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Name Historic Aiken Training Track

Common

Location Two Notch Road

Classification District

Owner Aiken Training Track
Box 656
Aiken, SC 29801

Representation in Existing Surveys
South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description

The Aiken Training Track complex, constructed in 1941, consists of a one-mile, flat, oval track, and seven contributing buildings. The buildings, built in the early 1940s, include a barn with stables, a separate stable building, a walking shed, a veterinarian's office, an office building, a cottage, and a grandstand. There are also two new stables on the property.

Significance

The Aiken Training Track, constructed in 1941 by Ira Coward for Fred Post, was established for training flat racers. Horse owners, as well as others interested in Aiken's future as a horse training center, subscribed to stock in the new track. At the time of its construction, the track, which features banked turns and cushioned straightaways, was considered one of the finest tracks in the country for training flat racers.

Acreage approximately 75 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the Aiken Training Track is shown as the black line on the accompanying Aiken County Tax Maps #'s 30-073 and 30-074, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 100 feet. It includes the track, seven contributing buildings, and two modern, noncontributing buildings.

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Other Information

In a survey which identified properties associated with the Aiken Winter Colony, the Aiken Training Track emerged as one of the properties which best illustrated the later years of the Winter Colony and the expanding role of Aiken as a horse training center. The construction of the Aiken Training Track in 1941 secured Aiken's future as a horse training center. In addition, the track was considered one of the finest of its kind in the country and is still highly regarded today.