

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 - 295

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

USGS Quad: 555 W1601NS
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Site

Historic name(s): Phosphate Mine Tram Railroad Bed

Tax Number: 12700 046 000 0003 0000
Island: Chisolm Is.

Common name(s):

Address/location: SE Witsell Rd.

City/Vicinity of (vic.): Dale vic.

Date: 1885ca 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): rail line Current uses: not used

National Register Status:

Action:

Date:

Listing Name:

NRIS #

Local Designation:

Potential:

Source of Evaluation:

Number of Related Resources:

Previous Survey:

Reference:

Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date: 7/11/97

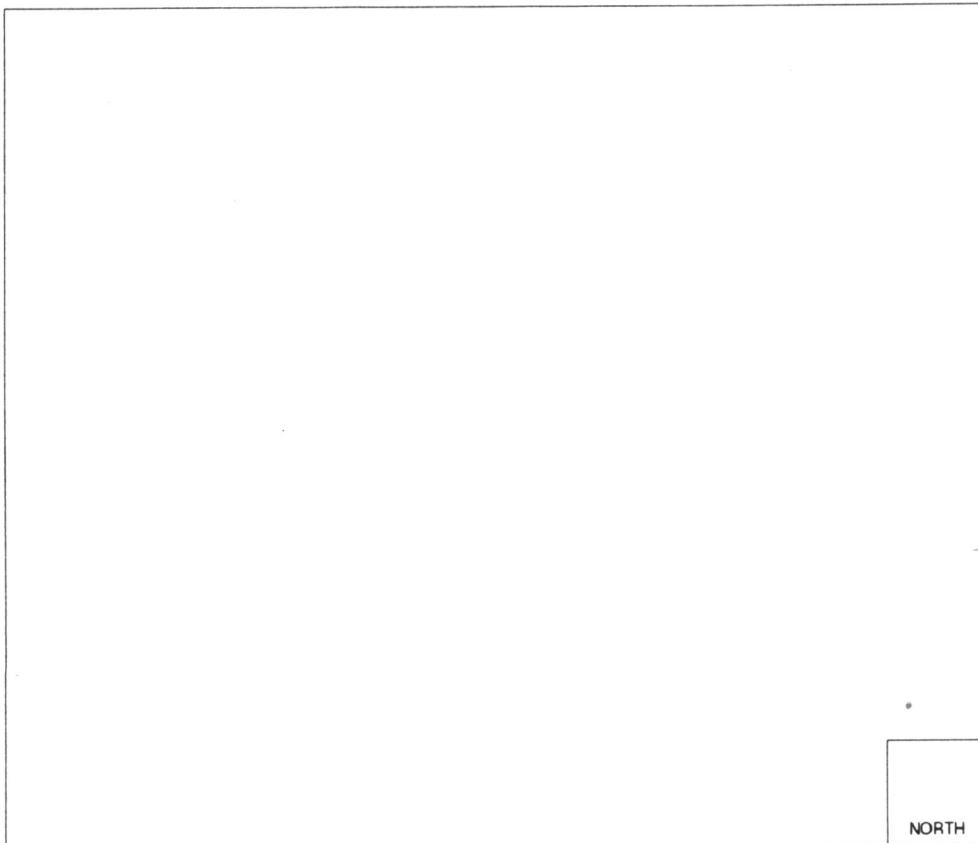
Recorder: S. Fick, Preservation Consultants

Roll # Neg. View of:
F6 20 Tree line at causeway

Surroundings: rural

Acreage:

Sketch:



Description:

Earthen causeway about two miles long that supported narrow-gauge railroad or tramline. Ties and tracking were removed after phosphate mining ended in the area. Causeway is apparent as line of trees across the marsh.

Alterations:

Alteration date:

Integrity: excellent good fair poor Other...

Historical
Data:

A tram railroad ran from Summerhouse Point, where Bull River was deep enough for ship loading, to the village of Chisolm, where there were a post office and stores.

Informant/
Bibliography:

Interview, Danny Lesesne, Witsell Rd. , Chisolm.