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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
Mississippi

COUNTY:  
Grenada

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ENTRY DATE  
JUL 2 1973

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Confederate Earthworks

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Near Grenada Reservoir

CITY OR TOWN:  
Grenada

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE: Mississippi CODE: 38901

COUNTY: Grenada CODE: 043

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Department of the Army

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Vicksburg District, Corps of Engineers

CITY OR TOWN:  
Vicksburg

STATE:  
Mississippi

CODE:  
39180 28

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Chancery Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Grenada County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:  
Grenada

STATE:  
Mississippi

CODE:  
38901 28

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State

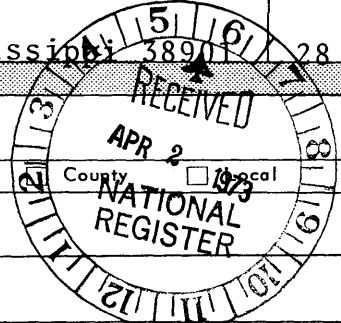
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The three redoubts near the Grenada Dam are a part of the chain of defenses along the south bank of the Yalobusha River to the northeast of Grenada, Mississippi. The construction of the redoubts was typical of the fortifications of the Civil War period. They are oval in shape and approximately seventy-five yards by thirty-five yards in dimension. They are situated on the crest of the hills and ridges with the center being dished with parapets around the perimeter to provide protection for the gunners. Immediately below the parapets and encircling the redoubt are trenches for supporting infantry. Below the trenches, the glasis was cleared of cover for a field of fire.

Today, the fortifications have an umbrella of pine trees and light underbrush. The trenches show little fill or signs of washing and are in an excellent state of preservation. The parapets of the three redoubts still retain the indentations for the muzzles of the guns.

The redoubts are within easy access from the roads of the Grenada Reservoir, and there is an historical marker, briefly describing the positions, on the road next to one of the redoubts.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

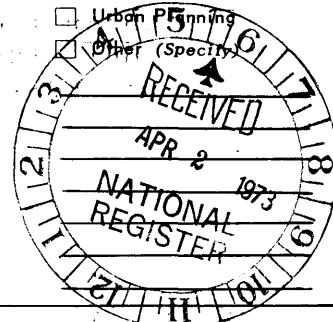
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1862-63**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Three Confederate redoubts along the south bank of the Yalobusha River, near the Grenada Reservoir, are tangible evidences of the defenses constructed by the Confederates for the protection of the river crossings and the Mississippi Central and Mississippi-Tennessee Railroads at Grenada. During the Civil War these fortifications were approximately four miles north of the city.

Grenada, located in the center of the northern half of the state, had escaped the ravages of war until late summer of 1863, when Major General Ulysses S. Grant's victory at Vicksburg allowed him to turn his attention to the conquest of the interior of the state. Grant ordered Colonel John K. Mizner, cavalry commander at La Grange, Tennessee, to send "not less than 1,000 men and 50 train engineers" south along the Mississippi Central Railroad toward Grenada for the purpose of capturing all railroad equipment and rolling stock encountered. In the event the rolling stock could not be successfully removed to Memphis along the Mississippi-Tennessee line, it was to be destroyed, especially the axles and wheels. The Federal forces left for Grenada on August 10, 1863.

At the same time, the Federal cavalry under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Jesse J. Phillips was moving south from La Grange, Colonel Edward F. Winslow was leaving his headquarters along the Big Black River near Vicksburg on August 12 to proceed north along the Mississippi Central, to capture the railroad stock south of Grenada and to link up with Phillips' cavalry at Grenada.

Brigadier General James R. Chalmers, commander of the Confederates in the area, ordered the railroad stock brought into Grenada from the nearby towns, and the railroad bridges across the Yalobusha to be burned. Chalmers' scouts reported the pincer movement of the Federal cavalry from the north and the south. With the threat of being surrounded and captured, the earthworks along the Yalobusha would be untenable against attacks from two directions.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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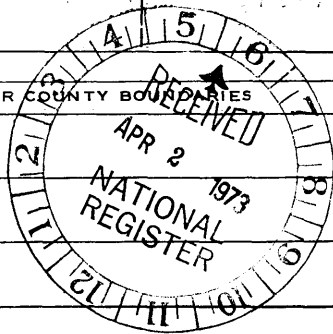
The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (Washington: 1880-1901), Series I, Vol. XXIV, Part III, pp. 573-587.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	33° 48' 17"	89° 46' 46"				
NE	33° 47' 48"	89° 45' 40"				
SE	33° 47' 16"	89° 45' 59"				
SW	33° 47' 45"	89° 47' 05"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 12 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
William C. Wright, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Mississippi Department of Archives and History      DATE: 3-27-73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Post Office Box 571

