

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 1321 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Stallsville

Tax Map No. 179000000200

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
Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: ca 1740-1760

Construction: Other

Other:

Earthen

Historic Core Shape: Irregular

Exterior Walls:

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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Facing Northeast

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Overview of system

Overview of 1321

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