

**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 - 421  
Access County Site #  
USGS Quad: 290 Laurel Bay  
Doc. Level: Intensive Level-Building

Historic name(s): Benton/Fripp Plantation Map Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Number: R100 027 000 034A 0000  
Common name(s): Cavu City Block Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ Island: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address/location: Cavu Lane City/Vicinity of (vic.): Port Royal vic.  
Date: 1881 Alteration date: 1945 ca.  
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 # \_\_\_\_\_

SHPO Determination: District:  Contributing  Non-contributing Potential: National Register

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: 6/17/97  
Recorder: B. Harvey, Brockington & Assoc.

Roll # Neg. View of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
11-26 19 set oblique

Style: Folk: massed-plan, side gabled Commercial Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Core Shape: rectangular Stories: 2 stories Construction: frame

Roof: Shape: gable (lateral) Material: composition shingle

Chimney: Type: interior end Material: brick

Exterior Walls: weatherboard

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

Doors: two central doors on first and second floors Foundation: brick pier with fill

Porch Height: 2 or more with tiers Porch Width: facade & left elevation Porch Roof Shape: shed

Porch Details: chamfered posts Decorative Elements: \_\_\_\_\_  
turned balusters \_\_\_\_\_  
open framing on ceiling \_\_\_\_\_

Outbuildings: other house Interior Features: 2 rooms in front, 2 rooms in rear  
barn \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

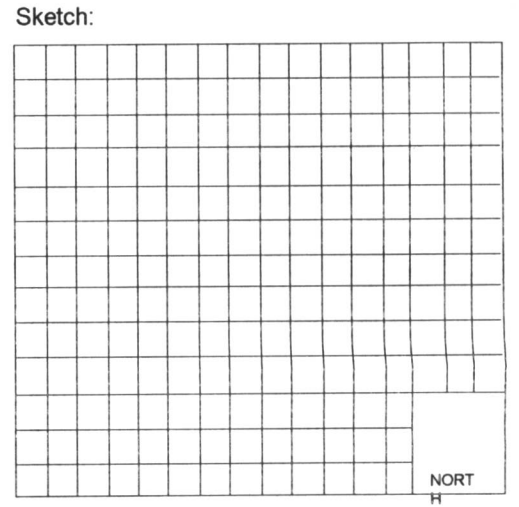
Number of Related Resources: 1

Surroundings: rural Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle: Laurel Bay

Alterations: Alteration date: 1945 ca. Integrity: good Condition: good  
One-story, 2 room addition to left side.

Description: Two story house with side gable roof. Facade dominated by two-story, tiered porch which wraps around the left side. Two central doors on first and second floors, 4-bay facade (ABBA). Front roof pitch changes to form porch roof. Slightly overhanging eaves with returned boxed eaves. One story addition to left side. One story gabled entrance portico on right side rear.

Historical Data: Had been a cotton gin on neighboring plantation; moved to the site and refitted as a house in 1881 after wedding of Rosa Ellis and Mr. Benton. Owned by Nellie Hasell Fripp, niece of Rosa Ellis, in early twentieth century, sold it to Ruth Cram in 1940s, who added the side wing. Purchased by current owner 1957.



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Informant/ Bibliography: C.P. Weiland, owner, interview 6/19/97; Stoeber, 1873.