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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Pulaski, under construction from 1829 to 1847, was one of a chain of brick coastal fortifications in the eastern U.S. On Cockspur Island in the mouth of the Savannah River, it guarded the city of Savannah from water-borne invasion. Associated with it are various ancillary structures and sites that predate, contemporize with, or postdate the main building.

1. Fort Pulaski (No. HS 1)

Photos enclosed

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A five-sided (truncated hexagon) brick structure, with 72-foot-thick outer walls two tiers high, and approximately 350 feet long on each side, this casemated fort is in excellent condition. Opposite the gorge face is a triangular demilune with sides approximately 400 feet long. The fort and its demilune are separated by, and completely surrounded by, a wet moat approximately 40 feet wide and 7 feet deep. Extending from the fort in all directions over an area of roughly 100 acres is a system of dikes and drainage ditches. All of the above elements were designed and built as an integrated, militarily interdependent unit. All other historic structures on the island are in some way associated with the fort, but were not necessary to its operation as a defensive work. The fort is in excellent condition due to extensive restoration in the 1930's by the National Park Service. Its exterior is unaltered. The interior was altered only by the installation of electricity, rest room facilities, and removable exhibit cases and storage areas in the gorge wall. Current high-standard maintenance and preservation practices should be continued.

Significance: 1st order
Latitude: 32° 01' 39" Longitude: 80° 53' 28"

Acreage: 5

Flagpole: Latitude 32° 011 38" Longitude 80° 53' 28"

Recommended treatment: Preservation at current standards

Preliminary cost est. for above: None needed

2. a) Outlying Cisterns and b) Workmen's Village Site (No. HS 2)

Scattered about the monument grounds are several brick cisterns averaging 10 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height. These probably predate the fort itself as they supplied water to those men building the main work. All are unaltered, except for having been filled with sand for safety reasons; their several conditions range from fair to poor. Although probably of secondary importance once the fort's main water supply was finished, these cisterns remain as the only prominent structures associated with the fort's construction era. They should be partially restored (exterior), and their purpose interpreted by an exhibit.

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Significance: 1st order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 39" Long. 80° 53' 28"
Acreage: 0.03 (collectively)
Recommended treatment: Partial restoration (exterior)
Preliminary cost est. of above: \$2,000

In addition to the cisterns are scattered remnants of brick and stone foundations of workmen's village kitchens, shops and quarters. The extent of these foundations is difficult to measure, as most are under 2-4 feet of silt and dredge spoil overburden and the present parking lot. Only occasional glimpses of them are possible along ditchbanks and in the junglelike thickets on the island. Copies of 19th century Army maps of the island and Civil War photographs suggest that all of these foundation ruins could be located and excavated via a major archeological dig, should same become desireable. Although "unavailable" for interpretation (except through Civil War photographs) at present, the sites should be undisturbed and protected. Significance:

Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 39" Long. 80° 53' 28"

Acreage: Approximately 10.0

Recommended treatment: Preservation and protection

Preliminary cost est for above: No cost

3. North Pier (No. HS 3)

Extending into the marsh on the north edge of the island are the granite remains of the North Pier (1829-30), where building materials for the fort were offloaded from ships. It originally had a wooden L-shaped extension, which long ago rotted away. The 20' x 120' remains consist of granite sidewalls and headwall, the center being filled up with sod. Mooring rings and spikes are still spaced along the capstones of the sidewalls. The pier is essentially unaltered, stable, and is presently interpreted by a metalphoto plaque. Protection from erosion or sedimentation should be effected if and when the need arises.

Significance: 36 order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32 01 55" Long. 80 53 34"

Acreage: 0.3

Recommended treatment: Preservation
Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

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Cockspur Island Lighthouse (No. HS 4)

Built about 1840, this brick lighthouse is 46 feet tall, 16 feet in diameter at the base, and stands on its own islet just off of Cockspur Island southeast of the fort. A spiral brick stair inside ascends to the first landing (wooden), and a modern wooden ladder then gives access to the second landing (iron plate), which is also the floor of the lantern house. A small iron door (2' x 2') leads out to the catwalk around the lantern, which is guarded by an iron railing. A fire grate in the small iron door gives evidence of a sperm oil lighting system, and no elements of a later type lighting system (gas, for example) are present. Masonry work is in good condition inside and out, due to repairs and repointing performed by the park bricklayer in 1960. Millwork restored at that time is already showing signs of decay due to constant and severe buffeting by wind and seaspray. Door, window and lantern panes have been randomly pierced or broken out completely by the bullets of vandals. Ironwork (top landing, roof, outside railing) is badly rusted and pitted, but should last a long time if periodically scraped and painted.

