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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

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HISTORIC Camp Parapet Powder Magazine

AND/OR COMMON Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER ~~End~~ of Arlington Street, east of Causeway Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Metairie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd - Mrs. Lindy Boggs

STATE

Louisiana

CODE
22

COUNTY
Jefferson

CODE
051

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Jefferson Parish

Park to be created

STREET & NUMBER
Second and Derbigny Streets

CITY, TOWN

Gretna

VICINITY OF

STATE

Louisiana

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson Parish New Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Second and Derbigny Streets

CITY, TOWN

Gretna

STATE

Louisiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1969

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Regional Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN

New Orleans

STATE

Louisiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Camp Parapet is a brick powder magazine originally situated in a redoubt (a temporary outlying fortification used for defense). It was part of the extensive fortifications built along Metairie Ridge to protect New Orleans and Jefferson Parish from Union assaults from the northwest. The site is at the dead end of Arlington Street just east of Causeway Boulevard between the River Road and Jefferson Highway.

On June 29, 1861, the New Orleans Common Council formed a military and civil engineer commission to design the city's fortifications with Major Benjamin Buisson as its president. Buisson immediately drew up plans for surrounding the city and work was begun on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish on July 16th. Due to internal strife among the landowners, whose property was seized, and protests from the Jefferson Parish Police Jury, work on the defenses was halted on July 31st and not resumed until mid-August.

A Times-Picayune newspaper account of September 15, 1861, states the fortification of the lower section of the city (Camp Parapet) was commenced as of August 22nd. Major Martin Luther Smith, the Confederate state engineer, was in charge of construction and Gabriel and Carrejolles were the contractors. J. W. Burek, William Henry and Lt. B. M. Harrod of the Louisiana State Artillery were detailed as assistant engineers.

As built, the defenses consisted of a zig-zag earthen embankment roughly paralleling the present route of Causeway Boulevard from the river toward the lake extending to a point north of Metairie Road. At either end was a redoubt. On the lakeside at the edge of a swamp was Fort Star, a star-shaped earthen parapet with a magazine.

Near the river was Camp Parapet, an irregularly shaped earthen redoubt enclosing a powder magazine, an observatory, a hot-shot furnace, officer quarters and a guard house. The earth works were nine feet high and fronted by a ditch 30 feet wide and 6 feet deep.

Today, the brick powder magazine is the only remaining structure. It consists of a twenty foot long, four foot high tunnel that leads into an eight by fifteen foot interior room where the explosives were stored. A wrought iron gate still exists at the tunnel opening and at the entrance to the interior room. Originally the entire structure was covered with a mound of earth for added protection. Only the front gate and a small vent at the top of the earthen mound were exposed. Now the entire powder magazine is exposed and no trace of the earthen mound remains. This makes the tall brick vent appear to be a chimney. Actually, the air vent was fitted with iron grills at the opening so as to prevent any fire or artillery from dropping into the storage area.

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7. Description (cont'd)

The brick magazine is still structurally sound and is in remarkably good condition. Jefferson Parish owns approximately 29,100 square feet of land surrounding the structure. From Arlington Street a cul-de-sac encircles the magazine and beyond this area there are houses and other residential-related buildings.

Plans are being proposed by the Jefferson Parish Bicentennial Commission to preserve the magazine and create a small park with landscaped walkways and seating accommodations. An arch will be erected at the entrance to the park on Arlington Street, and a fence will surround the area. Restoration work on the magazine, though not extensive, will include repointing the brickwork and replacing cracked bricks.

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		
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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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Camp Parapet Powder Magazine is of local importance because it is the only surviving Civil War military structure in Jefferson Parish. Although no significant military action took place in the parish, Camp Parapet and other fortifications were part of an elaborate ring of military structures around the City of New Orleans and smaller surrounding communities. The plan for these fortifications was devised by the Common Council of the City of New Orleans.

On June 29, 1861, the Common Council formed a military and civil engineer commission for the purpose of designing the inner defenses of the city. Major Benjamin Buisson was named as its head by Louisiana Governor Thomas Moore.

Major Buisson was born in France in 1793 at the height of the French Revolution and was graduated in the spring of 1813 from the Ecole Polytechnique. He became an artillery officer in Emperor Napoleon's army and was awarded the Legion of Honor in 1814. After the fall of Paris, Buisson came to New Orleans in 1817 where his cousins were living.

In New Orleans he became an architect, engineer, contractor and surveyor. Among his works was an early Custom House for New Orleans built in 1819. As a surveyor and engineer for the growing Parish of Jefferson, he laid out villages and faubourgs in what is now uptown New Orleans, including the City of Lafayette in 1832. He was a member of an early Jefferson Parish Police Jury, and today a large Jefferson family, the Arnoults, are direct descendents of Buisson. He died in 1874 with the rank of Brigadier General and is buried in New Orleans in St. Louis Cemetery No. 2.

