

**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 - 248.12
Access County Site #
USGS Quad: 470 Sheldon
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Keyserling Gin Map Ref.: _____ Tax Number: R100 012 000 010B 0000
Common name(s): _____ City Block Ref.: _____ Island: _____
Address/location: Seabrook Drive at railroad tracks City/Vicinity of (vic.) Seabrook
Date: 1880 ca. Alteration date: 1920 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): cotton gin Current uses: abandoned

National Register Status: _____ Date: _____ Listing Name: _____ NRIS # _____
listed as part of NR Historic District 7/25/97 McLeod Farmstead

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) _____
 Milner Historic District Inventory (1979) _____
 A Guide to Historic Beaufort (1995 ed.) _____

Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date: 2/12/97
Recorder: B. Harvey, Brockington & Assoc.

Roll # Neg. View of:
H-4 22 se oblique

Style: _____ Commercial Form: _____

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 2 stories Construction: frame

Roof: Shape: gable (end to front) Material: raised seam metal

Chimney: Type: _____ Material: _____

Exterior Walls: _____

Windows: single Type: boarded over Pane Config.: _____

Doors: open Foundation: not visible

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

Porch Details: _____ Decorative Elements: _____

Outbuildings: none Interior Features: _____

Number of Related Resources: 13

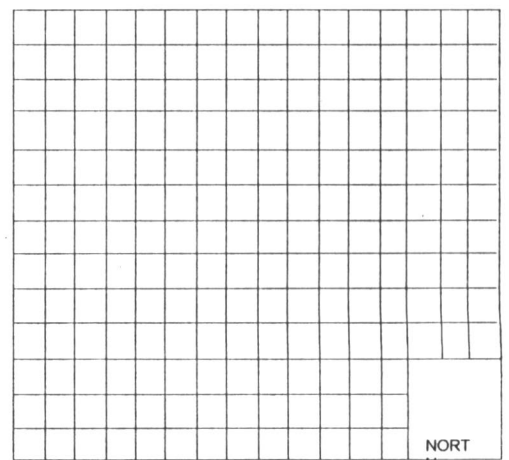
Surroundings: rural community Acreage: _____ Quadrangle: Sheldon

Alterations: Alteration date: 1920 ca. Integrity: fair Condition: _____
Metal siding added

Description: Tall, narrow building, corrugated metal sides. Faces directly on railroad tracks.

Historical Data: The McLeod farm was one of the most important of the rapid increase of truck farms throughout the South Carolina Lowcountry. The farm began in 1884 when William H. McLeod and his son, Claudius E. McLeod bought land along the west side of the new Port Royal and Augusta Railroad. Claudius McLeod continued to purchase land, including the Keyserling property on the east side of the railroad, into the early twentieth century. This cotton gin was originally part of the Keyserling family operation, adjoining the McLeod farm. The McLeods purchased the property in 1921.

Sketch:



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Informant/ Bibliography: Claude McLeod, current owner; Natalie Harvey, NRHP nomination, 1996.