

# Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Quadrangle Name: Stallville  
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## SURVEY FORM

### Identification

Historic Name:      Wraggs Middle Plantation Rice Fields  
Common Name:  
Address/Location:      4527 Ashley River Road, 7,900 feet SW of roadbed in floodplain of unnamed lowlands  
City:      North Charleston      ✓ Vicinity of      County:      Dorchester  
Ownership:      Private      Category: Site            Other:  
Historical Use:      Agriculture/ Subsistence      18th century Inland rice fields complex  
Current Use:      Agriculture/ Subsistence      Silviculture  
SHPO National Register      Not Eligible  
Determination of Eligibility:

### Property Description

Construction Date: ca 1740-1760      Construction: Other      Other:  
Historic Core Shape: Irregular      Exterior Walls:      Earthen  
Other:      Foundation:  
Commercial Form:      Roof Shape:  
Other:      Roof Material:  
Stories:      Porch Shape:  
Other:      Porch Width:

#### Description/Significant Features:

Mid-eighteenth century rice field system located in unnamed lowlands that drains into Fishburne Creek. System is located on Wragg's Middle Plantation inside Wragg's Barony. Fields show remains of facing banks and ditching, dams, canals, and squares. Typical embankments are 10-15 feet at base and 2-4 feet above grade. Typical ditching area 1-3 feet below grade and associated with adjoining bank. Area has been phosphate mined and later used for silviculture causing deterioration in the integrity of the field system.

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Severely damaged by phosphate mining in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and silviculture efforts in the second half of the twentieth century.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Samuel Wragg was owner but builder likely an overseer or enslaved driver.

### **Historical Information**

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Fields show mid-eighteenth century construction (ca. 1740-1760) style with larger banks and wide lowlands between highlands. Fields are located on Wragg's Middle Plantation, an early to mid-eighteenth century rice and provision plantation owned by Samuel Wragg and his descendants.

Source(s) of Information:

Watson Hill report (Bailey et al. 2018).

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