

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Name</u>	Historic Unnamed Battery, St. Andrew's Parish Common	Location Vicinity Shaftsbury Townhouses, St. Andrew's Parish Classification Structure	
<u>Owner</u>	Village Shaftsbury Homeowners Association Brighton Circle Charleston, S.C. 29407		

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

Description The unnamed battery covering the central section of Long Branch Creek is located in suburban St. Andrew's Parish. This small earth redoubt measures approximately 160 feet by 160 feet with a 10-foot parapet and a 15-foot powder magazine. It was originally designed for two guns. The position, which is now covered with secondary vegetation, has been slightly damaged in the rear by dirt removal but is in good overall condition.

Significance The unnamed battery on Long Branch Creek was probably erected at the same time as nearby Battery Wilkes, 1862, although there is no specific documentation.<sup>63</sup> It was designed as part of the exterior western lines running from the Stono River on the south to the Ashley River at Bee's Ferry on the north. At this particular location the defense was made against an infantry attack across St. Andrew's Parish between Battery Wilkes and Battery Magwood (destroyed). Although no attack was ever mounted and this battery was not garrisoned full time, the position was armed at the close of the war.<sup>64</sup> With its sister position, Battery Wilkes, the unnamed Long Branch Creek is important as an extant portion of the line protecting the western approach to Charleston.

Acreage approximately 1

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #309-13-0, scaled at 1"= 100'. This boundary includes all significant surviving structures.

UTM Reference Point 17/588575/3629550 (Johns Island quadrangle)

Other Information