

DATA SHEET

Form No. 10-306 (Rev. 10-74)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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RECEIVED AUG 15 1975

DATE ENTERED JAN 31 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME Civil War Fortification Protecting East Tennessee and
Georgia Railroad
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Civil War Fort

LOCATION Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant. Approximately 800 feet
North of Tyner Railroad Crossing on Southern Railroad
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chattanooga

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third Congressional

STATE

Tennessee

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Hamilton

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

AGENCY Department of the Army, Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

US Army Armament Command

STREET & NUMBER

Rock Island Arsenal

CITY, TOWN

Rock Island

STATE

Illinois 61201

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hamilton County Courthouse (Registration of Deeds)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chattanooga

STATE

Tennessee 37402

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE The survey was made in 1941 at the direction of the US Army

DATE

1941

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

All records now in Hamilton County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Chattanooga

STATE

Tennessee

453

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

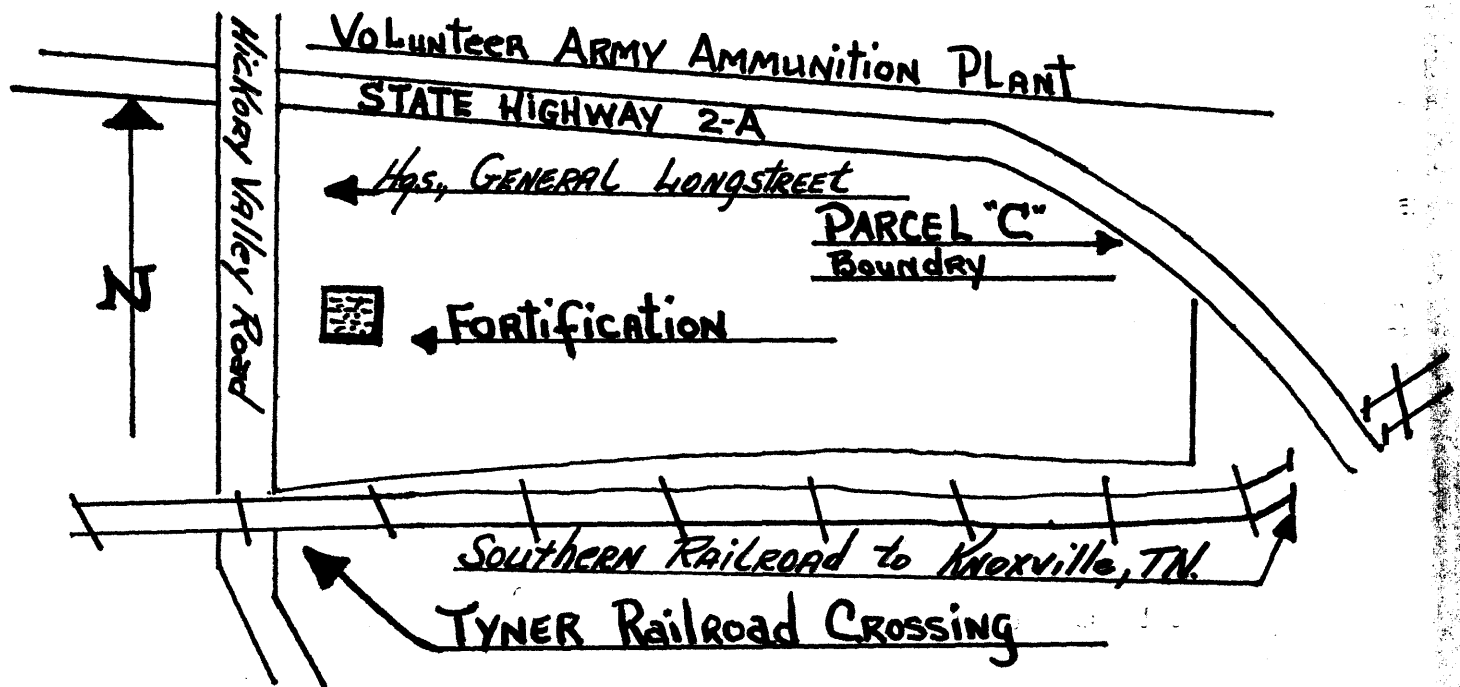
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ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This Fortification along with three nearby forts constructed by the Confederate Army in 1863, appears to be of the same configuration as described in Howell and Elizabeth Purdue's recent book entitled, "Pat Cleburne - Confederate General" (Page 203 attached). The Fort being recommended, is located on Government property approximately 200 feet semi-oval on a slight elevation overlooking the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad it was built to protect. The earthen breastworks described by the Purdue's as twelve feet in height, have been reduced through erosion to about 10 feet but are readily identifiable today. From historical records, each Fort was equipped with six Parrot guns and rifle pits immediately in front of the breastworks. From the existing openings in the structures, it may be assumed the field pieces were located at these points. The original earth floor grade has been built up through the years possibly from decaying vegetable matter, erosion and dumping waste materials. Several large trees have voluntarily grown around the structure and were allowed to remain. The smaller growth and underbrush has been recently removed by Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant work forces.



