

**BEAUFORT COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY - 1997**

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INTENSIVE LEVEL SITE INVENTORY FORM

Site Number: U - 13 - 311

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): Callawassie Island Sugar Works

Tax Number: R600 015 003 0033 0000  
Island: Callawassie Is.

Common name(s):

Address/location: Sugar Mill Dr.

City/Vicinity of (vic.) Callawassie Island

Date: 1815c

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): sugar mill

Current uses: ruin

National Register Status:

Action:

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Listing Name:

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Local Designation:

Potential:

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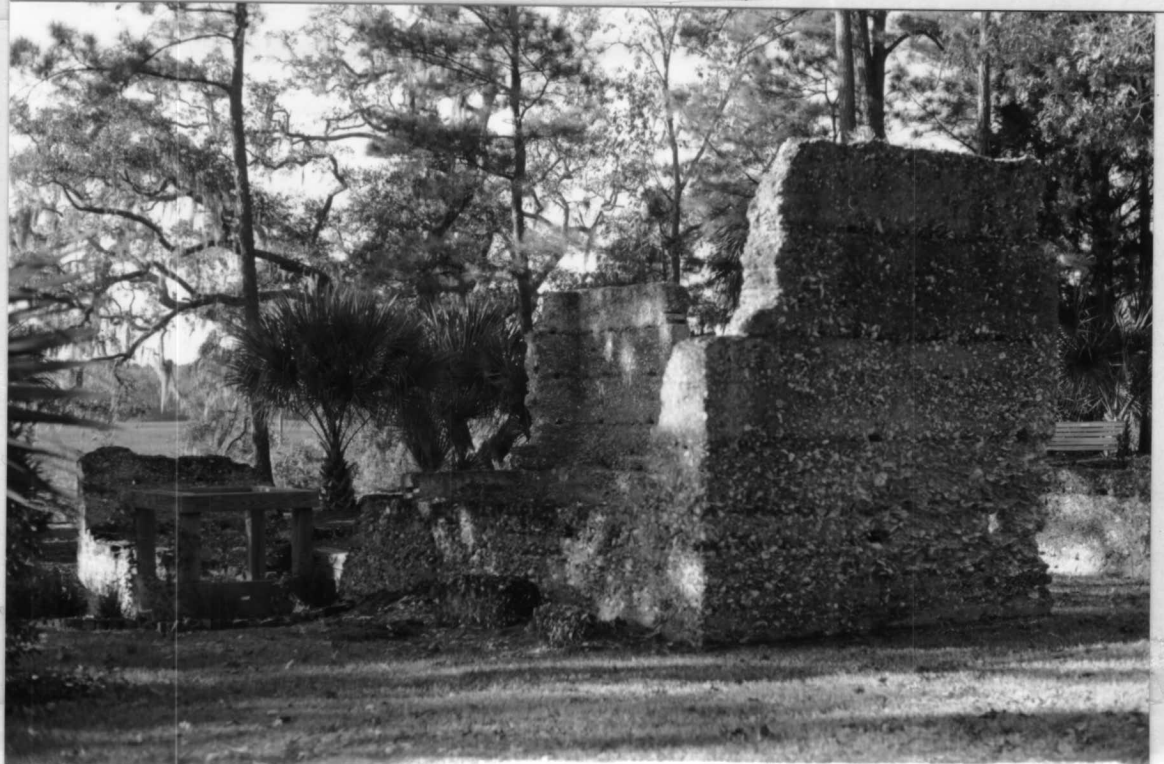
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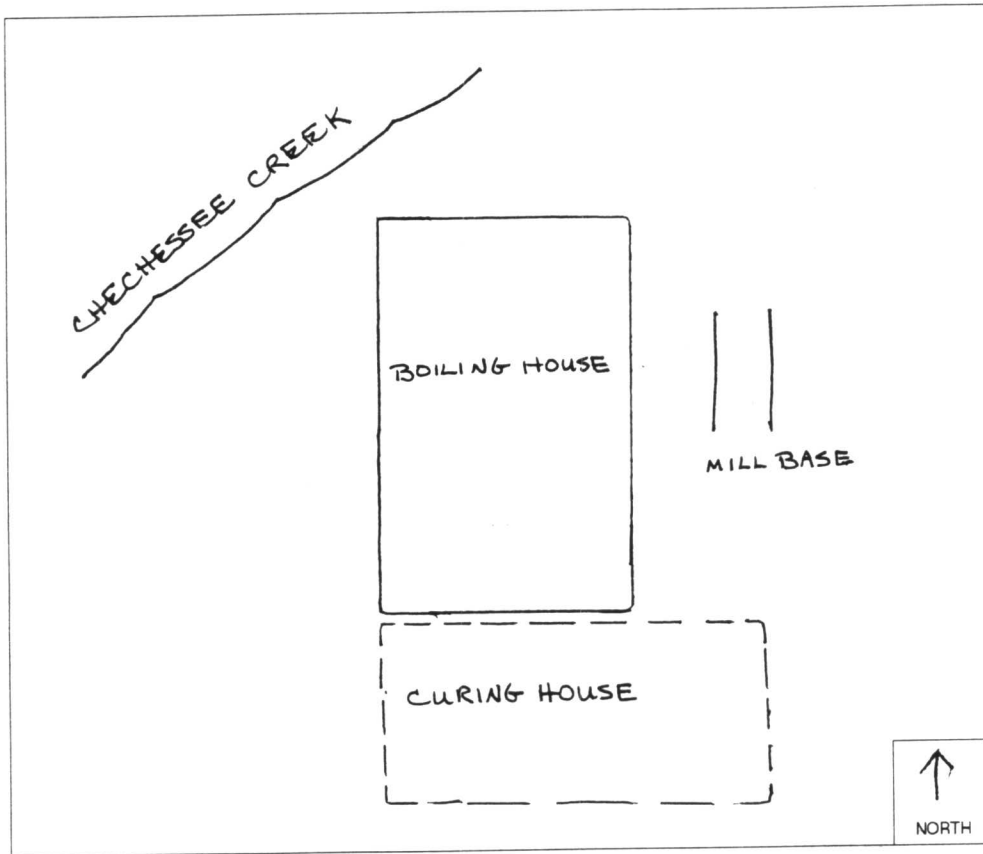
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Surroundings: residential development

