

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

Item Number

Page

Name Historic: Battery Cheves

Location: Fort Johnson Estates, James Island

Common

Classification: Structure

Owner: Guy V. and Anne V. Padgett
849 Robert E. Lee Boulevard
Charleston, S.C. 29412

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

Description: Battery Cheves is located on the southeastern shore of James Island in a suburban residential area. A simple open battery with four gun emplacements, Battery Cheves is about 280 feet long with a parapet 12.5 feet high and a powder magazine about 15 feet in height. The total position is approximately 240 feet deep. It is currently completely obscured by a dense growth of vegetation.

Significance: Battery Cheves was built in 1863 and named for Capt. Langdon Cheves, Confederate engineer killed at Morris Island in 1863.³⁹ This battery was designed to protect the area between Fort Johnson and Battery Haskell from amphibious attack coming from Morris Island. Cheves mounted two pieces of heavy artillery at the time of capture.⁴⁰

Acreage: 1

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax map #454-12-0, scaled at 1" = 100'. This boundary includes all significant structures.

UTM Reference Point: 17/602500/3622580 (James Island quadrangle)

Other Information