CITY OR TOWN: Jackson      STATE: Mississippi      CODE: 39205      28

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>R. A. McLemore</u> R. A. McLemore</p> <p>Title <u>Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History</u></p> <p>Date <u>March 27, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>7/2/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>6 25 73</u></p>
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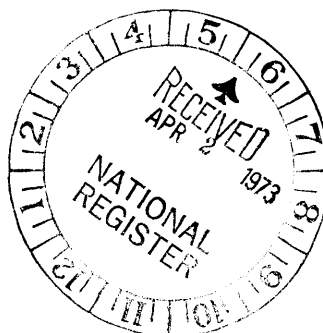
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Confederate opposition delayed the advance of both Phillips' and Winslow's cavalry in their march on Grenada. Phillips arrived in the area on the 15th of August while Winslow did not arrive until late on the 17th. Colonel Phillips reported that, when he came within about four miles north of Grenada, he saw a dense smoke that he afterward found to be the two railroad bridges across the Yalobusha that had been burned by the Confederates. Phillips also noted that the enemy was situated on the south side of the river in field positions with three pieces of artillery (two howitzers and one rifled gun). Phillips sent Lieutenant Colonel Martin R. M. Wallace about two miles down river to the lower ferry (where the Grenada Dam is today) to prevent the shifting of troops to the lower ferry. Wallace subsequently effected a crossing below the fortifications.

In order to avoid the capture of his troops, Colonel William F. Slemons, Confederate cavalry commander at Grenada, ordered their withdrawal, taking with them a wagon train of nearly one-hundred wagons. Colonel Phillips, not aware of the disposition of the troops moving north with Colonel Winslow and fearful of an attack from Brigadier General William H. Jackson's Confederate cavalry, known to be in the area, ordered the destruction of the railroad equipment. Fifty-one engines and nearly five-hundred cars along with a large quantity of ordnance and commissary were burned. For this action, Phillips was criticized by Winslow.

Although the earthworks were not used to their fullest potential because of the Federal pincer movement, they graphically represent the futile efforts of the Confederates to defend the crossings of the Yalobusha River.