Interpretation of the lighthouse is, and should remain, minimal because of its negative role in the siege of the fort, and dangers inherent in any public access that might be built out to it. However, it should be preserved at least at its present level as part of the historic scene; and because of its architectural significance and its role in the navigational history of the nation.

Significance: 2nd order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 21" Long. 80° 52' 49"
Acreage: 0.2 (includes islet flooded twice daily by tides)
Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost est. of above: \$1,000 5,000

5. Battery Horace Hambright (No. HS 5)

Constructed on the north channel of the Savannah River c. 1895, this earth, concrete and steel work is approximately 100 x 50 feet in area and 15 feet high. Above are mounts designed to hold two 3-inch rapid fire rifles, and below are three magazines. The magazines have missing doors, but otherwise the general fabric of the structure is unaltered and sound. In 1960, the following repairs were made to the structure by the park maintenance staff: dense vegetation was stripped away; all cracks in the concrete calked and entire work given a coat of water-proofing; all steel elements cleaned and painted with antirust paint; and the earth and brick face toward the river restored.

Battery Hambright replaced, in concept, the older masonry type of fortifications on this island. However, by the latter quarter of the

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19th century work was underway on massive Fort Screven, one mile away on Tybee Island. A metalphoto plaque now interprets Battery Hambright as the last in the evolution of coastal fortifications on Cockspur Island.

Significance: 2nd order

Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 49" Long. 80° 53' 34"

Acreage: 0.5

Recommended treatment: Preservation Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

6. Residence (No. HS 6)

The only home now on Cockspur Island, this 60 x 60 foot one story frame structure is of the "raised cottage" type, resting on wooden pilings. Built c. 1896, it has served a variety of government agencies. Originally, the quarter of the officer in charge of the U. S. Quarantine Station, it was considerably altered inside and out by the National Park Service, the U. S. Navy during WWII, and then again by the National Park Service. Despite these alterations its general character remains unchanged, and is typical of the older homes found on surrounding islands. Present policy is to continue to maintain it as the residence of the Chief Ranger at Fort Pulaski.

Significance: 3rd order

Longitude and Latitude: Lat 32° 01' 58" Long. 80° 54' 11"

Acreage: 0.5

Recommended treatment: Preservation as a residence

Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

7. John Wesley Memorial

The John Wesley Memorial commemorates the landing of John Wesley, founder of Methodism in America, on Cockspur (then Peeper) Island in 1736. Wesley, coming to Georgia to proselytize among the colonists and Indians, led a small party to high ground, and thanked God for a safe Atlantic crossing before continuing upriver to begin his work in Savannah. The brick monument, topped by a stone cross, marks the general area in which he is supposed to have held this first service. The column was designed by Edward Jones, Arch. of Albany, GA, and was erected by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames on Nov. 9, 1950.

Significance: 3rd Order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 46" Long. 80° 53; 33"

Recommended treatment: Maintain in present condition

Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Pulaski is the best preserved and most original of a system of eastern coastal forts designed by the French military engineer Simon Bernard, while in the employ of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Its massive brick walls, backed by heavy piers, and casemated rooms reflected the continuing search for security against increasingly large caliber smoothbore cannon of the period. The best military engineering principles, and finest joinery and masonry techniques of the day were used in its construction. Yet the siege and rapid reduction of Fort Pulaski in 1862 by heavy rifled artillery of the Federal Army, which had no precedent, immediately made obsolete all masonry forts everywhere. Most of the construction features and extensive siege damage are visible, and are interpreted to the public today.

Ancillary structures include: numerous cisterns, workmen's village house foundations and a stone pier, all associated with the fort's construction; Cockspur Island Lighthouse (1840) prominent in local navigational history and architecturally significant; Battery Hambright (1895) which represents the continuing evolution of coastal fortifications; and, the park residence (1896), once headquarters of the U. S. Quarantine Station on the island.

