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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Battery Wilkes

Common

Location Vicinity of Longbranch Estates, St. Andrew's Parish

Classification Structure

Owner Washington G. Pringle, Life Est.
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Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description Battery Wilkes is located near the crossing of U.S. Highway 17 and Long Branch Creek in suburban St. Andrew's Parish. This small earthwork has a parapet of approximately ten feet with two gun platforms and a powder magazine about fifteen feet in height. Although originally an enclosed battery, Battery Wilkes is now in a residential yard and has undergone some alteration. A driveway now runs between the parapet and the magazine, and a low brick retaining wall spans the front face of the parapet.

Significance Battery Wilkes was constructed in 1862 to protect the crossing of the road and the Charleston-Savannah railroad at Long Branch Creek.[60] As a part of the western exterior defense line, there were originally two additional positions bearing the same name, one on the south side of the road and another bearing on the Stono River.[61] Battery Wilkes, named after the owner of the site where it was constructed, was still armed at the close of the war.[62] Battery Wilkes is important as one of two St. Andrew's Parish batteries which remain largely unaltered and represent the best examples of the exterior defense line defending the western approach to Charleston.

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Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #310-1-0, scaled at 1" =100'. This boundary includes all significant surviving structures.

UTM Reference Point 17/587500/3628620 (Johns Island quadrangle)

Other Information