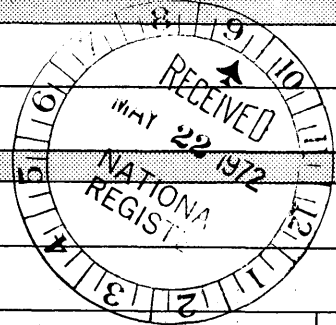


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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
FORT PIKE

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
FORT PIKE STATE MONUMENT

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
RIGOLETS - U. S. 90 EAST

CITY OR TOWN:  
NEW ORLEANS

STATE: LOUISIANA      CODE: 22      COUNTY: ORLEANS      CODE: 110

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
LOUISIANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. DRAWER 1111

CITY OR TOWN: BATON ROUGE      STATE: LOUISIANA      CODE: 22

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
ORLEANS PARISH COURT HOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:  
LOYOLA AVENUE

CITY OR TOWN: NEW ORLEANS      STATE: LOUISIANA      CODE: 22

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
FORT PIKE

DATE OF SURVEY: 4/24/1846, 12/1/1934     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
ORLEANS PARISH COURT HOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:  
LOYOLA AVENUE

CITY OR TOWN: NEW ORLEANS      STATE: LOUISIANA      CODE: 22

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

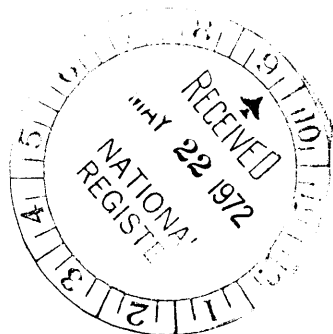
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THE FORT IS BUILT OF RED BRICK ON A RAFT LIKE FOUNDATION OF CRISSCROSSED CYPRESS LOGS AND SHELL. IT IS UNIQUE IN SHAPE, WITH A MODIFIED AND INDENTED TRIANGULAR SHAPE LANDWARD AND A SEMI CIRCULAR FACE TO SEAWARD. THE LOWER SECTION OF THE FORT, WHICH SURROUNDS A CENTRAL COURT, CONTAINS RECTANGULAR GUN PORTS FOR COASTAL GUNS. ARMORY, POWDER MAGAZINES, BLACKSMITH SHOP, BAKE SHOP, SETTLERS STORE AND COMMISSARY, ALL ARE INTERCONNECTED BY ARCHED PASSAGeways, THE UPPER RAMPARTS, WHICH ARE REACHED BY BRICK STEPS AND A RAMP IS OF BRICK COVERED BY SOD. THE RAMPARTS CONTAIN EMPLACEMENT POSITIONS FOR 23 HEAVY SEA COAST GUNS PLUS SEVERAL SMALLER GUNS. THE THREE BASTIONS HAD SMALL FRAME BUILDINGS USED AS OFFICES. THE CENTER COURT CONTAINS TWO HOT-SHOT FURNACES AND THE CITADEL.

THE CITADEL OF THE FORT WAS A SINGLE STORY BOMB PROOF BUILDING 70' LONG BY 24' DEEP. IN 1850 AN UPPER STORY WAS ADDED. EACH FLOOR WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS. THE BOTTOM FLOOR CONTAINED KITCHENS AND MESSING FACILITIES AND THE UPPER FLOOR WAS USED FOR OFFICERS QUARTERS. THE UPPER FLOOR WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED BY A HURRICANE AND VANDALISM. THE CENTER SECTION OF THE LOWER PORTION OF THE CITADEL HAS BEEN RESTORED.

THE ENTIRE FORT WAS SURROUNDED BY A DOUBLE MOAT WITH FORTIFIED GUN POSITIONS. ENTRANCE TO THE FORT WAS THROUGH A SALLY PORT AND ACROSS A DRAW BRIDGE. ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE OUTER MOAT THERE WAS A FRAME BUILDING 314' LONG 19' WIDE AND 11' HIGH WHICH WAS USED AS TROOP QUARTERS, OTHER SUPPORTING STRUCTURES, SUCH AS A BAKERY, QUARTER MASTERS STORES, A BATH HOUSE AND BOAT DOCK WERE ALSO OUTSIDE THE FORT. WATER WAS SUPPLIED FROM LARGE TANKS (CISTERNS) USED TO COLLECT RAINWATER OR CONDENSERS USED TO PURIFY WATER FROM THE LAKE.



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**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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE EXISTANCE OF A FORTIFICATION AT THE "RIGOLETS" (FROM THE FRENCH, RIGOLE, MEANING TRENCH OR GUTTER) IS EVIDENCED BY AN ACCOUNT OF A BRIEFING BETWEEN ADMIRAL COCHRANE AND GENERAL KEANE OF THE BRITISH FORCES PRIOR TO DECEMBER THE 8<sup>th</sup>, 1814. AT WHICH TIME VARIOUS MARINE ROUTES TO NEW ORLEANS WERE DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ROUTES VIA THE LAKES WOULD BE SHORTER, HOWEVER THE PASS THROUGH THE RIGOLETS WAS ONLY 150 YARDS WIDE AND ABOUT 5' DEEP AT THE TIME. THIS MADE A GOOD PASSAGE FOR TROOP BARGES BUT NOT FOR GUN BOATS. IT WAS STATED THAT A GOOD FORT "PETIT COQUILLE" STOOD AT THE PASS, THIS CAUSED THE BRITISH TO SEARCH OUT ANOTHER ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, THUS GAINING VALUABLE TIME FOR THE DEFENDERS.

