

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

Item Number

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Name Historic: Battery Number 1
James Island Seige Line
Common

Location : Riverland Drive, James Island
Classification: Structure

Owner : R. A. Dill Estate
19 Legare Street
Charleston, S.C. 29401

Representation in Existing Surveys: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: Battery Number 1 is an earth redan approximately 400 yards from Battery LeRoy on the James Island Seige Line. This seven-gun battery is on the western portion of the line which runs from behind Secessionville on the east to Fort Pringle on the Stono River on the west. In a rural agricultural setting, Battery Number 1 is about 15 feet high at the parapet with a powder magazine about 20 feet high. The right face is about 240 feet with the center face, or pan coupe, approximately 160 feet and the left face 280 feet in length. Both the right and left faces were connected to an indented line continuing to the next battery. In this case, the right continues to Battery LeRoy and the left to Battery Number 2, which has been destroyed. Approximately 3600 feet of the seige line on each side of Battery Number 1 is intact.

Significance: Battery Number 1 was constructed as an element of the James Island Seige Line in 1863.⁴⁹ Under the direction of General P. G. T. Beauregard, the new James Island Seige Line replaced the long, poorly designed defensive line created by General Pemberton.⁵⁰ This position is important since it was a key in the defense of James Island and was the scene of heavy fighting. At the close of the war, Battery Number 1 was armed with five pieces of artillery.⁵¹ Battery Number 1 is a valuable link in the remaining section of the seige line and is in good condition.

Acreage: 16.5

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #337-0-0, scaled at 1" = 400'. This boundary includes all significant structures, while excluding adjacent non-historic woods and fields.

UTM Reference Point: A. 17/595750/3619900 B. 17/506500/3619969
(James Island quadrangle)

Other Information