Alterations to Buisson's fortification plan of the city were made by Major Martin Luther Smith employed as a district engineer for the Confederate army. He moved Buisson's original plan for Camp Parapet one half mile upstream from the Carrollton location "where its view is unobstructed and range given for the largest gun". Because of protestations of local landowners over their property being siezed for military purposes, the Confederate government assumed the authority to build the defense line under the direction of Major Smith.

Martin Luther Smith was a native of New York and an 1838 West Point graduate with the rank of second lieutenant, topographical engineer. His assignments included service in the Mexican War and he was made captain in 1860

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 Mrs. Bethlyn J. McCloskey, Chairperson/W. Eugene White, Parish Planner

ORGANIZATION Jefferson Parish Environmental Board and Community Development Agency DATE August 1976

STREET & NUMBER 3330 N. Causeway Boulevard TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Metairie STATE Louisiana

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 National Park Service.

~~STATE REPRESENTATIVE~~ SIGNATURE *Fritz S. DeCompte*

TITLE Louisiana Asst. SHPO

DATE February 2, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles H. ... DATE 5-24-77
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION Acting Keeper
 ATTEST: *...* DATE 5/24/77
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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while still in U. S. Service. Upon entering the Confederacy he was made a major. Toward the end of the war, he was instrumental in the defense of Vicksburg.

The powder magazine and its associate structures and embankments were originally name Fort John Morgan by Major General M. Lovell, C. S. A. John Morgan was an American Confederate soldier born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1823. He served in the Mexican War and was commissioned a Colonel following the Battle of Shiloh.

Camp Parapet and nearby Fort Star served as the northwestern defense line of New Orleans. At the time of the Civil War the present day neighborhood of Carrollton in the City of New Orleans (Orleans Parish) was an incorporated city located within Jefferson Parish and was the parish seat of government. The area to the west was known as "above Carrollton" and consisted of high land along Metairie Ridge toward the Mississippi River and a large cypress-gum-tupelo swamp and marshes extending toward Lake Pontchartrain. It was in this area that Camp Parapet was located.

The camp was located near the river surrounded by a zig-zagging earthen redoubt enclosing powder magazines, an observatory, a hot-shot furnace, officers quarters and a guard house. Today only the one powder magazine, used for the storage of explosives, remains. In military terminology, a parapet is a wall or bank used to protect troops from frontal enemy fire, and from this the camp took its name.

From Camp Parapet an earthwork fortification extended across Metairie Ridge toward the edge of the swamp to Fort Star. Fort Star or Star Redoubt, so named because it was shaped like a ten-pointed star, consisted of a powder magazine surrounded by a parapet. Today, the approximate location of the fort would be near Causeway Boulevard and 45th Street.

Nearby Confederate encampments included Camp Williams near Metairie Ridge to the east; Camp Walker at the old Metairie Race Track, now Metairie Cemetery, and Camp Lewis, below Carrollton to the east. No structures at any of these camps survive today.

Confederate troops were stationed at Camp Parapet in 1861. During the first few months of the war the camp took on a party atmosphere. Barbeques and balls wer held frequently. One of the main duties of the camp was to guard the nearby New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad. In April, 1862, New Orleans was attacked from downriver under the command of Union Admiral Farragut. Soon Federal troops took control of Camp Parapet.

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8. Significance (cont'd)

A description of the Union take over is found in a May 21, 1862, Harper's Weekly. "The work" it stated, referring to the powder magazine, "was well constructed."

After the Union forces took over, they strengthened Camp Parapet and erected a new fort, Fort Banks, across the Mississippi River located under the present day Huey P. Long Bridge. Fort Banks was probably built to provide crossfire with Camp Parapet, in case of a Confederate attack by river.

Behind Camp Parapet to the east was located the blacksmith shop, a grocery store and contraband (former Negro slaves) quarters. North of Camp Parapet behind the line of fortification was the camp ground and the camp of the heavy artillery near Bayou Metairie. Just outside the fortification line was the camp cemetery. A small cemetery still exists on the site today along Scott Street near Causeway Boulevard. No markers relating to the Civil War period can be found, however.

Diseases were prevalent because of unsanitary conditions and the low lying land. Adding to this problem were the refugee slaves who flocked to the camp for food and shelter after the Union command issued a declaration that freed slaves and homeless Negroes had to be fed and housed.

Union General Benjamin F. Butler was put in command of New Orleans and surrounding areas, although he did not participate in Farragut's capture of the city. Later called dictatorial and corrupt, he possessed great intelligence. He was despised by Orleanians and called "Beast" or "Spoons" Butler.

