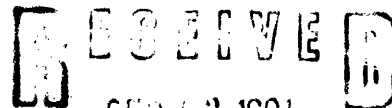


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Copeland House other names/site number

2. Location S.C. Secondary Rd. 389, .3 miles south of its

street & number intersection with S.C. Highway 64 not for publication
city, town Ehrhardt vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Bamberg code 009 zip code 29081

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, Number of Resources within Property. Includes sub-rows for Contributing and Noncontributing resources.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History
Date: 8/22/91

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] See continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Secondary Structure

Funerary/Cemetery

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Camp

Vacant/Not in Use

Funerary/Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Metal

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Summary Description:

The Copeland House property is a three-and-three-quarter acre site located approximately 1.7 miles west of Ehrhardt, South Carolina, in rural Bamberg County. It is at the intersection of Secondary Road 389, which runs north/south in front of the house, and a county-maintained dirt road which runs east/west of the property, and .3 miles south of the intersection of Secondary Road 389 and State Highway 64.

Built around 1795, the original core of the Copeland House is a one-story, three-bay, gable-roofed log structure with no exterior embellishment. This simple building was extended to the north by a one-room, twelve foot by seventeen foot, frame and weatherboard addition, and to the southwest by a ten foot square frame and weatherboard addition; both rooms possibly date to the first quarter of the nineteenth-century. A porch was added to the east facade, which faces Secondary Road 389, in the mid-nineteenth century. Another building campaign in 1907 included a three-room, thirty-six foot by fifteen foot wing, and a forty foot by seven foot porch, attached to the west elevation of the original log structure. The Copeland House was used as a family residence from the time of its construction until the mid-1980s when it was sold by the remaining Copeland family descendents.

The contributing outbuildings of the Copeland House are a frame and weatherboard smokehouse located west of the house, and an earthfast constructed cane mill located south of the house. Both of these buildings appear to have been built in the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century and support the agricultural use of this property.

Additional Descriptive Information:

The Copeland House was built in several stages, each representing the changing domestic priorities of a lowcountry farmer. The original core faces east and measures twenty-four feet by seventeen feet. It is a one-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, hand-hewn log structure probably built in the last quarter of the eighteenth century. The logs are joined with

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1795-1914

Significant Dates

ca. 1795

1907

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Copeland House is significant as an excellent example of a vernacular farm residence built ca. 1795 and for its association with the Copeland family of Barnwell County (after 1897 Bamberg County), which occupied the house and farmed the property for over one hundred and fifty years. It is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C and under the Architecture area of significance.

The house was built ca. 1795 by Jacob Copeland, who had emigrated to South Carolina from Holland. Before railroad lines entered the area, it was a frequent stop for stagecoaches traveling along the Charleston to Augusta road. The Copeland farm was a typical small farm in nineteenth century South Carolina, with varying amounts of subsistence crops, cash crops, livestock, and agricultural products. In 1860 Copeland's unmarried daughter Eve, who had inherited the property, farmed one hundred acres valued at \$1200. Though she owned slaves at that time, Eve Copeland only owned four, of which two were children. The farm produced such crops as Indian corn, rice, and cotton, with smaller amounts of wheat, rye, peas and beans, and sweet potatoes. It had seventy-five pigs, fifty sheep, and twelve cattle, and also produced small amounts of butter, honey, and molasses. Eve Copeland's son Jacob Cornelius Copeland (1844-1931) enlisted in the Confederate States Army in 1861, served as a corporal in the 1st South Carolina (Hagood's) Infantry, and was severely wounded, losing a leg, in 1864. He returned to the community, taught school, and farmed the Copeland property after the war, though its productivity was drastically reduced from that of the antebellum period. In 1870, for example, the farm was valued at \$600, had eight cattle and fifteen pigs, and its only crop was fifty bushels of Indian corn. The property eventually passed into the hands of Jacob's son George A. Copeland (1886-1985), who inherited the farm and managed it until his retirement.

The smokehouse and cane mill on the property are significant as intact examples of late-nineteenth to early-twentieth century agricultural buildings and are the only extant properties associated with the operation of the Copeland farmstead.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet (Section 8)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

S.C. Department of Archives & History,
Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 3.76 acres

UTM References

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C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Copeland House is shown as delineated on the accompanying property survey plat, prepared in 1979, recorded in 1987, and drawn at a scale of 1 inch equalling 100 feet.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the house, outbuildings and structures, and the family and slave cemeteries that have historically been part of the Copeland House property.