The Fort Pulaski complex is significant in the areas of architecture, engineering and military history of the U.S. Although the fort embodies nothing new since Roman times in the way of architectural principles, the craftsmanship exhibited in its construction is outstanding, and it is one of the best surviving examples of North American fort architecture and engineering. It is far more significant in terms of military history. Built as it was, to withstand the heaviest of smoothbore cannon of the day, the fort quickly fell under the punch of rifled artillery. This successful test siege immediately changed the course of military architecture and history.

All of the above structures and sites represent the long and important role of Cockspur Island in the nation's military, architectural and maritime history. Cockspur Island consists of 260 acres.

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Battery Horace Hambright - 17/510140/3543630

John Wesley Memorial - 17/510180/3543490

Fort Pulaski - 17/510360/3543250

Cockspur Lighthouse - 17/511310/3542760

FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT

Latitude and longitude of Fort Pulaski as computed from Geological Survey map, Fort Pulaski Quadrangle, South Carolina - Georgia, 7.5 minute Series, (Topographic), photorevised, 1971.

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North Pier	800	531	34"
Residence	800	541	11"
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Maintenance Building	800	541	10"
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BASIC DATA

32. Fort Pulaski National Monument

Establishment: Excerpt from Proclamation (No. 1713) of October 15, 1924....

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

[No. 1713—Oct. 15, 1924—43 Stat. 1968]

WHEREAS, there are various military reservations under the control of the Secretary of War which comprise areas of historic and scientific interest;

AND WHEREAS, by section 2 of the Act of Congress approved June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225), the President is authorized "in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";

Now therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, under authority of the said Act of Congress do hereby declare and proclaim the hereinafter designated areas with the historic structures and objects thereto appertaining, and any other object or objects specifically designated, within the following military reservations to be national monuments:

FORT PULASKI, GEORGIA

The entire area comprising the site of the old fortifications which are clearly defined by ditches and embankments, which inclose about twenty acres.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this fifteen day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

By the President:

JOSEPH C. GREW,

Acting Secretary of State.

Fort Pulaski National Monument

> An Act To extend the boundaries of the Fort Pulaski National Monument, Georgia, and for other purposes, approved June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1979)

> Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the boundaries of the Fort Pulaski National Monument on Cockspur Island, Georgia, be, and they are hereby, extended to include all of the lands on said island now or formerly under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to accept in behalf of the United States, lands, interest in lands, easements, and improvements located on McQueens and Tybee Islands, in Chatham County, Georgia, as may be donated for an addition to the Fort Pulaski National Monument, and upon acceptance thereof the same shall be a part of said monument, the title and evidence of title to lands acquired to be satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to construct, or cause to be constructed, in connection with and as a part of the road system of Fort Pulaski National Monument, a bridge or causeway and approaches thereto across the South Channel of the Savannah River from Cockspur Island to McQueens Island in Chatham County, Georgia, at a point which he may designate as most suitable to the interests of the Federal Government

rnment.

SEC. 4. That the administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid national monument as extended by this Act shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916, entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes": Provided, That there is permanently reserved for the unlimited use of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for deposit of dredging materials and other purposes, a strip of land along the north shore of Cockspur Island extending shoreward two hundred feet from the present high water line: And provided further, That the portion of Cockspur Island bounded on the east by a north and south line across the island, and distant two thousand and nine hundred feet west from the northwesterly salient angle of Fort Pulaski, and extending from Savannah River on the north to the South Channel on the south; on the west by a north and south line, parallel with said east boundary, distant one thousand and seven hundred feet therefrom, and likewise extending from the Savannah River on the north to the South Channel on the south, is reserved to the Treasury Department for use for a quarantine station.

Fort Pulaski National Monument, Ga. Boundaries extended.

Acceptance of donations of land, etc.

