

Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Stewart
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ENTRY DATE OCT 10 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: (Site of Fort Henry)
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <i>off US 79 on</i> Fort Henry Road; 13.15 miles WNW of Dover, Tennessee			
CITY OR TOWN: TVA - Land Between The Lakes		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Seventh	
STATE: Tennessee	CODE: 47	COUNTY: Stewart	CODE: 161

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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. AGENCY *United States, in custody of*

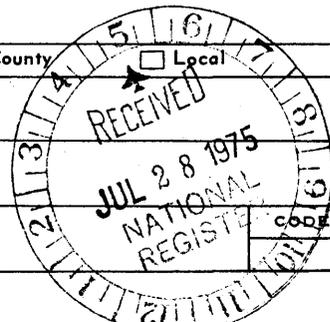
Tennessee Valley Authority, Division of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Development/Land Between The Lakes			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)		STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Golden Pond	STATE: Kentucky	CODE: 21	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Stewart County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Tennessee	CODE: 47	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> 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 entire Fort Henry complex originally consisted of a solidly constructed earth work fortification of five bastions supplemented with sandbags and a series of outer rifle pits. The inner fort contained fourteen guns, nine bore on the Tennessee River it was built to defend, and five were mounted on the land side. The outer fort consisted of a series of infantry entrenchments.

At the present time due to the impoundment of Kentucky Lake, the site of inner Fort Henry is under water. The only portion of the fort which survives in recognizable form is a series of rifle pits which originally constituted part of the outer breast works. Three sections remain. One is approximately one-fourth of a mile in length, and the other two sections form a semi-circle with a combined total of approximately one-third of a mile in length.

The earth works are somewhat lower than their original height, ranging at present from three to perhaps eight feet. Those sections of the fortification which are not under water are unaltered except by natural forms of weathering.

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B 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) **1861-1862**

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

The Union capture of Fort Henry gave them access to the Tennessee River, and after the fall of Fort Donelson eight days later the river was open into the heart of the Confederate states. This cut the Confederate states off from the old northwest and pushed their forces back further into the south. Capture of Fort Henry by the Union forces also led indirectly to the sinking, or capture by Federal forces, of all but one of the Confederate steamboats operating in the area. The value of the ironclad as a river weapon was proven by the fact that Fort Henry surrendered to a naval force and not an army force. The action also cost the Confederates seventeen pieces of artillery, five dead, eleven wounded, five missing, and seventy-eight prisoners.

Fort Henry was named for Gustavus A. Henry who represented the State of Tennessee in the Confederate senate at Richmond from 1861 to 1865, but it was Major General Bushrod Johnson who selected the site for the fort. Work on the construction of Fort Henry began on June 14, 1861. The Confederacy was trying to avoid violating the proclaimed neutrality of Kentucky and thus the fort was placed in Tennessee when actually the west bank of the river, or Kentucky, would have been a much better choice. As it was the fort was constructed on the east bank of the river at a place so low that when the river rose water would overflow into the lower parts of the works...

From the beginning of January 1862, the fort was subject to occasional shellings by Union gunboats, but on February 6, Flag Officer Andrew H. Foote and his gunboats began their attack in earnest. After a fairly hot engagement of some 75 minutes, the fort surrendered.

A Union camp was then established outside the fort following the surrender and the Union forces then went on to capture Fort Donelson.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Bearss, Edwin C. "The Fall of Fort Henry," The West Tennessee Historical Society, XVII (1963), 3.
2. Henry, J. Milton. "The Land Between the Rivers." unpublished historical research, TVA Operations Office, Golden Pond, Kentucky, pp. 273-276.

