

**Shoupade Park
Oakdale Road
Smyrna, Georgia**

**Cobb County Register of Historic Places
Justification Report**

Physical Description

Shoupade Park is a passive park owned by Cobb County and consists of 2.35 acres. The park is located on the east side of Oakdale Road, approximately ¼ mile north of South Cobb Drive ¾ mile north of I-285. Located between two residential developments, the park sits on a ridge and contains earthworks built during the Civil War. From the ridge, views of the Atlanta skyline are visible.

The parcel contains two examples of a unique type of Civil War redoubt, known as Shoupades, built in Cobb County by the Confederate Army during the summer of 1864. An artillery redan is located between the two Shoupades. The Shoupades and artillery redan are fenced by a black chain-link fence. One Shoupade and the artillery redan are surrounded by trees and vegetation. The second Shoupade is located at the top of the ridge in an open area. The resources run in a somewhat linear manner from west to east, with the second Shoupade located slightly to the north. The earthworks are in good condition.

Parking spaces are provided along Oakdale Road and a pedestrian access gate grants entrance to park visitors. A walking trail extends from the access gate, up the ridge and along the southern property line. Interpretive signage is placed at intervals along the walking trail detailing the significance of the Shoupades and the site.

The property was preserved as part of the development of the two adjacent residential subdivisions in 2007. The property was transferred to Cobb County in 2010.

Historic Significance

The Shoupades and artillery redan located at Shoupade Park were part of the larger Chattahoochee River Line. The Chattahoochee River Line was a line of fortifications designed by Francis A. Shoup of the Confederate Army, General Joseph E. Johnston's Chief of Artillery, to block Union General William T. Sherman from crossing the Chattahoochee River.

In 2011, the *Archaeology Inventory and GIS Analysis for the Chattahoochee River Line Battlefield* was completed with the assistance of a grant from the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program. The study describes the Chattahoochee River Line as "a unique system of earthworks built largely by impressed slave labor and occupied by the Confederate Army of Tennessee between July 5 and 9, 1864".

The Shoupades were diamond-shaped and roughly ten to twelve feet high. Parapets were constructed at the top of each Shoupade, which added to the height. Each fort could hold about

eighty men. The fortifications were placed at various intervals and were connected by a stockade of vertical logs. A redan for two artillery pieces was placed between two Shoupades. Sherman decided to avoid the line of fortifications and eventually crossed the Chattahoochee River north of the River Line.

Approximately 36 of these Shoupades were constructed as part of the approximate seven-mile long Chattahoochee River Line. Today, only 9 are known to remain due to development and suburbanization. The Shoupades and artillery redan at Shoupade Park are significant examples of these unique fortifications. Together with the extant redan, the earthworks at Shoupade Park are also an excellent example of how the Chattahoochee River Line was designed and built.

Bibliography

Butler, Scott, and Keith S. Bohannon, Archeology Inventory and GIS Analysis for the Chattahoochee River Line Battlefield. Cobb County, Georgia: Brockington and Associates, Inc., 2011.

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Photograph Descriptions

1. Walking Trail Start – Facing East
2. First Shoupade – Facing North
3. First Shoupade Signage – Facing Northeast
4. Walking Trail at First Shoupade – Facing East
5. First Shoupade – Facing Northwest
6. Walking Trail – Facing East
7. Artillery Redan Signage – Facing West
8. Artillery Redan – Facing North
9. Artillery Redan – Facing South
10. Second Shoupade – Facing Northeast
11. Second Shoupade Signage – Facing Northeast
12. Second Shoupade – Facing Northeast
13. Second Shoupade – Facing Northwest
14. Walking Trail at Second Shoupade – Facing West



Shoupade Park Photo Key



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Map Notes:



Shoupade Park



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Map Notes:

Cobb County Register of Historic Places Nomination Form

I. General

Name of Property: Shoupade Park

Location: 4700 block of Oakdale Rd. Smyrna

Parcel Identification Number: Shoupade Park, Parcel 17075001390

Land Lot: District: Acreage: 2.35 acres

Cobb County Parcel ID: Shoupade Park, Parcel 17075001390, Acreage: 2.35 acres

Property Owner: Cobb County Parks Dept. Property Owner Address:

Historic Use: Current Use: Historic Public Park

II. Justification

Provide information on building type, architectural style, size, layout, unique features, original/historic elements, floor plan, historic and non-historic additions, how situated on property, etc. If property is a site only, give a physical description of the property and its unique features. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Shoupade Park in the 4700 block of Oakdale Road. The two Shoupades and an artillery redan were preserved as part of a housing development by Pulte Homes in 2007. In 2010, this property was acquired by Cobb County and it encompasses 2.35-acres between neighboring housing developments. The park consists of a small parking lot, walking trail, two Confederate Shoupades, an artillery redan and interpretive signage erected by the Georgia Battlefields Association.

