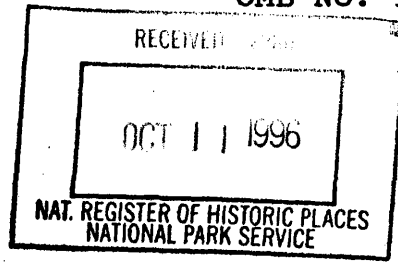


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Southwest Boundary Dike

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number Congaree Swamp National Monument

city or town Hopkins

state South Carolina

code SC

county Richland

zip code 29061

not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

code 079

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmunds, Deputy SHPO  
Signature of certifying official

10/2/96  
Date

S.C. Department of Archives and History  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Rowland Bower  
Signature of commenting or other official

10/11/96  
Date

National Park Service  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Barbara Little 11/25/86  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[Signature]* Signature of Keeper      Date of Action

**5. Classification**

- |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Ownership of Property<br/>(Check as many boxes as apply)</p> <p>___ private<br/>       ___ public-local<br/>       ___ public-State<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal</p> | <p>Category of Property<br/>(Check only one box)</p> <p>___ building(s)<br/>       ___ district<br/>       ___ site<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure<br/>       ___ object</p> |
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Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed properties in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	_____	buildings
<u>0</u>	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
<u>0</u>	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument

**6. Function or Use**

*Historic Functions*

*(Enter categories from instructions)*

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/flood control

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Current Functions*

*(Enter categories from instructions)*

OTHER/national park

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

*Architectural Classification*

*(Enter categories from instructions)*

No style

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Materials*

*(Enter categories from instructions)*

foundation: \_\_\_\_\_

walls: \_\_\_\_\_

roof: \_\_\_\_\_

other: earth

*Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)*

**8. Statement of Significance**

*Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)*

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE  
ARCHEOLOGY/HISTORIC--Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance

1740-1900

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

Euro-American

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) See Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument Multiple Property Documentation Form

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Congaree Swamp National Monument

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A				D	_____	_____
B				F	_____	_____
C				F	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**name/title Jill Hanson, Historianorganization National Park Service, Southeast Field Area

date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number 75 Spring Street, S.W.telephone (404) 331-5988city or town Atlantastate GAzip code 30303**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage  
or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner** (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)name National Park Servicestreet & number P.O. Box 37127

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Washingtonstate DCzip code 20013-7127

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF RESOURCE**

*Southwest Boundary Dike, HS-03*

A 3-to-4-foot-high earthen dike running [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The structure is covered with mature hardwood trees and other vegetation. Inundation and erosion caused by seasonal flooding impact the dike structure, but the resource retains overall historic integrity.

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**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Southwest Boundary Dike is significant under the context "Agricultural Settlement in the Congaree Swamp: 1740-1900" established in the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form for the *Historic Resources of Congaree Swamp National Monument*. Beginning in 1730, small farmers moved into the back country of South Carolina to find fertile farm land and to create "buffer zones" between the back country and the more densely populated coastal area centered around the city of Charleston. After the end of the Cherokee War in 1761 and the establishment of the state capital at Columbia in 1786, wealthy planters moved into the Congaree River valley to introduce the plantation system to the region. Settlers built dikes in an effort to control the periodic flooding of the Congaree River and utilize the fertile swampland on its border to grow crops. The cost of building and maintaining large earthen dike systems using slave labor in the disease-ridden swamp discouraged the efforts of most land owners and led to the decline of large-scale farming in the area.

The dike is significant at the state level under National Register criteria A and D for its association with the agricultural settlement of the Congaree Swamp and for its ability to yield information about settlement patterns in the region.