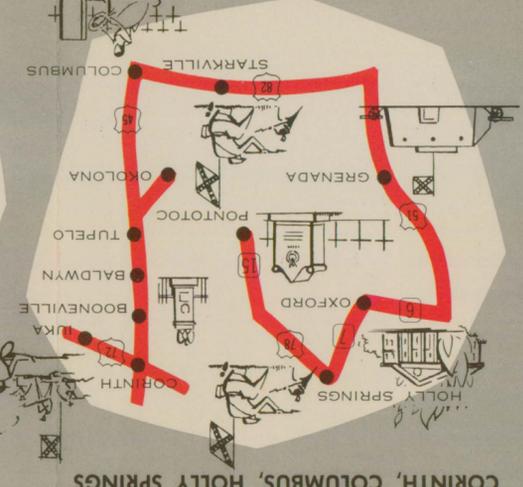




FIVE CENTENNIAL TOURS

Monument marking the Battle of Brice's Cross Roads, Baldwin.

This was one of the most important areas in Mississippi during the War Between the States. From the time of Union Forces drive into Mississippi in an attempt to take Vicksburg. The names of Holly Springs, Aberdeen, Booneville, Columbus, Corinth, Iuka, Macon, Tupelo, Oxford and many others were sites of important actions.

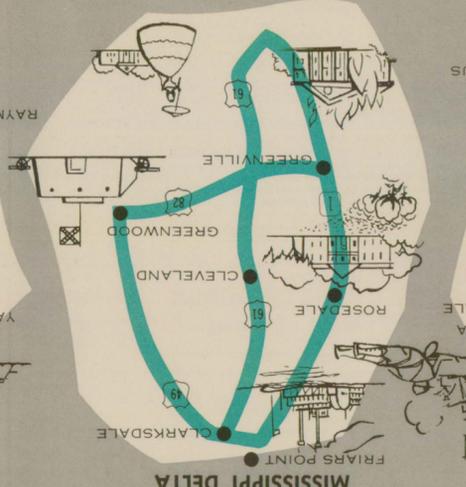


CORINTH, COLUMBUS, HOLLY SPRINGS

1. RED TOUR

Stemwheeler on the Mighty Mississippi River.

The beautiful, romantic Delta area, bordering the mighty Mississippi River, offers many scenic attractions in addition to its Civil War points of interest. Yazoo plantations, fields of cotton, rice, soybeans—as far as the eye can see, river along the "River Road" make the Mississippi Delta a must on any visit to the South.

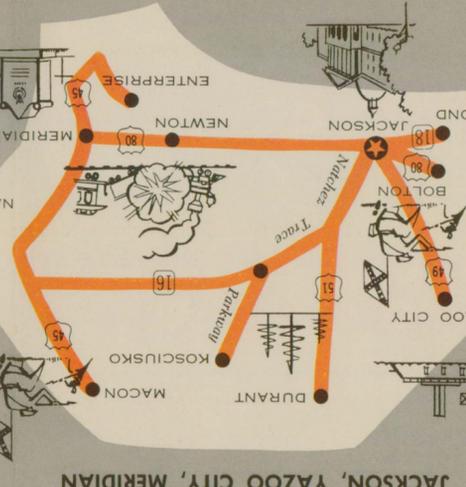


MISSISSIPPI DELTA

2. GREEN TOUR

Battlefield Park, Jackson.

Jackson, Mississippi's capital city, was destroyed by General Sherman in 1863, and became known as "Chimneyville." Major sections of the Civil War and today, the famous National Military Park and Cemetery stands as a memorial to the thousands of men from both the North and the South who fought and died on this battlefield. The cities of Port Gibson and Natchez are filled with beautiful ante-bellum homes, churches and gardens which are reminiscent of a glamorous by-gone era.

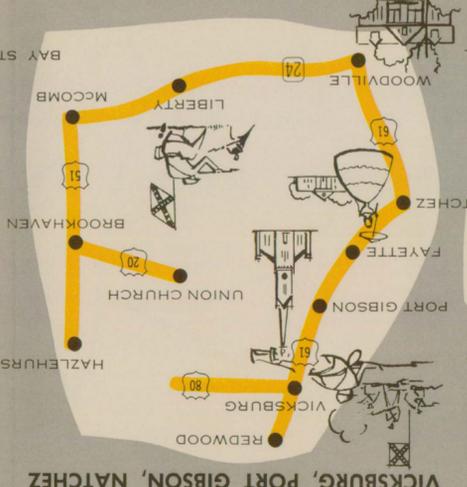


JACKSON, YAZOO CITY, MERIDIAN

3. ORANGE TOUR

Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg.

The Vicksburg, Port Gibson, Natchez area is known as "America's Riviera," overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, is filled with many points of historic interest. Along its 300-year-old Old Spanish Trail are 75 miles of lovely homes, gardens and scenic beauty. Beauvoir, home of Jefferson Davis, and Fort Massachusetts, on Ship Island, are of particular Civil War interest. Amid this historical backdrop is one of America's most modern and popular seashore vacation resorts.

