

**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 - 38.01  
Access County Site #  
USGS Quad: 182 Frogmore  
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Penn Center Historic District Map Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Number: R300 016 000 0094 0000  
Common name(s): Lathers Building City Block Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Island: St. Helena Is.  
Address/location: 16 Penn Center Circle City/Vicinity of (vic.): St. Helena Island  
Date: 1922 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): dorm Current uses: office

National Register Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Listing Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRIS # \_\_\_\_\_  
listed as part of NR Historic District 9/9/74 Penn Center Historic District

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: 7/10/97  
Recorder: B. Harvey, Brockington & Assoc.

Roll # Neg. View of:  
H-16 22A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Style: Italian villa Commercial Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Core Shape: H Stories: 1 story Construction: masonry

Roof: Shape: cross gable Material: composition shingle

Chimney: Type: interior Material: brick

Exterior Walls: stucco

Windows: single Type: double hung Pane 6/6  
Config.: \_\_\_\_\_

Doors: single Foundation: slab construction

Porch Height: 1 story Porch Width: over 1 bay, less than full Porch Roof Shape: flat

Porch Details: columns Decorative wood  
Elements: \_\_\_\_\_

Outbuildings: \_\_\_\_\_ Interior  
Features: \_\_\_\_\_

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

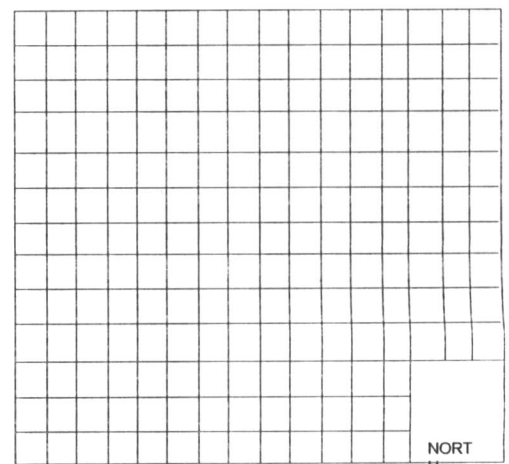
Surroundings: campus Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle: Frogmore

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

Description: Low H-shaped building, with porch set into front recessed section between two end cross gable sections. Porch screened by 4 Tuscan columns. 7-bay facade with a central door. Exposed rafter tails; beam ends under eaves in side cross gables exposed.

Historical Data: Part of Penn Center complex. Built as a memorial to Agnes Lathers, the sister of Julia Lathers, a donor to Penn School. Benjamin Boyd of the Penn School directed the construction. Served as a dormitory for male students and teachers.

Sketch:



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Informant/ Bibliography: NRHP Form, "Penn Center Historic District;" Penn's Campus Tour Guide," unpublished ms. located in NRHP files.