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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of Fort Phantom Hill (41 JS 8) are scattered over the crest of a hill 2 miles north of the Lake Phantom Hill Dam and a mile east of Clear Fork in southeastern Jones The site is bisected by Ranch Road 600 (see site plan). Cultural debris at the site extends over a 20-acre area.

Structural remains include over a dozen chimneys, 2 small buildings (including the powder magazine), and numerous foundation outlines. All of these features are of limestone block construction

According to Hart (1963:43) most buildings were wood or jacal (i.e., upright timbers placed in the ground and plastered and/or chinked between), covered by thatched roofs. The officers' quarters were on the north side of the fort, the enlisted barracks on the south. An inspection of the site in 1853 (one year before its abandonment) prompted the observation that "the officers and soldiers are living in pole huts built in the early part of last year. They are now in dilapidated condition. The company quarters will in all probability, fall down during the prevalence of the severe northers of the coming winter" (Hart, 1963:43).

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In 1854 the post was abandoned, and, although it was used as a station on the Butterfield Overland Mail route (1858) and served as a substation to Fort Griffin after the Civil War (1871), it was never again occupied as a regular military station. Settlers moved in Phantom Hill during the late 1870s and it became a buying and shipping point for bison hides. in 1881 the railroad bypassed the town and it was soon deserted.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

With the expansion of western settlement and increased contact between settler and Indian, the need for protection on the trails west and at the fringe of the frontier became necessary. Fort Phantom Hill, established in 1851, was part of a cordon of forts established from the Red River to the Rio Grande for this purpose.

Although it was a short-lived military post (1851-1854), the post served as a Butterfield Overland station (1858) and a substation for Fort Griffin after the Civil War (1871).

The site has archeological potential as well as being a dramatic reminder of this significant era of western frontier advancement.