THE PRESENT STRUCTURE WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1819 AND 1821 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LT. CHASE OF THE UNITED STATES ENGINEER CORPS AT A COST OF \$635,000. THE ORIGINAL ARMAMENT CONSISTED OF 33 THIRTY-TWO POUND CANNONS, 15 TWENTY-FOUR POUND CANNONS, 4 THIRTEEN INCH MORTARS AND 2 TEN-INCH MORTARS. REQUISITE GARRISON FOR WAR WAS 400 MEN AND FOR PEACE 80 MEN.

FORT PIKE (FORMERLY CALLED PETIT COQUILLE, FROM THE FRENCH FOR LITTLE SHELL) WAS RENAMED FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEBULON M. PIKE, WHO WAS KILLED ON APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 1813, IN AN ATTACK UPON YORK IN UPPER CANADA (NOW TORONTO). GENERAL PIKE EXPLORED A LARGE PART OF THE LOUISIANA TERRITORY, HE ALSO COMMANDED THE EXPLORATION PARTY THAT REACHED THE TOP OF ONE OF THE ROCKY'S HIGHEST PEAKS, NOW KNOWN AS PIKE'S PEAK.

IN THE WINTER OF 1860-61 WITH THE CIVIL WAR ON THE HORIZON, GOVERNOR WICKLIFFE CONVENED THE LEGISLATURE AT BATON ROUGE TO DETERMINE WHAT DIRECTION THE STATE SHOULD FOLLOW. WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE FORMAL ACT OF SECESSION, THE STATE GOVERNMENT TOOK ACTION TO POSSESS THE MILITARY POSTS IN LOUISIANA.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

GAYARRE - HISTORY OF LOUISIANA. ALCEE FORTIER, HISTORY OF LOUISIANA. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON D. C. STATE OF LOUISIANA, MILITARY DEPT. JACKSON BARRACKS, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY, PENTAGON, WASHINGTON D. C. VICTORS HISTORY OF THE REBELLION, VOL. #1.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

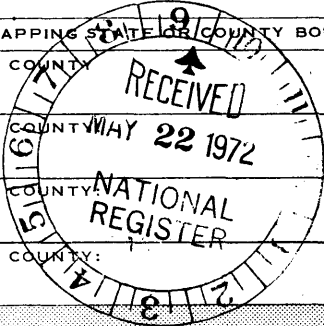
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
HERMAN C. WILLEM, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ORGANIZATION: STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION      DATE: 3/2/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
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CITY OR TOWN: BATON ROUGE      STATE: LOUISIANA      CODE: 22

**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: George W. Parks  
Chairman  
Title: St. Louisiana Historical Preservation and Cultural Commission  
Date: May 16, 1972

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

Robert M. Wiley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
Date: 8/14/72

ATTEST:  
William H. Hunt  
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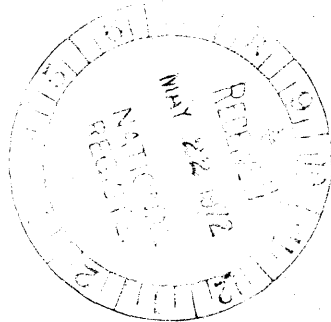
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ACCORDINGLY ON JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 1861, A DETACHMENT UNDER THE COMMAND OF A LT. MERRIMAN SEIZED FORT PIKE. ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL, 1862, THE FORT WAS EVACUATED BY THE CONFEDERATES AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER OCCUPIED BY A DETACHMENT FROM THE SEVENTH VERMONT AND EIGHTH NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIMENTS.

THE FORT REMAINED INACTIVE AFTER THE CIVIL WAR AND ON OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 1890 WAS ORDERED ABANDONED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT. ON FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 1928, THE FORT WAS ACQUIRED BY THE STATE FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR AND ON NOVEMBER 15, 1934, GOVERNOR OSCAR K. ALLEN PROCLAIMED IT A STATE MONUMENT.

SINCE BECOMING A STATE MONUMENT THE FORT RECEIVES HEAVY VISITATION BY HISTORIANS, ARCHITECTS AND STUDENTS AS WELL AS MANY TOURIST. TOTAL VISITATION FOR 1971 WAS 203,518.

