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Name Historic: Battery Tynes

Common

Location: Overlooking the Stono River, James Island

Classification: Structure

Owner: R. A. Dill Estate
19 Legare Street
Charleston, S.C. 29401

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

Description: Battery Tynes is located in a rural agricultural setting on the northwestern side of James Island. An earthen redan overlooking the Stono River at Newtown Creek, Battery Tynes has a combined face length of approximately 320 feet and a total depth of approximately 180 feet. The parapet base is approximately 20 feet with a stepped parapet height of 10 to 20 feet. The magazine and bombproof is approximately 15 feet high. Battery Tynes features five gun emplacements, although only four artillery pieces were mounted at the time of capture.[46] Battery Tynes is currently covered with a heavy growth of trees and vegetation.

Significance: Named after Sergeant Tynes, Lucas Batallion, Regular Artillery (killed on Morris Island 1863),[47] Battery Tynes was constructed in 1863 to deny Union naval forces access to the upper Stono River.[48] It also protected the bridge from James Island to John's Island. As an element of the western James Island defenses, Battery Tynes supplemented the capabilities of Fort Pemberton and prevented enfilading fire into nearby Fort Pringle.

Acreage: approximately 2 acres

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #337-0-0, at a scale of 1" = 400'. The boundary includes all significant structures, while excluding adjacent non-historic fields and marshes.

UTM Reference Point: 17/594660/3621000 (James Island quadrangle)

Other Information