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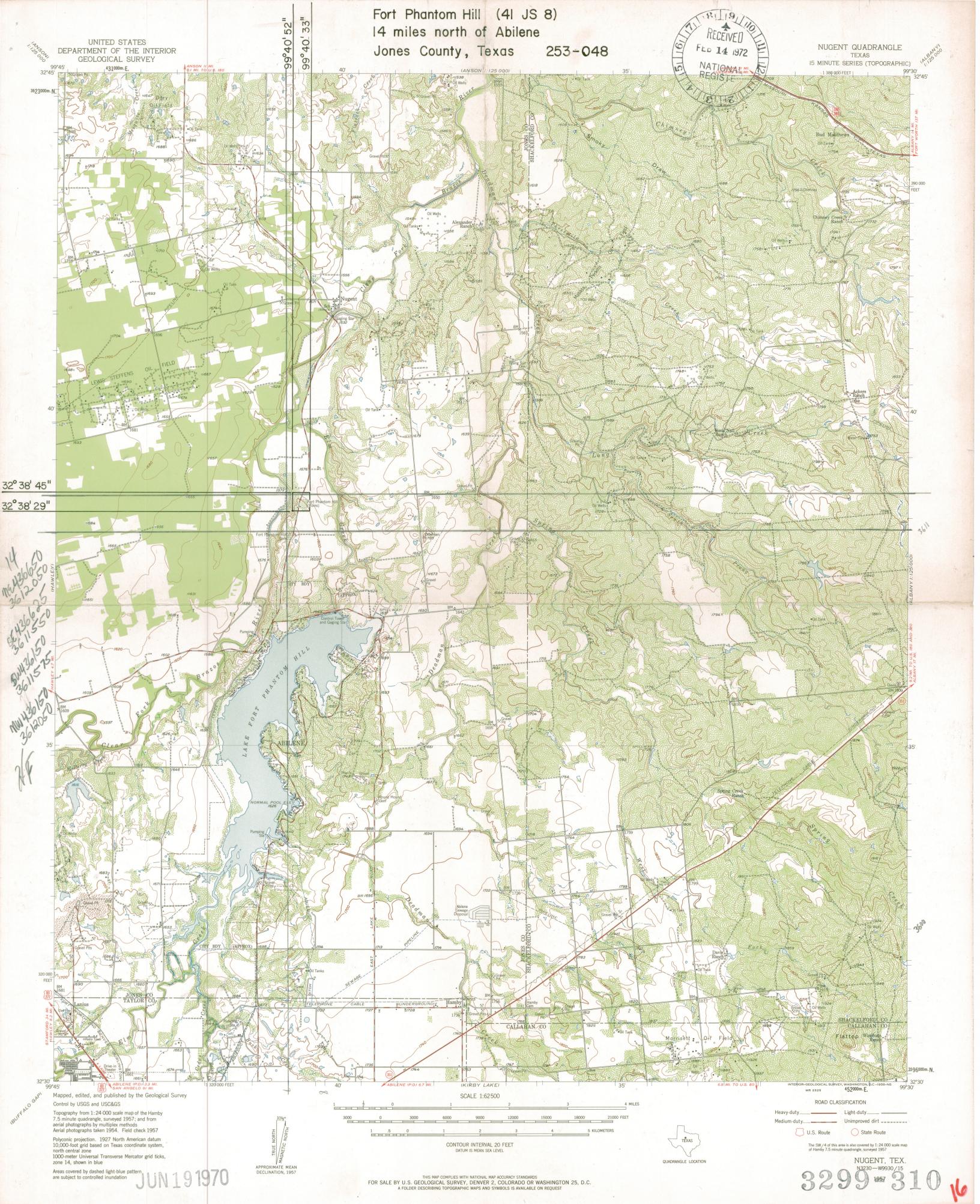
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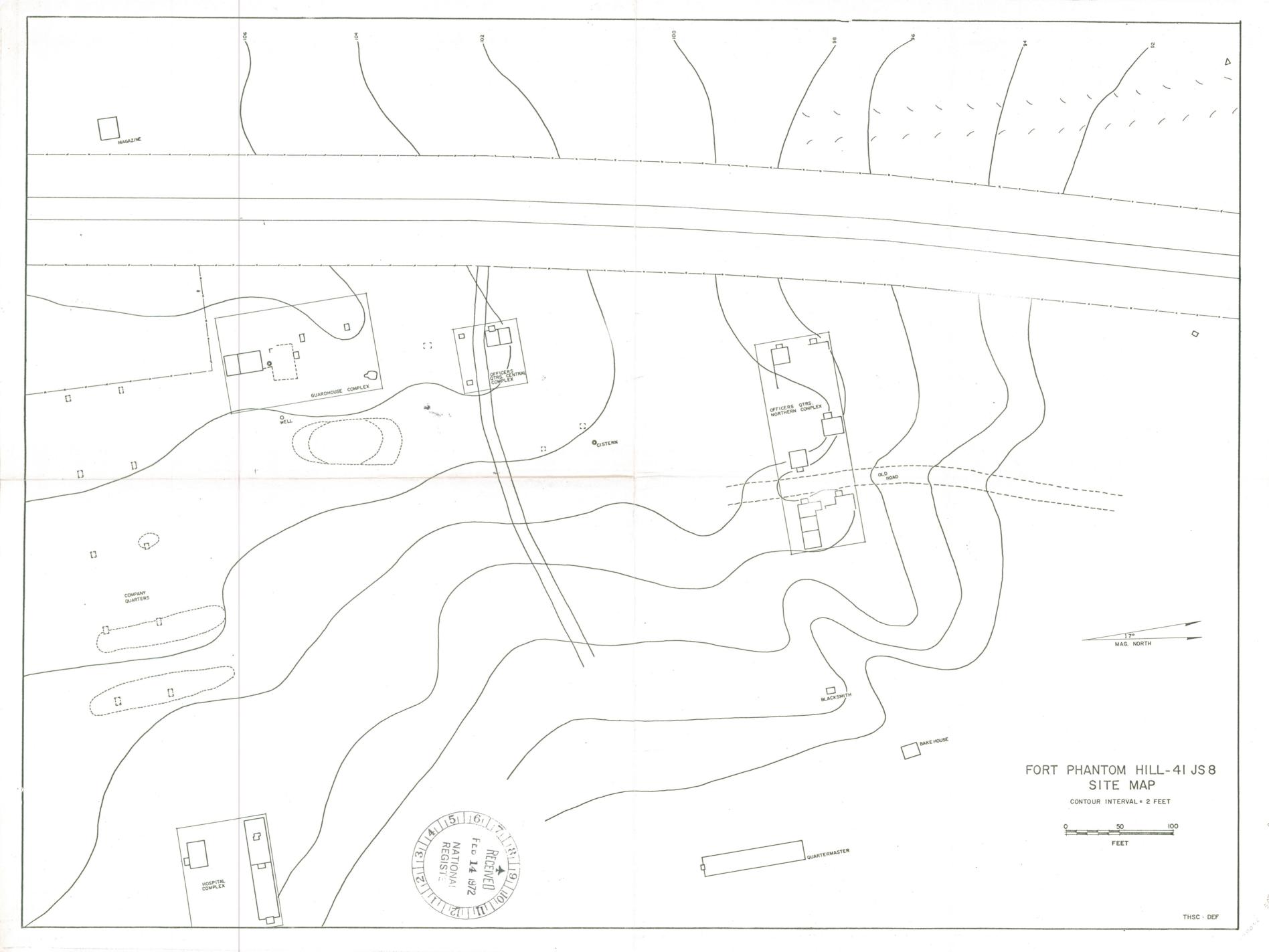
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