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full dovetails, which indicate a high level of craftsmanship. This original one-room core was later divided into two rooms by a partition wall that was probably added sometime early in the nineteenth century. At about this same time, a twelve foot by seventeen foot frame and weatherboard addition was added to the north elevation of the log section, thus extending the house to include three rooms. There are no visible signs of an exterior door into this section. Also at about this same time, a ten foot square frame and weatherboard room was added to the southwest corner, probably for use as a storage area.

There is one exterior end chimney on the south elevation of the original log core, and the foundation of a chimney which once stood on the north elevation of the first room added to the log core. The windows in the log section of the Copeland House are four-over-four double-hung sash windows which are replacements of early windows made of board-and-batten, one of which remains today. The doors are board-and-batten and hang on hand-wrought hinges and pintels. The rafters are five inch round logs and are pegged at the ridge and eave. They are covered with sheets of galvanized metal that are a replacement of an earlier roof, most likely wood shingles.

One major addition to the Copeland House occurred in 1907 with the construction of a thirty-six foot by fifteen foot, three-room, one-story, frame and weatherboard wing onto the west elevation. This wing, which includes two bedrooms and a kitchen, was built to house the increasing size of the Copeland family. This wing has six-over-six double-hung sash windows and an interior chimney with a double fireplace that serves the two bedrooms. There is also a porch on this wing that extends the full thirty-six foot length. An eight foot by ten foot bathroom was added to the western elevation of this wing in 1955.

The interior walls of the log and early frame sections of this vernacular farmhouse have never been painted or plastered and exist today in their original condition. This house has always been used as a family dwelling and represents the changing domestic priorities of a lowcountry farmer.

There are two contributing outbuildings on the property. One is a thirteen by twenty foot cane mill shelter located twenty-eight feet west of the house. The chimney of this cane mill appears to date to the original construction of the log portion of the house, but the pole-set, gable-roofed structure over it dates to either the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century.

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The other contributing building on the property is a twelve foot by sixteen foot, gable-roofed, frame and weatherboard smokehouse located twenty-five feet north of the house. The construction date of this building appears to be either the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century. Both of these buildings are in fair condition, but some stabilization and weatherization is needed to ensure their preservation.

There is one noncontributing structure on the Copeland House property. It is a mid-twentieth-century gable-roofed carport, measuring sixteen feet by twenty-four feet, and located approximately one hundred feet west of the main house. There is weatherboard siding on the two long sides and weatherboard siding only on the gables of the two short sides.

Approximately fifty feet from the north side of the house are the unmarked gravesites of the earliest owners of the property, Jacob Copeland, his wife, and his daughter, Eve. Adjacent to these unmarked gravesites is the slave cemetery. One grave marker exists, to Nancy Bamberg who died in 1914.

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The small family cemetery and an adjacent slave cemetery both contribute to the property's historical significance because they contain the graves of individuals important to the development of the Copeland farm. (1)

