

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Northwest Boundary Dike

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Congaree Swamp National Monument

city or town Hopkins not for publication _____
state South Carolina code SC county Richland vicinity _____
zip code 29061 code 079

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this _____ nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edwards, Deputy SHPO 10/2/96
Signature of certifying official Date

S.C. Department of Archives & History
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Rowland Bowen 10/11/96
Signature of commenting or other official Date

National Park Service
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Carlson Jett 11/25/96
 ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

 Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

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| <p><i>Ownership of Property</i>
(Check as many boxes as apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <p><i>Category of Property</i>
(Check only one box)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object |
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Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed properties in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	_____	buildings
<u>0</u>	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
<u>0</u>	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/flood control

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/national park

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: _____

walls: _____

roof: _____

other: earth

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE
ARCHEOLOGY/HISTORIC--Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance

1740-1900

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Euro-American

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) See *Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument Multiple Property Documentation Form*

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

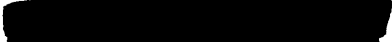

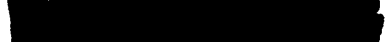

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Congaree Swamp National Monument

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property _____

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone Easting Northing		Zone Easting Northing
A		D	
B		F	_____
C		F	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Jill Hanson, Historianorganization National Park Service, Southeast Field Area

date _____

street & number 75 Spring Street, S.W.telephone (404) 331-5988city or town Atlantastate GAzip code 30303**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage
or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)name National Park Servicestreet & number P.O. Box 37127

telephone _____

city or town Washingtonstate DCzip code 20013-7127

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE

Northwest Boundary Dike, HS-01

An approximately 10-to-30-foot-wide-by-5-foot-high earthen dike [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The length of the dike is broken in several places by gaps caused by erosion and inundation from seasonal flooding. Many mature, old-growth bottomland hardwood trees that range widely in species and age as well as other vegetation are growing on the dike.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Northwest Boundary Dike is significant under the context "Agricultural Settlement in the Congaree Swamp: 1740-1900" established in the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form for the *Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument*. James Adams constructed the dike on a 4,000-acre parcel of land granted to him in 1839. By building the dike, he sought to control the periodic flooding of the Congaree River in order to utilize the fertile swampland on its border to grow crops. Following his death in 1841, his family chose not to continue the dike project and the structure remained unfinished. Adams's work followed a pattern of settlement in the Congaree River floodplain. Beginning in 1730, small farmers moved into the back country of South Carolina to find fertile farm land and to create "buffer zones" between the back country and the more densely populated coastal area centered around the city of Charleston. After the end of the Cherokee War in 1761 and the establishment of the state capital at Columbia in 1786, wealthy planters, such as Adams, moved into the Congaree River valley to introduce the plantation system to the region. The cost of building and maintaining large earthen dike systems using slave labor in the disease-ridden swamp discouraged the efforts of most land owners and led to the decline of large-scale farming in the area.

The dike is significant at the state level under National Register criteria A and D for its association with the agricultural settlement of the Congaree Swamp and for its ability to yield information about settlement patterns in the region.