The land is ideally suited for park area as is.

The area has been cleared within the past three months and is being mowed two or three times per growing season.

The area across the street has been upgraded by the Army Reserve in conjunction with construction of new and modern center.

Further upgrading and beautification of adjacent land has been asked for in a letter from VAAP to the US Army Reserve, dated 24 February 1975.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES Summer of 1863

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Generals Longstreet and Cleburne

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. The Fortification located on Government property was one of four constructed in the Tyner area for the defense of the nearby East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad and Chattanooga, Tennessee.
2. Tyner Station was located approximately 800 feet from the Fortification. The Fortification was the closest of the four to Tyner Station.
3. Generals Longstreet and Cleburne of the Confederate Army used the Tyner Station as their headquarters during the Summer and Fall of 1863.
4. Tyner Station was Headquarters of Longstreet's Corps after the battle of Chickamauga, as evidenced by the attached letter from Longstreet to Bragg recently discovered in archives of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Library.
5. Approximately 13,000 soldiers were stationed in this locality prior to the battle of Missionary Ridge in November 1863. Specifically one Regiment of Wood's Brigade, the 32nd Mississippi is referred to in the book, "Pat Cleburne - Confederate General".
6. The Fortification is the only one located on Government-owned property. Two of the remaining three forts on privately-owned lands have been partially or completely obliterated.
7. The East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad interconnecting Knoxville, Chattanooga and Atlanta was of extreme military importance to both the North and South during the Civil War for the transportation of troops, supplies and munitions.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Book entitled, "Braxton Bragg, General of the Confederacy" by Don C. Seitz, 1924, page 393. "Longstreet got underway from Tyner Station where he established Headquarters on November 8, 1863".
 2. Pages 636-637. US Congress, "War of the Rebellion Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies", Series I. VOL XXXI, Part 3 (Copy of a letter attached. See Exhibit No. 1)
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 57 acres in entire tract. Center coordinates of Fort UTM REFERENCES are as described below:

A	<u>16</u>	<u>668135</u>	<u>3882045</u>	B	<u>16</u>	<u>6691040</u>	<u>3881815</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<u>16</u>	<u>668010</u>	<u>3881805</u>	D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The 57 acre tract is bounded on the Southeast by the Southern Railroad, on the West by Hickory Valley Road and the North by State Highway 2-A.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

No overlapping of states or counties involved.

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

RICHARD A. STEPHANS, LTC, OrdC, Commanding

18 June 1975

ORGANIZATION

Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant

DATE

Commercial: (615) 892-0115

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1748

TELEPHONE

AUTOVON: 431-3750, Ext. 4123

CITY OR TOWN

Chattanooga,

STATE

Tennessee 37401

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Arthur P. Hays
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *Francis B. Becker*