Butler found employment for some of the slaves, but excluded all unemployed persons, black or white, from the camps. Camp Parapet was under the command of Brigadier General John W. Phelps, a staunch abolitionist who actually encouraged all the Negroes to come to the Camp. Phelps wanted to change Butler's policies regarding the slaves. He suggested that the blacks be organized through apprenticeship programs that would help them to transcend the gap between slavery and freedom.

The Federal Government straddled the fence concerning the issue and Butler did the same. Phelps could not reconcile his beliefs with this policy and so resigned. By the fall of 1862 there were some 10,000 former slaves in the New Orleans area to be cared for. Many Negroes, however, were organized into regiments with the nucleus of these troops being free blacks.

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After the war, a Negro farm community composed of former slaves from nearby plantations and the Negroes that remained at Camp Parapet settled in the area around the camp. Many blacks are still living in the area today in what is referred to as Shrewsbury or Harlem, one of Jefferson's largest black communities. Causeway Boulevard in this area was formerly known as Harlem Boulevard. Henry Arnoult, a grandson of Benjamin Buisson stated in a news article of May 3, 1936, that he grew up in the vicinity of Camp Parapet and remembers the blacks in the area wearing their blue union caps and jackets.

In the late 1800's through the 1920's the arsenal served as the Jefferson Parish East Bank Lockup. During part of its history it also housed poultry and livestock.

In 1963 the area was cleaned up and dedicated by Jefferson Parish, which owns 29,100 square feet of land surrounding Camp Parapet. The Parish Council is supporting efforts to provide a proper setting befitting this historic structure.

Property Camp Parapet Powder Magazine

77000471
Jefferson Parish

State Louisiana Working Number 2.7.77.232

TECHNICAL

Photos 8
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 2.8.77

HISTORIAN

Accept
L.B. Franklin
4.18.77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Lobovich
4.18.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4/22/77

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Hajance
5/29/77

KEEPER

Herring
5.27.77

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6.7.77

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1. Camp Parapet Powder Magazine
2. Metairie, La. *Jefferson Parish*
3. Nolan B. Orgeron
4. Winter 1976
5. 3300 N. Causeway Blvd. Metairie, La.
6. View from southeast showing front and entrance to powder magazine
7. No. 1 *of 8*

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6. View from southeast, showing closeup of entrance *Commissioner*
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6. View from northeast, showing front and right side
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Commission

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CAMP PARAPET

REMAINS OF OLD POWDER MAGAZINE
PART OF CIVIL WAR FORTIFICATIONS WHICH
EXTENDED FROM THE RIVER NORTHWARD
ABOUT 1/4 MILES PAST METAIRIE ROAD.
CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 1861 BY THE
CONFEDERATES AND CONTINUED AFTER
THE FALL OF NEW ORLEANS BY UNION
FORCES WHICH OCCUPIED THE AREA WITH
"MANY NEGRO TROOPS AND CONTRABANDS."