Acreage: less than one

Sketch:



Description:

Complex includes Mill, Boiling House, and Curing House; nearby (on residential lots) were overseer's house and slave settlement. The Mill base, for an iron, animal-driven cane crusher, consists of parallel tabby walls about 4-1/2' high, buttressed by tabby spurs. The rectangular Boiling House (45' X 25') has tabby walls with brick-paved ash pit at the lower level (below the location of the furnace) and with brick-lined arches showing location of copper boiling vats. The Curing Shed exists as a rectangular tabby footing (45' X 25'), and was probably a frame building where sugar rested in hogsheads while molasses drained into vats below. Deterioration has been aggravated by attempted stabilization work in 1984.

Alterations: Alteration date: Integrity:  excellent  good  fair  poor  Other...

Historical Data: Callawassie was owned by Daniel Heyward and his heirs after ca. 1756. First known occupant, by 1802, was Thomas Rhodes (d. 1809). Island was sold to John A. Cuthbert ca. 1819, and later to a member of the Kirk family of Rose Hill. Dates of the sugar mill's use are unclear: during Rhodes' occupancy (when he probably lived nearby, and could have managed it); just after James Hamilton's acquisition of Callawassie through marriage in 1813 (a prosperous rice planter, he may have wanted to experiment; domestic sugar's profit potential was high because of import tariffs after the War of 1812); or after 1828 (because it is not mentioned in an agricultural article of that year).

Informant/ Bibliography: Michael Trinkley, ed., *Further Investigations of Prehistoric and Historic Lifeways on Callawassie and Spring Islands, Beaufort County, South Carolina: Research Series 23* (Columbia: Chicora Foundation, 1991), *passim* especially Colin Brooker, "Callawassie Island Sugar Works..." pp. 110-154, and Trinkley, "Synthesis," pp. 219-221.