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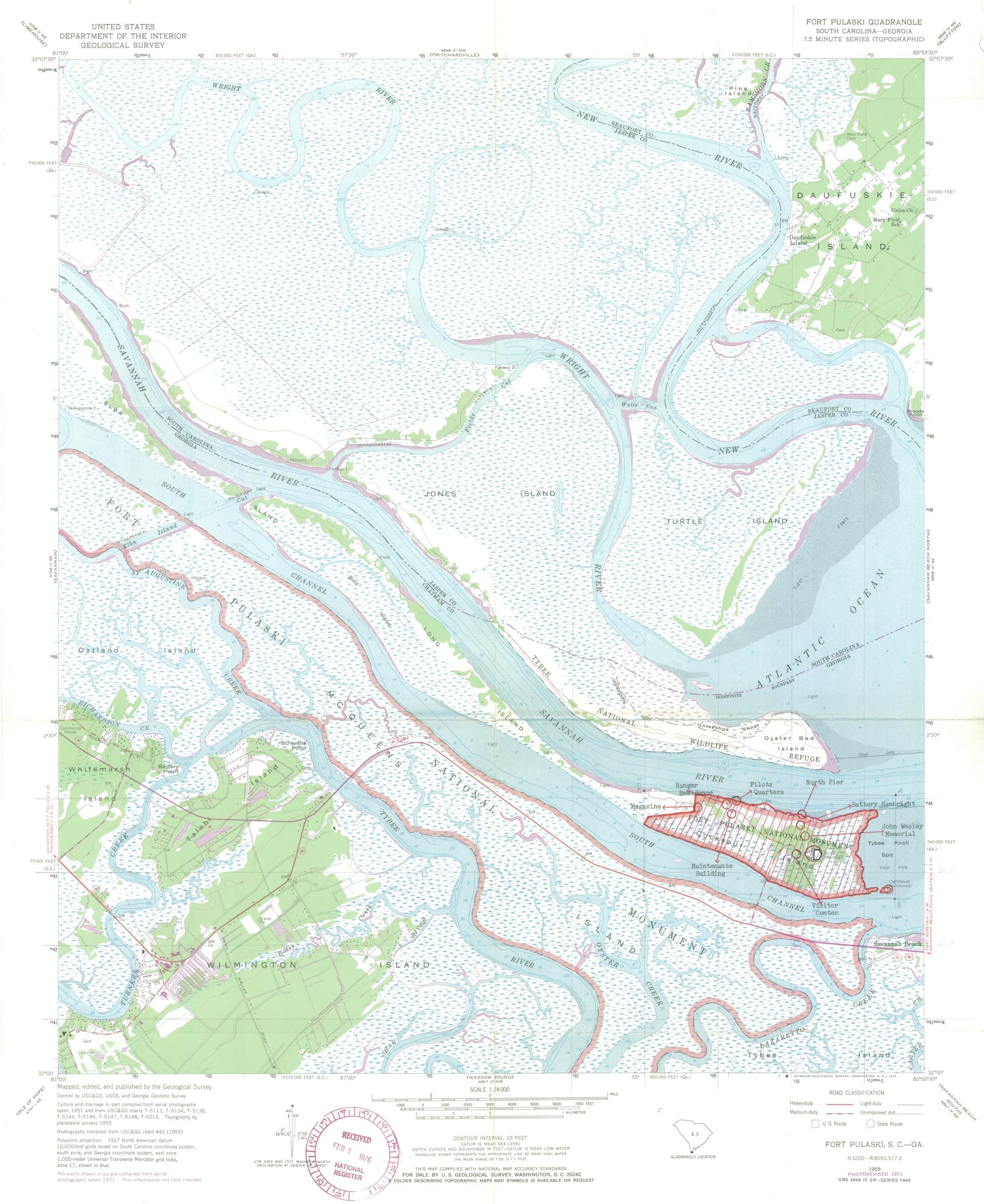


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Mesorandum

To: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

From Louis Deputy Director, material Park Service

Subject: Fort Pulaski, Georgia

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Attached is a copy of the proposed summary statement that we expect to have adopted at the meeting at Ft. Pulaski National Monument on October 2. The meeting is being convened pursuant to standard procedures adopted by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The participants, according to the procedures, will be representatives of the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, the Corps of Engineers, and the Georgia State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation.

(Sgd) Harthon L. Bill

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Colonel John S. Egbert Corps of Engineers Department of the Army Sevannah District Corps of Engineers P. O. Box 889 Savannah, Georgia 31402

Dear Colonel Egbert:

Enclosed is the redraft and two copies of our Summary Statement verbally agreed to by the Ad Hoc Committee on Friday, October 2. I think the best procedure would be for you to sign these and forward them to Mrs. Jewett. Her address is Georgia Historical Commission, 116 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. She will then sign them, send the original to me, one copy back to you for your files, and keep the other for her use. The only alteration which has been made is changing the word "site" in the next to last sentence on the first page to fiscility." As the National Park Service uses the word "site" so often in connection with historic areas, we didn't want onyone to think that it was Fort Pulaski which was to be moved upstress! If any questions arise, please give me a call at 202 - 343-2643.

