

**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 - 26.00  
Access County Site #

USGS Quad: 445 Saint Phillips Island  
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Frogmore Plantation Map Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Number: R300 023 000 0231 0000  
Common name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ City Block Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Island: St. Helena Is.  
Address/location: 59 Sassafras Road City/Vicinity of (vic.) St. Helena Island  
Date: 1835 ca. 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: single dwelling

National Register Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Listing Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIS # \_\_\_\_\_  
listed individually in National Register 5/26/89 Frogmore Plantation Complex

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: 7/3/97  
Recorder: B. Harvey, Brockington & Assoc.

Roll # Neg. View of:  
H-16 15A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Style: Federal Commercial Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 2.5 stories Construction: frame

Roof: Shape: gable (lateral) Material: composition shingle

Chimney: Type: interior Material: stuccoed brick

Exterior Walls: weatherboard

Windows: single Type: double hung Pane Prarie/bungalow/craftsm  
 Config.: n geometric

Doors: single Foundation: tabby  
transom  
sidelights

Porch Height: 2 or more with tiers Porch Width: full facade Porch Roof Shape: shed

Porch Details: insect screening Decorative Elements: \_\_\_\_\_

Outbuildings: other house Interior \_\_\_\_\_  
garage Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Related Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

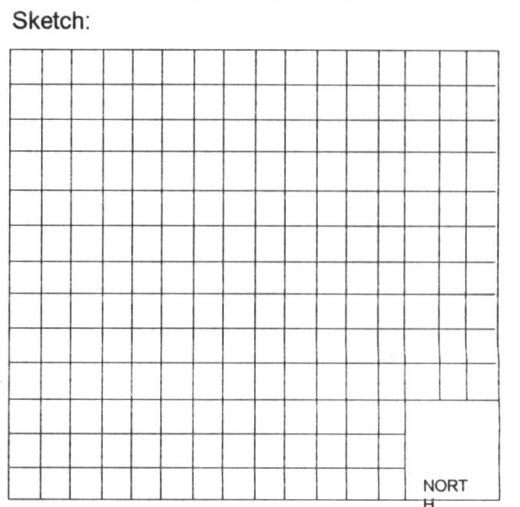
Surroundings: rural Acreage: 400 Quadrangle: Saint Phillips Island

Alterations: Alteration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Integrity: good Condition: excellent

Laura Towne/Ellen Murray enlarged the house from 1.5 to 2.5 stories sometime after purchasing the house in 1868. Upp verandah added after Towne's death in 1908.

Description:

Historical Data: Perhaps built for John and Elizabeth Stapleton, owners of the plantation in 1810. Owned by Thomas A. Coffin at his death in 1865. Purchased by Laura Towne and Ellen Murray, founders of the Penn School, in 1868. After 1908, purchased by James Ross MacDonald, an important businessman and cotton broker on St. Helena Island who owned the corner store at Frogmore.



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Informant/ Bibliography: Cole, Historic Resources of the Lowcountry, p. 66; NRHP nomination, "Frogmore Plantation Complex"