

**BEAUFORT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997**

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INTENSIVE LEVEL BUILDING INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: U - 13 - 297

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

USGS Quad: 555 W1661NS
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Witsell House

Tax Number: R700 046 000 0003 0000

Common name(s):

Island: Chisolm Is.

Address/location: 1542 Witsell Rd.

City/Vicinity of (vic.) Chisolm

Date: 1890ca

Alteration date: 1930c, 1959

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:

Action:

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Potential:

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Photograph:



Photographs:

- prints
- slides
- negatives

Date: 7/11/97

Recorder: S. Fick, Preservation Consultants

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F6	21	Facade (NE)
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Style: Folk: massed-plan Commercial Form:

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 1 story Construction: frame
 Roof: Shape: hip Material: composition shingle

Chimney: Type: interior Material: brick
 flue

Exterior Walls: weatherboard
 asbestos shingle

Windows: single Type: double hung Pane 2/2
 Config.: 6/6

Doors: single Foundation: brick piers
 transom

Porch Height: 1 story Porch Width: over 1 bay, less than full Porch Roof Shape: hip
 Porch Details: posts Decorative
 insect screening Elements:

Outbuildings: barn Interior Center hall plan, angled fireplaces in each of four main
 shed Features: rooms; high ceilings, molded window and door surrounds
 with cornerblocks at doors and windows. Rear T-wing had
 porch in ell, rear entries with transoms.

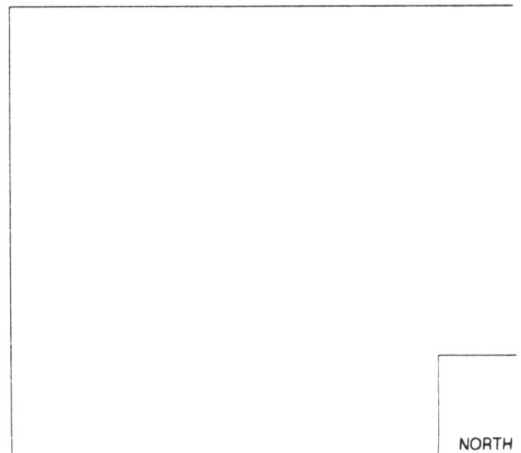
Surroundings: rural; Wimbee Creek waterfront Acreage: Quadrangle: Dale

Alterations: Alteration date: 1930c, 1959 Integrity: good Condition: fair
 Porch, extended to full-facade width, torn off by Hurricane Gracie and replaced; two of four principal chimneys lost.
 Asbestos siding, probably after Hurricane Gracie. Rear (south) porch collapsed and was removed, date unknown.
 Some replacement 6/6 sash.

Description: Good example of residence of prosperous late-19th century farmer-merchants.

Historical Data: Built for Mr. Witsell, a son-in-law of the Sanders family who had bought most of Chisolm Island for truck farming, shipping their vegetables from Chisolms Landing. The post office at Chisolm was kept by the family and by their Lesesne relatives into the mid-twentieth century. Post office, store, and another family house have been lost.

Sketch:



Informant/ Bibliography: Interview, Danny Lesesne, Witsell Rd. SC: Resources & Population, Institutions & Industries (Columbia, 1883).