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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 Fripp, Edgar, Mausoleum, St. Helena Island Parish Church

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number SC Sec Rd 45 near its junction w/ SC Sec Rd 37 ☐ not for publication

city, town St. Helena Island ☐ vicinity

state South Carolina code 045 county Beaufort code 013 zip code 29920

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[x] private	☐ building(s)		buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district		sites
☐ public-State	☐ site	1	structures
☐ public-Federal	[x] structure		objects
	☐ object	1	0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of St. Helena Island, c1740-c1935

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 [x] 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 [x] meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds — 8/11/88

Signature of certifying official — Date

for George L. Vogt, State Historic Preservation Officer, SC Dept. of Archives & History

State or Federal agency and bureau

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:

[✓] 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:) _____

John J. Knoerl — 10/6/88

Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/Mausoleum

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/Mausoleum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century/Egyptian Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
walls Stone
roof Stone
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Fripp Mausoleum conforms to the general description under "Gravestone Art." This stone mausoleum is approximately seven feet tall, seven feet deep, and six feet wide. The pylon-like facade features a pair of Egyptian columns in antis. The entrance was bricked-up at one point and some of these newer bricks are still visible.

☐ See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

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

[x] nationally [ ] statewide [ ] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria [ ] A [ ] B [x] C [ ] D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Art/Gravestone Art	1852	1852
Architecture		

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder
White, William T.

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

The Edgar Fripp Mausoleum is significant as an example of outstanding mid-nineteenth century gravestone art and architecture, reflecting the social status of the deceased. It is influenced by the Egyptian Revival style, popularized in the early nineteenth century by the discovery of Egyptian treasures during Napoleon's campaigns there. This mausoleum was designed and constructed in 1852 for Edgar Fripp (1806-1860), planter and owner of Seaside Plantation, member of the St. Helena Agricultural Society, the Southern Rights Association of St. Helena Parish, and the St. Helena Episcopal Church. William T. White, a prominent and prolific gravestone artist and stonecutter from Charleston, was commissioned by Fripp to create a grand mausoleum. Fripp intended, both during his life and after his death, to demonstrate his financial success and his social position among the St. Helena planters, and he was well known for his insistence on displaying his wealth. Thomas B. Chaplin of Tombee Plantation noted in 1876 that the mausoleum "was a fine affair & did not have to wait very long for its occupants, Edgar & wife. The Yankees broke it open during the war hoping for treasure. It is now somewhat out of order."(1)

The Edgar Fripp Mausoleum is eligible for the National Register under Criteria Consideration D for its significance under the theme Funerary or gravestone art.

NOTES

(1) Theodore Rosengarten, Tombee: Portrait of a Cotton Planter with the Journal of Thomas B. Chaplin (1822-1890) (New York: William Morrow, 1986), pp. 116, 118, 165, 200-01, 399, 404, 567-68.

[x] See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

[x] See continuation sheet

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- [x] State historic preservation office
- [ ] Other State agency
- [ ] Federal agency
- [ ] Local government
- [ ] University
- [ ] Other

Specify repository:
SC Dept. of Archives & History
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	539880	3581880	B			
C				D			

[ ] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the cross-hatched area on the accompanying Beaufort County Tax Map, St. Helena Sheet # 23, Parcel 96, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the mausoleum and its immediate surroundings.

[ ] See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Edgar Fripp Mausoleum, St. Helena Island Parish Church (Historic Resources of St. Helena Island, c. 1740-c. 1935 multiple property listing)
Location of property: Beaufort County, South Carolina
Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History Staff
Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Edgar Fripp Mausoleum, St. Helena Island Parish Church
April 1987
Facade, view looking north.