

BEAUFORT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997

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

INTENSIVE LEVEL SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: U - 13 - 1415.00

Brockington Associates, Inc. • Brooker Architectural Design Consultants
Historic Beaufort Foundation • Preservation Consultants, Inc.

USGS Quad: 487 Spring Island
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Site

Historic name(s): Edwards House

Tax Number: R600 016 000 0041 0000

Common name(s): Old House Ruins

Island: Spring Is.

Address/location: Old House Rd.

City/Vicinity of (vic.) Spring Island

Date: 1790c

Alteration date: ca. 1810

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 residence

Current uses: ruin

National Register Status:

Action:

Date:

Listing Name:

NRIS #

Local Designation:

Potential:

Source of Evaluation:

Number of Related Resources:

Previous Survey:

SCIAA Site File #38BU1.

Reference:

Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date: 12/16/97

Recorder: S. Fick, Preservation Consultants

Roll #	Neg.	View of:
F9	10	West elevation
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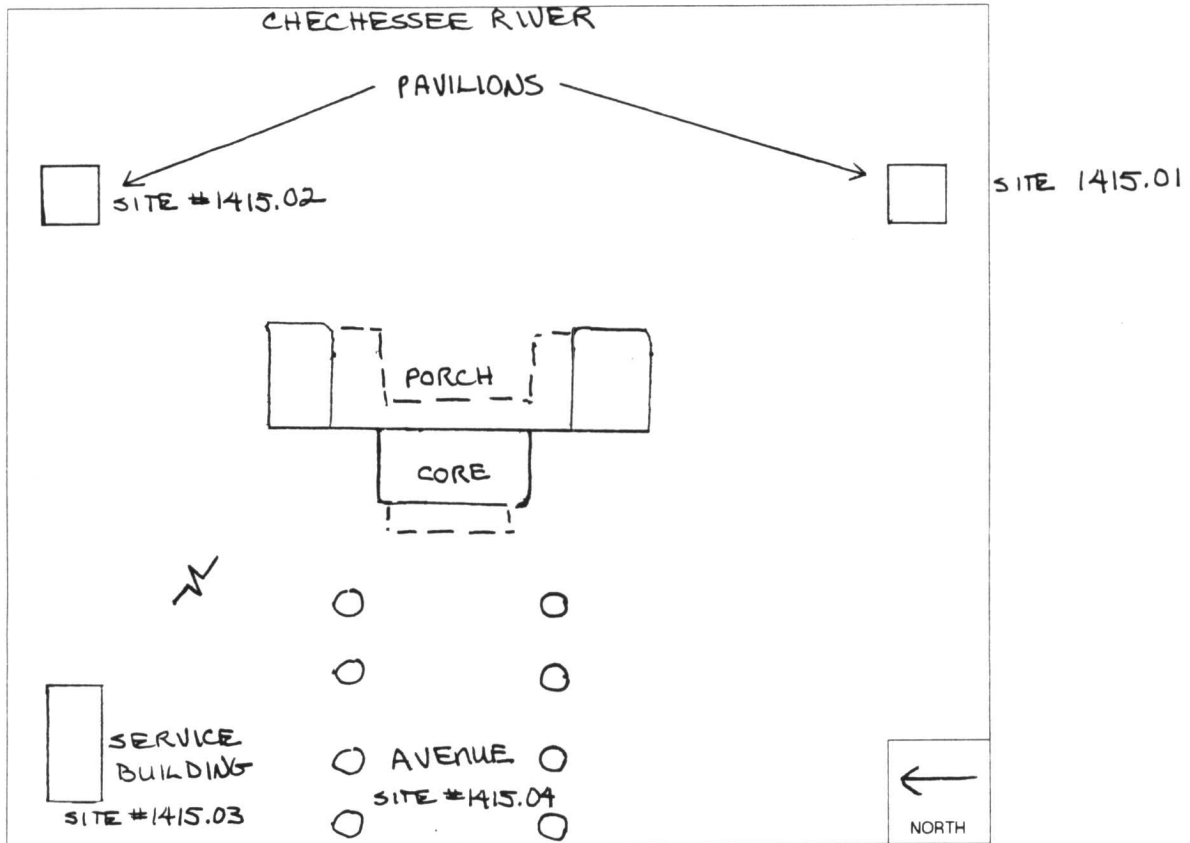
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Surroundings: golf course

Acreage: 22

Sketch:



Description:

Pre-1800 rectangular two-story core with two-story wings added ca. 1810 to create tripartite dwelling with porch along three sides of the east U, facing the river. Parts of the north and south end walls of the core survive: it was of tabby with scored stucco exterior and chimneys probably of brick. The two-story tabby wings were linked to the main core by tabby screen walls and a timber-framed porch. The north wing is in better condition than the south, both showing evidence of at least one fire.

Alterations:

Alteration date: ca. 1810

Integrity: excellent good fair poor Other...

North and south wings added ca. 1810.

Historical Data:

Ca. 1750 George Barksdale acquired Spring Island; his grandson George Edwards (d. 1859) eventually inherited and enlarged the house and added outbuildings and landscaping, probably between 1802 and 1812. Edwards planted Sea Island cotton on Spring Island; he also lived in Charleston, where he added the famous "Pineapple Gates" to his house on Legare Street. Spring Island was essentially abandoned during the Civil War; the house was standing as late as 1873. It is not known when it was lost.

Informant/
Bibliography:

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