

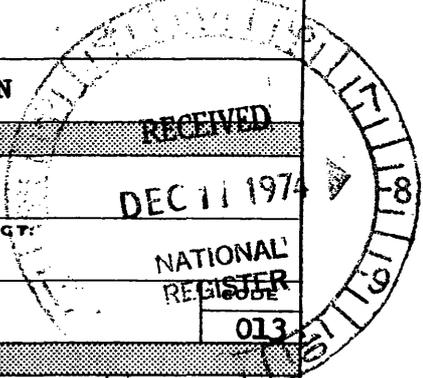
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY:  
**BEAUFORT**

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**DEC 31 1974**



**1. NAME**

COMMON: **FORT FREDERICK**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **SPANISH FORT, OLD FORT, OLD FORT PLANTATION**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: **PORT ROYAL** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **FIRST**

STATE: **SOUTH CAROLINA** CODE: **45** COUNTY: **BEAUFORT**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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) <b>UNDEVELOPED</b>

**4. AGENCY**

**U.S. NAVY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) **SOUTH DIV, NAVFACENGCOM**

CITY OR TOWN: **CHARLESTON**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2144 MELBOURNE ST.**

STATE: **S.C. 29411** CODE: **45**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **REAL ESTATE DIV. SOUTHERN DIV. NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2144 MELBOURNE ST. P.O. BOX 10068**

CITY OR TOWN: **CHARLESTON** STATE: **S.C. 29411** CODE: **45**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **MASTER PLAN, REAL ESTATE SUMMARY MAP - U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL**

DATE OF SURVEY: **CURRENT**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **REAL ESTATE DIV. SOUTHERN DIV. NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND**

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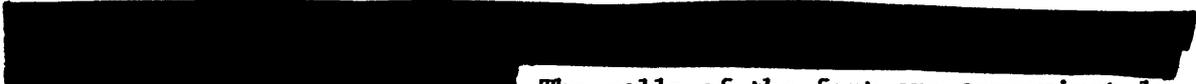
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

**PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:**



The walls of the fort are approximately 5'8" thick and 3-4' high. The construction can be clearly distinguished as "tabby". The walls are the only visible remains of the fort and are in a sturdy but deteriorated condition.

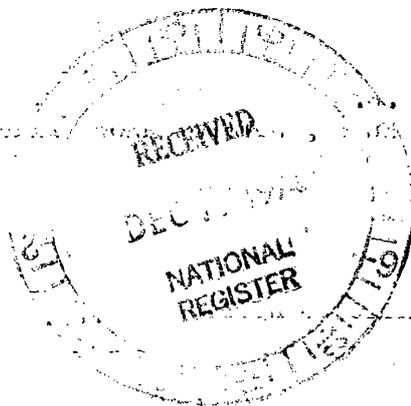
**SURROUNDINGS:**



**NOTE:**



years and no serious professional excavations have been accomplished at Fort Frederick, there exists a possibility that many artifacts may be recovered which may be indicative of the era during which the fort was established.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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)

**CONSTRUCTED 1732-1734**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Journal of the Common House of Assembly of South Carolina for 21 January 1726 stated that "in case of war the enemy might be attracted by the excellent Port Royal Harbor," Beaufort was very near Spanish Territory; attention was being given to defense against the Spaniards and Indians who had attacked on numerous previous occasions. Fifteen hundred pounds were appropriated "for the erection of a fort at Port Royal to be built in the manner prescribed". Fort Frederick came into being in 1734. The tabby fortification was maintained "to the mental, if not to the physical, sense of security" for the Beaufort inhabitants. By 1756, it had fallen into disrepair and the commissioners of the fort recommended its abandonment. The fort was abandoned in 1758. A stronger defense, Fort Lyttleton, was constructed a little further up the river and Fort Frederick was deserted. Fort Frederick was described in Wallace's History of South Carolina (P 248)" a trifling little fort erected at Beaufort in 1725 (was) replaced by Fort Frederick made of oyster shells, lime and timber 1732-34. Fort Frederick, a poor affair, stood on the extreme south east corner of Port Royal Island. (P 461). In 1742 it was too ruinous for repairs..... (Governor James ) Glen wrote in 1748 that the oyster shell affair, Fort Frederick, was hardly better than a garden fence."

In 1862 the property was used as headquarters of Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson and a regiment of Negro soldiers. The camp was given the name of "Camp Saxton" in honor of General Rufus Saxton, who commanded the Beaufort District.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

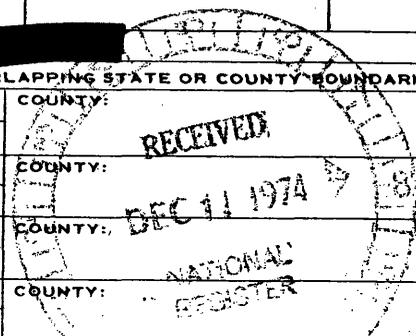
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: [REDACTED]

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

NO  
LHM  
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **J. B. KENDALL, LTJG CEC USN, PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER, HOSPITAL** U.S. NAVAL DATE: **5 SEPT 74**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **P.O. BOX 6128, NAVAL HOSPITAL**

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: **803-524-2233**

CITY OR TOWN: **BEAUFORT** STATE: **SOUTH CAROLINA, 29902** CODE: **45**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Paul S. Lep*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*[Signature]* **4/27/74**  
 Federal Representative Signature Date

**Dir, Real Property and**  
 Title  
**Natural Resources**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*[Signature]*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **DEC 31 1974**

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **Dec 31, 1974**

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5. BEAUFORT COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
RECORDS DEPARTMENT  
BAY ST.  
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA, 29902
  
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