

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Battlefield” substituted in text for “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.

## 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.)

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“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.)

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## 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.)

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### § 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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#### § 423c. Duties of commission

It shall be the duties of the commissioners, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to superintend the opening or repair of 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 breastworks, earthworks, walls, or other defenses or shelters, lines of battle, location of troops, buildings, and other historical points of interest within the battlefield or in its vicinity, and the said commission in establishing the battlefield shall have authority, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to employ such labor and service at rates to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, and to obtain such supplies and materials as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 423, 423a, and 423b to 423h of this title.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, § 4, 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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#### § 423d. Acceptance and disposition of gifts

The commission, acting through the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to receive gifts and contributions from States, Territories, societies, organizations, and individuals for the Petersburg National Battlefield: *Provided*, That all contributions of money received shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and credited to a fund to be designated “Petersburg National Battlefield Fund”, which fund shall be applied to and expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for carrying out the provisions of sections 423, 423a, and 423b to 423h of this title.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, § 5, 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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#### § 423e. Ascertaining and marking lines of battle

It shall be lawful for the authorities of any State having had troops engaged at Petersburg, to enter upon the lands and approaches of the Petersburg National Battlefield for the purpose of ascertaining and marking the lines of battle of troops engaged therein: *Provided*, 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, including the design and inscription for the same, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior and shall first receive written approval of the Secretary, which approval shall be based upon formal written reports to be made to him in each case by the commissioners of the battlefield: *Provided*, That no discrimination shall be made against any State as to the manner of designating lines, but any grant made to any State by the Secretary of the Interior may be used by any other State.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 746, § 6, 44 Stat. 823; 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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#### § 423f. Protection of monuments, etc.

If any person shall, except by permission of the Secretary of the Interior, destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any monument, column, statues, memorial structures, or work of art that shall be erected or placed upon the grounds of the battlefield by lawful authority, or shall destroy or remove any fence, railing, inclosure, or other work for the protection or ornament of said battlefield, or any portion thereof, or shall destroy, cut, hack, bark, break down, or otherwise injure any tree, bush, or shrubbery that may be growing upon said battlefield, or shall cut down or fell or remove any timber, battle relic, tree or trees growing or being upon said battlefield, or hunt within the limits of the battlefield, or shall remove or destroy any breastworks, earthworks, walls, or other defenses or shelter or any part thereof constructed by the armies formerly engaged in the battles on the lands or approaches to the battlefield, any person so offending and found guilty thereof, before any United States magistrate judge or court, justice of the peace of the county in