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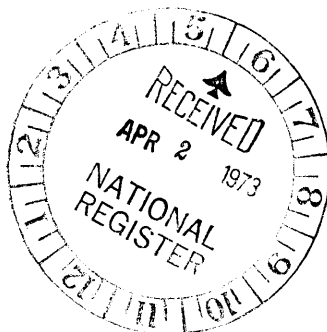
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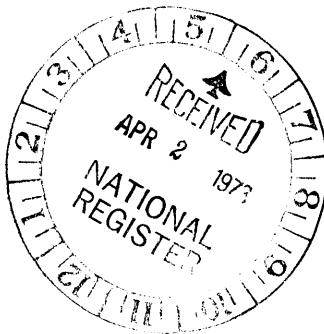
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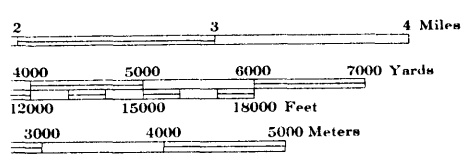
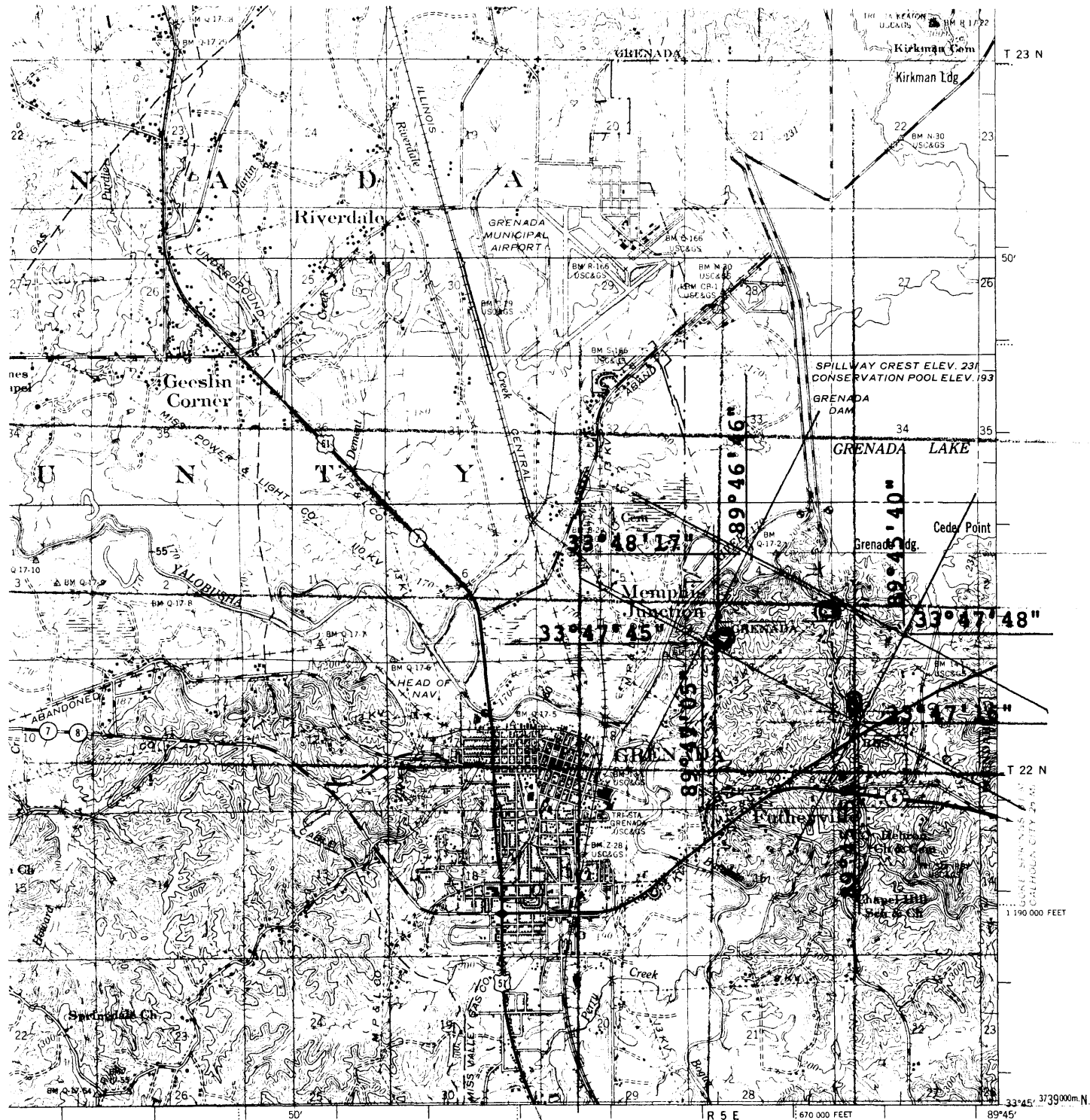
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Personal inspection of the site, February 27, 1973, by William C. Wright, Historian, Mississippi Department of Archives and History.





TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH

1°36' OR 28 MILS  
5°45' OR 102 MILS

GRID DECLINATION FOR CENTER OF SHEET FOR THE UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION IS 1°45' OR 31 MILS EAST

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1950 FOR CENTER OF SHEET ANNUAL MAGNETIC CHANGE 1° EASTERLY

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**LEGEND**

- Levee Levee mile post L M P
  - Retards and dikes Levee station L S
  - Revetment Towhead TH
  - River Gage
- Distances on Yalobusha River above mouth are shown at 5 mile intervals.

**ROAD DATA 1954**

- In developed areas, only through roads are classified
- Hard surface, heavy duty 4 LANES, 6 LANES
  - Hard surface, medium duty 4 LANES, 6 LANES
  - Loose surface, graded and drained, or narrow hard surface road
  - Improved dirt road or street
  - Unimproved dirt road or trail
- Route markers: Federal: State

foot intervals

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