

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet Item Number Page

Name Historic Battery Number 5 Location Stonefield Subdivision, James
Island
Common Classification Structure

Owner Stonefield, A Partnership
P.O. Box 482
Charleston, SC 29402

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

Description Battery Number 5 is the eastern terminus of the James Island Siege Line. In an agricultural area now under residential development, this battery overlooks Seaside Creek and Secessionville on the southern edge of James Island. Battery Number 5 is an earth redan with its right and left faces measuring about 200 feet and the center face about 100 feet. The parapet is approximately 10 feet high. The powder magazine has been destroyed. This position is currently covered with thick vegetation and is used as a hedgerow.

Significance Like its sister batteries, LeRoy and Battery Number 1, Battery Number 5 was part of Beauregard's James Island Siege Line built in 1863 to replace General J.C. Pemberton's faulty defense line.⁵⁴ As part of this important siege line, Battery Number 5 was designed to protect against an infantry attack via the Secessionville region of southern James Island. Battery Number 5 also supplemented the fire-power of the Secessionville batteries and was kept in good order, mounting four guns in 1865.⁵⁵

Acreage Approximately 2

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #427-0-0, scaled at 1"=400'. This boundary includes all significant surviving structures.

UTM Reference Point 17/597940/3619250 (James Island quadrangle)

Other Information