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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Zubly Cemetery  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Forrest Drive not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Beech Island vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state South Carolina code SC county Aiken code 003 zip code 29831

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally x statewide \_\_\_ locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson M. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 1.28.02

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
1	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register  
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: FUNERARY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subcategory: Cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: FUNERARY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subcategory: Cemetery  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation N/A  
walls \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Exploration/Settlement  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1790-1860

**Significant Dates**

ca. 1790  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Beech Island Historical Society,  
Beech Island, S.C.

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 <u>17 416285 3696433</u>	3 <u>17 416241 3696394</u>
2 <u>17 416285 3696394</u>	4 <u>17 416241 3696433</u>

     See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Helene M. Riley, Ph.D., Alumni Distinguished Professor of German  
 organization Clemson University date January 23, 1999  
 street & number Dept. of Languages, 710 Strode Tower telephone (864) 656-3402  
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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Jackie Prior Bartley and other descendants of the Zubly, Clark(e), Meyer, Miller, Mills, Tobler, and other associated families  
 street & number c/o Beech Island Historical Society, 144 Old Jackson Hwy. telephone                       
 city or town Beech Island state SC zip code 29842

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**Narrative Description**

The Zubly Cemetery, established ca. 1790, is located in Aiken County in the vicinity of Beech Island. This rural cemetery is surrounded by farmland at the end of Forrest Drive, an unpaved road. Measuring approximately sixty-three feet by eighty feet, the cemetery is enclosed by a brick wall four and one-half feet tall. An iron gate on the west side of the enclosure allows access to the cemetery. There are fifty-eight marked graves. The oldest marked grave is dated 1798 and the most recent burial is from 1983. Though the earliest known graves are those of David Zubly, Jr. (d. 1790) and his wife Anne Meyer Zubly (d. 1795), pioneers of the New Windsor settlement for whom the cemetery is named, their graves are no longer marked.

The graves are laid out in a regular grid plan with little discernible landscaping or other planned features other than a few chinaberry, cedar, and other trees shading the edges of the cemetery both inside and outside the cemetery wall. Gravestones, most of them marble, vary from table-top tombs and other flat markers to upright tablets and obelisks. The Beech Island Historical Society has worked diligently for the past few years to clean and maintain the cemetery and its surroundings.

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Statement of Significance

The Zubly Cemetery, established ca. 1790 by the Swiss settlers of New Windsor Township, is significant for its association with an early settlement of the South Carolina backcountry and as an example of a typical early to mid-nineteenth century cemetery illustrating vernacular burial customs of the period. It is the most important extant historic resource associated with the New Windsor community.

New Windsor, near the banks of the Savannah River on the Georgia-South Carolina border in the backcountry, was settled in 1737 by the Zubly, Zellweger, Sturzenegger, Zuberbühler, Zürcher, Meyer, Nägele, and other prominent Swiss families from Appenzell and Toggenburg. The township soon became an outpost for Indian traders such as George Galphin and Patrick Brown as well. The townships on the western Carolina frontier were laid out in order to promote trade with the Creeks, Chickasaws, and other tribes, and anchored by a series of forts or smaller outposts. Fort Moore, on the Savannah River across from Augusta, Georgia, had already been built here as early as 1715 on the site of an abandoned Indian town; it was occupied by South Carolina provincial troops until 1746 and by British regulars from 1746 to 1766. Robert L. Meriwether calls New Windsor "the most thinly settled of the townships, and though it had several leaders of some distinction, it was not strong enough to play a great part in either the defense or the development of the frontier."<sup>1</sup>

Perhaps the most prominent early settler here was John Tobler (1695-1765), a self-taught mathematician, astronomer, inventor, and musician, who organized an expedition from Switzerland to South Carolina, settling in the area by 1737. Tobler served as a justice of the peace, ran a general store, operated an ironworks, and authored the first almanac published in the South Carolina colony. David Zubly, Jr. (1738-1790), for whom the Zubly Cemetery is named, was the son of David Zubly (d. 1752) and Helena Müller Zubly (d. 1754), whose family emigrated to South Carolina in 1737 with Tobler's group from Appenzell. The younger Zubly was born in Purrysburg—another important early Swiss settlement in the Carolina colony, on the Savannah River about thirty miles from Savannah, in what is now Beaufort County—the next year. He married Ann Meyer of the New Windsor settlement in 1762 and settled here, becoming a justice of the peace just before the American Revolution.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Robert L. Meriwether, *The Expansion of South Carolina 1729-1765* (Kingsport, Tenn.: Southern Publishers, 1940), pp. 32, 66-72; Larry E. Ivers, *Colonial Forts of South Carolina 1670-1775*, Tricentennial Booklet Number 3 (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press for the South Carolina Tricentennial Commission, 1970), pp. 62-63; and David C. Crass, Bruce R. Penner, and Tammy R. Forehand, et al, *Excavations at New Windsor Township, South Carolina*, Savannah River Archaeological Research Heritage Series 3 (Columbia: Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina, 1997), pp. 19, 21-23.

