

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Lac qui Parle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAR 14	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Camp Release State Memorial Wayside

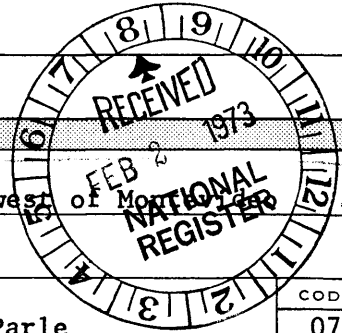
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Camp Release site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Accessible from U.S. Highway #212, about two miles west of

CITY OR TOWN:
Montevideo

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23** COUNTY: **Lac qui Parle** CODE: **073**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
State of Minnesota

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lac qui Parle County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **18**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Minnesota State Register

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The area designated as Camp Release Memorial Wayside consists of about seventeen acres on a shady elevated plateau near the confluence of the Minnesota and Chippewa Rivers. A fifty-foot monument of Minnesota granite stands at the northern edge of what was once Colonel Sibley's parade ground. A short distance south of the marker may be seen traces of the camp's entrenchments, running from the northeast part of the park toward the southwest.



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7. Description

Camp Release was made up of the tents and wagons of Colonel Sibley's soldiers. In addition there were, at the time of surrender, about 150 Indian lodges housing some 1,200 souls.

Portions of the area have been cultivated and some alteration took place with the installation of the wayside.

This site is being nominated because of its important association with the Sioux War of 1862 and not because of any archaeological potential.



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

During the first eight years after the signing of the Treaty of the Traverse des Sioux in 1851, many pressures were put upon the Dakota Indians by the government, traders, and the white settlers. These pressures mounted and finally climaxed in the Indians' futile attempt to reclaim their land and their traditional way of life, the Sioux War of 1862.

Following the crippling defeat of the Dakota at the final battle of Wood Lake, most of the hostile bands and many of the formerly friendly Indians who feared retribution, gathered their families and took refuge on the plains to the west. Those who stayed behind handed over to General Henry H. Sibley at Camp Release 269 white captives whom they had protected at Chief Red Iron's Village.

The job of deciding the guilt of the surrendered and captured Indians was undertaken by a commission of military officers at Camp Release. On September 27, 1862, many of the released whites were taken to Fort Ridgely and the settlements farther east; some stayed at Camp Release to testify at the Indian trials scheduled to commence the following day. After about 120 cases had been heard, the 2,000 prisoners were taken to the Lower Sioux Agency where the trials resumed in a trader's log kitchen.

The site of Camp Release was purchased by the state in 1889 and became the first unit in Minnesota's state park system.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carley, Kenneth, The Sioux Uprising of 1862, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, 1961.

Holmquist, June D., and Jean Brookins, Minnesota's Major Historic Sites, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, 1972, pp. 128-29.

Folwell, William Watts, History of Minnesota, Vol II, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, 1924.

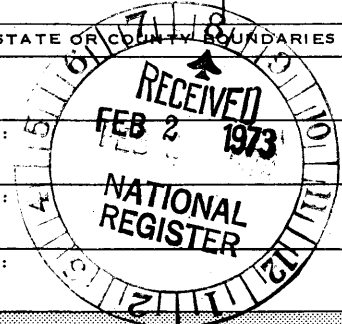
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 SW 15/283110/4979100

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44°	56'	05"	95°	44'	58"			
NE	44°	56'	05"	95°	44'	49"			
SE	44°	55'	40"	95°	44'	58"			
SW	44°	55'	40"	95°	44'	49"			

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:
Diana Mitchell, Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Department, Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **January 25, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *Russell W. Fridley*

Title: Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date: 1-26-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

