

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC Fort Caroline National Memorial

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12713 Fort Caroline Road

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Jacksonville

 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 3

STATE

Florida

__ VICINITY OF

 CODE
 12

 COUNTY
 Duval

 CODE
 031
3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY
 REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
 Southeast Regional Office

 STREET & NUMBER
 1895 Phoenix Blvd.

 CITY, TOWN
 Atlanta

__ VICINITY OF

 STATE
 Georgia
5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Duval County Courthouse (Also Park files)

STREET & NUMBER

330 East Bay Street

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville

 STATE
 Florida
6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Buildings

DATE

1975

 __FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

 DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

 City Historical and Cultural Conservation Commission
 or Dept. of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Jacksonville, Florida

STATE

Tallahassee, Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X_EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	__ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	XX ALTERED	XX MOVED DATE _____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fort Caroline (20th century Replica) Structure #001

The exact site of the original is unknown. Historic research indicates that it was in this vicinity on similar ground. The existing fort is a scale replica (2/3 to 3/4 scale,) constructed in 1964. The construction of the replica was based on the drawings of Jacques LeMoyne, an artist with the colonists. Descriptions in the diaries of the colonists were also used. The structure is primarily earthwork, having one plank wall facing the river. It is roughly the shape of a triangle, 200' X 200' X 300', each point being modified to form a protective bastion for gun emplacements. There is a single entrance of heavy timbers and a moat encompasses the Fort on two sides (the river is on the third side.) The base of the two earthwork walls measures 30' sloping upwards to 20' in width. They are topped by walls 4' high and 3' wide. The Fort is currently in good condition and requires only routine maintenance. 2nd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/451905/3361550

Ribault Column-Structure #003

This monument is the replica of the original as shown in the LeMoyne drawing of 1564. The original was placed at the mouth of the St. John's River by the French to claim this land in 1562. In 1924, this replica was placed at Mayport by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1957, the replica was moved to St. Johns Bluff, its present location. The Column and the bluff are currently in such condition as to require only routine maintenance. 3rd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/452920/3361670

Confederate Earthworks-Structure #004

The defensive earthwork battery, mounted several cannon and overlooked the St. Johns River. It is adjacent to the Ribault Column. It was constructed in September 1862, and abandoned by the Confederates to the Federals in October 1862. The earthworks exist today covered with trees and small shrubs. Clearing and restoration needed to bring it to the point requiring only routine maintenance for preservation would cost \$12,000. 2nd Order of Significance. Location: UTM: 17/452920/3361670

Spanish Campsite Pond

This pond and the pine grove in the southwest side of it are believed to have been the site of the Spanish soldiers' camp the night before they attacked Fort Caroline. The marshy pond and pine grove, and adjacent ridge, match the description of the area written in 1564. The pond is approximately 10 acres. A research project is being conducted by the University of Florida under contract to National Park Service to determine the environmental factors affecting the pond. A computer model will be formulated which spells out alternative courses of action to take and their effects so that the manager may choose action to maintain the historical scene. continued maintenance costs will be determined by findings. Location: UTM: 17/452600/3361090

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES: 1564 Original-1964 Replica BUILDER/ARCHITECT Original constructed by French
 NPS constructed Replica

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At Fort Caroline the struggle between France and Spain for supremacy in southeastern North America began and ended, virtually. When the Fort was founded in 1564 by French Huguenots (Calvinists), there was no other European colony on the North American continent this side of Mexico, and France hoped this colony would help establish her claim to the New World. The colony was a two-fold insult to Spain; first through the French King it challenged Spanish claims to this land, and secondly, it represented the presence of heretics which was intolerable to the Catholic Church in Spain. These factors served to trigger what was to be the first decisive conflict between European kingdoms for a region that later became part of the Continental United States. King Philip of Spain sent an armada to Florida in 1565. Spanish forces captured the fort, as its garrison had already been weakened by famine, internal dissension, and Indian attacks. Renamed San Mateo, the post was maintained by Spain through the colonial period. Recent reconstruction of Fort Caroline was based on a 16th century sketch.

In the 1800's the Fort site became significant again as a defense that was placed on the strategic St. Johns Bluff overlooking the St. Johns River. The earthworks were placed there in an attempt to protect the city of Jacksonville, a favorite port for blockade runners. The battery was also to protect the entire St. Johns River "Valley." When the Union forces took the position, it gave them access to both, and cut off the North-South movement of Confederate troops in East Florida.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 128 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	453040	3361920	B	17	453020	3360740
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	17	451450	3360790	D	17	451450	3361790
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bounded on the west by Shipyard Creek, on the North by the St. Johns River, on the south at S. 89 degrees N. 53 CH. On the east, it is bounded by the Clyde Bonds' Property, on the North side of Fort Caroline Road and by the Barbara Preble property on the east and southside Fort Caroline Road. The property is bisected east to west by Fort Caroline Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kathleen L. Dilonardo, Superintendent

ORGANIZATION

Fort Caroline National Monument

DATE

11/75

STREET & NUMBER

12713 Fort Caroline Road

TELEPHONE

(304) 641-7155

CITY OR TOWN

Jacksonville

STATE

Florida 32225

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE

APR 20 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12/12/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

12-8-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER