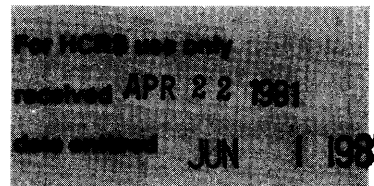


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Fort Buhlow

and/or common

2. Location

off U.S. 165

street & number on knoll at foot of O.K. Allen Bridge, just off Hwy. 165 not for publication

city, town Pineville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 8th--Gillis Long

state IA code 22 county Rapides Parish code 079

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Department of Health and Human Resources

George Fischer, Secretary

street & number P.O. Box 106

city, town Baton Rouge _____ vicinity of _____ state IA 70821

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rapides Parish Courthouse

street & number

city, town Alexandria _____ state IA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ia. Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Ia. State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Baton Rouge _____ state IA

7. Description

Condition n/a		Check one n/a	Check one n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Fort Buhlow is located on the Pineville side of the Red River at the foot of the O. K. Allen Bridge approximately 40 feet to the northwest of Hwy. 165. It is on the shore of Lake Buhlow. (See attached map.)

Located on a promontory overlooking the river, Fort Buhlow is a roughly circular earthwork surrounded by a moat. It is approximately 30 feet high and 200 feet in diameter. The once excellent view that it provided of the river is now obscured by vegetation.

Adjacent to the fort is a roadside park with picnic and parking facilities. Because the site has been well used by the public, the earthworks have been damaged by foot traffic and associated erosion. In fact, a clearly discernible path has been cleared through the fort.

Fort Randolph, the companion fort to Fort Buhlow, is located approximately 1/4 mile away. Because of this distance and the fact that Hwy. 165 and the Central Louisiana State Hospital are between the two, Fort Randolph is being nominated separately.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1864–1865 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criterion A

Fort Buhlow is significant in the area of military history because it represents a last desperate Confederate attempt in late 1864/early 1865 to defend the Red River against an anticipated Union invasion. Of course, no such expedition took place. In fact, by the time Buhlow and nearby Fort Randolph were completed in early 1865, the war in Louisiana was for all practical purposes over. Although the forts were manned and fortified, they never saw any action. In a sense then Fort Buhlow is significant because of what did not happen.

Acting upon the belief that the Union might launch an invasion up the Red River in the spring of 1865, Confederates began late in the summer of 1864 to plan for the construction of two earthen forts, one to be named Fort Buhlow and the other Fort Randolph. Construction began in late 1864 and was completed in early 1865. As the forts neared completion there was a growing concentration of troops in Alexandria to fortify the area against the expected Union attack. Late in April the river was further fortified by the appearance of the Confederate ironclad "Missouri."

Even as these events were occurring, the end of the Confederacy was at hand. Word of Lee's surrender reached Louisiana by April 15, and on May 26, General Simon B. Buckner, acting for General Kirby Smith, surrendered the Confederate forces west of the Mississippi. Forts Buhlow and Randolph were occupied by Union forces without opposition on June 2.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bailey's Dam State Commemorative Area Feasibility Report. Prepared by Charles M. Hubbs Associates, Baton Rouge for Office of State Parks, October 1, 1980.

Oral Interviews with Dr. Arthur Bergeron, State Archivist and Civil War Historian.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property approx. 3/4 acre

Quadrangle name Alexandria, IA.

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title National Register Staff

nomination sponsored by Peg Bolton
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Alexandria, IA 71301

organization Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

date March 1981

street & number Box 44247

telephone 504-342-6682

city or town Baton Rouge

state IA 70804

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Robert B. DeBlieux
Robert B. DeBlieux

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date April 16, 1981

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

Bruce M. Dargatzis
Keeper of the National Register

date 6/1/81

Attest: *Kathleen Anderson*
Chief of Registration

date 6/1/81

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Paper prepared on Forts Buhlow and Randolph by Dorinda Jane Cooper and Bobbie C. Kimball for Professor William Haag, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. This paper is on file at the Louisiana Historic Preservation Office.

Lake Buhlow

FORT
BUHLOW IN A

91

O.K. Allen Bridge

Fort
Buhlow

92

Red River

Pierson
Lake

Fort
Randolph

Span

Bailey's Dam

98

430

120

100

50 80

500
ft.

75

SOURCE: Bailey's Dam State Commemorative Area Feasibility Report. Prepared by Charles M. Hubbs Associates, Baton Rouge, for Office of State Parks, October 1, 1980

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