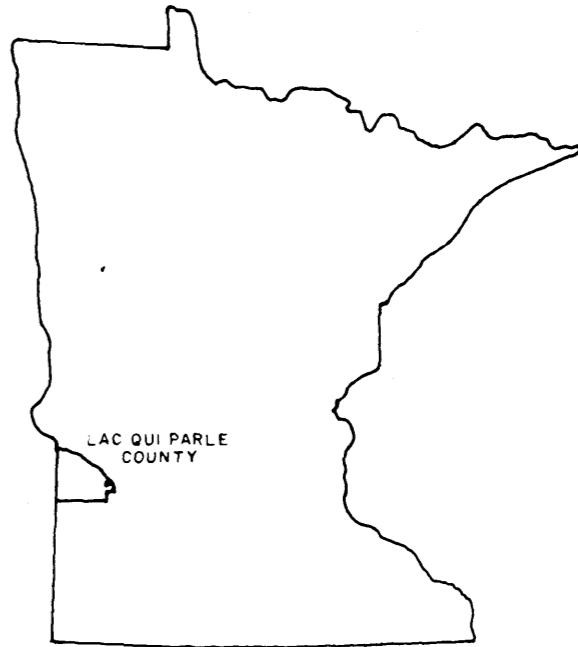
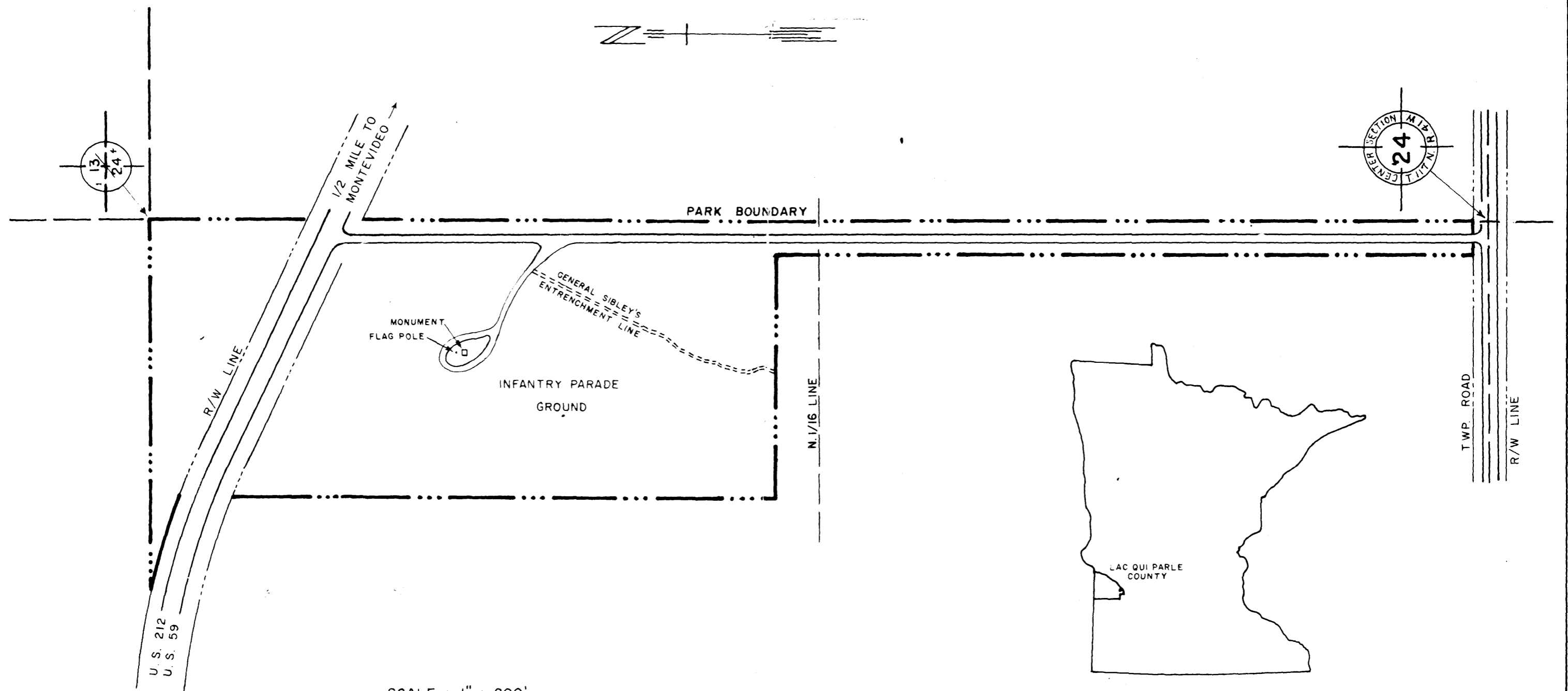
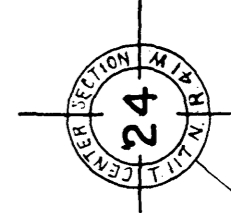
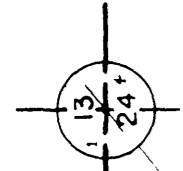
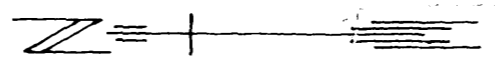
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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

Date: 3/14/73

ATTEST: *W. Whately*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.7.73



SCALE : 1" = 200'
 STATUTORY BOUNDARY 18 ACRES (APPROX.)

NOTE:
 NO PRIVATE LAND WITHIN STATUTORY BOUNDARY

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION			
STATE PARK SITE			
CAMP RELEASE STATE MONUMENT			
LAC QUI PARLE CO. - NEAR MONTEVIDEO			
SEC. 24	T. 117 N.	R. 41 W.	5TH P. M.
DRAWN DAD 8-30-63	BUREAU OF ENGINEERING		SURVEY 11
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