

*HPS NO 47M*

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Mississippi</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Hinds</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>JAN 13 1972</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Raymond Battlefield**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Approximately 2 1/2 miles southwest of Raymond on Hwy. 18.**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Raymond**

STATE <b>Mississippi</b>	CODE <b>39154</b>	COUNTY: <b>Hinds</b>	CODE <b>049</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mississippi State Highway Department and Multiple Private**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Jackson**

STATE:  
**Mississippi**

CODE:  
**28**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Hinds County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Raymond**

STATE:  
**Mississippi**

CODE:  
**39154 28**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Natchez Trace Parkway Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1940**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**National Park Service**

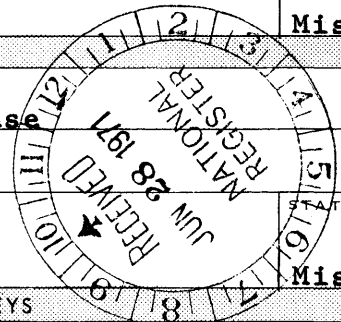
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**801 19th Street, N. W.**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE:  
**District of Columbia**

CODE:  
**08**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site of the Battle of Raymond is changed in appearance by the paved old Highway 18 and the new Highway 18 running lengthways through the middle of the battlefield and across Fourteen Mile Creek. The new highway was constructed through the Confederate trench which ran along the creek. This trench was used to bury the Confederate dead after the battle; however, the remains have been reinterred in the Raymond Cemetery and are so marked.

The land on the sides of the highways is cultivated or heavily wooded. The hill where Bledsoe's Battery was emplaced is now covered by a manufacturing plant. The old Utica road, used as the route by which the Union troops entered the field, is still visible, but filled with trees and undergrowth.

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**B. 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) **May 12, 1863**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input 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

The Raymond Battlefield Site is located two and one-half miles southwest of the town of Raymond, Mississippi, on Highway 18 at Fourteen Mile Creek, and south of the highway along the creek.

On May 11, 1863, Confederate General John C. Pemberton concluded that Grant was merely feinting toward Jackson and that his main force would head for the Big Black River Bridge, east of Vicksburg. Pemberton wired General John Gregg at Raymond, to strike the Yankees in their flank and rear as soon as they turned north. Brigadier General W. H. T. Walker was directed to move his brigade from Jackson to help Gregg. For some reason Walker did not join in this movement, but stayed in Jackson.

Early on the 12th of May, Gregg's scouts notified him that a Federal brigade--not a full corps, was marching up the Utica road. Thinking that this was the "feint" mentioned by Pemberton, Gregg at once moved his 2,500 men to crush or capture the Yankees, who were actually the advance elements of McPherson's corps, 10,000 strong.

Gregg deployed a regiment each on the Gallatin and Utica roads, holding back a strong reserve. He emplaced Bledsoe's three-gun battery, to cover the bridge over Fourteen Mile Creek, which at 10:00 a.m. opened fire on the Union vanguard as it moved down the road toward the creek.

The Union troops of General John Logan's division deployed astride the road and advanced, but the regiments were soon out of contact with each other and with the rear as they became entangled in the jungle bounding Fourteen Mile Creek.

Gregg, still thinking he was facing a small force, decided to execute a second attack, and moved his main force across the creek to the east to strike the enemy from the flank and rear.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bearss, Edwin C. Decision in Mississippi. Jackson: Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States, 1962. P. 219.  
 Editors of Civil War Times Illustrated. Struggle for Vicksburg; the battles & siege that decided the Civil War. Harrisburg, Pa.: Stackpole Books, 1967. Pp. 33-35.  
 Johnston, Hon. Frank. "The Vicksburg Campaign." Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society. Vol. 10, p. 76.

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	32° 15' 30"	90° 27' 00"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	32° 14' 30"	90° 26' 00"				
SE	32° 13' 30"	90° 27' 00"				
SW	32° 14' 30"	90° 28' 00"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1,440 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: **June 18, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Post Office Box 571**

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

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 *R. A. McLemore*  
**R. A. McLemore**  
 Title Director, Miss. Dept. of Archives and History  
 Date **June 18, 1971**

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

*Ernest A. Connally*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**JAN 13 1972**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
*William M. ...*  
 Keeper of The National Register  
**JAN 3 1972**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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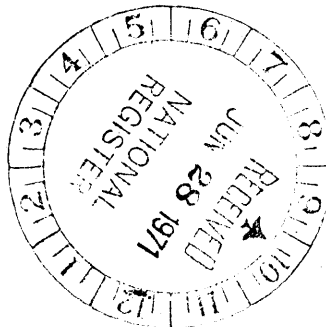
The Federals still uncoordinated and confused by the dense woods and undergrowth, as well as the dust and smoke, gave way in some instances, but soon recovered and held. The reserves of McPherson hurried to the right, and those of Brigadier General John E. Smith to the center to bolster the weakened line.

