

**BEAUFORT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997**

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

INTENSIVE LEVEL SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: U - 13 - 285

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

USGS Quad: 120 Dale
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Site

Historic name(s): Combahee River Salt Dam

Tax Number: R700 010 000 0001 0000

Common name(s):

Island:

Address/location: Combahee River, 2 mile south of Highway 17 City/Vicinity of (vic.)

Date: 1892 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): dam/levee Current uses: not used

National Register Status:

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Source of Evaluation:

Number of Related Resources:

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Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date: 3/4/97

Recorder: S. Fick, Preservation Consultants

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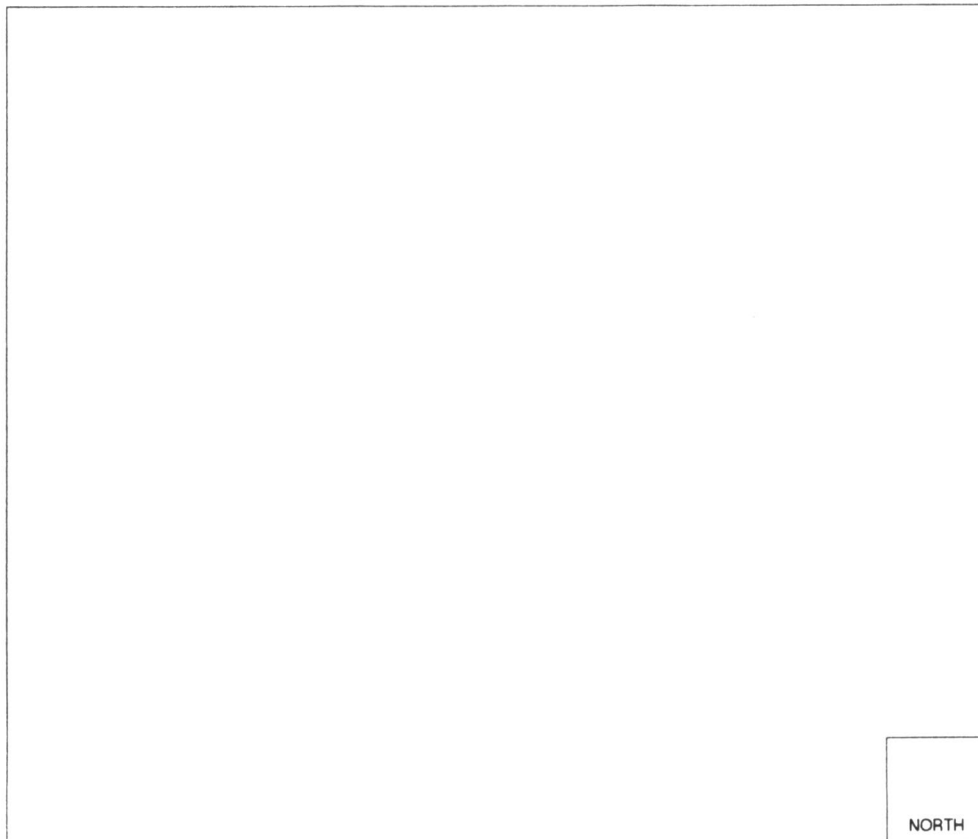
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Surroundings: Combahee River
rural

Acreage:

Sketch:



Description: Irregular levee, about 1.5 mile, running generally north-south between the Combahee River and the upper reaches of Wimbee Creek. Visible at its north end are the wood pilings extending across the marsh into the creek. At the east side of Wimbee Creek at its confluence with the Combahee are remnants of wood pilings that shored up the earthen dam.

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

Historical Data: Constructed to block salt water flowing into the Combahee River from Wimbee Creek/Bull River. The plantations upriver from the dam, particularly Nieuport, were subject to damage by salt incursions. Rice was still being grown at Nieuport (to 1913, Langdon Cheves) and Laurel Spring (to 1927, Theodore Ravenel) at the east side of the Combahee River into the 20th Century

Informant/ Bibliography: Robert Cuthbert, "Combahee River Plantations" in South Carolina Historical Society *Carologue*, Spring 1996.