Historic-Non-Aboriginal

Statement of Significance: The Battle of Brown's Mill was one in a series of Union setbacks that marked a major turning point in the Atlanta Campaign. While attempting to destroy the remaining Confederate railroads supplying Atlanta, on July 30, 1864, Union forces under the direction of Brigadier General Edward M. McCook sought to bypass Newnan, which was occupied by Confederate soldiers. Pursuing Confederates under the command of Major General Joseph Wheeler caught up with McCook's forces that afternoon, at the intersection of today's Millard Farmer and Corinth roads. This unanticipated clash on horseback and on foot throughout the heavy woods in the area would end in a Confederate victory. Coupled with an unanticipated Union defeat at the Battle of Sunshine Church on July 31, these back-to-back Confederate victories would compel Union Major General William T. Sherman to abandon efforts to use his cavalry to cut the railroads that fed and supplied the Confederate army defending Atlanta. While the Confederate victory at Brown's Mill did not change the ultimate outcome of the Atlanta Campaign, it did prolong it, at a time when President Lincoln's reelection hinged on the success or failure of Union armies in the field and a speedy termination of the Civil War.

Suggested Level of Significance: Statewide

Sponsor: The nomination is sponsored by the Brown's Mill Battlefield Association, and nomination materials were prepared by supporters Carolyn Turner, Dr. David Evans, Sandra Parker, and Danny Spivey.



Boundary shown is a general approximation- refer to the draft nomination for the detailed boundary and coordinates for this property

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