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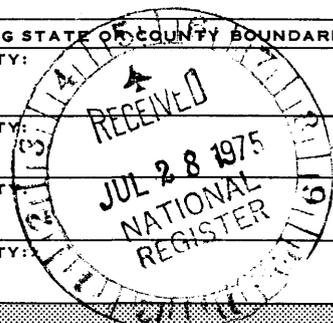
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 TEN ACRES				
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SW	36°	30'	00"	88°	02'	30"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **675**

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: J. Porter Taylor, Director		DATE: December 2, 1974
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Division of Reservoir Properties Tennessee Valley Authority		
STREET AND NUMBER: 109 West Cumberland Building		PHONE: 615-637-0101, X2955
CITY OR TOWN: Knoxville	STATE: Tennessee 37902	CODE: 47

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes
 No
 None

Herbert L. Haysen
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State

[Signature] **7/21/75**
 Federal Representative Signature Date
Director of Reservoir Properties, TVA
 Title

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

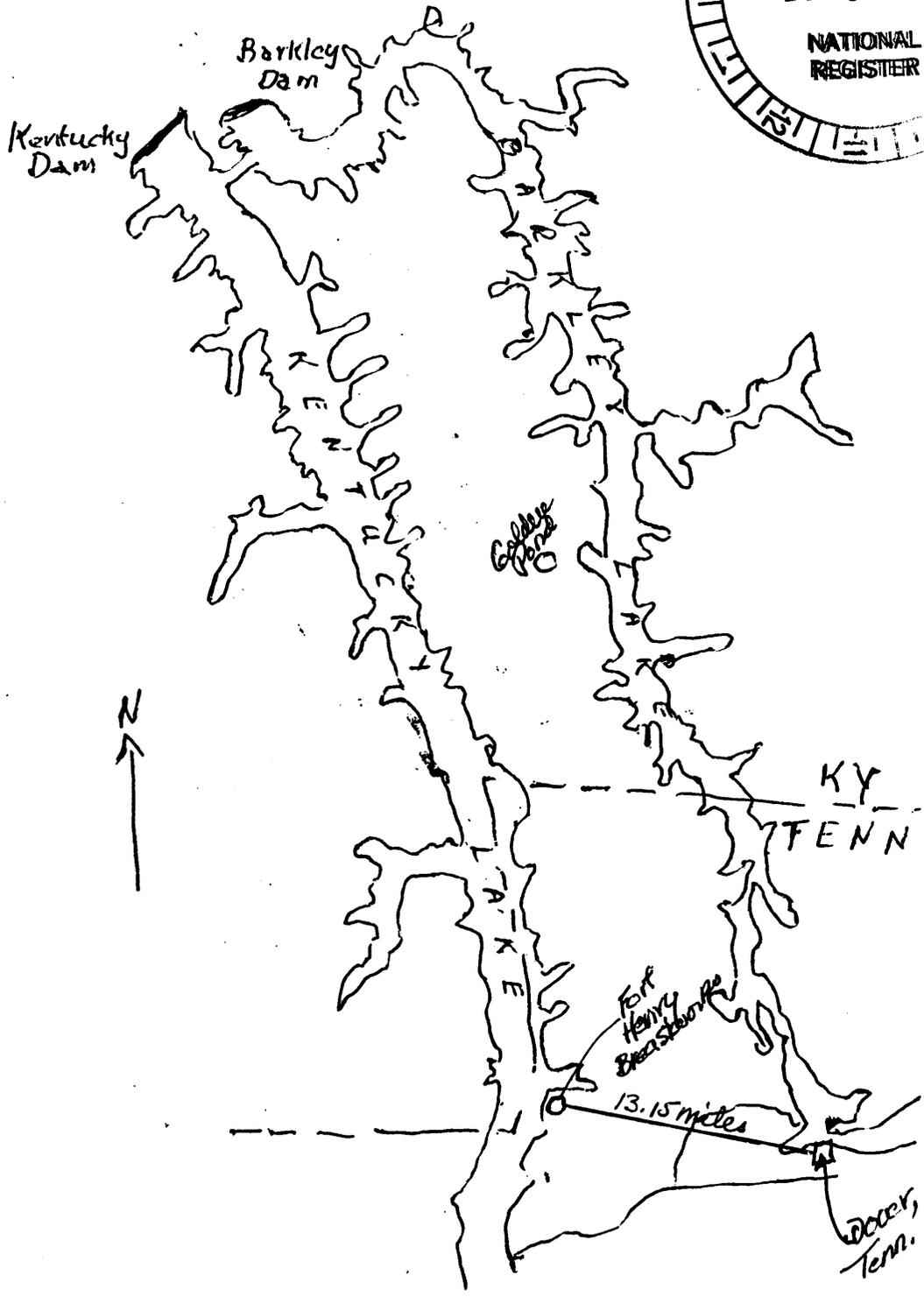
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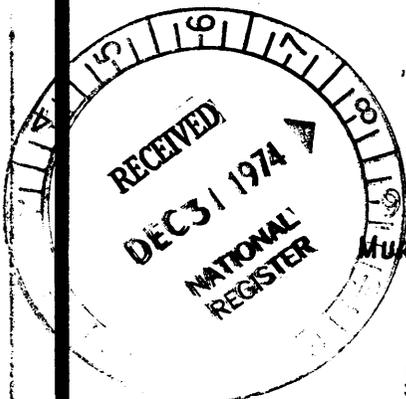
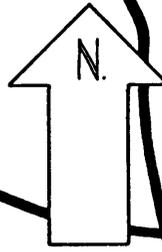
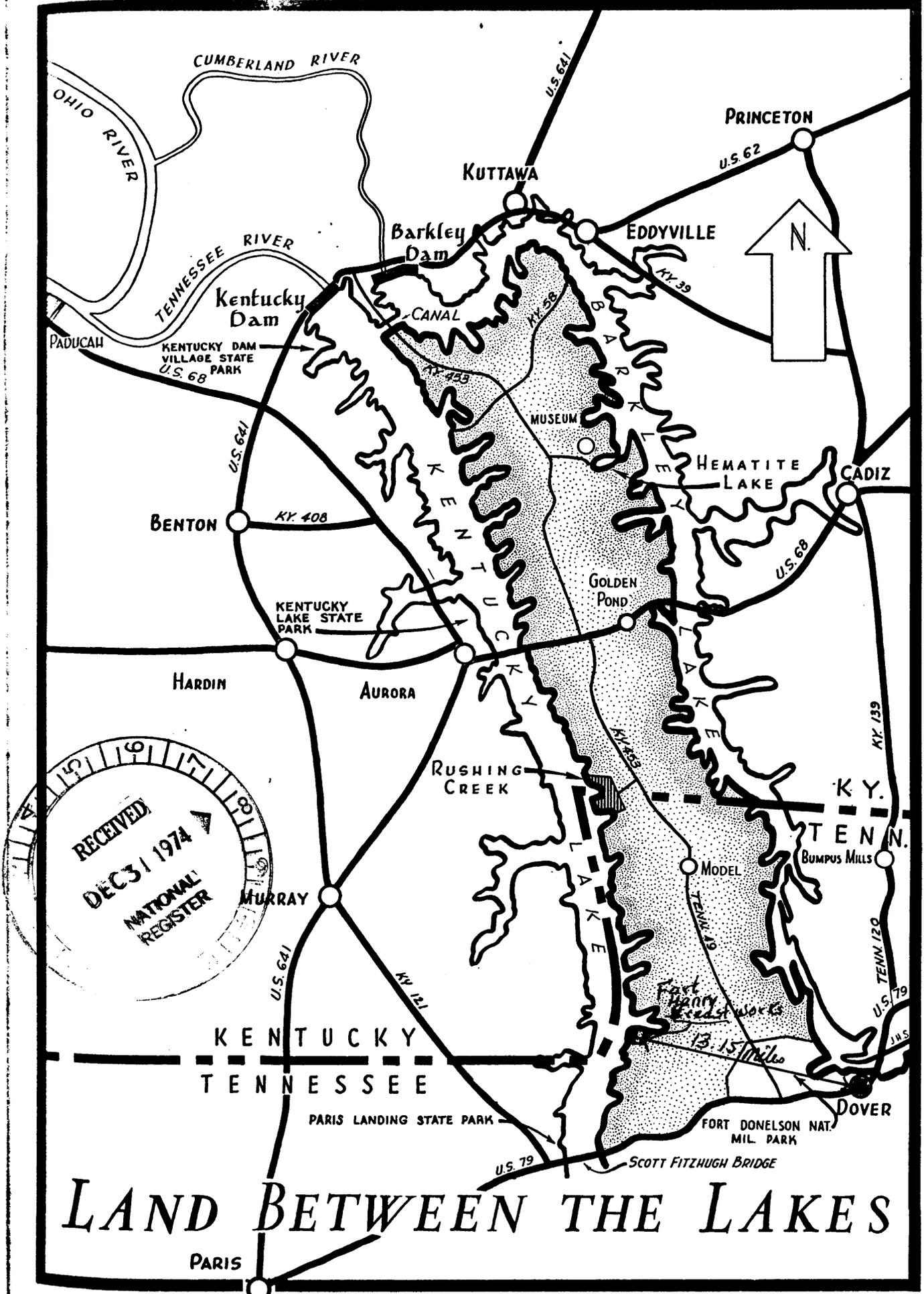
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ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date **10/9/75**