NOTES

(1) Betty Jane Miller, Barnwell, S.C., Interviews with George A. Copeland, Ehrhardt, S.C., 1967-1982, Kathleen Copeland Girard, Ruffin, S.C., 29 June 1988, 11 April 1990, and Laura Copeland Kearse, Bamberg, S.C., 29 June 1988; United States Census, Barnwell District, Population Schedules, 1800; Agriculture Schedules, 1860, 1870; Slave Schedules, 1860 (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications); Bamberg County Deeds, Book GG, Page 417, Bamberg County Courthouse, Bamberg, S.C.; Compiled Service Record of Jacob Cornelius Copeland, (National Archives Microfilm Publication M267, Roll 120;) Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of South Carolina; First (Hagood's) Infantry; War Department Collection of Confederate Records, Record Group 109, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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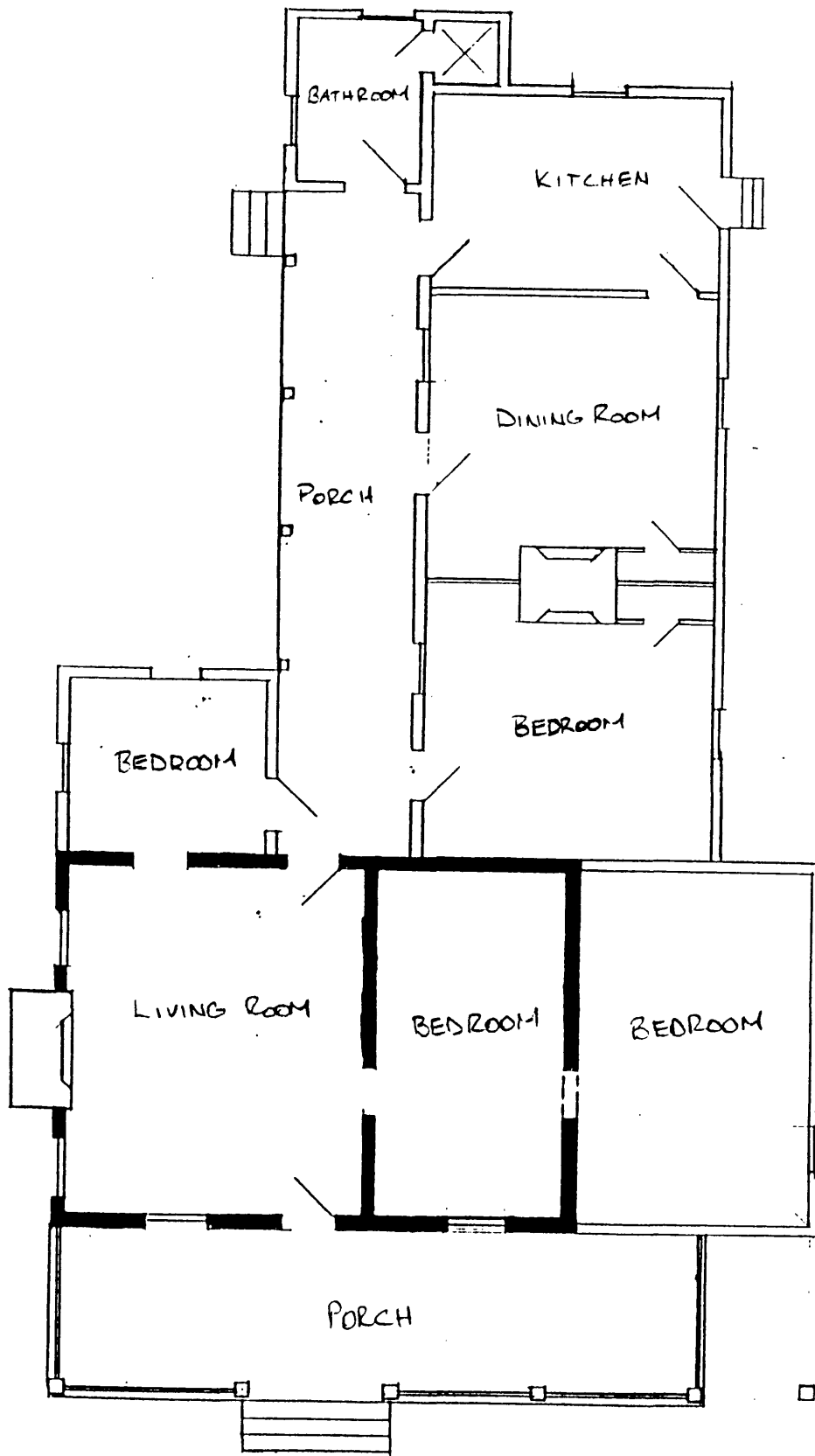
Copeland House

Bamberg Co., SC

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Name of Photographer: Betty Jane Miller, Barnwell, S. C.
Date of Photographs: 1988-1990
Location of Original Negative: S. C. Department of Archives and History,
Columbia, S. C.

