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**GEOLOGIC MAP**  
 of the  
**HOLCOMB QUADRANGLE**

Grenada and Tallahatchie Counties, Mississippi



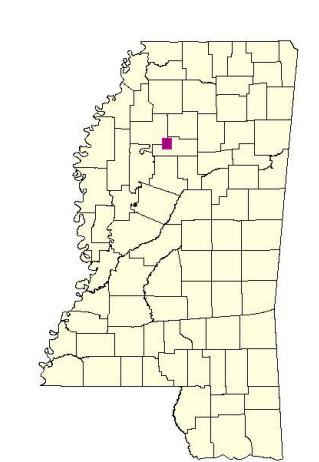
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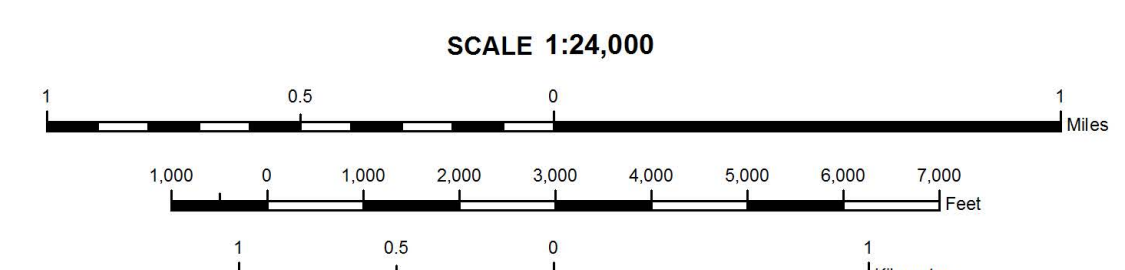
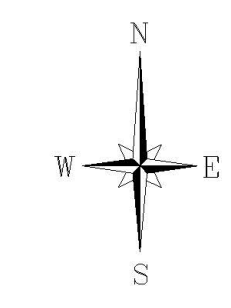
**DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS**

QUATERNARY PLEISTOCENE	<p><b>ALLUVIUM</b></p> <p>Qal</p> <p>Sand, flood plain sands, silts, and gravels.</p>
	<p><b>LOESS</b></p> <p>L</p> <p>Silt, buff to tan, pale yellow, red, or gray, sandy to clayey, quartzose, feldspathic. Unweathered loess is typically calcareous with dolomite and calcite; however, loess in this quadrangle is highly weathered, leached/noncalcareous, very clayey, and has been referred to as a brown or yellow loam. Loess is an eolian deposit derived from glacial outwash. Loess deposits blanket the pre-loess topography of the quadrangle area, with greater quantities developed along ridge crests than in valleys, creating local variation in thickness. The thickness in the quadrangle is estimated at 5 to 15 feet. In places, weathered loess contains secondary deposits of small calcareous concretions (caliche, loess dolls).</p>
TERTIARY Eocene CLAIBORNE GROUP	<p><b>PRE-LOESS TERRACE DEPOSITS</b></p> <p>Qt</p> <p>Sand, dark red, reddish orange, pink, bright yellowish brown, brown, and occasionally white, fine- to very coarse-grained, predominantly quartzose, locally micaceous, poorly sorted and massive to well sorted and cross-bedded; typically graveliferous with quartz and chert pebbles, especially at base. Commonly exhibits clay elast conglomeratic with purplish red to white, kaolinitic, rip-up clasts. Locally interbedded with clay, light gray to purplish red to white, kaolinitic, plastic. Locally contains irregular layers of hematitic to limonitic sandstone. Unconformity at base, with an irregular, undulating surface. Roughly corresponds to the Lafayette Formation, Brown (1907); the Citronelle Formation, Priddy (1942); the Bentley Terrace, Fisk et al. (1949); and the Upland Complex, Sauer (1994). The thickness in the quadrangle is estimated at a few feet up to 60 feet.</p>
	<p><b>KOSCIUSKO FORMATION</b></p> <p>Tk</p> <p>Sand, gray to light olive gray, weathers reddish orange to pale yellowish brown, very fine- to very coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, interbedded to interlaminated with silt and clay, light olive gray to brownish gray, carbonaceous to lignitic, especially argillaceous in upper third of the formation. Locally, the basal Kosciusko contains layers of quartzitic, siliceous siltstone and sandstone as thick as 5 feet, often occurring as large boulders along hill tops and slopes. Unconformity at base. The thickness is estimated to be 300 feet; however, only the lower 70 feet or so are exposed in the quadrangle. Constitutes the Sparta Aquifer.</p>
TERTIARY Eocene CLAIBORNE GROUP	<p><b>ZILPHA AND WINONA FORMATIONS</b></p> <p>Twi-Tz</p> <p>Zilpha - Clay, gray to brownish black, carbonaceous to lignitic, weathers light gray to reddish pink to white, massive and homogeneous or interbedded to interlaminated with silt and sand, gray to light olive gray, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, locally glauconitic, concretionary siderite and limonite; near surface exposures may exhibit jointing with selenitic or limonite infilling. The thickness is variable from a few feet to 60 feet.</p> <p>Winona - Sand, gray to green, weathers very light gray to reddish orange or dark red, fine- to coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, typically glauconitic to very glauconitic, carbonaceous, silty, locally fossiliferous with thin marine shell beds and prisms. Surface exposures commonly weather to distinctive contorted, concretionary, limonitic sandstone and sandy ironstone; concretionary siderite, especially near top. Approximately 60 feet thick.</p> <p>The total thickness of the Zilpha/Winona interval is approximately 120 feet; however, only the uppermost Zilpha beds are exposed in the quadrangle along Big Sand Creek and tributaries in the southeast quadrant, and along Billups Creek in the northeast corner.</p>
	<p><b>TALLAHATTA FORMATION</b></p> <p>Tbc</p> <p>Basic City Member</p> <p>Sand, gray to very light gray, weathers pale yellowish orange to reddish orange, very fine- to medium-grained, unconsolidated, massive to cross-bedded, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, pyritic; also greenish yellow to buff, fine-grained, semi-consolidated, siliceous, glauconitic, and silty; interbedded to interlaminated with clay, silt, claystone, and quartzitic siltstone and sandstone, olive gray to brownish gray, weathers yellowish gray to very light gray or white, carbonaceous with leaf and plant impressions are common. Fossiliferous, near surface exposures may exhibit jointing with limonite infilling; claystones typically weather to lightweight and brittle rock with a subconchoidal fracture. Unconsolidated sands in the upper 30 to 60 feet are equivalent to the Neshoba Sand interval. The total thickness is approximately 220 feet; however, only the upper 60 feet or so are exposed along the eastern portion of the quadrangle.</p>

F-1 Drill-hole locality and identification number



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Geology field checked in 2010 using the Provisional Edition 1983, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, 1983 North American datum, contour interval 5 and 20 feet, 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, 1983 datum shown in red, January 2010, magnetic north declination in quadrangle center is 0°27' west of true north.

Sources: The base map is derived from a Digital Raster Graphic of the USGS topographic quadrangle map. Declination, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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**Structural Cross-Section of the Holcomb 7.5-Minute Geologic Quadrangle**