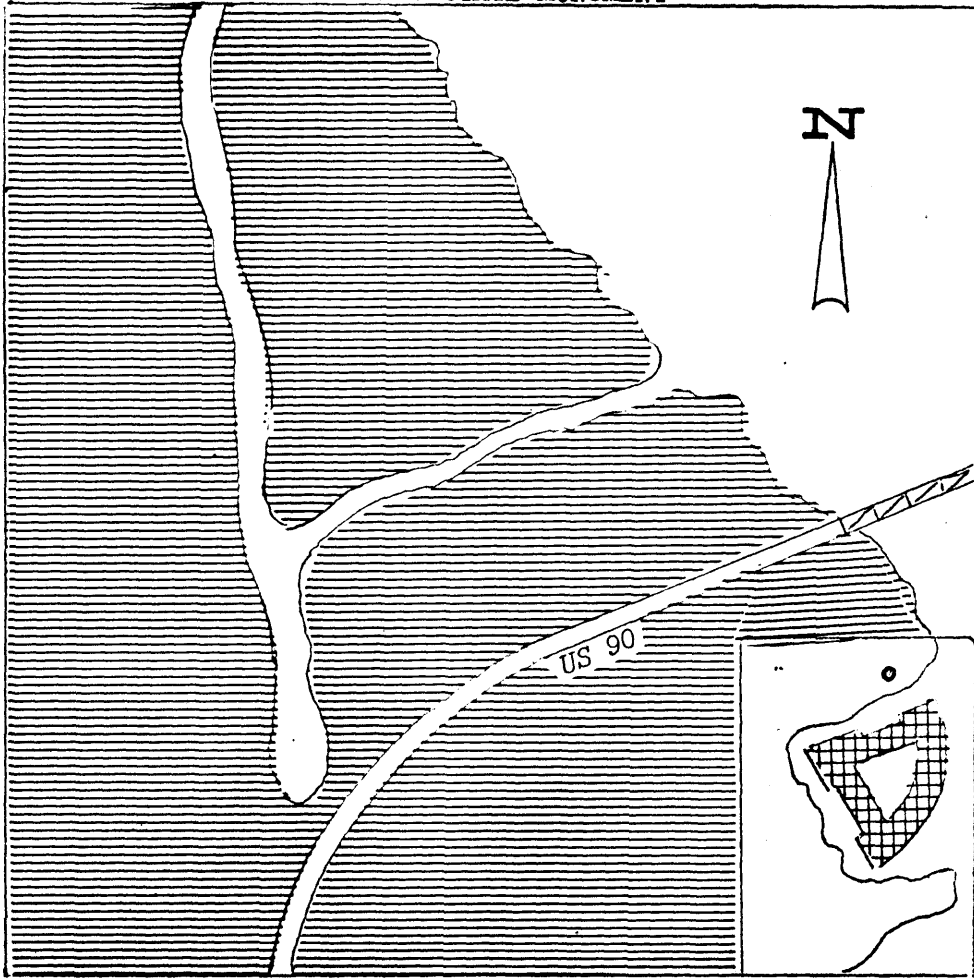


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FORT PIKE STATE MONUMENT

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Rigolets

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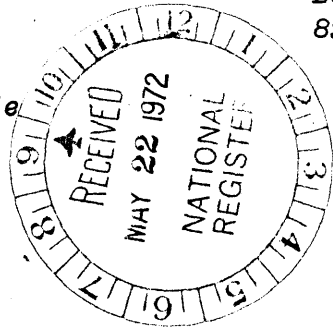
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NW/4 Rigolets 15' Quadrangle



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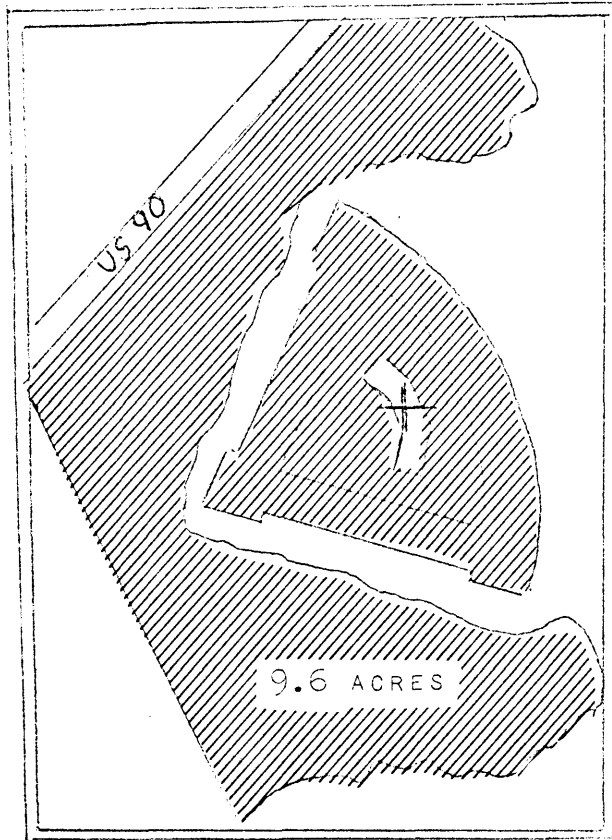
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Fort Pike Historical Monument			
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CITY OR TOWN: New Orleans			
STATE: Louisiana	CODE	COUNTY: Orleans	CODE
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
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FORT PIKE STATE MONUMENT

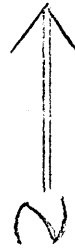
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