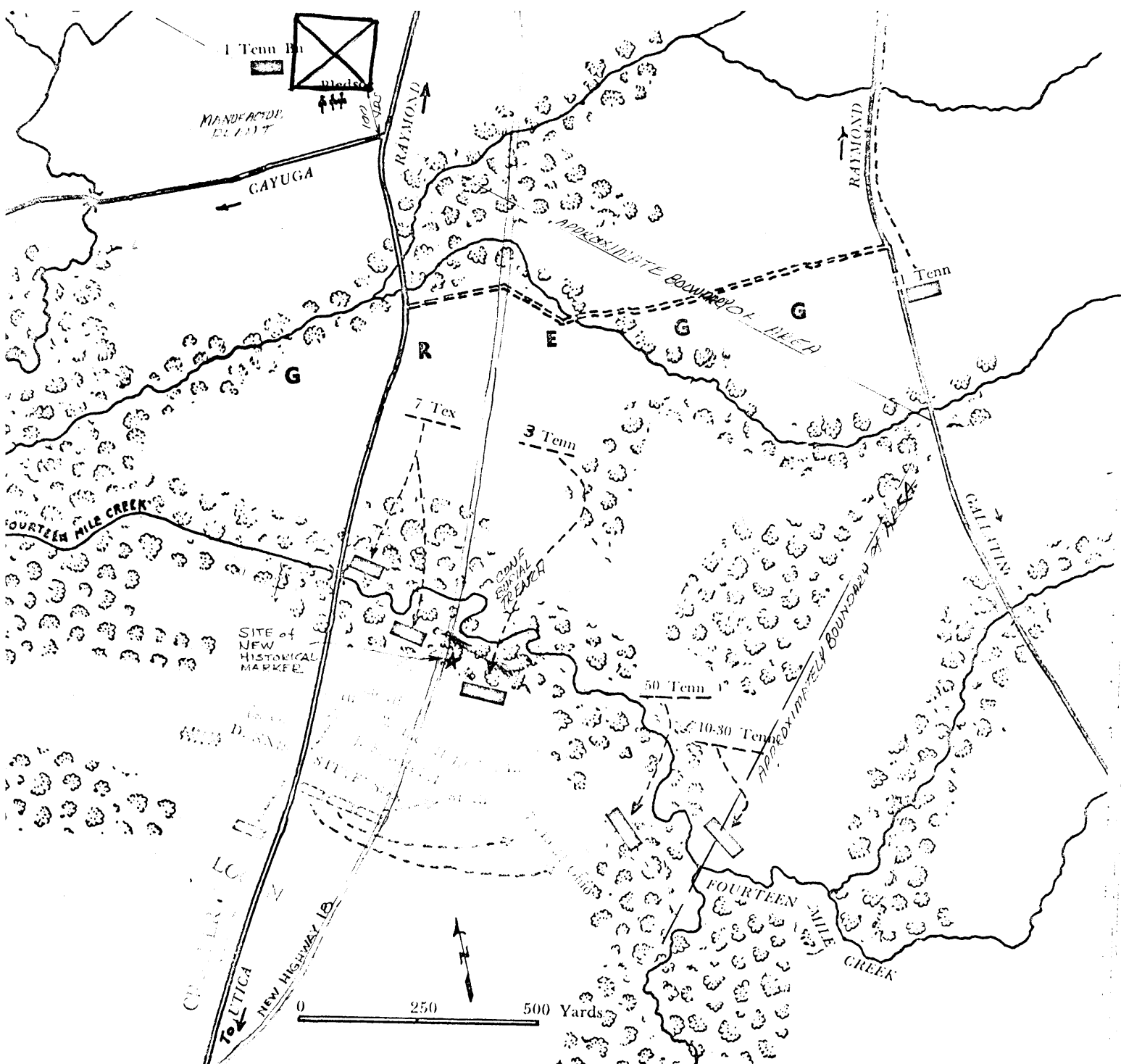
The smoke and dust still prevented Gregg from seeing the size of the Union force, but as the attacking troops crossed the creek, Colonel Thomas W. Beaumont of the 50th Tennessee, on the right saw what appeared to be a division. He sent a staff officer posthaste to Gregg, who couldn't be found. The enveloping force advanced beyond the creek, to receive a shattering volley in the flank from Brigadier General John D. Stevenson's regiments, which stopped the attack. Gregg ordered up the 41st Tennessee, but by this time the situation had changed drastically, and a general Federal counterattack was under way.

