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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Glasgow

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

02

STATE

Kentucky

--- VICINITY OF
CODE
021

COUNTY
Barren

CODE
009

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|--|---|---|---|
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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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DATE

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--- FEDERAL STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
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CITY, TOWN

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SPECIFIC DATES **July 1863 - October 1863** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Miss Sue Ann Cutliff

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

December 18, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

202 Magnolia Drive

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12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Cedric W. Milton

TITLE

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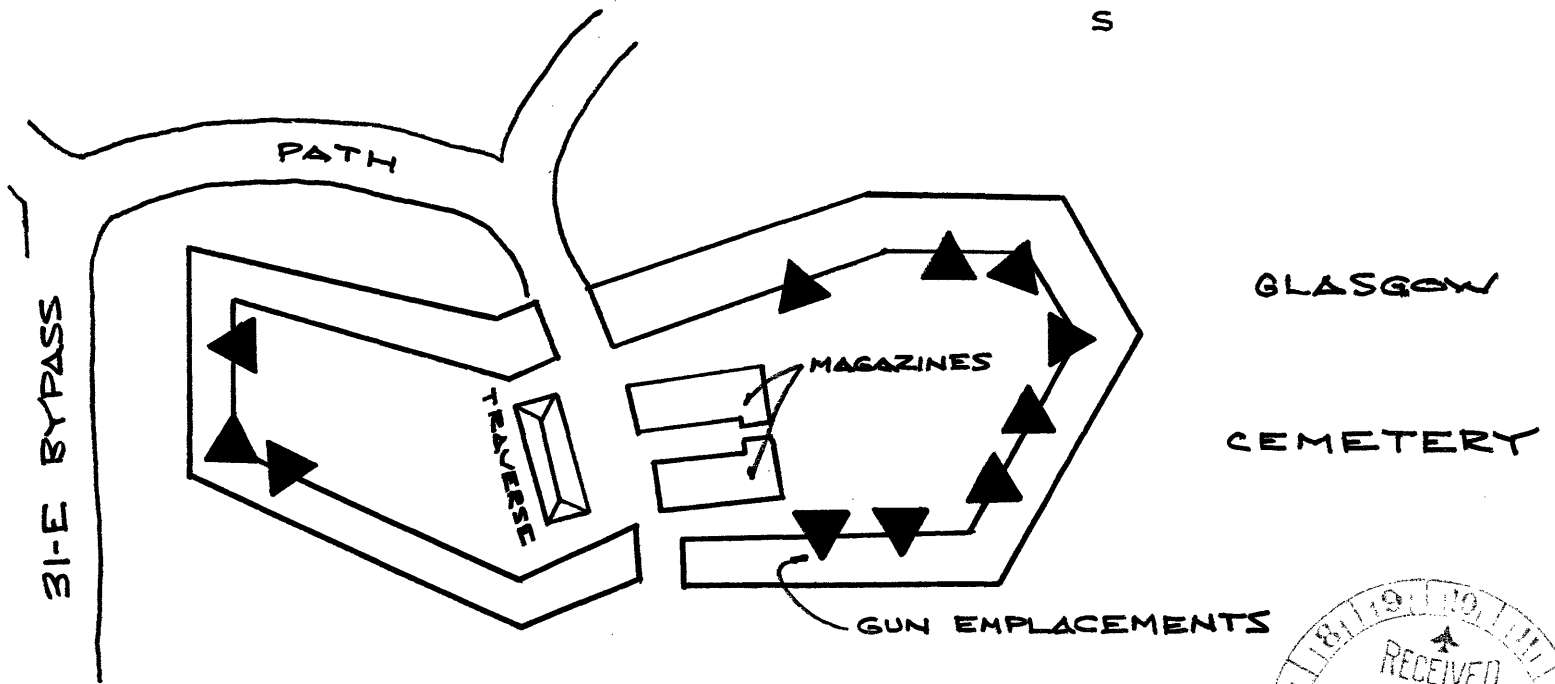
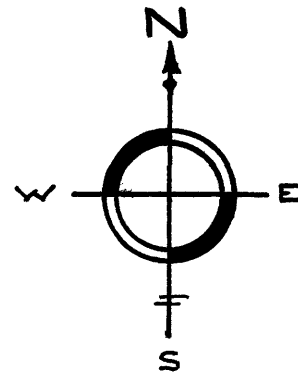
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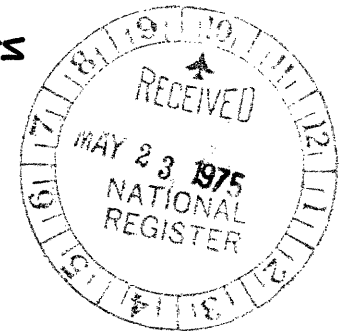
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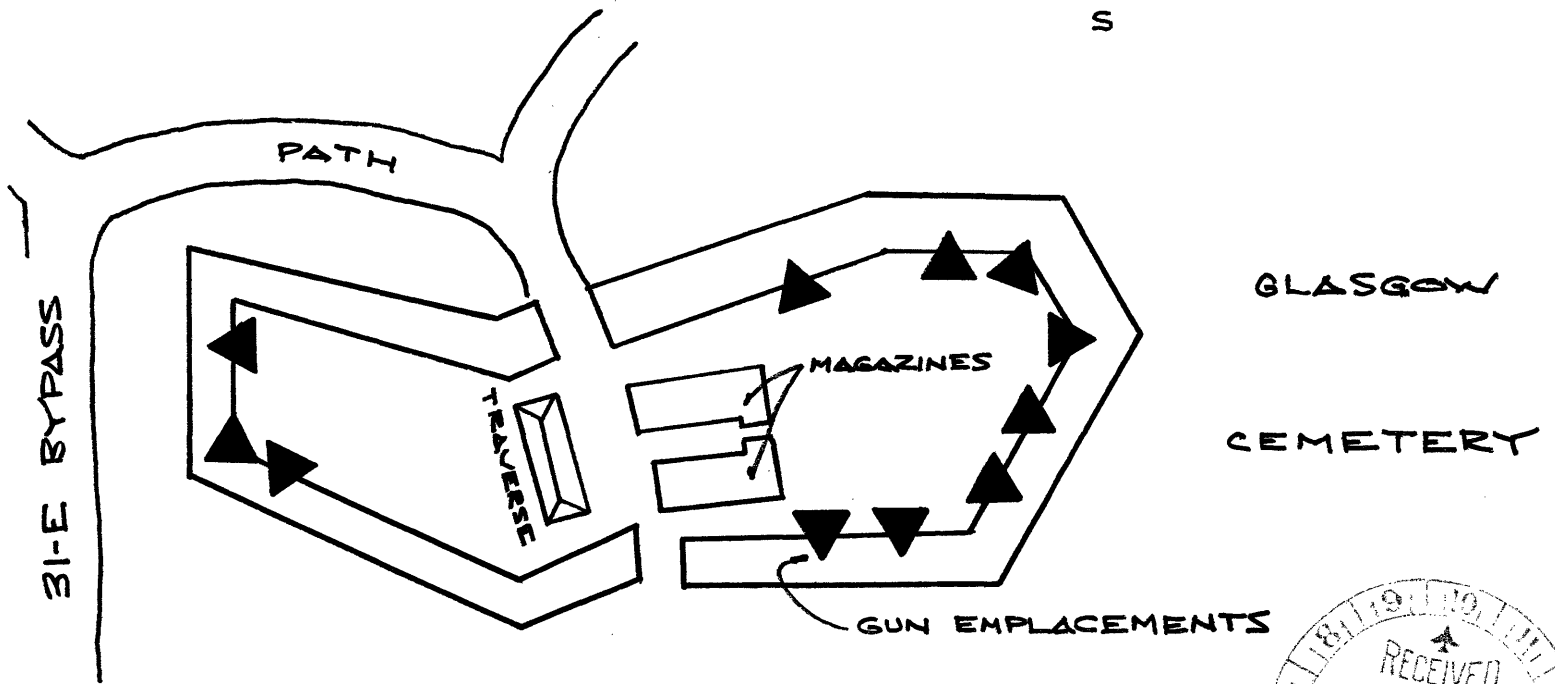
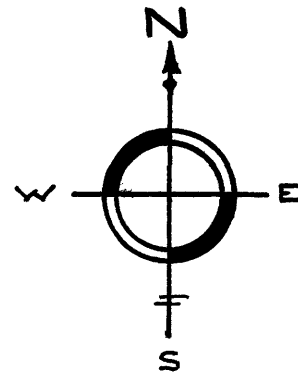
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