

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Charleston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER OCT 9 1974	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Admiral George Palmer's Bridge

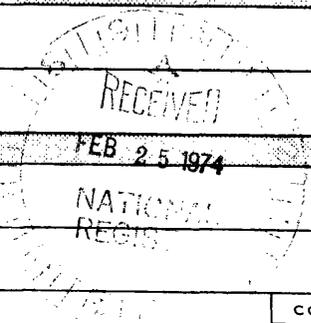
AND/OR HISTORIC:
John Seabrook Plantation Bridge *Weather's*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Wadmalaw Island *R. Mill off S.C. 700*

CITY OR TOWN:
Rockville *vicinity*

STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **045** COUNTY: **Charleston** CODE: **019**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>presently not in use;</u> <u>restoration in progress</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Admiral George Palmer, U.S.N. (Ret.)

STREET AND NUMBER:
12 Water Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Charleston** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **045**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Charleston County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
2 Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: **Charleston** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **045**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

CONDITION

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

- Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

- Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Admiral George Palmer's Bridge is constructed of brick veneer in American bond enclosing a fill mixture of crushed oyster shells and rammed earth. The structure measures fifteen feet from north to south, thirty feet from east to west (end to end), and spans a sloping draw which connects various drainage ditches with Leadenwah Creek.

From the base of the draw to the top of the bridge's arch (with brick voussoirs and no keystone) is a distance of three feet and eight inches. The base width of the arch is eight and one-half feet and the arch itself is located directly in the center of the bridge's span.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1782**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

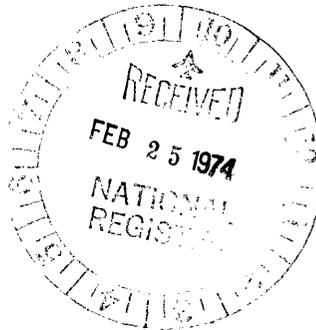
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ca. 1782, John Seabrook built a ferry and stagecoach tavern on his property at the banks of Leadenwah Creek; a highway to this landing was constructed about the same time, allowing the tavern and its landing to become an integral part of the transportation system which connected the city of Charleston with the coastal islands. An arched brick structure, known today as Admiral George Palmer's Bridge, was the means by which the highway crossed the draw.

Engineering: The bridge is one of only two brick bridges in the Charleston area known to be built before the War Between the States. The crushed shell and earth with which the brick walls of the bridge are filled provide a unique and durable mixture. The original road was probably surfaced with a crushed shell compound.

Transportation and Commerce: The road was probably used for the commercial transportation of rice and indigo from plantation to market through the first quarter of the nineteenth century. By that time, the importance of these plantations on the sea islands was sharply declining and, as a result, road and bridge slowly fell into disuse.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Statutes at Large of the State of South Carolina, by Cooper and McCord, (Eds.), A.S. Johnson, Printer, Columbia, South Carolina, 1848.

Observations of Elias B. Bull, Historic Preservation Coordinator, Charleston, S.C., 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

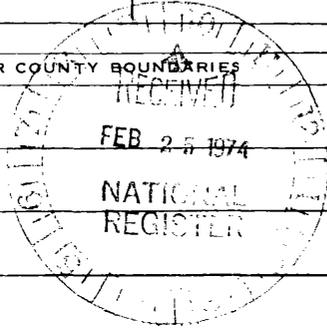
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .05 acres

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: Elias B. Bull, Historical Researcher
John W. Califf, III -- Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: January 9, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

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

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

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:

National State Local

Name Charles E. Lee
 Title Historic Preservation Officer
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
 Date Jan. 28, 1974

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

AR Montross
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/9/74

ATTEST:

Charles E. Lee
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10.8.74