From about 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Confederates were being forced to withdraw up the Gallatin and Raymond roads through the town of Raymond, and went into bivouac on the high ground beyond Snake Creek. The Federals stopped in Raymond.

This savage engagement had one important consequence. It caused Grant to modify his plan of operations. The fury with which Gregg had attacked McPherson convinced Grant that the Confederates had built up a formidable striking force in Jackson. He decided that this concentration must be broken up before he could devote his attention to Pemberton's field army.

The Battle of Raymond resulted in Confederate casualties of 73 killed, 251 wounded and 190 missing. Casualties for the Union were reported to be 69 killed, 341 wounded and 32 missing.

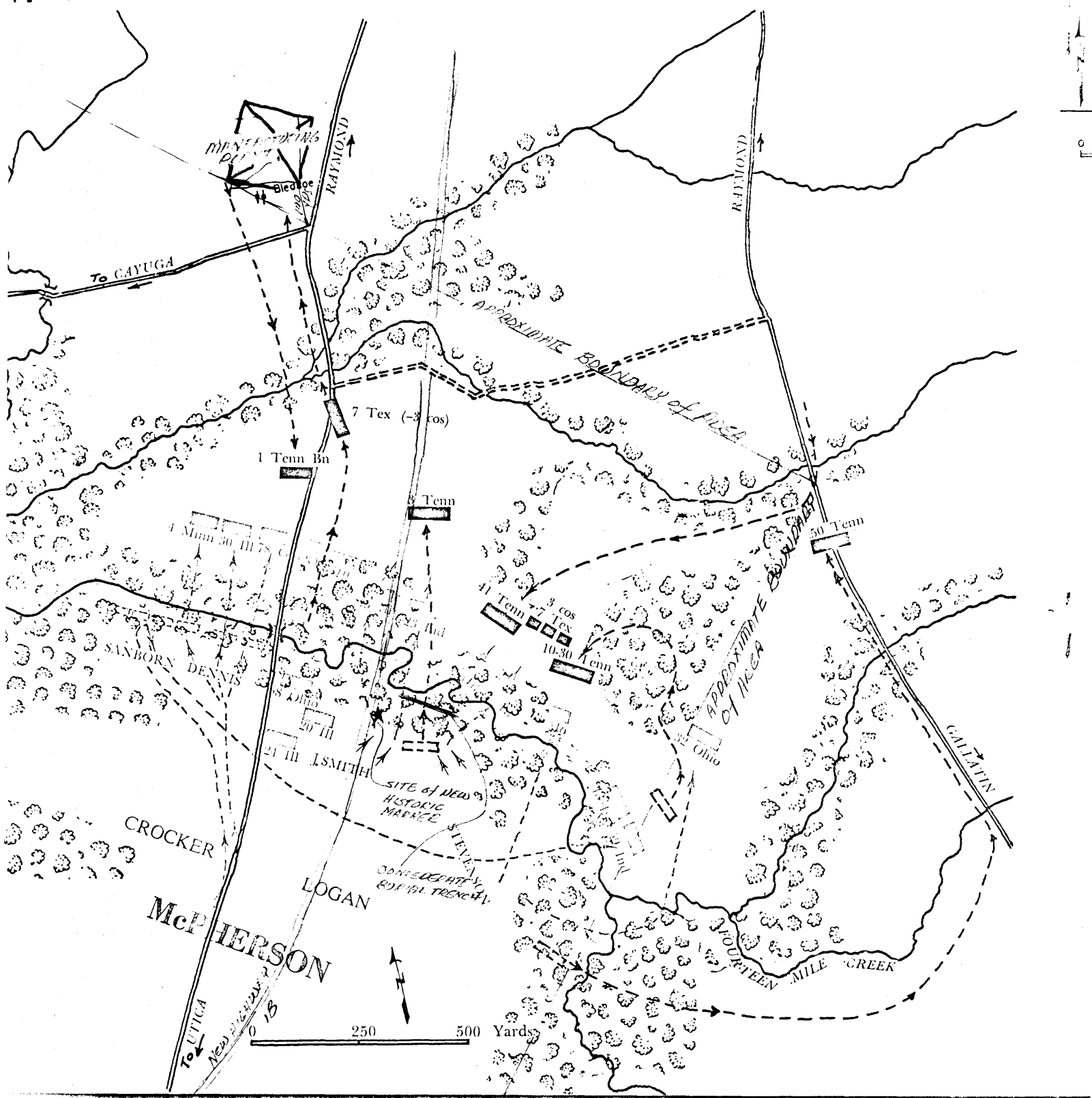




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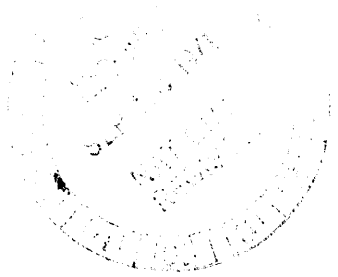
Troop movements and deployments as the Confederates attacked.





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Troop movements and deployments as the Confederates withdrew.