Provide information on how the property is significant. This includes information on date of construction, architecture, builder, architect, owners, connections to significant people at the local, state and/or national level, connections to significant events, etc. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

The design of the River Line is also significant in the history of Civil War engineering. The River Line was composed of a series of connected infantry trench lines, artillery redans and redoubts. During the Civil War, redoubts consisted of any enclosed polygon and were often simply an enclosed square. Redoubts were generally designed with walls made from parapets, a ditch on the outside, and some form of breastwork for protecting gunners or riflemen. The Shoupades of the River Line were a unique type of infantry redoubt, as it is an enclosed polygon. They were designed with a diamond, or "arrowhead" shape, with salients that faced towards the enemy, and shorter rear walls enclosed in the rear. Shoupades were built only on the Chattahoochee

River Line Battlefield and represent an innovative defensive design. The Shoupade redoubts were laid out on high ground in a sawtooth pattern, dispersed with V shaped artillery redans containing two guns each. This design allowed for a system of alternating Shoupades and artillery redans to protect each other with overlapping fields of fire. This system was sufficiently formidable to convince Sherman and his officers of the futility of attacking the River Line.

III. Bibliography

Provide information on sources of information consulted for historic and background information.

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER LINE BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION PLAN COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA PREPARED FOR THE Mableton Improvement Coalition AND THE AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM Of The national park service (GA-2255-12-010) 2014

IV. Supporting Documentation

Photographs	Floor Plan	Survey	Legal Description
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V. Representation in Existing Surveys (to be completed by staff)

VI. Cobb Register Designation Procedures

Application complete

Report on Proposed Designation complete

Report submitted to HPD – 30 days allowed for response

Legal notice of public hearings (newspaper and letters to owners/occupants)

Historic Preservation Commission public hearing – Hearing Date:

Board of Commissioners public hearing – Hearing Date:

Notification of property owners of designation

Designation shown on zoning map

BOC resolution signed

Notification of property owners/occupants of designation

DESCRIPTION OF
Shoupade Dedication Exhibit

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 750 and 751 of the 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING from an 1/2 inch iron rebar found at the land lot corner common to land Lots 750, 751, 762, and 763 and along the land lot line common to land lots 750 and 751 North 89 degrees 33 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 499.90 feet to a point; said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THENCE from said TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING South 02 degrees 21 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 3.72 feet to a point; THENCE South 87 degrees 38 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 7.48 feet to a point; THENCE South 51 degrees 38 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 9.86 feet to a point; THENCE South 87 degrees 59 minutes 54 seconds West a distance of 52.11 feet to a point; THENCE South 53 degrees 41 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 22.86 feet to a point; THENCE South 54 degrees 57 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 25.54 feet to a point; THENCE North 80 degrees 31 minutes 52 seconds West a distance of 60.73 feet to a point; THENCE South 84 degrees 27 minutes 19 seconds West a distance of 15.53 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet and a length of 81.17 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 83 degrees 24 minutes 51 seconds West and a chord distance of 72.55 feet to a point; THENCE South 81 degrees 42 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 4.10 feet to a point; THENCE South 71 degrees 02 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 70.59 feet to a point; THENCE South 87 degrees 32 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 4.77 feet to a point; THENCE North 88 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 35.87 feet to a point; THENCE North 82 degrees 58 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 36.38 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 75.79 feet and a length of 108.16 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 74 degrees 13 minutes 31 seconds West and a chord distance of 99.21 feet to a point; THENCE North 89 degrees 33 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 45.61 feet to a point; THENCE South 02 degrees 54 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 20.16 feet to a point; THENCE North 87 degrees 43 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 50.85 feet to a point; THENCE North 02 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 52.58 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the left having a radius of 1003.50 feet and a length of 42.60 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of North 01 degrees 27 minutes 44 seconds West and a chord distance of 42.60 feet to a point; THENCE North 13 degrees 53 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 15.15 feet to a point; THENCE North

82 degrees 50 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 117.97 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 75.79 feet and a length of 115.00 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 77 degrees 19 minutes 41 seconds East and a chord distance of 104.28 feet to a point; THENCE North 75 degrees 12 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 148.84 feet to a point; THENCE North 09 degrees 15 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 162.09 feet to a point; THENCE South 67 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 91.87 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the left having a radius of 225.00 feet and a length of 1.09 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 67 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East and a chord distance of 1.09 feet to a point; THENCE South 19 degrees 01 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 2.30 feet to a point; THENCE South 70 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 16.79 feet to a point; THENCE South 72 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 25.77 feet to a point; THENCE South 73 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 40.78 feet to a point; THENCE South 74 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 34.66 feet to a point; THENCE South 72 degrees 43 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 32.23 feet to a point; THENCE South 74 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 11.32 feet to a point; THENCE along a curve to the right having a radius of 19.44 feet and a length of 3.73 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of South 67 degrees 44 minutes 22 seconds East and a chord distance of 3.72 feet to a point; THENCE South 14 degrees 27 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 169.68 feet to a point; said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said tract contains 102,539 square feet or 2.35 acres.

