

**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 - 38.09
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): Gantt Cottage City Block Ref.: _____ Island: St. Helena Is.
Address/location: 23 Penn Center Drive City/Vicinity of (vic.) St. Helena Island
Date: 1940 ca. 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): single dwelling Current uses: single dwelling

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-17 7 nw oblique

Style: Folk: gable front Commercial Form: _____

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 1 story Construction: frame

Roof: Shape: gable (end to front) Material: raised seam metal

Chimney: Type: flue Material: brick

Exterior Walls: weatherboard

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

Doors: single Foundation: brick piers

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

Porch Details: insect screening Decorative Elements: _____

Outbuildings: _____ Interior Features: _____

Number of Related Resources: _____

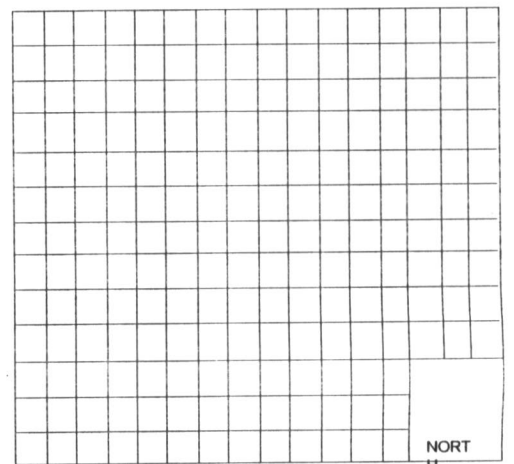
Surroundings: campus Acreage: _____ Quadrangle: Frogmore

Alterations: Alteration date: _____ Integrity: good Condition: good

Description: Simple rectangular bungalow-type house, 3 bay facade with off-center door. Exposed rafter tails.

Historical Data: Replaced the original Gantt Cottage, which was destroyed by fire. It was originally named in honor of Hastings Gantt, an ex-slave and one of the first black landowners on St. Helena Island. Benjamin Boyd, carpentry teacher at Penn School, designed the plans for the house, which was built by carpentry students at Penn.

Sketch:



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Informant/
Bibliography:

NRHP Form, "Penn Center Historic District;" Penn's Campus Tour Guide," unpublished ms.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