

Petersburg National Battlefield VirtualCache Program

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Site 1: Jordan House Foundation

N 37° 14'38.866
W 77° 21'26.185



The Josiah Jordan house was known in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries as the estate of "Clermont," which was owned in the late eighteenth century by William Cole. Josiah Jordan purchased the surrounding land and a 16-room house known as Clermont in 1830. The boundaries of the estate were delineated in a survey of May 1797. The 1837 County map indicates two structures with fence-enclosed yards on the "Roane" property; the widow of the elder Josiah Jordan remarried a Mr. Roane.

By the eve of the Civil War the Jordan's were close acquaintances of the Epps' family at City Point. In 1861-2 the Dimmock Line (the defense wall around Petersburg) was built and cut through their plantation. The remains of Confederate Battery #5, immediately north of this site, was part of those defenses. On June 15, 1864 their home was on the front line and at the start of the Siege of Petersburg. In 1865, the total land holdings of Josiah Jordan was 525 acres.

Their home did not survive the war and upon returning they would re-built twice before selling the house after Josiah's death in 1886. The foundation before you is part of the original-1830 structure. The Jordan's family cemetery is east of the visitor center parking lot and includes the graves of Josiah, his wife and four of their children.

Visit Instructions:

One picture is required for this Virtual Cache. Please take a close up picture of the foundation.