DANGER

RENOVATION WORK
\$500 FINE
FOR TRESPASSING
OR DEFACEING
THIS PROPERTY

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6. View from west, showing left side and rear
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5. 3300 N. Causeway Blvd., Metairie, La.
6. View from west, showing approach down
Arlington Street to Powder Magazine
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~~Member~~ **NOLAN B. ORGERON**
PHOTOGRAPHERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOC.
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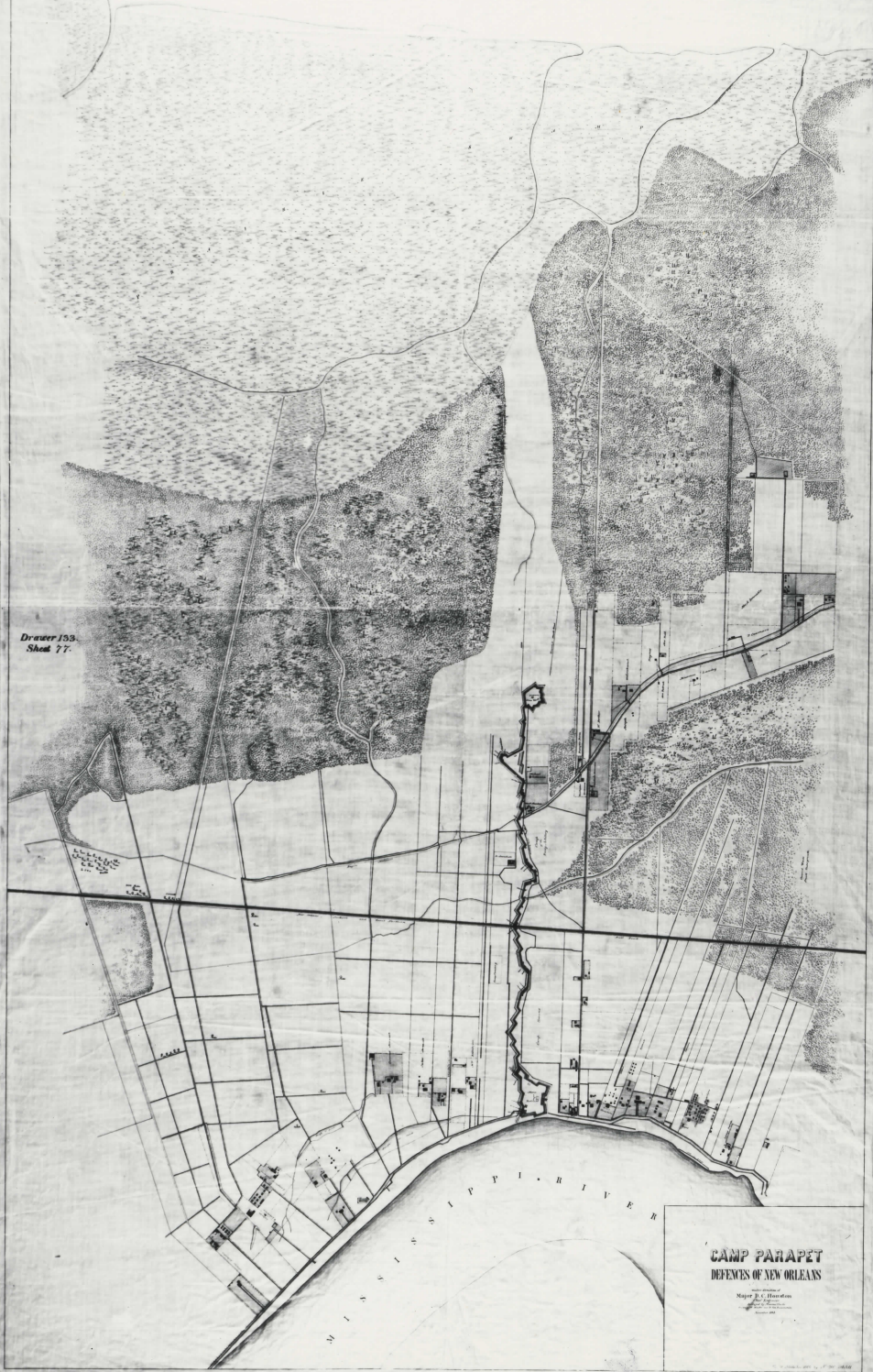
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2. Metairie, La. *Jefferson Parish*
3. Unknown
4. Around 1900(?) - photo from glass plate
negative
5. Betsy Swanson, 1204 Napoleon, New Orleans,
La.
6. Front of powder magazine when still covered
by mound of earth - view from east
7. No. 6 *28*

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*Plan of Camp Parapet for the 1860s
(1860-1861)*

L A K E
V O N T C H A R T R A I N



Drawer 153.
Sheet 77.

CAMP PARAPET
DEFENSES OF NEW ORLEANS
Major J. G. Harbord
1860-1861

1. Camp Parapet Powder Magazine
2. Metairie, La. *Jefferson Parish*
3. Cartographic Archives Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C.
4. 1865
5. Betsy Swanson, 1204 Napoleon, New Orleans, La.
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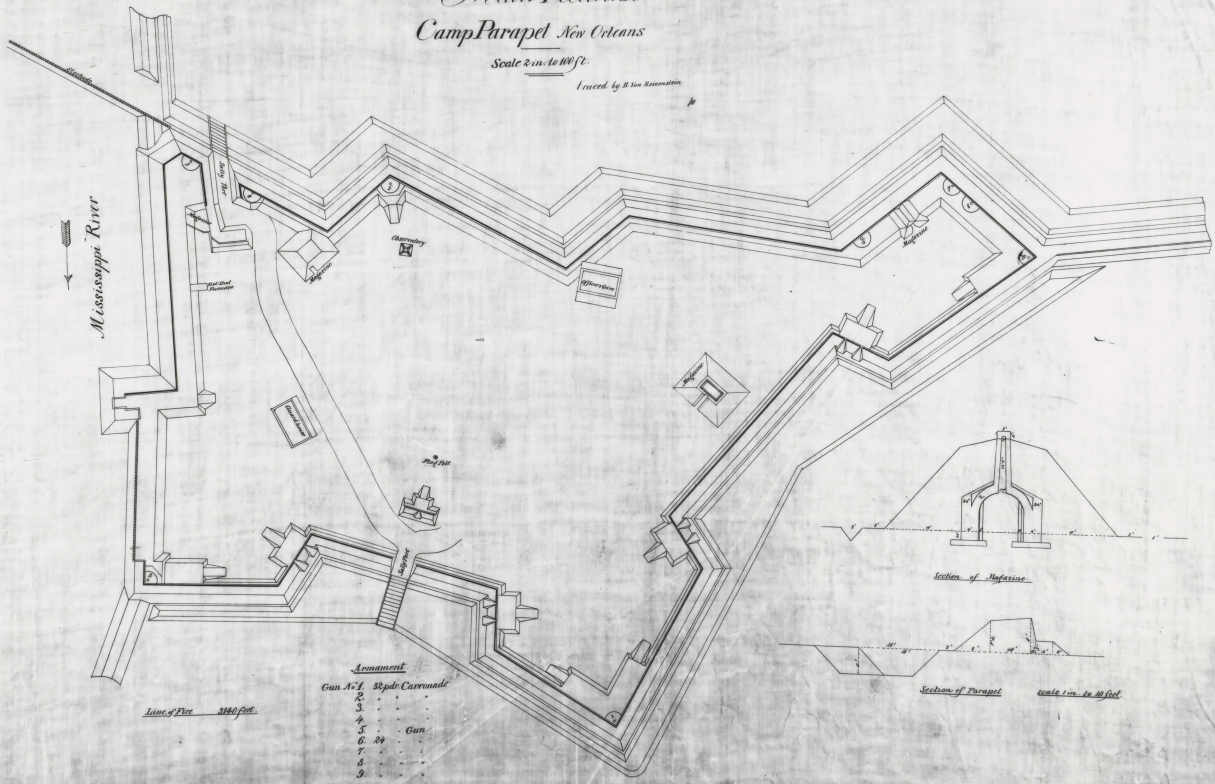
Plan of Camp Parapet (Jan. 20, 1865)
(A. 1866)