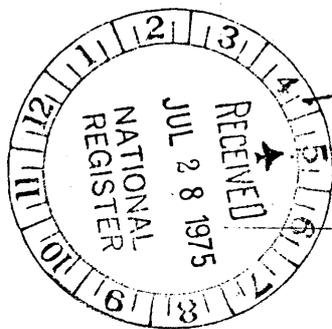
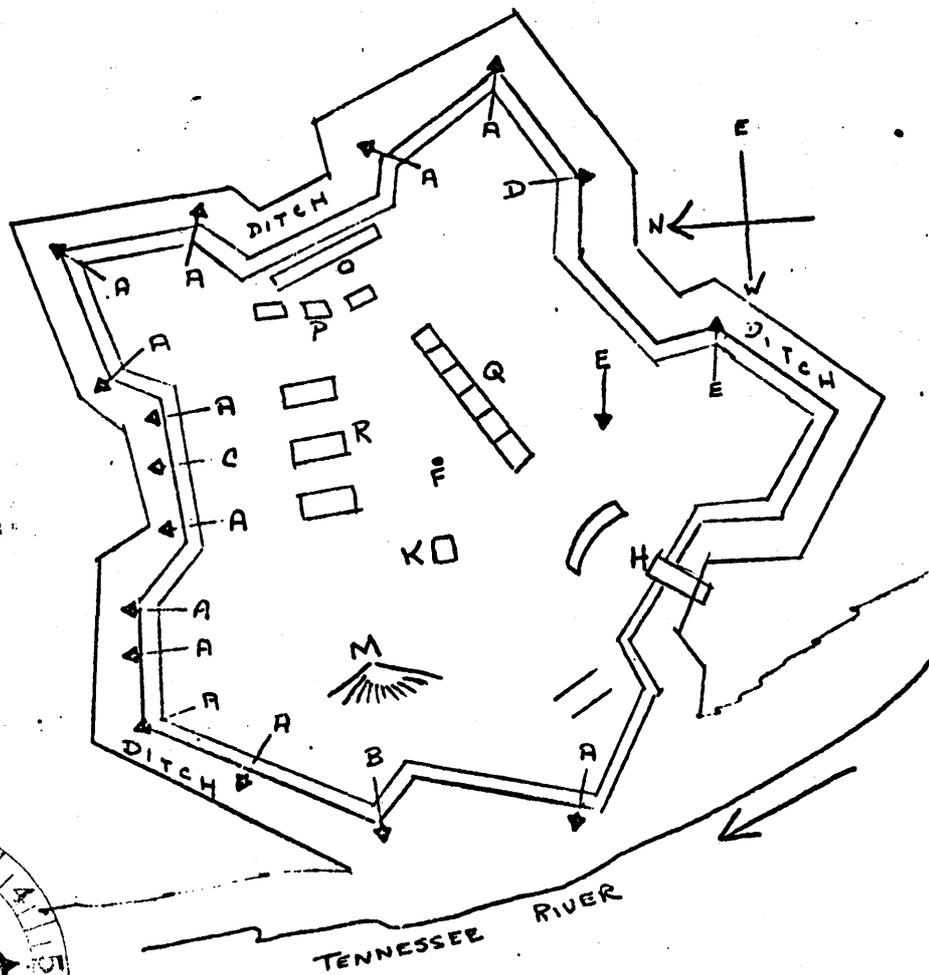
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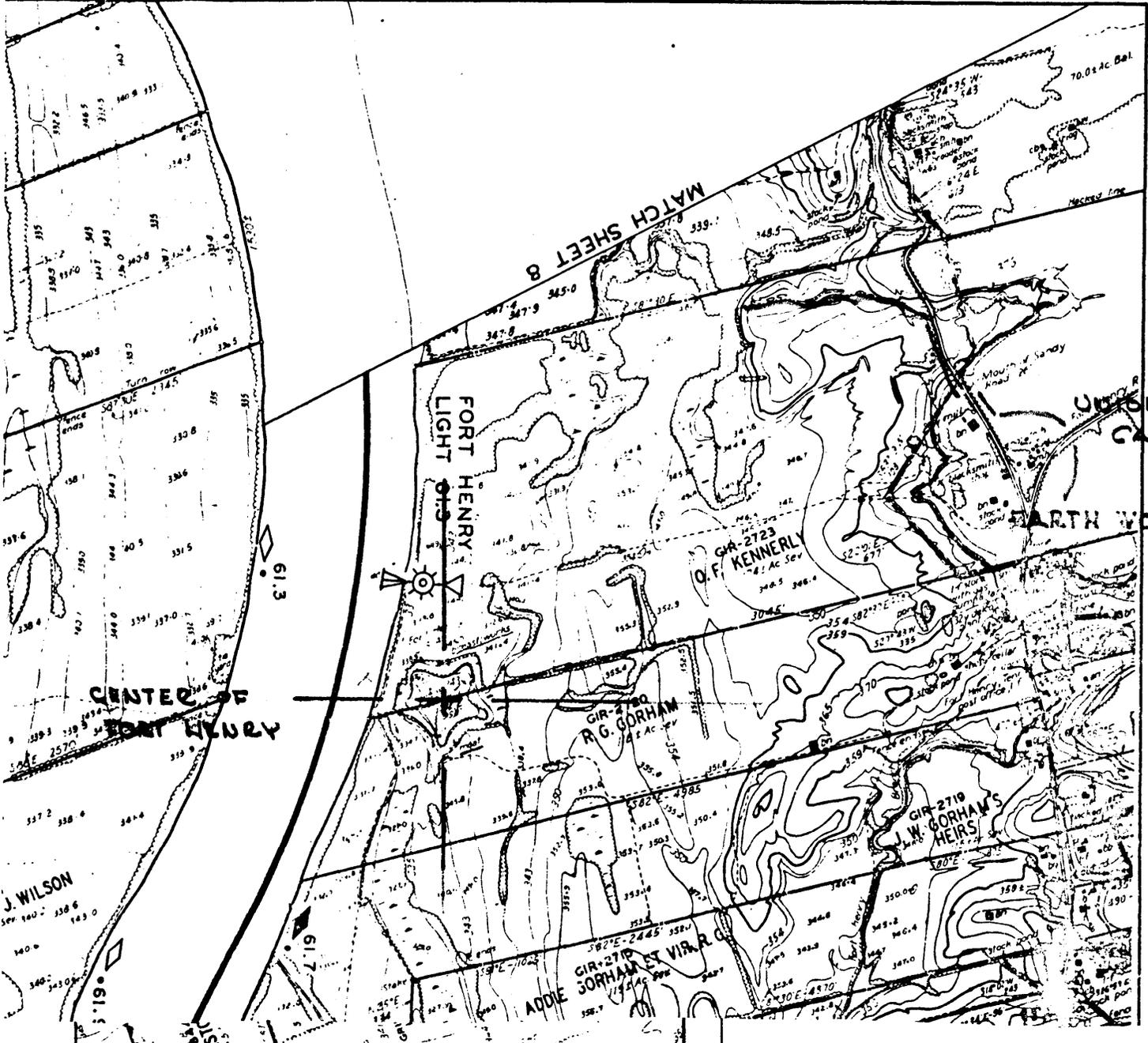
PARIS

- A - 32 Pounder Barbette Gun (12)
- B - 24 Pounder Barbette Rifled Gun (Burst)
- C - 10 Inch Columbiad
- D - 24 Pounder Seige Gun
- E - 12 Pounder Seige Gun (2)
- F - Flagstaff
- H - Drawbridge
- K - Well
- M - Magazine
- O - Ordnance Stores
- Q - Quarters
- P - Adjutants Quarters
- R - Officers Quarters

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COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

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