<sup>2</sup> Virginia Bowe Strickland, *Five Fortune Tellers of New Windsor: Tobler, Zubly, Meyer, Sturzenegger and Nail, Swiss Pioneer Families of South Carolina* (Augusta, Ga.: Privately Printed, 2000), pp. 4-17. See also Crass, et al, pp. 70-72; Douglas Walker, et al, "The Zubly Cemetery," *Ancestoring* (Augusta, Ga.: Augusta Genealogical Society) VII (1983), pp. 33-37; Virginia Strickland, " 'Bicentennial' of a Cemetery, *Four Centuries and More* (Beech Island, S.C.: Beech Island Historical Society), V:3 (March 1990); 1-2; Deed and Plan of Beech Island Cemetery, Deed Book III, Pages 63-65,

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By 1750, New Windsor's importance as a trading center was eclipsed by the neighboring city of Augusta, just across the Savannah River in Georgia, and the township declined further still after the Revolution. The Zubly Cemetery's earliest marked graves date from this phase of New Windsor's history. It was conveyed on 14 May 1855 by a deed in what was then Edgefield District from Mary Ann Mills, a descendant of David and Helena Zubly, to John Clark, Samuel Clark, Ulric B. Clark, and Captain John Miller, other descendants of the Zubly family; the descendants of the Zubly, Clark(e), Meyer, Miller, Mills, Tobler, and associated families own the cemetery today.

The Zubly Cemetery is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with the early township of New Windsor and under Criteria Consideration D as the best extant historic resource associated with a significant late-eighteenth to early-nineteenth century settlement and frontier outpost in the South Carolina backcountry.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the black line marked "Zubly Cemetery" on the accompanying Aiken County Tax Map # 042, Parcel 18, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

**Verbal Boundary Justification**

The nominated property is restricted to the historic cemetery, its historic brick wall, and the immediate vicinity.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Zubly Cemetery  
Location of Property: Beech Island vicinity  
Aiken County, South Carolina

Location of Original Negatives: South Carolina Department of Archives and History,  
Columbia, S.C.

1. Gate on West Wall  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
2. West Wall  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
3. South Wall  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
4. North Wall  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
5. East Wall  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
6. Grave of Helena Holmes Meyer (d. 1798)  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
7. Grave of Jonathan Meyer (d. 1802)  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
8. Unmarked Graves of David (d. 1790) and Anne Meyer Zubly (d. 1795)  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999

