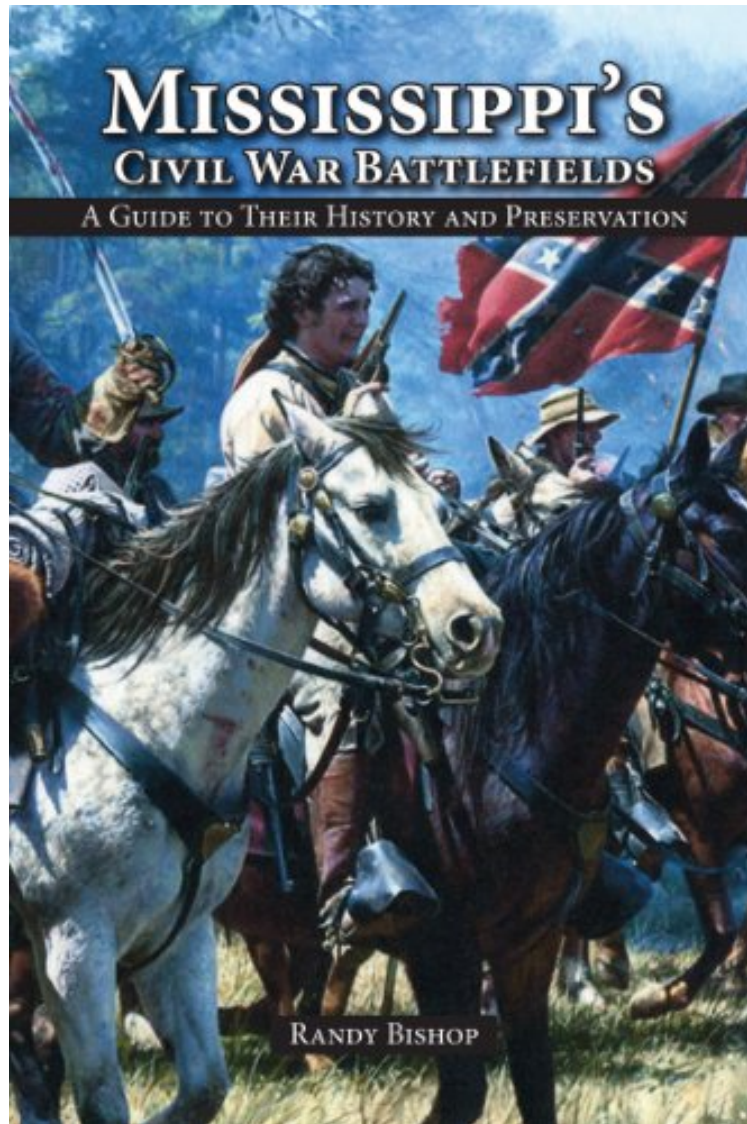


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is missing in many histories and given very little coverage in others. This position overlooks how important the area was to operations in Tennessee and the impact battles in Mississippi had elsewhere. After Shiloh, Mississippi became the frontline in the west. The majority of operations concentrate on controlling the Mississippi River or cutting the major east/west railroad in the northern part of the state. Late in the war, N.B. Forrest succeeds in turning back an invasion in what was then a secondary theater of the war. This book follows the war covering the battles in the Corinth area to break the railroad. The Vicksburg Campaign and Forrest's stopping the invasion of 1864. The battles are present as they occurred starting with Halleck's Siege of Corinth and ending with Forrest's victory at Tupelo. This allows us to follow the course of the war keeping the gradual ebb and flow of the Confederate position in our minds. The book covers sixteen of the most important battles in the state. All the major battles Corinth, Iuka, Chickasaw Bayou, Raymond, Champion Hill and the siege of Vicksburg are present. Holly Springs, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Jackson, Big Black River Bridge support Grant's 1863 campaign and make a complete Vicksburg tour. Okolona, Brice's Crossroads and Tupelo are a must on any Forrest tour. Corinth and Iuka are two important battles with few books. This totals up to the sixteen battles that defined much of the war in the state. A full index, endnotes and bibliography complete the book. Each battle is a chapter of 20 to 30 pages with good maps and photographs of the area and/or participants. The author takes the time to connect the battle to the war. Next is a short descriptive history of the battle. Preservation efforts and what you can visit ends the chapter. The book works as a very good survey of the major battles in Mississippi, it works as a battlefield guide and a record of preservation efforts or lack thereof. This book is an easy and enjoyable read that will encourage you to visit the battlefields or bring back memories of those visits.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. MISSISSIPPI'S CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS: A GUIDE TO THEIR HISTORY AND PRESERVATION By Robert A. Lynn MISSISSIPPI'S CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS: A GUIDE TO THEIR HISTORY AND PRESERVATION RANDY BISHOP PELICAN PRESS, 2010 HARDCOVER, \$25.00, PHOTOGRAPHS, 432 PAGES, BIBLIOGRAPHY, NOTES, INDEX, MAPS

