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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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, Isaac, House Ruins

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number On an unpaved rd 1.1 miles W of its junction w/SC Rd ☐ not for publication

city, town 45; 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
☒ private	☐ building(s)		buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district		sites
☐ public-State	☒ site	1	structures
☐ public-Federal	☐ 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 ☒ 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.

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)
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Vacant/Not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Tabby
walls Tabby
roof
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

These ruins conform to the property type description "Tabby Construction." They include a two-story house, which is architecturally significant as one of the most intact tabby buildings on the island (much of the historic fabric, including the walls and much of the plaster, remain), and a low three-sided wall. The original use of the walls is unknown.

Although no subsurface archaeological investigations have been conducted at the Fripp ruins, the structural remains and the undisturbed landscape indicate the site retains a high degree of integrity.

☐ 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 [X] A [ ] B [X] C [X] D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	c. 1800-c. 1860	

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder
Unknown

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

The Isaac Fripp House Ruins, located at Bay View overlooking the junction of Chowan Creek and the Beaufort River, are significant as a particularly intact example of early- to mid-nineteenth-century tabby construction and for their association with Isaac Fripp, a planter of sea island cotton and other staples on St. Helena. Fripp, born in 1798, was a member of one of the most prominent families on St. Helena Island. In 1850 and 1860 he planted such crops as cotton, rice, corn and sweet potatoes, working some eighty slaves on a plantation of some two to four hundred acres.(1)

The Fripp ruins possess archaeological potential. Through archaeological investigations data may be recovered on the construction of the house, the lifestyle of its occupants, and the operation of the Fripp plantation.

NOTES

(1) Interview with John M. Trask, Jr., Orange Grove Plantation, St. Helena Island, S.C., 3 November 1987; Interview with Edith M. Dabbs, Rip-Raps Plantation, Mayesville, S.C., 28 January 1988; Theodore Rosengarten, Tombee: Portrait of a Cotton Planter with the Journal of Thomas B. Chaplin (1822-1890) (New York: William Morrow, 1986), pp. 718-19, 722-23.

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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 and History
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 8.2 acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	533860	3578400
B			
C			
D			

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Beaufort County Tax Map, St. Helena Sheet #28, Parcel 15, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic house and the historic landscape in the immediate vicinity.

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11. Form Prepared By

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

Name of property: Isaac Fripp House Ruins (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 Negatives: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Isaac Fripp House Ruins
   November 1987
   Rear elevation, view looking northeast.

2. Isaac Fripp House Ruins
   November 1987
   Interior, view looking southeast.