1. Southeast elevation (principal facade) showing yard enclosure
2. Southeast elevation (principal facade)
3. Detail of log wall on front of house within porch; also showing peaked front door surround
4. View through front porch from southwest end; southwest corner log joinery evident at left
5. Southwest elevation showing roof line and original log structure at right with chimney
6. Northeast elevation showing rear ell and modern bathroom lean-to addition at right
7. Northwest elevation where rear ell porch and early shed room addition meet
8. Closeup view of front door (original log section) from inside
9. Interior view of front door and southeast log wall
10. View of smokehouse at left and end of rear ell at right
11. View from south of cane mill chimney and shed
12. View from south of cane mill shed (center), rear ell of house (right), and portion of noncontributing shed (left)
13. Overall view of the property from the south showing the cane mill shed (center), house (right), and a portion of noncontributing shed (left)



FLOOR PLAN

■ = LOG

□ = FRAME

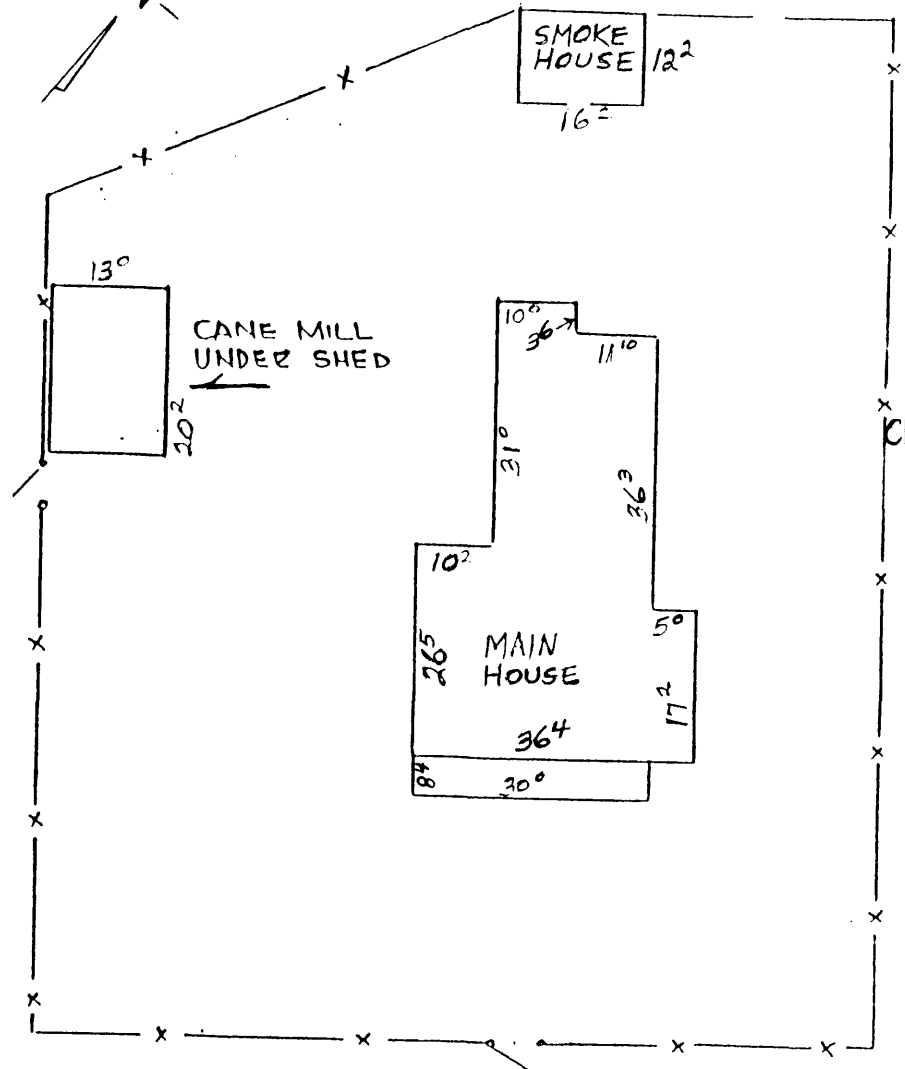
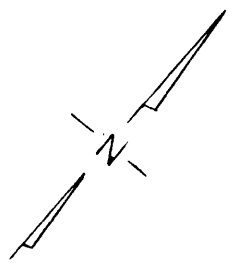
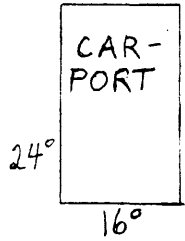
COPELAND HOUSE
BAMBERG COUNTY, SC

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JUNE 3, 1991

OLD CHARLESTON - AUGUSTA RD



CEMETERIES
→

COUNTY ROAD, PAVED

TO HWY 64 & EHRHARDT, S.C.

SITE PLAN
APPROX. SCALE: 1" = 24'

COPELAND HOUSE
BAMBERG COUNTY, SC
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