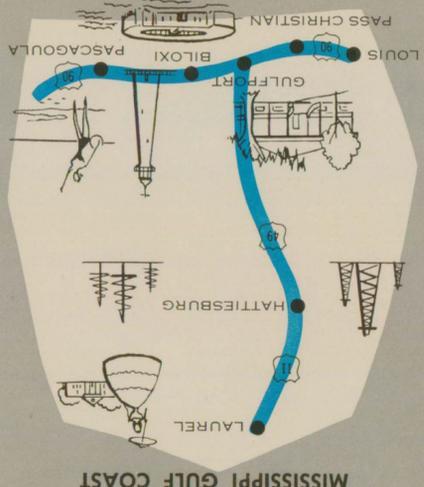


VICKSBURG, PORT GIBSON, NATCHEZ

4. YELLOW TOUR

Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island, off Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

5. BLUE TOUR



MISSISSIPPI STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

... the most outstanding museum of its kind in America

Mississippi's historic, 120-year old, Old Capitol building has been completely restored in magnificent detail, at a cost of over \$1½ million, into a state historical museum. The museum contains a comprehensive picture of Mississippi's history, including one of the nation's rarest Civil War collections.

- SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS OF THE MUSEUM**
- Eight exhibit rooms covering each era of history through 1890
 - Three dioramas depicting historic events
 - House and Senate chambers
 - Governor's office and Supreme Court rooms
 - Extensive collection of historical papers



Classic rotunda with Supreme Court chambers in background

THE HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI'S ROLE IN THE CIVIL WAR

At 10 A.M. the morning of January 9, 1861 at Jackson, Mississippi became the second Southern State to secede from the Union. During the first year of the war, there was no actual fighting on Mississippi soil with the exception of the occupation of Ship Island on the Gulf Coast. However, thousands of Mississippians rallied to the cause and fought in the fierce battles of northern Virginia.

WAR REACHES MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi first felt the direct effect of war during the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862 which raged back and forth across the Mississippi and Tennessee line. Battles were fought in Corinth, Iuka, Booneville, Coffeeville and Holly Springs—often called "Athens of the South."

SIEGE OF VICKSBURG

In May 1863 Grant began his siege of Vicksburg, preceded by battles at Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill and Big Black. The siege of Vicksburg lasted 47 days and "The Gibraltar of the Confederacy" surrendered on July 4, 1863. On July 17 Jackson fell and the capital was moved to Columbus.

THE FIGHTING CONTINUES

1864 saw bitter fighting continue along the Mississippi River area between Vicksburg and Natchez, at Meridian, Okolona, Brice's Cross Roads, Tupelo and Egypt.

THE WAR ENDS

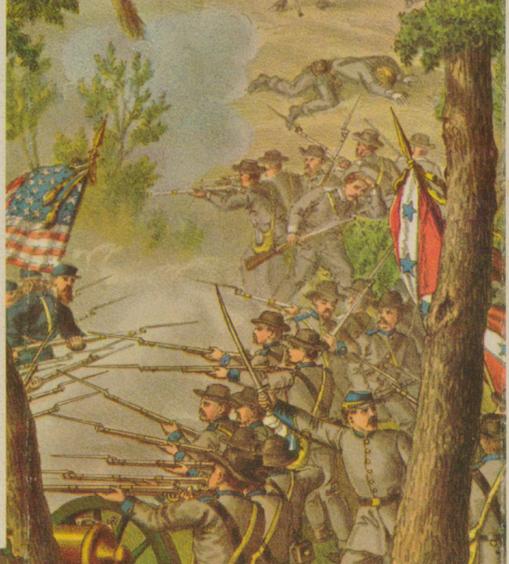
During early 1865 there was action at Iuka, Corinth, Friar's Point, Fort Adams, Rodney and Port Gibson. On May 4, 1865, following Lee's surrender at Appomattox, General Taylor surrendered the Confederate forces in Mississippi. Mississippi contributed 80,000 men and many famous generals to the Confederate States Army.

This folder has been prepared to show Mississippi's many plans for paying honor to the courage and dedication of the brave men of both the Blue and the Grey who fought in the War Between the States.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES
 502 East Pearl Street
 Jackson, Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL 1961



COVER—Battle of Champion-Hill—May 16, 1863 from old original print.

VICKSBURG

"Gunboats 'Round the Bend"—a colorful pageant about the Siege of Vicksburg, featuring the famous Balfour Ball.

Every Friday evening March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1961.

JACKSON

"Heritage of Valor"—a music-filled pageant about Jackson at the time of the secession, during the War years and immediately thereafter.

Summer, 1961

EXCITING PAGEANTS RELIVING GREAT MOMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Colorful, historic pageants add to the enjoyment of visitors to Mississippi during the Centennial. The pageants are professionally produced with excellent music, actors, dramatic staging and offer a memorable evening's entertainment. Information about time, place and ticket reservations can be secured by writing the Chamber of Commerce in each city.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Many historic events and Civil War sites will be commemorated with special ceremonies and pageants. Confederate balls, parades and tours will also be held throughout the Spring and Summer. See "Calendar of Events" for details.

NATCHEZ

"The Life of Jefferson Davis"—heroic story about the President of the Confederacy told in America's most famous ante-bellum setting.

Every Thursday — April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1961.

