

**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 - 38.03
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): Darrah Hall City Block Ref.: _____ Island: St. Helena Is.
Address/location: 24 Penn Center Circle City/Vicinity of (vic.) St. Helena Island
Date: 1882 Alteration date: 1996
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): meeting hall Current uses: meeting hall

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 24A northeast oblique

Style: Folk: gable front Commercial Form: _____

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 1 story Construction: frame

Roof: Shape: gable (end to front) Material: composition shingle

Chimney: Type: _____ Material: _____

Exterior Walls: weatherboard

Windows: single Type: double hung Pane 6/6

Config.: _____

Doors: double transom Foundation: brick piers

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

Porch Details: columns Decorative wood

Elements: _____

Outbuildings: none Interior Features: _____

Number of Related Resources: _____

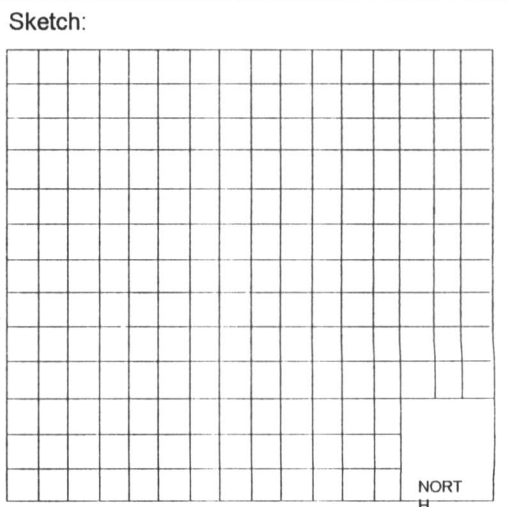
Surroundings: camp Acreage: _____ Quadrangle: Frogmore

Alterations: Alteration date: 1996 Integrity: fair Condition: excellent

Reconstructed from original materials.

Description: Rectangular gable-front church. 3 bay facade features central double door. 5 bays along each side; single door entrance at 4th bay on right side. Front gable features fish-scale shingles and bulls eye window. Wooden shutter at each window.

Historical Data: Built 1882 as a memorial to Mrs. Sophia Towne Darrah, the wife of a donor to Penn School. Originally located at the intersection of US 21 and Lands End Road, it was moved to the Green on Penn School by 1940. It was the center of community activities, hosting such events as temperance meetings and fairs. The porch was added 1902, benches were added in 1914.



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