

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Beaufort	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
AUG 7	1974

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Green's Shell Enclosure (380063)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
[REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hilton Head Island vicinity

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Beaufort CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

[REDACTED]

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
County Auditor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Beaufort STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
A Basic Inventory of Archeological Sites in South Carolina

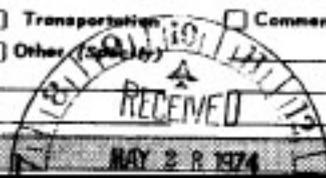
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Institute of Archeology and Anthropology

STREET AND NUMBER:  
University of South Carolina

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent    Good    Fair    Deteriorated    Ruins    Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered    Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved    Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Green's Shell Enclosure (38BU63) consists of a semi-circular ridge of shell 20 - 30 feet wide at the base and four feet high [REDACTED]. The rim, comprised mostly of oyster shells, seems to be intact but the interior may have been, in part, plowed. Previous test excavations have revealed promising results.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century             | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) a late date of 615±95 years before present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic               | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Green's Shell Enclosure is one of 20 or more prehistoric shell structures located from the central coast of South Carolina to the central coast of Georgia, a distance of about 150 miles. All are believed to date early in the second millenium B.C., and contain some of the earliest known pottery in North America. Only very limited excavations have been undertaken on a few of these structures. They present one of the earliest records of sedentary life among people who must have existed entirely by foraging. These shell structures can yield valuable information about past inhabitants of the coast, with respect to their rich content of food refuse and relationships to modern environment. An unknown number of shell structures has been lost to marine erosion and to borrowing shell for road building.

Green's Shell Enclosure represents an excellent example of this kind of structure with very little disturbance. Calmes' (1968) test excavations give some idea as to the content of this enclosure and indicates a late date of occupation about 615±95 years before the present. Green's Shell Enclosure, one of the few undisturbed shell structures still intact, should be protected.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Calmes, Alan

1968 Test Excavations at Three Late Archaic Shell-Ring Mounds on Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina. Proceedings of the 24th South-eastern Archaeological Conference, Bulletin No. 8. Morgantown.

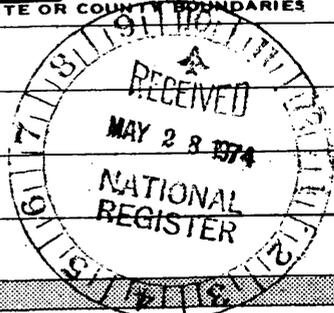
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: M. G. Rhett, Researcher

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: 4/11/74

STREET AND NUMBER: University of South Carolina

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Charles E. Lee</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u> <u>S.C. Dept. of Archives and History</u></p> <p>Date: <u>May 20, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>8/2/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>8/11/74</u></p>
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