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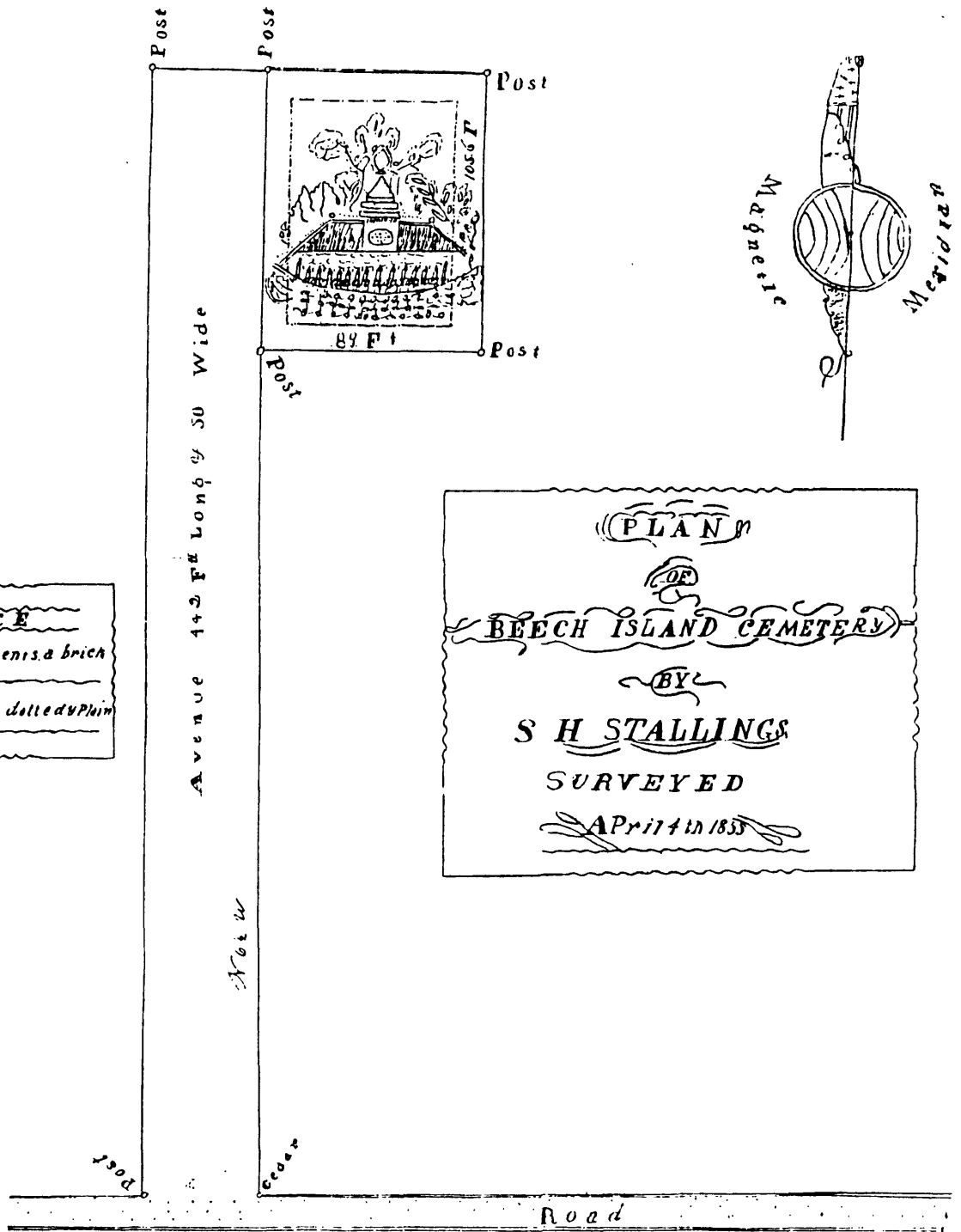
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9. View of Right Rear  
Photographer: Jackie Prior Bartley  
Date: August 1999
10. View of Left Rear  
Photographer: Andrew W. Chandler, South Carolina SHPO  
Date: November 2001
11. View of Rear Wall  
Photographer: Andrew W. Chandler, South Carolina SHPO  
Date: November 2001
12. View of Right Rear  
Photographer: Andrew W. Chandler, South Carolina SHPO  
Date: November 2001

**REFERENCE**  
 The dotted lines represent a brick wall  
 The space between the dotted & plain lines is 10 Feet Wide



*Recorded 7<sup>th</sup> June 1855  
 Tho. G. Bacon clk  
 & R. M. C.*

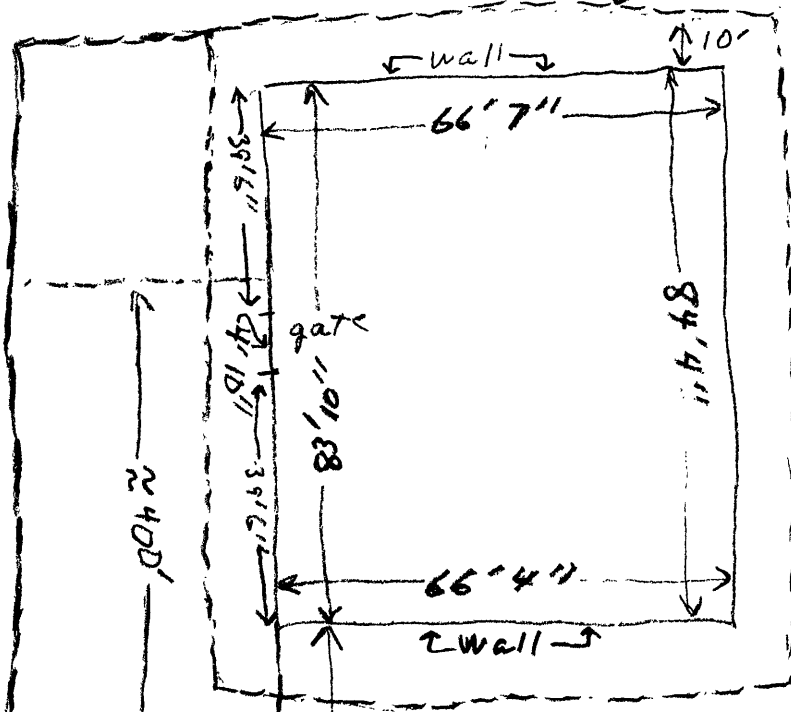
Zubley Cemetery

$66.5' \times 84' = 5586 \text{ sq. ft}$   
inside wall

wall 5' high

Cemetery Boundary 10' from wall

A 50' x 400' right  
of way was given  
on the original plat  
for an access road.



John O'cell Prior's Land

Boundary (middle of road)

Jackie Bartley's Land