It was a real pleasure secting with you in Savannah, and I do appreciate the co-operative spirit shown by you and all concerned. I hope that you made it in time for the dedication at Fort Jackson, and that all went well.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

S. Allen Chambers, Jr. Architectural Historian National Register

Enclosures

ee:

Mrs. Mary Gregory Jewett, Executive Secretary, Georgia Historical Commission, 116 Mitchell Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Director, Southeast Region

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE 3401 WHIPPLE AVENUE ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30344

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Memorandum

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To:

Associate Director, Professional Services, WASO

Attention: Assistant Director, Park Historic Preservation

From: Acting Associate Regional Director, Professional Services, Southeast Region

Subject: Submittal of National Register Nomination Forms

Enclosed are National Register Nomination Forms for the areas listed below:

5430 - Fort Sumter National Monument

5170 - Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

5420 - Fort Pulaski National Monument

5300 De Soto National Memorial

5660 - Russell Cave National Monument

5410 - Fort Frederica National Monument

On the above six areas, we have only prepared Field Inventory Report Forms on Fort Frederica. Data for the List of Classified Structures has not been extracted for the other five.

We believe that the enclosed forms will satisfy the requirements for the List of Classified Structures and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Memorandum

To:

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Through:

Federal Representative to the National Register,

Department of the Interior

From:

Federal Representative, National Park Service

Subject: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Enclosed is the nomination of "Fort Pulaski National Monument,"

in the Southeast Region of the National Park Service, submitted

in confirmation of its inclusion in the National Register of

Historic Places.

Robert M. Utley

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THE NA	TIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Advisory Council on <u>Historic Preservation</u> 1522 K Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

August 9, 1978

Mr. Joe Brown, Director National Park Service Southeast Regional Office 1895 Phoenix Blvd. Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Dear Mr. Brown:

On August 7, 1978, the Council received a determination from the National Park Service that stabilization of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse would not adversely affect Fort Pulaski National Monument, Chatham County, Georgia, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director does not object to your determination.

A copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Myra/F. Harrison Assistant Director Office of Review and

Compliance

Advisory Council on <u>Historic Preservation</u> 1522 K Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 AUG 2 1 1979

Mr. Joe Brown, Director National Park Service Southeast Regional Office 1895 Phoenix Boulevard Atlanta, Georgia 30349

Dear Mr. Brown:

On August 18, 1978, the Council received a determination from the National Park Service that the removal of trees from the Battery Horace Hambright would not adversely affect Fort Pulaski National Monument, Chatham County, Georgia, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director does not object to your determination.

A copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signed

Myra F. Harrison Assistant Director Office of Review and Compliance



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

Spring Street, S.W.

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Mr. Robert R. Garvey, Jr.

Executive Director

ather c Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Garvey:

In compliance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, we are pleased to enclose a proposal to repair and preserve specific casemates at Fort Pulaski National Monument. Fort Pulaski is entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is our determination that this proposal will have an effect on the property, however, the effect will not be adverse. We would appreciate your comments.

Thank you for your continued interest in the programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

Southeast Region

Enclosure

I concur:



NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY (Include building, room no. and Zip

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440 G Street, NW. - Room 117B
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To:

Lou Groh, SEAC

Fax #: (850) 580-2884

Re:

Fort Pulaski NR nomination

Date:

October 27, 1999

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12, including this cover sheet.

Lou--

Here's the nomination and the unsigned, undated note about the non historic structures.

If you have any questions, give me a call.

I don't want to create problems for the Superintendent with some sort of official-looking message. Maybe you can just mention to him that the documentation is pretty thin and should probably updated at some point. I'm afraid if they don't fix it up it will come back and haunt them, but there really isn't any rush.

Thanks.

Do you want me to mail you a hard copy? The fax might be a little hard to read.

Marilyn

From the desk of...

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Marilyn M. Harper Historian National Register of Historic Places 1849 C Street, NW, Room NC400 Washington, DC 20240

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Fort Pulaski, under construction from 1829 to 1847, was one of a chain of brick coastal fortifications in the eastern U.S. On Cockspur Island in the mouth of the Savannah River, it guarded the city of Savannah from water-borne invasion. Associated with it are various ancillary structures and sites that predate, contemporize with, or postdate the main building.