Mississippi was admitted to the Union in 1817 as the 20th state, Mississippi was the second to secede. A Jackson convention adopted the Ordinance of Secession on the morning of January 9, 1861. No actual fighting took place in Mississippi during the first year of the war, with the exception of the Ship Island occupation by Union forces in December and a raid on Biloxi by the Union Navy on 31 December 1861. The Battle of Shiloh in April, 1862 brought the war across the state line. The Confederates withdrew to Corinth where another engagement was fought. From that time until May 4, 1865, when General Richard Taylor surrendered his decimated forces to General Edward Canby, there were few days without bitter fighting. The fall of Vicksburg, a stronghold known as the "Gibraltar of the Confederacy," was a major turning point in The War Between the States. Although the 1860 census showed a total of 70,295 white males of military age, the state sent 80,000 men, boys, and elders to the war; no more than 20,000 returned home. Jefferson Davis, Mississippi planter, soldier, statesman, was the Confederacy's only president; five Mississippians were major generals while 25 were brigadier generals. The Reconstruction period was a time of continuing struggle and hardship marked by violence. In March, 1867, the state was put under military rule. In February, 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

MISSISSIPPI'S CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS: A GUIDE TO THEIR HISTORY AND PRESERVATION brings to light and just in time for the upcoming 150th Anniversary of The War Between the States such famous engagements as the raid on Holly Springs and the siege of Vicksburg. This detailed and much needed chronological study details the fourteen major engagements that took place in Mississippi between 1862 and 1864, noting the level of preservation for each location. Included are the following engagements in this book: Corinth, Iuka, Holly Springs, Chickasaw Bayou, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill or Baker's Creek, Big Black River Bridge, Vicksburg, Okolona, Brice's Crossroads, and Tupelo. Diary entries offer firsthand accounts of life during the war, on and off the battlefield, and maps provide the reader with a deeper understanding of the combat that occurred in the state. In addition to images from the past, present-day photographs depict the current state of the battle sites, which memorialize the brave men who fought for Mississippi. This storehouse of information on Mississippi's role in The War Between the States will be enthusiastically welcomed by students of the war at home and on the road. Highly recommended reading.

Lt. Colonel Robert A. Lynn, Florida Guard Orlando, Florida

The battles depicted in this comprehensive book had an impact on the outcome of the Civil War. Through firsthand documents and 100 photographs and maps, the historical significance of each site is emphasized. Details on the level of preservation of each battlefield, including Port Gibson and Vicksburg, are included.

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Mississippi's strategic significance for both armies during the War Between the States is still clearly seen today, a century and a half after the final battle of the horrific conflict. With the mighty Mississippi River bordering its west side and the Gulf of Mexico providing its southern boundary, the state laid claim to important amphibious trade routes, causing it to

become a scene of vicious sparring between troops in blue and gray. Corinth, the site of a major railroad center, quickly came under attack as aggressions commenced between the United States and the newly formed Confederate States of America. Then Vicksburg, the focal point of the Union's Anaconda Plan, became embroiled in deadly conflict. These battlefields, as well as those at Holly Springs, Iuka, and Chickasaw Bayou, not only serve as a tribute to the men who fought for control of the land and fell under fire but also preserve an important piece of Mississippi's past. Though historical battlegrounds are lost each day, the Civil War Preservation Trust aims to save them from further deterioration. The organization has achieved this goal at many sites throughout the Magnolia State, but some locations are still in disrepair. This guide offers a contemporary description of each location's level of preservation and provides maps and current photographs as visual references. From the Back Cover "Crisp and concise . . . The current state of preservation that Bishop provides for each of these sites is timely and helps underscore the significance of Mississippi's rich Civil War heritage." -Terrence J. Winschel, historian, Vicksburg National Military Park, and author, *Triumph and Defeat: The Vicksburg Campaign* "A valuable guide for tourists and students of the American Civil War. Mr. Bishop has compiled a valuable collection of narratives, maps, and photos that will aid the visitor in appreciating and enjoying these hallowed grounds and the need for their preservation." -Edwina Carpenter, director, Brice's Crossroads Visitor and Interpretive Center

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