Office Chief Engineer, Dept. of the Gulf

Main Redoubt
Camp Parapet New Orleans

Scale 2 in. to 100 ft.

Traced by B. Van Rensselaer



- Armament
- Gun No. 1. 32 lb. Carronade
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 - 3
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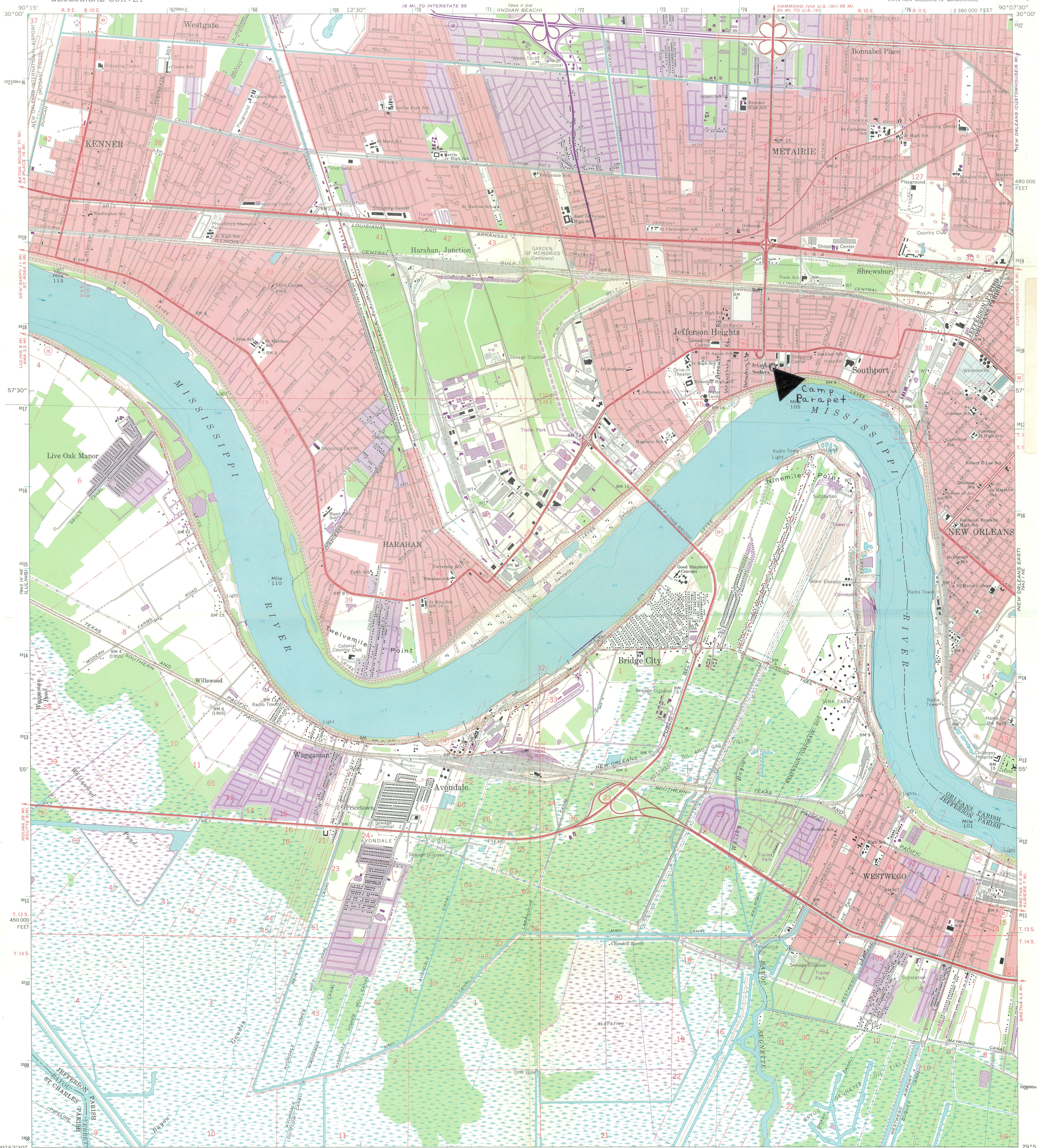
Section of Parapet scale 1 in. to 10 feet