1. Fort Pulaski (No. HS 1)

A five-sided (truncated hexagon) brick structure, with 72-foot-thick outer walls two tiers high, and approximately 350 feet long on each side, this casemated fort is in excellent condition. Opposite the gorge face is a triangular demilune with sides approximately 400 feet long. The fort and its demilune are separated by, and completely surrounded by, a wet moat approximately 40 feet wide and 7 feet deep. Extending from the fort in all directions over an area of roughly 100 acres is a system of dikes and drainage ditches. All of the above elements were designed and built as an integrated, militarily interdependent unit. All other historic structures on the island are in some way associated with the fort, but were not necessary to its operation as a defensive work. The fort is in excellent condition due to extensive restoration in the 1930's by the National Park Service. Its exterior is unaltered. The interior was altered only by the installation of electricity, rest room facilities, and re-k movable exhibit cases and storage areas in the gorge wall. Current high-standard maintenance and preservation practices should be continued.

Significance: 1st order
Latitude: 32° 01' 39" Longitude: 80° 53' 28"

Acreage: 5
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Recommended treatment: Preservation at current standards
Preliminary cost est. for above: None needed
Photos enclosed

2. a) Outlying Cisterns and b) Workmen's Village Site (No. HS 2)

Scattered about the monument grounds are several brick cisterns averaging 10 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height. These probably predate the fort itself as they supplied water to those men building the main work. All are unaltered, except for having been filled with sand for safety reasons; their several conditions range from fair to poor. Although probably of secondary importance once the fort's main water supply was finished, these cisterns remain as the only prominent structures associated with the fort's construction era. They should be partially restored (exterior), and their purpose interpreted by an exhibit.

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In addition to the cisterns are scattered remnants of brick and stone foundations of workmen's village kitchens, shops and quarters. The extent of these foundations is difficult to measure, as most are under 2-4 feet of silt and dredge spoil overburden and the present parking lot. Only occasional glimpses of them are possible along ditchbanks and in the junglelike thickets on the island. Copies of 19th century Army maps of the island and Civil War photographs suggest that all of these foundation ruins could be located and excavated via a major archeological dig, should same become desireable. Although "unavailable" for interpretation (except through Civil War photographs) at present, the sites should be undisturbed and protected.

Significance: 13t order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 39" Long. 80° 53' 28"

Acreage: Approximately 10.0

Recommended treatment: Preservation and protection

Preliminary cost est for above: No cost

3. North Pier (No. HS 3)

Extending into the marsh on the north edge of the island are the granite remains of the North Pier (1829-30), where building materials for the fort were offloaded from ships. It originally had a wooden L-shaped extension, which long ago rotted away. The 20' x 120' remains consist of granite sidewalks and headwall, the center being filled up with sod. Mooring rings and spikes are still spaced along the capstones of the sidewalls. The pier is essentially unaltered, stable, and is presently interpreted by a metalphoto plaque. Protection from erosion or sedimentation should be effected if and when the need arises.

Significance: 3 order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 55" Long. 80° 53' 34"

Acreage: 0.3

Recommended treatment: Preservation Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

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Cockspur Island Lighthouse (No. HS 4)

Built about 1840, this brick lighthouse is 46 feet tall, 16 feet in diameter at the base, and stands on its own islet just off of Cockspur Island southeast of the fort. A spiral brick stair inside ascends to the first landing (wooden), and a modern wooden ladder then gives access to the second landing (iron plate), which is also the floor of the lantern house. A small iron door (2' x 2') leads out to the catwalk around the lantern, which is guarded by an iron railing. A fire grate in the small iron door gives evidence of a sperm oil lighting system, and no elements of a later type lighting system (gas, for example) are present. Masonry work is in good condition inside and out, due to repairs and repointing performed by the park bricklayer in 1960. Millwork restored at that time is already showing signs of decay due to constant and severe buffeting by wind and seaspray. Door, window and lantern panes have been randomly pierced or broken out completely by the bullets of vandals. Ironwork (top landing, roof, outside railing) is badly rusted and pitted, but should last a long time if periodically scraped and painted.

