

**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 - 1412
Access County Site #
USGS Quad: 025 Beaufort
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Port Royal Freight Depot Map Ref.: PR 12 Tax Number: R110 011 000 105A 0000
Common name(s): _____ City Block Ref.: _____ Island: Port Royal Is.
Address/location: 1508 Old Shell Rd. City/Vicinity of (vic.) Port Royal
Date: 1875 ca. Alteration date: 1980 ca.
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): railroad depot Current uses: vacant

National Register Status: _____ Date: _____ Listing Name: _____ NRIS # _____

SHPO National Register Evaluation: Individually eligible Name: Port Royal Freight Depot

Consultant Recommendation: _____ Name: _____

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

Photograph:



Photographs:
 prints
 slides
 negatives

Date: 3/9/98

Recorder: D. Schneider, Historic Beaufort Fdn.

Roll # Neg. View of:
B-23 5 S elev., fac. NW

Style: _____ Commercial Form: _____

Core Shape: rectangular _____ Stories: 1 _____ Construction: frame _____
 Roof: Shape: gable (lateral) _____ Material: rolled roofing _____

Chimney: Type: flue _____ Material: brick _____

Exterior Walls: board & batten _____

Windows: single _____ Type: double hung _____ Pane covered _____
 Config.: _____

Doors: single _____ Foundation: brick piers _____
 cargo _____

Porch Height: _____ Porch Width: _____ Porch Roof Shape: _____
 Porch Details: _____ Decorative Elements: _____

Outbuildings: _____ Interior Features: _____

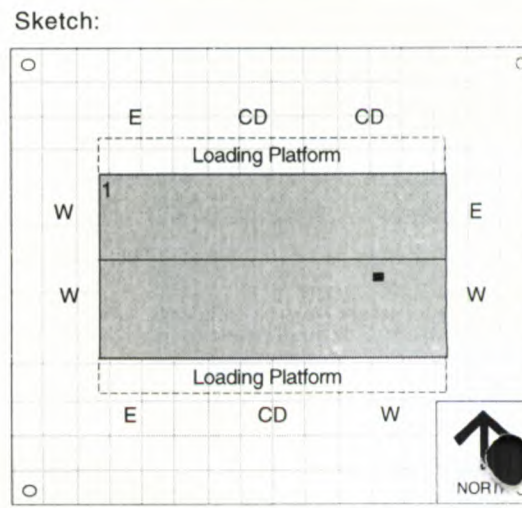
Number of Related Resources: _____

Surroundings: _____ Acreage: _____ Quadrangle: Beaufort _____

Alterations: Alteration date: 1980 ca. _____ Integrity: good _____ Condition: good _____
 moved to present site from 801 Paris Ave.

Description: Rectangular frame 1 story railroad freight depot with a lateral gable roof with wide eaves extending over narrow loading platforms that run full-width across the N & S elevs. Board & batten siding. 3 bay N elev. has a pedestrian entrance at its W bay and rectangular cargo door openings in its center and E bays. Cargo openings have diagonal board doors, although paneled board and batten cargo doors of the same size are propped up against the building. The W elevation has windows in each of its 2 bays. The S elevation has an entrance in its W bays central cargo door, and a window in its E bay. The E elevation has a window in its S bay and a pedestrian entrance in its N bay. A rectangular sign at the W elevation reads "Port Royal"

Historical Data: Reported to have been constructed circa 1875 as the Port Royal freight depot for the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad, the building is shown on the 1905, 1912, and 1924 Sanborn maps.



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Informant/ Bibliography: "A Brief History of the Town of Port Royal, S.C.," Gerhard Spieler, 1992. Sanborn maps, 1905, 1912, & 1924