

(Sept. 27, 1944, ch. 417, §1, 58 Stat. 746; Pub. L. 93-477, title IV, §402, Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1447; Pub. L. 96-344, §12, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1136.)

AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-477 substituted “acquire by donation, purchase, or exchange” for “accept in behalf of the United States donations of”, and “acquired” for “to be accepted”.

CHANGE OF NAME

“Battlefield” substituted in text for “Military Park” on authority of Pub. L. 96-344, §12, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1136, which redesignated Moores Creek National Military Park as Moores Creek National Battlefield.

§ 422a-2. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of section 422a-1 of this title, but not more than \$243,000 shall be appropriated for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and not more than \$325,000 shall be appropriated for development.

(Sept. 27, 1944, ch. 417, §2, as added Pub. L. 93-477, title I, §101(7), Oct. 26, 1974, 88 Stat. 1445.)

§ 422b. Duties of Secretary of the Interior

The affairs of the Moores Creek National Battlefield shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and it shall be the duty of the Interior Department, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to open or repair such roads as may be necessary to the purposes of the battlefield, and to ascertain and mark with historical tablets or otherwise, as the Secretary of the Interior may determine, all lines of battle of the troops engaged in the Battle of Moores Creek, and other historical points of interest pertaining to the battle within the battlefield or its vicinity; and the Secretary of the Interior in establishing this battlefield is authorized to employ such labor and services and to obtain such supplies and material as may be considered best for the interest of the Government, and the Secretary of the Interior shall make and enforce all needed regulations for the care of the battlefield.

(June 2, 1926, ch. 448, §3, 44 Stat. 685; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 96-344, §12, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1136.)

CHANGE OF NAME

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 422a of this title.

§ 422c. Ascertaining and marking of lines of battle

It shall be lawful for any State that had troops engaged in the battle of the Moores Creek National Battlefield, to enter upon the same for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of its troops engaged therein: *Pro-*

vided, That before any such lines are permanently designated the position of the lines and the proposed methods of marking them by monuments, tablets, or otherwise, shall be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and all such lines, designs, and inscriptions for the same shall first receive the written approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

(June 2, 1926, ch. 448, §4, 44 Stat. 686; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 96-344, §12, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1136.)

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 422a of this title.

§ 422d. Monuments, etc., protected

If any person shall, except by permission of the Secretary of the Interior, destroy, deface, injure, or remove any monument, column, statues, memorial structures, or work of art, which shall be placed upon the grounds of the park by lawful authority, or shall destroy or remove any fence, railing, inclosure, or other mark for the protection or ornamentation of said park, or any portion thereof, or shall destroy, cut, hack, bark, break down, or otherwise injure any tree, brush, or shrubbery that may be growing upon said park, or shall cut down or remove or fell any timber, battle relic, tree, or tree growing upon said park, or hunt within the limits of the park, any person so offending and found guilty thereof before any justice of the peace of the county of Pender, State of North Carolina, shall, for each and every offense, forfeit and pay a fine, in the discretion of the justice, according to the aggravation of the offense, of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, one-half for the use of the park and the other half to the informer, to be enforced and recovered before such justice in like manner as fines of like nature were, on June 2, 1926, by law recoverable in the said county of Pender, State of North Carolina.

(June 2, 1926, ch. 448, §5, 44 Stat. 686; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 422a of this title.

§ 423. Petersburg National Battlefield; establishment

In order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865 and to preserve for historical purposes the breastworks, earthworks, walls, or other defenses or shelters used by the armies therein, the battle fields at Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, are declared a national battlefield whenever the title to the same shall have been acquired by the United States by donation and the usual jurisdiction over the lands and roads

of the same shall have been granted to the United States by the State of Virginia—that is to say, one hundred and eighty-five acres or so much thereof as the Secretary of the Interior may deem necessary in and about the city of Petersburg, State of Virginia.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, §1, 44 Stat. 822; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 87-603, §1, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 403.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“National battlefield” substituted in text for “national military park” in view of redesignation of Petersburg National Military Park as Petersburg National Battlefield by Pub. L. 87-603. See section 423h-1 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Administrative functions of Petersburg National Military Park transferred to Department of the Interior by Ex. Ord. Nos. 6166 and 6228, set out as notes under section 901 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

National Park Service substituted for Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations referred to in Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, by act Mar. 2, 1934, ch. 38, §1, 48 Stat. 389.

TRANSFER OF PORTION OF LANDS TO SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Act June 5, 1942, ch. 345, 56 Stat. 322, provided: “That the Secretary of the Interior shall transfer to the Secretary of War [Army] jurisdiction over all lands owned by the United States lying south and east of the Hickory Hill Road within the Petersburg National Military Park in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Upon the date of the transfer, the lands shall cease to be a part of the Petersburg National Military Park and the Secretary of War [Army] shall thereafter administer the lands for military purposes.”

§ 423a. Acceptance of donations of lands

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, donations of lands, interests therein, or rights pertaining thereto required for the Petersburg National Battlefield.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, §2, 44 Stat. 822; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 87-603, §1, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 403.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Petersburg National Battlefield” substituted in text for “Petersburg National Military Park” pursuant to Pub. L. 87-603. See section 423h-1 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 423 of this title.

§ 423a-1. Addition of lands

The Department of the Army is authorized and directed to transfer to the Department of the Interior, without reimbursement, two tracts of land, comprising two hundred six acres, more or less, situated on either side of Siege Road adjacent to Petersburg National Battlefield, Virginia. Upon completion of such transfer, all lands, interest in lands, and other property in Federal ownership and under the administration of the National Park Service as a part of or in

conjunction with Petersburg National Battlefield, in and about the city of Petersburg, Virginia, and comprising one thousand five hundred thirty-one acres, more or less, upon publication of the description thereof in the Federal Register by the Secretary of the Interior, shall constitute the Petersburg National Battlefield.

(Sept. 7, 1949, ch. 543, §1, 63 Stat. 691; Pub. L. 87-603, §1, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 403.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Petersburg National Battlefield” substituted in text for “Petersburg National Military Park” pursuant to Pub. L. 87-603. See section 423h-1 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 423a-2. Adjustment of boundary

The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to adjust the boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield through purchase, exchange, or transfer: *Provided*, That in doing so the total area of the battlefield will not be increased and that such changes will become effective upon publication of the description thereof in the Federal Register by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Sept. 7, 1949, ch. 543, §2, 63 Stat. 692; Pub. L. 87-603, §1, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 403.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“Petersburg National Battlefield” and “battlefield” substituted in text for “Petersburg National Military Park” and “park”, respectively, in view of redesignation of Petersburg National Military Park as Petersburg National Battlefield by Pub. L. 87-603. See section 423h-1 of this title.

§ 423b. Commission; organization

The affairs of the Petersburg National Battlefield shall, subject to the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Interior, be in charge of three commissioners, consisting of Army officers, civilians, or both, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one of whom shall be designated as chairman and another as secretary of the commission.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, §3, 44 Stat. 822; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §2, June 10, 1933; Ex. Ord. No. 6228, §1, July 28, 1933; Pub. L. 87-603, §1, Aug. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 403.)

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of administrative functions of park, see note set out under section 423 of this title.

§ 423c. Duties of commission

It shall be the duties of the commissioners, under the direction of the Secretary of the Inte-