Interpretation of the lighthouse is, and should remain, minimal because of its negative role in the siege of the fort, and dangers inherent in any public access that might be built out to it. However, it should be preserved at least at its present level as part of the historic scene; and because of its architectural significance and its role in the navigational history of the nation.

Significance: 2nd order

Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 21" Long. 80° 52' 49"

Acreage: 0.2 (includes islet flooded twice daily by tides)

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost est. of above: \$1,000 5,000

5. Battery Horace Hambright (No. HS 5)

Constructed on the north channel of the Savannah River c. 1895, this earth, concrete and steel work is approximately 100 x 50 feet in area and 15 feet high. Above are mounts designed to hold two 3-inch rapid fire rifles, and below are three magazines. The magazines have missing doors, but otherwise the general fabric of the structure is unaltered and sound. In 1960, the following repairs were made to the structure by the park maintenance staff: dense vegetation was stripped away; all cracks in the concrete calked and entire work given a coat of water-proofing; all steel elements cleaned and painted with antirust paint; and the earth and brick face toward the river restored.

Battery Hambright replaced, in concept, the older masonry type of

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19th century work was underway on massive Fort Screven, one mile away on Tybee Island. A metalphoto plaque now interprets Battery Hambright as the last in the evolution of coastal fortifications on Cockspur Island.

Significance: 2nd order

Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 49" Long. 80° 53' 34"

Acreage: 0.5

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Recommended treatment: Preservation
Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

6. Residence (No. HS 6)

The only home now on Cockspur Island, this 60 x 60 foot one story frame structure is of the "raised cottage" type, resting on wooden pilings. Built c. 1896, it has served a variety of government agencies. Originally, the quarter of the officer in charge of the U. S. Quarantine Station, it was considerably altered inside and out by the National Park Service, the U. S. Navy during WWII, and then again by the National Park Service. Despite these alterations its general character remains unchanged, and is typical of the older homes found on surrounding islands. Present policy is to continue to maintain it as the residence of the Chief Ranger at Fort Pulaski.

Significance: 3rd order

Longitude and Latitude: Lat 32° 01' 58" Long. 80° 54' 11"

Acreage: 0.5

Recommended treatment: Preservation as a residence

Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

7. John Wesley Memorial

The John Wesley Memorial commemorates the landing of John Wesley, founder of Methodism in America, on Cockspur (then Peeper) Island in 1736. Wesley, coming to Georgia to proselytize among the colonists and Indians, led a small party to high ground, and thanked God for a safe Atlantic crossing before continuing upriver to begin his work in Savannah. The brick monument, topped by a stone cross, marks the general area in which he is supposed to have held this first service. The column was designed by Edward Jones, Arch. of Albany, GA, and was erected by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames on Nov. 9, 1950.

Significance: 3rd Order
Longitude and Latitude: Lat. 32° 01' 46" Long. 80° 53; 33"
Recommended treatment: Maintain in present condition
Preliminary cost est. of above: No cost

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Fort Pulaski is the best preserved and most original of a system of eastern coastal forts designed by the French military engineer Simon Bernard, while in the employ of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Its massive brick walls, backed by heavy piers, and casemated rooms reflected the continuing search for security against increasingly large caliber smoothbore cannon of the period. The best military engineering principles, and finest joinery and masonry techniques of the day were used in its construction. Yet the siege and rapid reduction of Fort Pulaski in 1862 by heavy rifled artillery of the Federal Army, which had no precedent, immediately made obsolete all masonry forts everywhere. Most of the construction features and extensive siege damage are visible, and are interpreted to the public today.

Ancillary structures include: numerous cisterns, workmen's village house foundations and a stone pier, all associated with the fort's construction; Cockspur Island Lighthouse (1840) prominent in local navigational history and architecturally significant; Battery Hambright (1895) which represents the continuing evolution of coastal fortifications; and, the park residence (1896), once headquarters of the U.S. Quarantine Station on the island.

The Fort Pulaski complex is significant in the areas of architecture, engineering and military history of the U.S. Although the fort embodies nothing new since Roman times in the way of architectural principles, the craftsmanship exhibited in its construction is outstanding, and it is one of the best surviving examples of North American fort architecture and engineering. It is far more significant in terms of military history. Built as it was, to withstand the heaviest of smoothbore cannon of the day, the fort quickly fell under the punch of rifled artillery. This successful test siege immediately changed the course of military architecture and history.