TITLE Director, Real Property and Natural Resources

DATE

8/7/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DATE

11/31/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles Adams

DATE

1-29-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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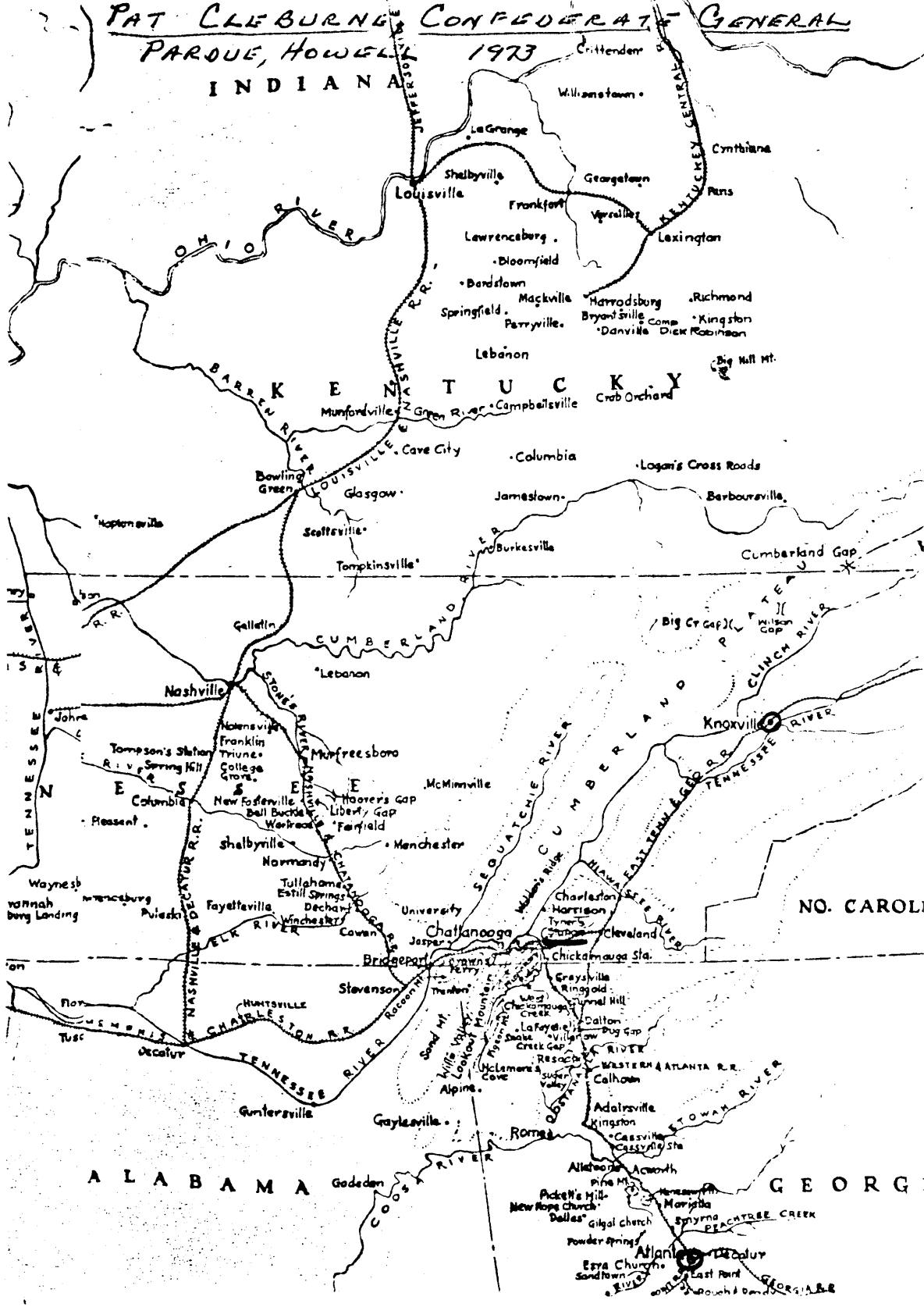
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3. Book entitled, "Pat Cleburne - Confederate General" by Howell and Elizabeth Purdue, dated 1973, page 203 (copy attached) which states, "To defend the railroads and the approach to Chattanooga, Cleburne immediately began constructing four large, round forts in and near Tyner's Station. Twelve feet high and 200 to 300 feet in diameter, with embrasures for cannon and openings for rifles, the forts were surrounded by rifle pits." Traces of three of these Fortifications are still discernible. (Exhibit No. 2)

PAT CLEBURNE'S CONFEDERATE GENERAL
PARQUE, HOWELL 1973



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