

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Williamson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JAN 8 1973	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Granger (Representative William R. Anderson)

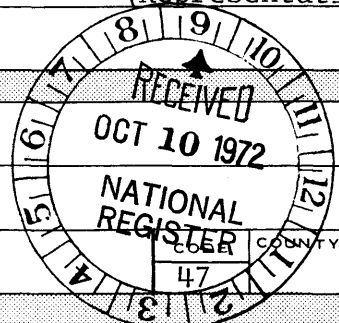
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Off Liberty Pike

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

STATE:
Tennessee



COUNTY:
Williamson

CODE
187

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) not in use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Franklin

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Williamson County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Franklin

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Granger, an earthen structure 900 feet long with perimeter walls averaging 6 to 8 feet in height, was constructed in 1863 on Figuers' Bluff at the southeast border of Franklin. The inside face of the walls were shored with wood and were splayed in places at the tops to allow cannon to project through from elevated earthen platforms inside. There were two main blastwalls within the fort along the west walls. The fort was armed with two high-powered rifled seige guns, one being a thirty-pounder Parrot and the other a twenty-four pounder rifled gun, both mounted on revolving platforms. There were also several three-inch rifled guns. The trunks of two trees, used as outposts, were left standing within the fort. The main structure within the fort was a powder magazine approximately 65 feet square and believed to be partially sunken.

At present the site is covered with light undergrowth and saplings, which are being cleared. The trenches, gun emplacements, blast walls, and perimeter walls are clearly discernible. The wood has either rotted or been removed. The powder magazine is no longer standing, but the site is still definable.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

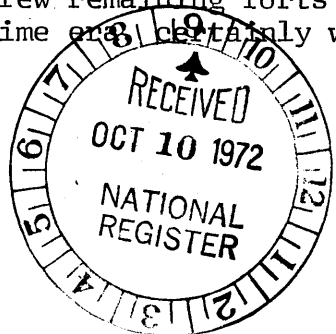
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input 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

After the Battle of Murfreesboro or Stone's River, fought during the latter part of December, 1862, and the first days of January, 1863, Franklin was for a time Confederate territory, but on February 18, 1863, it became a Federal post commanded by Colonel C. C. Gilbert. Soon after the battle of Thompson's Station on March 5, 1863, Major-General Gordon Granger was in command of a large force of Federal troops camped at Franklin and here constructed a large fort to be named in his honor. Fort Granger was used for 2½ years to bombard the town of Franklin and control troop movements north to Nashville. Two Confederate spies who came to the fort seeking information on troop strength were apprehended and hanged on a cherry tree on the slope of the hill on which the fort was constructed. During the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864, it was commanded by General Schofield and played an important role in that battle.

Since the end of the Civil War, the fort has remained abandoned, a favorite place for campers and hoboes. Although it has been covered by undergrowth and trees, its physical outlines have remained. Many movements have taken place by various groups in Franklin over the years to clear and restore the site and make some public use of the property, but all have failed. In private hands before, the property has recently been purchased by the City of Franklin to prevent its development as an industrial park. A local civic organization is working closely with the city to prepare a study for the restoration of the fort.

Fort Granger's importance during the Civil War, as well as being one of the few remaining forts displaying the military engineering of the wartime era, certainly warrants preservation and interpretation.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cox, Jacob D., Battle of Franklin (New York, 1897).
 Faw, Judge W.W., "History of Fort Granger," pamphlet.
 Franklin, 1952.
 Horn, Stanley F., Army of Tennessee (Indianapolis, 1941).

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	35 ° 55' 37 "	86 ° 51' 47 "	°	'	"	
NE	35 ° 55' 40 "	86 ° 51' 39 "	°	'	"	
SE	35 ° 55' 29 "	86 ° 51' 30 "	°	'	"	
SW	35 ° 55' 26 "	86 ° 51' 37 "	°	'	"	

NO
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 20

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:
 Jack Morgan and Earle DuRard, Jr.

ORGANIZATION: Williamson County Jaycees DATE: Sep. 1, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Franklin STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name: Michael J. Smith
 Title: Executive Director
 Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: September 25, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/8/72

ATTEST:
William J. Sandberg
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1.3.73