UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name   Historic Battery Wilkes   Location Vicinity of Longbranch Estates,
                                                      St. Andrew's Parish
        Common   Classification   Structure

Owner   Washington G. Pringle, Life Est.
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        Edward Boinest, 2535 Etiwan Ave.
        Charleston, S.C. 29407
Representation in Existing Surveys   Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description Battery Wilkes is located near the crossing of U.S. Highway 17 and Long Branch
Creek in suburban St. Andrew's Parish. This small earthwork has a parapet of
approximately ten feet with two gun platforms and a powder magazine about fifteen feet in
height. Although originally an enclosed battery, Battery Wilkes is now in a residential
yard and has undergone some alteration. A driveway now runs between the parapet and the
magazine, and a low brick retaining wall spans the front face of the parapet.

Significance Battery Wilkes was constructed in 1862 to protect the crossing of the
road and the Charleston-Savannah railroad at Long Branch Creek.[60] As a part of the
western exterior defense line, there were originally two additional positions bearing
the same name, one on the south side of the road and another bearing on the Stono River.[61]
Battery Wilkes, named after the owner of the site where it was constructed, was still
armed at the close of the war.[62] Battery Wilkes is important as one of two St. Andrew's
Parish batteries which remain largely unaltered and represent the best examples of the
exterior defense line defending the western approach to Charleston.

Acreage   1

Verbal Boundary Description   The nominated property is shown as the red line on the
accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #310-1-0, scaled at 1" =100'. This boundary
includes all significant surviving structures.

UTM Reference Point   17/587500/3628620   (Johns Island quadrangle)

Other Information