Making Meaning of May 4

May 4, 1970, Kent State Shootings Site map

This map was created in 2009 for Kent State University’s nomination of the May 4, 1970, Kent State shootings site to the National Register of Historic Places, prepared by Mark F. Seeman, Carol A. Barbato, Laura L. Davis, and Jerry M. Lewis. Kevin Surbella, as a graduate student in geography at Kent State, created the map using a 1970 aerial photograph as the base and GIS technology to draw the boundary according to research by Seeman, Barbato, Davis and Lewis. The yellow line on the map outlines the boundaries of the 17.24 acres on the Kent State campus that define the property listed on the National Register in 2010 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 2016. Information inscribed on the historic black and white map also shows features within the site; troop positions, movements, and lines of firing; and locations of the four Kent State students who were killed and Kent State students who were surviving casualties.

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