

Historical Marker - S703C - Camp Blair (Marker ID#:S703C)



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Camp Blair

During the Civil War (1861-1865) one of Michigan's military headquarters was in Jackson. Camp Blair was planned in 1863 as a draft rendezvous point and as a center for convalescing troops. Named for incumbent governor Austin Blair, a Jackson resident, it was built on this site to house 2,500 soldiers. The 11-acre camp comprised offices, a hospital, barracks, and store-houses. The first troops arrived during the spring of 1864. In the year following the war over 22,000 Michigan troops returned home via Camp Blair. The June 27, 1866 Jackson Weekly Citizen reported demolition at the camp stating: "It will only be remembered among the histories of the Great Rebellion." The location of Camp Blair was lost until members of the Sons of Union Veterans researched the site in 2006.

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 2006 **Erected Date:** 2007

Marker Location

Address: 1212 Wildwood Ave

City: Jackson

State: MI **ZipCode:** 49201

County: Jackson

Township: Blackman

Lat: 42.25224700 / **Long:** -84.42962400

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