

BEAUFORT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997

Statewide Survey Site Form
State Historic Preservation Office
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Columbia, SC

RESTRICTED

INTENSIVE LEVEL SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: R - 13 - 303

Brockington Associates, Inc. • Brooker Architectural Design Consultants
Historic Beaufort Foundation • Preservation Consultants, Inc.

USGS Quad: 551 Whitehall
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Site

Historic name(s): Clay Hall Civil War Fortification

Tax Number:

Common name(s):

Island:

Address/location: Highway 17, south side, on Nemours Plt.

City/Vicinity of (vic.) Priesters vic.

Date: 1862c

Alteration date:

Ownership: 1. private 2. city 3. county 4. state 5. federal 6. unknown

Category: 1. building 2. site 3. structure 4. object

Historic use(s): fortification

Current uses: not used

National Register Status:

Action:

Date:

Listing Name:

NRIS #

Local Designation:

Potential: Eligible for National Register listing.

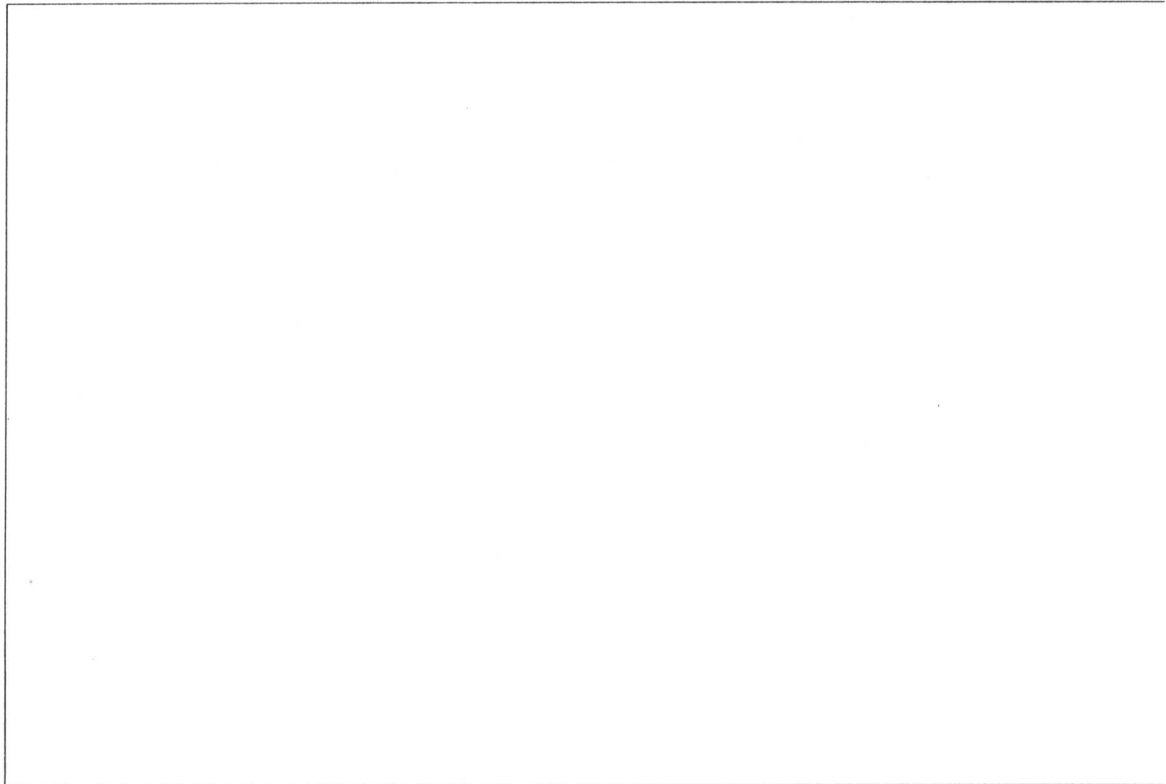
Source of Evaluation: SHPO, 3/1998

Number of Related Resources:

Previous Survey: SCIAA Site File #38BU1217.

Reference:

Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date:

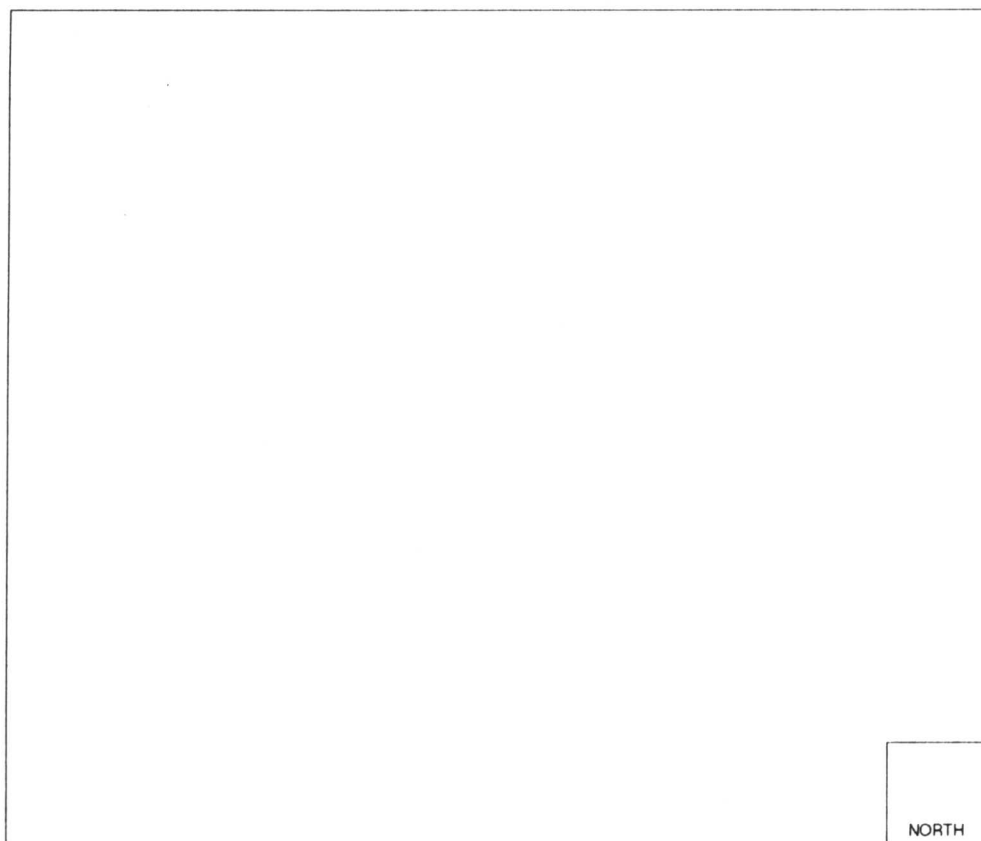
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Surroundings: Combahee River
rural

Acreage:

Sketch:



Description: Network of Civil War fortifications approximately 1000' south of US 17. Large U-shaped embankment and ditch are present.
Not accessible for survey; information from 1989 archaeological report.

Alterations: Alteration date: Integrity: excellent good fair poor Other...

Historical Data: Configuration of the fort suggests that the defenses were designed to guard the Combahee River. 1863 Union forces reached as far as Nieuport.

Informant/Bibliography: Eric C. Poplin, "Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, US Highway 17 Improvements, Gardens Corner to Jacksonboro, South Carolina" (Atlanta: Brockington & Associates, 1989).