

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Mississippi</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Warren</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>AUG 30 1974</b>

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Federal Fortifications along Bear Creek**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Grant's outer line**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
~~Section 29, Range 4 W., Township 7 N.~~ **SW of Youngton**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Youngton vicinity**

STATE: <b>Mississippi</b>	CODE: <b>28</b>	COUNTY: <b>Warren</b>	CODE: <b>149</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 checked="" 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) <u>tree farm</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Anderson - Tully Lumber Co.**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Vicksburg</b>	STATE: <b>Mississippi</b>	CODE: <b>28</b>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Chancery Clerks Office, Warren County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Cherry Street**

CITY OR TOWN: <b>Vicksburg</b>	STATE: <b>Mississippi</b>	CODE: <b>28</b>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

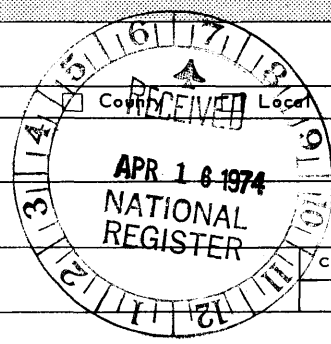
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:     Federal     State     ~~County~~ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

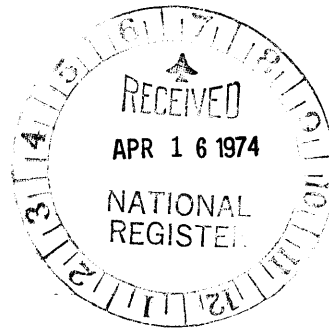
Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Civil War fortifications along the ridges and slopes of the loess hills of Warren County stand even today as if they were sentinels against an attack which is yet to come. There is a series of rifle pits and gun emplacements strategically placed to allow a field of fire from almost any direction. Natural deadfall, resembling abatis, fill the hollows and approaches to the fortifications.

Immediately south and to the rear of the fortifications was the camp site for the soldiers. There are remains of drainage ditches cut by the soldiers to divert rainwater around the tents and huts. On these locations, nails and bricks used in the construction of the huts and an occasional artifact left by the occupant may be found. The trash pits, or dumps, are easily located by the presence of ration cans, broken glass and discarded equipment remains.

To the rear of the camp site are the now empty graves of soldiers who died while there. In 1864-1865, these bodies were removed by the American Sanitary Commission which employed freed slaves to disinter the remains for reburial in the National Military Cemetery, but the depressions spaced about three feet apart may still be seen.



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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) **1863**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <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 checked="" 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

Near the confluence of Bear Creek and the Big Black River, Federal troops constructed extensive fortifications during the summer of 1863. These earth works were the northeast salient of a nearly thirty-mile chain of fortifications running east from Haynes' Bluff on the Yazoo River to these fortifications and then south along the Big Black River to the railroad bridge.

The fortifications were erected as a result of a daring raid by Confederate cavalry against the Federal patrols operating a cordon to protect the rear of Major-General Ulysses S. Grant's army which had bottled the Confederate army under Lieutenant-General John C. Pemberton within the environs of Vicksburg, after separating it from the forces of General Joseph E. Johnston east of the Big Black.

On the morning of June 22, 1863, a cavalry patrol of Brigadier-General Wirt Adams' 1st Mississippi and Lieutenant-Colonel Robert C. Wood's 28th Mississippi drove in the vendettes of the 4th Iowa Cavalry on the Bush's Ferry road. The staccato rattle of musketry caused the 4th Iowa cavalymen, who were busy obstructing the roads, to drop their tools and gallop toward the sound of the firing. Almost immediately, they encountered their pickets retreating. After arresting the rout, the 4th's commander, Major Alonzo B. Parkell, advanced his men one-half mile north of Hill's plantation. Here he placed his dismounted troops behind a rail fence and a 2-pounder gun in the middle of the road. The Confederates wasted no time in attacking. Wood dismounted his 28th cavalry and directed them to flank the left of the Federal line, while Adams' 1st Cavalry charged the gun. When Wood's men turned the left flank, an orderly retreat became impossible for the Federals. There was an obstructed road ahead of them which forced them to disperse in all directions. After policing the field for prisoners and equipment, the Confederates returned to Mechanicsburg.

The news of the rout so alarmed Grant, who feared a surprise attack by Johnston's army crossing the Big Black, that he ordered all available troops to bolster the perimeter. It was these troops that constructed the outer line of earthworks. This work was for naught as Johnston had no serious thoughts of moving to Vicksburg's relief. His contempt for Pemberton was only surpassed by his fear of being defeated in the field.

These fortifications exist today as historical evidence of an event which forced Grant to redeploy his army and divert thousands of troops from the siege lines into a defensive cordon to await an attack which never came.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bearss, Edwin C., Decision in Mississippi, (Jackson, Mississippi: Mississippi Commission on the War Between the States, 1962).

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 I.