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4. 1865
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6. Main Redoubt - Camp Parapet - New Orleans
7. No. 8 *48*

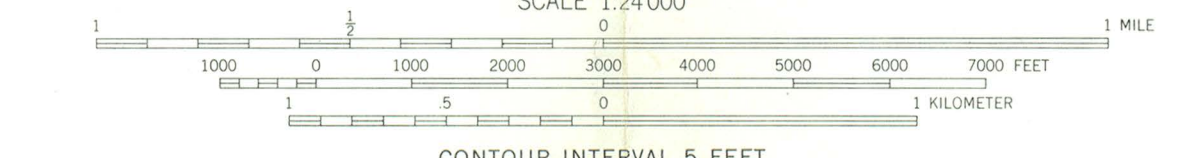
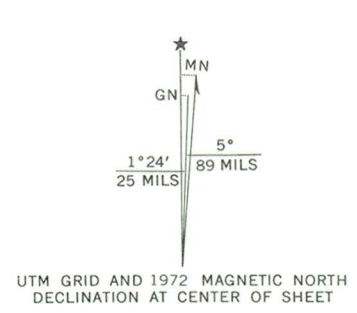
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Control by USGS and USC&GS
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1964. Topography by planetable surveys 1965
Supersedes map dated 1951
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 1269 (1963) and
497 (1964). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Louisiana coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
City of New Orleans and Orleans Parish are coextensive
All or part of this quadrangle lies within a subsidence area
Bench marks have been adjusted to 1964 leveling unless otherwise
indicated by parenthetical dates



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
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SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1/4 FOOT
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FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION
LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS WEST, LA.
NW/4 NEW ORLEANS 15' QUADRANGLE
N 29°52.5' W 90°07.5' E

1965
PHOTOREVISED 1972
AMS 7943 1 NW—SERIES W885

NEW ORLEANS MAP CO., INC.
3130 Paris Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70119

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Giardina,
the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 28008

15 1976
A resolution requesting the Federal Funds Coordinator to submit the necessary application for nominating the Camp Parapet Powder Magazine as an historic structure on the National Register of Historic Places and authorizing the Chairman of this Council, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman to submit an application of \$90,000 for the preservation of Camp Parapet.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council by previous resolutions and ordinances has endorsed the plans for the preservation of Camp Parapet; and

WHEREAS, designation of Camp Parapet on the National Register will make this project eligible for federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Camp Parapet is also eligible for additional funding from the State Department of Public Works and the Ozarks Regional Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, does hereby request the Federal Funds Coordinator to submit the necessary application for nominating the Camp Parapet Powder Magazine as an historic structure on the National Register of Historic Places and authorizing the Chairman of this Council, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman to submit an application of \$90,000 for the preservation of Camp Parapet.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

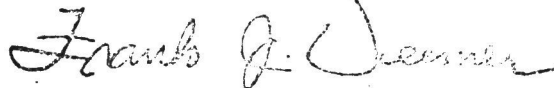
YEAS: 4

NAYS: None ABSENT: (3) Lawson, Ackel & Donelon

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 15th day of July, 1976.

RHW/wb
7/15/76

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.



FRANK J. DEEMER, PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL

AUG 31 1976

JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Giardina, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 28008

A resolution requesting the Federal Funds Coordinator to submit the necessary application for nominating the Camp Parapet Powder Magazine as an historic structure on the National Register of Historic Places and authorizing the Chairman of this Council, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman to submit an application of \$90,000 for the preservation of Camp Parapet.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council by previous resolutions and ordinances has endorsed the plans for the preservation of Camp Parapet; and

WHEREAS, designation of Camp Parapet on the National Register will make this project eligible for federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Camp Parapet is also eligible for additional funding from the State Department of Public Works and the Ozarks Regional Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, does hereby request the Federal Funds Coordinator to submit the necessary application for nominating the Camp Parapet Powder Magazine as an historic structure on the National Register of Historic Places and authorizing the Chairman of this Council, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman to submit an application of \$90,000 for the preservation of Camp Parapet.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: None ABSENT: (3) Lawson, Ackel & Donelon

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the 15th day of July, 1976.