All of the above structures and sites represent the long and important role of Cockspur Island in the nation's military, architectural and maritime history. Cockspur Island consists of 260 acres.

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12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATI	ON			NATIONAL REGIST	ER VERIFICATION	
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In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation			ation			
nominate this property to the National Register, certify-						
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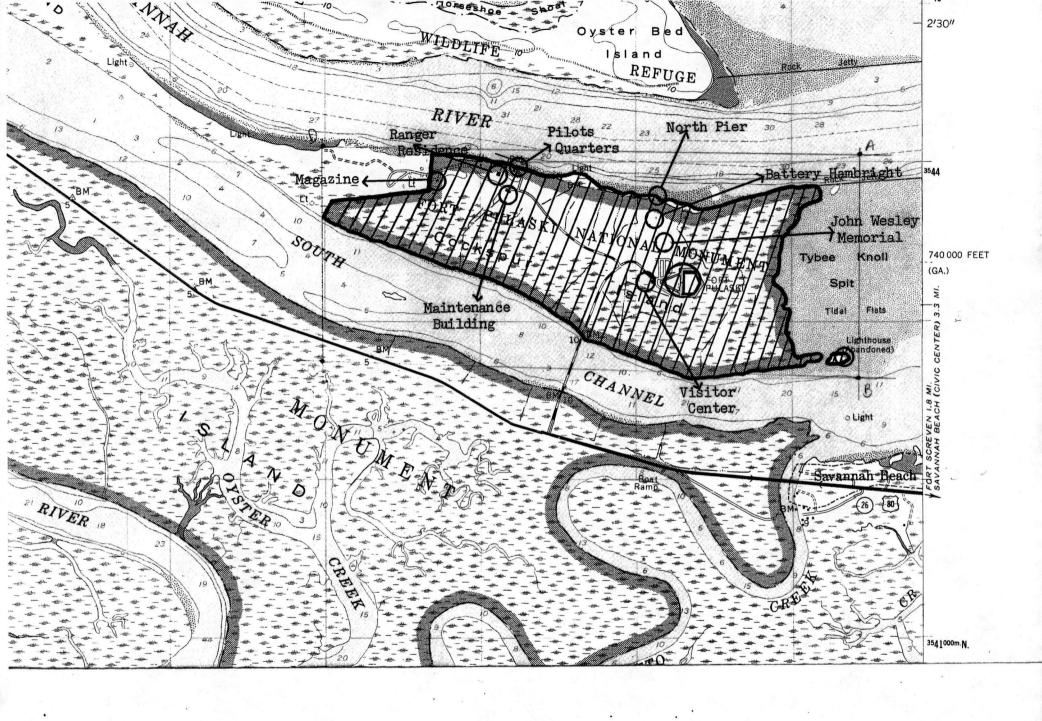
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The WWII magazine, maintenance building, pilots questers, and Visitor center are pot historic structure.

FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT

Latitude and longitude of Fort Pulaski as computed from Geological Survey map, Fort Pulaski Quadrangle, South Carolina - Georgia, 7.5 minute Series, (Topographic), photorevised, 1971.

Latitude

N.E. Corner - Cockspur Island Residence	32° 01'	58"
North Pier	32° 01'	55"
Battery Horace Hambright	32° 01'	49"
John Wesley Memorial	32° 01'	
Fort Pulaski	32° 01'	38.95245"
Cockspur Lighthouse	32 01'	20.91230"
S.W. Cockspur Island		
(Park boundary)	32° 01'	49"
Pilots Quarters	32° 02'	03"
Maintenance Building	32° 01'	
Visitor Center	32° 01'	38"
WW II Magazine	32° 01'	58"

Longitude

N.E. Corner of Cockspur Island Cockspur Lighthouse	80° 52' 5	
Fort Pulaski	80° 53' 2	
John Wesley Memorial	80° 53' 3	3"
Battery Horace Hambright	80° 53' 3	4"
North Pier	80° 53' 3	
Residence	80° 54' 1	.1"
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(Park boundary)	80° 54' 5	
Pilots Quarters	800 541 1	
Maintenance Building	80 ⁰ 54' 1	
Visitor Center	80° 53' 3	
WW II Magazine	80° 54' 3	
N.W. Corner - Cockspur boundary	80° 54' 3	5"

