

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Quadrangle Name: Cordesville
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SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Gippy Plantation Tidal Rice Fields
Common Name:
Address/Location: 1100 Old Highway 52
City: Moncks Corner ✓ Vicinity of County: Berkeley
Ownership: Private Category: Object Other:
Historical Use: Agriculture/ Subsistence
Current Use: Landscape
SHPO National Register Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: ca.1783-1821 Construction: Other Other: Earthen
Historic Core Shape: Exterior Walls: Other Earthen
Other: Foundation:
Commercial Form: Roof Shape:
Other: Roof Material:
Stories: Porch Shape:
Other: Porch Width:

Description/Significant Features:

These are remains of tidal rice fields along Cooper River (Cooper River Watershed) in Berkeley County. The fields contain portions of original dams, dikes, and drains but interior sections are missing and exterior banks have been altered. Twentieth century owners modified the fields for waterfowl hunting disrupting the historic flow of water from field to field and accelerating deterioration of much of the original fabric of the system.

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

The rice fields remain in their historic location but were altered during the ownership of Nicholas Roosevelt in the 1930s who used them for waterfowl hunting.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Unknown

Historical Information

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These historic tidal rice fields were originally part of the Colleton Fairlawn Barony Plantation and were constructed after the Revolution as planters moved from inland rice field production to tidal rice. In the early 19th century the Colleton's subdivided their Barony lands and sold Gippy and Old House Plantations as separate parcels. John White obtained ownership of Gippy in 1821 and he and his son planted rice in a portion of the rice fields. Later they purchased most of Old House Plantation directly to the north and added those rice fields to their Gippy Plantation. Rice production at Gippy seems to have stopped after the end of the Civil War.

Source(s) of Information:

Gippy Plantation Cultural Resources Survey, James et al. 2019, (Brockington and Associates).

Digital Photo ID(s)

File Name:	View:	Other:
01285001 Typical Gippy Tidal Rice Field	Facing Southeast	
01285002 Typical dike at Gippy	Facing East	
01285003 Lidar of Gippy rice fields	Other	Aerial view

Program Management

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