RHW/wb
7/15/76

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

FRANK J. DEEMER, PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL



Proposed
CAMP PARAPET
Construction Phasing

PHASE I

A. Powder Magazine Restoration	\$ 6,500.00
B. Construction of Entrance Gate and Fencing	\$ 3,500.00
Total Phase I	\$10,000.00

PHASE II

A. Underground Utilities	\$12,000.00
B. First Phase Walkways, Benches and Trash Receptacles	\$10,428.00
C. First Phase Planting	\$ 8,189.00
D. Fence Construction	\$ 8,500.00
Total Phase II	\$39,117.00

PHASE III

A. Second Phase Walkways, Benches and Trash Receptacles	\$ 8,272.00
B. Second Phase Planting	\$ 6,350.00
C. Structures and Lighting	\$18,000.00
Total Phase III	\$32,622.00

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST \$81,739.00

CONTINGENCIES

And

ENGINEERING FEES (10%) \$ 8,173.90

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$89,912.90



STATE OF LOUISIANA

Historical and Cultural Preservation Agency

CAPITOL, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70801

(504) 389-5086

September 1, 1976

Camp Parapet Powder Magazine in Metairie, Louisiana
is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is a program of the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 98-665) as amended.

Placement on the National Register of Historic Places does not infringe property ownership rights but rather offers a measure of protection from federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings. It also makes private property owners eligible to be considered for federal grants-in-aid through their state programs.

The State Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation Agency has been designated the State Historic Preservation Office by the Governor of Louisiana and as such is the state agency that works with the National Register program. The procedures for both the state and federal-level reviews of proposed National Register properties may be found in 36 CFR 60 as published in the Federal Register of Tuesday, February 10, 1976.

The property under consideration is located at the end of Arlington Street, east of Causeway Boulevard in Metairie, Jefferson Parish. The owners of the property are listed as Jefferson Parish, Second and Derbigny Streets, Gretna, Louisiana. The area involved includes approx. .7 of 1 acre.

Camp Parapet Powder Magazine is the only surviving civil war military structure in Jefferson Parish. Although no significant military action took place in the parish, Camp Parapet and other fortifications were part of an elaborate ring of military structures around the City of New Orleans and smaller surrounding cities. As a part of the defense system for New Orleans, Camp Parapet was designed by Major Benjamin Buisson, although the plans were later altered by Major Martin Luther Smith. Confederate troops were stationed at Camp Parapet in 1861, but after 1861 Union troops occupied the site. Now only the Powder Magazine remains.

Anyone wishing to present his views on the nomination of this property or its significance should submit them in writing to the State Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation Agency, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801 by September 16, 1976.



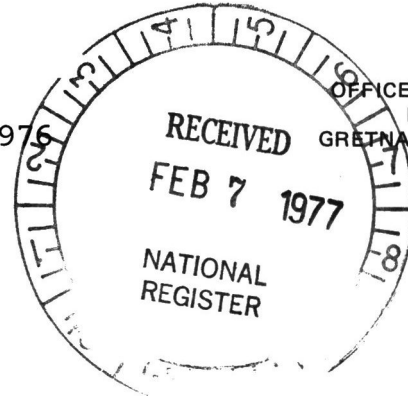
JEFFERSON PARISH LOUISIANA

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September 10, 1976



OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL
P. O. BOX 9
GRETNA, LOUISIANA 70054

State Art, Historical & Cultural Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Baton Rouge, La. 70801

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 28008 adopted by the Jefferson Parish Council on July 15, 1976 with regard to the nomination of Camp Parapet Powder Magazine in Metairie, Louisiana to the National Register of Historic Places.

Yours very truly,

Jefferson Parish Council

Frank J. Deemer
Frank J. Deemer, Parish Clerk

FJDdhg
Enclosure



STATE OF LOUISIANA

State Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation Agency

OLD STATE CAPITOL, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70801

(504) 389-5086

EDWIN EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

February 2, 1977

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief, Registration
National Register, NPS
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed is the signed, dated nomination form with all photos, maps and notification and responses to notification for placing Camp Parapet Powder Magazine, Jefferson Parish on the National Register.