VICKSBURG 24 MI.  
EDWARDS 7 MI.

T.5 N.

90° 30'

32° 17'

90° 25'

32° 17'

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

R.3 W. 460000 FEET

90° 30'

32° 15'

T.5 N.

8' 00"

90° 27' 00"

32° 15' 30"

32° 14' 30"

90° 26' 00"

630000 FEET

32° 14' 30"

32° 13' 30"

90° 27' 00"

32° 14' 30"

ILLINOIS CENTRAL

SALMON CEM.

90° 27' 00"

32° 14' 30"

32° 12'

32° 12'

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH



T.4 N.

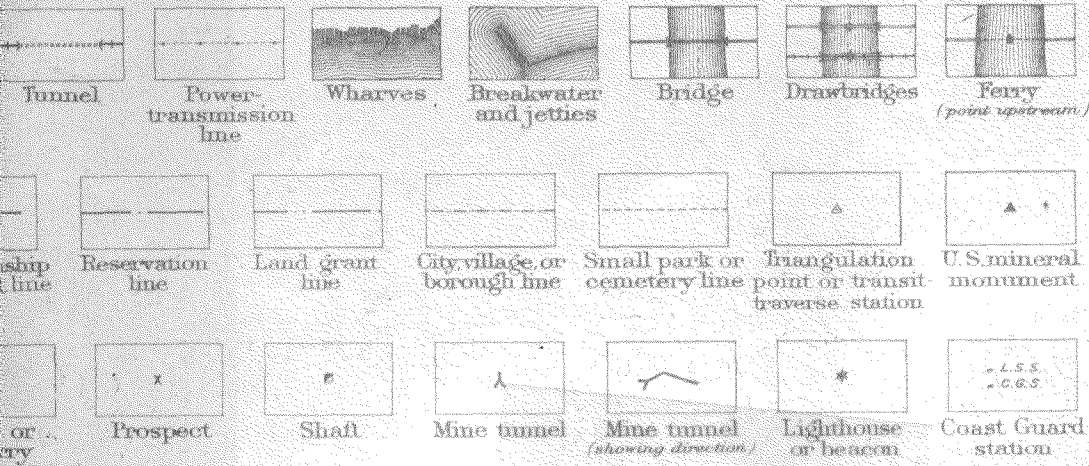
90° 30'

90° 25'

U.S.G.S. 15'  
Raymond, Terry Quadrangles  
Scale: 1:62500  
1937

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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON: <b>Raymond Battlefield</b>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
<b>Approximately 2 1/2 miles southwest of Raymond on Hwy. 18.</b>			
CITY OR TOWN:			
<b>Raymond</b>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>39154</b>	<b>Hinds</b>	<b>049</b>
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
<b>U.S.G.S. 15' Raymond; Terry Quadrangles</b>			
SCALE: <b>1:62500</b>			
DATE: <b>1937</b>			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