Personal inspection of the site by Jackie Sarrett and William C. Wright, December, 1973, and January, 1974.

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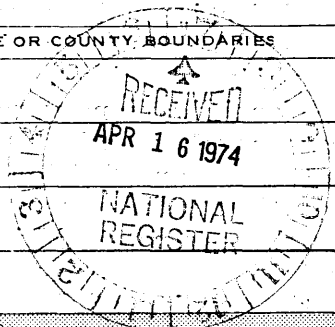
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NE	32	26	03	90	37	57		
SE	32	25	18	90	37	57		
SW	32	25	18	90	38	16		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **200**

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: **4-5-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**P. O. Box 571**

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

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 **Elbert A. Holliard**

Title **Director**

Date **April 8, 1974**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

**A. Furstenberg**  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **8/30/74**

ATTEST:

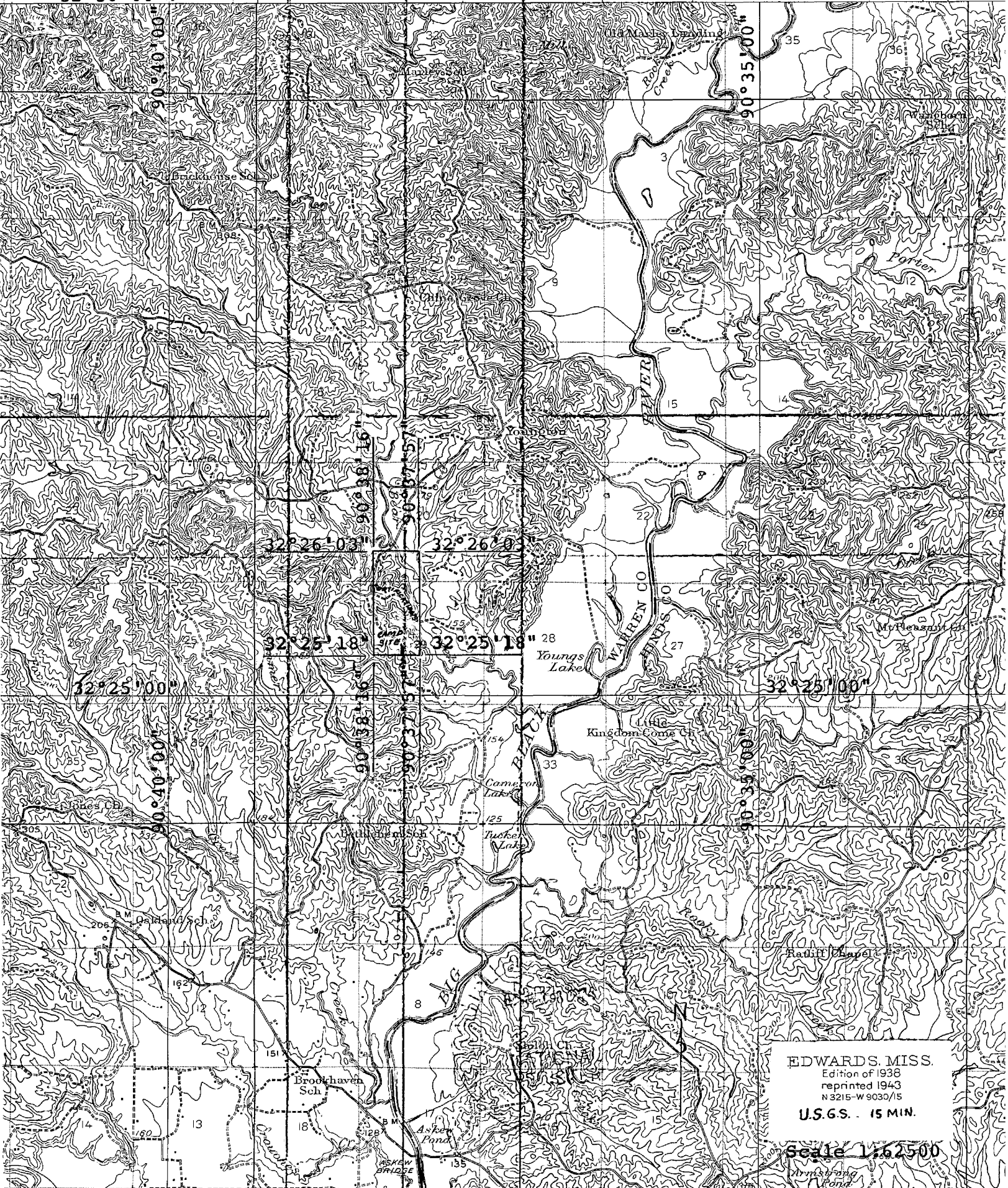
**Charles W. ...**  
Keeper of The National Register

Date **8.29.74**

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:  
U.S.G.S. Raymond 15 minute quad.

SCALE: 15 minute, 1: 62500

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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