If there are any questions or additional information needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth S. LeCompte
Assistant State Historic Preservation
Officer

RSL/bc

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE LOUISIANA

Date Entered MAY 24 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Camp Parapet Powder Magazine	Metairie Jefferson Parish
Prudhomme, Michel, Home	Opelousas St. Landry Parish

Also Notified

Hon. Russell B. Long
Hon. J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.
Hon. Corinna C. (Lindy) Boggs
Hon. Gillis W. Long

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Sandra S. Thompson
Old State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

Regional Director, Southwest Region

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Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Reply to:

Lake Plaza South, Suite 616
44 Union Boulevard
Lakewood, CO 80228

July 22, 1980

Mr. W. Eugene White
Jefferson Parish
Department of Community Development Programs
3330 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 305
Metairie, Louisiana 70002

COPY

Dear Mr. White:

The Council has received from the firm of Koch and Wilson, Architects, the project plans and specifications for the restoration of Camp Parapet Powder Magazine, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The architects ask for the Council's review and approval of the material.

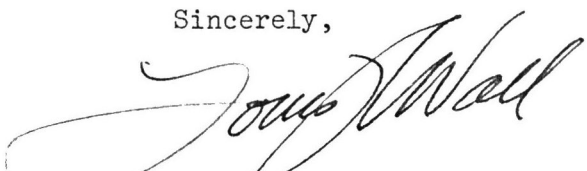
We are uncertain if this action was intended to fulfill the Parish's compliance responsibilities with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. It may well be that the architects were acting at your request to provide the Council with the necessary plans and specifications. However, the Council may not act in the matter until it receives data conforming to the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). This material was sent to you with our letter dated June 30, 1980.

Please note that, as recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds, the Parish must consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and obtain his comments regarding the potential effects of the project on the National Register listed property, Camp Parapet. The SHPO's comments, along with your agency's determination of effect, must be provided to the Council in order to meet Section 106 compliance responsibility. When the Council receives this material from the Parish, it will then be in a position to offer comment per its regulations.

We urge your office to initiate the compliance procedure by contacting the SHPO and obtaining his comments on the restoration project at the earliest opportunity. The Council will commence its review process when the Parish provides it with the required documentation as detailed in Sections 800.3 through 800.5 of its regulations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review

Jefferson Parish Co. LOUISIANA

July 27, 1978

Mr. W. Eugene White
Planner
Jefferson Parish Planning Department
3330 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

Dear Mr. White:

On June 29, 1977, the Council responded to your letter of May 25, 1977, concerning the first phase of restoring Camp Parapet powder magazine, a property which has since been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and renovating the small park surrounding it; a copy of that letter is enclosed for your reference.

Because a year has elapsed, and because the property has now been listed in the National Register, the Council requests that you immediately furnish it with a status report on the project and the information requested in our previous letter, and further, that you outline the steps being taken to comply with Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 300).

Should you have questions or need assistance in providing the requested information, please contact Michael H. Bureman at (303) 234-4946. The Council appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

Louis S. Wall
Assistant Director, Office
of Review and Compliance

cc: Chairman
SHPO:LA
FLO:HUD, Sweeney
HCRS:NR
ORC:JKING
FILE:LA/Camp Parapet Powder Magazine/106/County/Restore
JK 7/27/78

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**JEFFERSON PARISH
LOUISIANA**

Bob

OFFICE OF PARISH PRESIDENT

JOSEPH S. YENNI
PARISH PRESIDENT

*Camp Parapet Powder Magazine
listed 5/24/80
LA*

27 October 1980
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ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BY *Joseph Wall*

Mr. Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division of Project Review
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Lake Plaza South, Suite 616
44 Union Boulevard
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

RE: CAMP PARAPET, JEFFERSON PARISH

COPY

Dear Mr. Wall:

Pursuant to the Guidelines of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36CFR Part 800), Jefferson Parish Community Development Agency, as Agency Official, here by request a determination of effect on the Camp Parapet Project, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Plans and specifications have already been forwarded to your office by Koch and Wilson Architects. Enclosed is also a clarification letter dated July 22, 1980 from Koch and Wilson to the Louisiana Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism explaining the project.

In our opinion, the project will have no adverse effect on the National Register Property. The effect will be of a beneficial nature and will help stabilize and preserve the structure, as well as prevent flooding of the magazine. The Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism concurs. Enclosed is a copy of their letter. Hopefully, your office will concur.

Your prompt determination will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Yenni
Joseph S. Yenni
Parish President

RJC/mhf
cc: Koch and Wilson Architects
Enc.

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4.18.77
 Reviewer: NE

INITIALS: LETBOURNE

DOE

MAY 24 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Camp Parapet Powder Magazine

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: Arlington St., E of Causeway Blvd.

CITY, TOWN: Metairie CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd

STATE: Louisiana 22 VICINITY OF: COUNTY: Jefferson code: 51

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 4	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 5	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown - 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 7	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 8	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - 9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- military
 now- eventual park

SIGNIFICANCE:

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/GOV'T/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
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Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer: *Major BENJAMIN BOUSSON*

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1861*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.7

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, ~~Rectangular~~, T-shaped Gable, Tall vent, arched entrance

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

only surviving Civil War military structure in Jefferson Parish