

**BEAUFORT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997**

INTENSIVE LEVEL BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

Statewide Survey Site Form
State Historic Preservation Office
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Columbia, SC

Site Number: U- 13 - 0046
Access County Site #
USGS Quad: 182 Frogmore
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): B.B. Sams House Map Ref.: _____ Tax Number: R300 023 000 0025 0000
Common name(s): _____ City Block Ref.: _____ Island: Datha Is.
Address/location: _____ City/Vicinity of (vic.): St. Helena Island vic.
Date: 1783 ca./1826 Alteration date: _____
Ownership: 1. private 2. city 3. county 4. state 5. federal 6. unknown
Category: 1. building 2. site 3. structure 4. object
Historic use(s): single dwelling Current uses: abandoned

National Register Status: determined eligible-owner objection Date: 10/6/88 Listing Name: Sams Tabby Complex NRIS # _____

SHPO Determination: District: Contributing Non-contributing Potential: _____

Consultant Recommendation: _____

Previous Survey: Reference: Notes:
 H.A.B.S. Other.. _____
 Feiss-Wright (1969) _____
 Historic Resources of the Lowcountry (1979) _____
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 A Guide to Historic Beaufort (1995 ed.) _____

Photograph:



Photographs:
 prints
 slides
 negatives

Date: 4/22/98
Recorder: B. Harvey, Brockington & Assoc.

Roll #	Neg.	View of:
H-31	0	facing east
H-31	1	facing east
H-31	2	facing east
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Style: _____ Commercial Form: _____

Core Shape: _____ Stories: _____ Construction: tabby

Roof: Shape: _____ Material: _____

Chimney: Type: _____ Material: _____

Exterior Walls: tabby

Windows: _____ Type: _____ Pane _____
 _____ Config.: _____

Doors: _____ Foundation: tabby

Porch Height: _____ Porch Width: _____ Porch Roof Shape: _____

Porch Details: _____ Decorative Elements: _____

Outbuildings: other house Interior Features: _____
kitchen

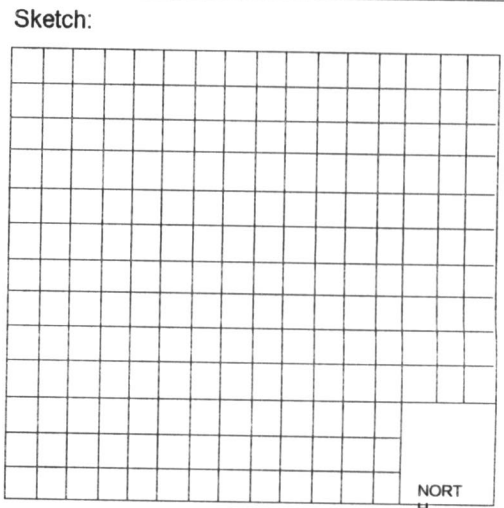
Number of Related Resources: _____

Surroundings: residential Acreage: c. 1 Quadrangle: Frogmore

Alterations: _____ Alteration date: _____ Integrity: good Condition: ruin

Description: Large tabby ruin near the center of Dataw Island residential and golf course development. Ruins consist of a central dwelling with a central section and two wings, and a kitchen building. The main house has a raised tabby foundation; in the center section, portions of the first floor walls remain. The chimney remains from the kitchen building.

Historical Data: Williams Sams purchased Dataw Island from Sarah and Robert Gibbes in 1783; after his death in 1798, the island was divided among three of his sons: L.R. Sams, E.H. Sams, and B.B. Sams. B.B. Sams apparently owned the south part of the island by 1813. The Sams family held the land until 1863. The main house appears to have been built in at least two building episodes. The middle section of the house was built perhaps as early as 1783. The wings, porches, and a linking section were built probably in 1826 by Berners Barnwell Sams.



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