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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 The Green

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number SE corner intersection of US Hwy 21 & Lands End Road ☐ not for publication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
☒ 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, S. C. 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)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Landscape/plaza	Landscape/plaza

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation
walls
roof
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Green is an open plot of land, approximately one hundred and sixty-seven feet by two hundred and thirty feet, near the center of St. Helena Island, located at the junction of U.S. Highway 21 and the Land's End Road, at a place commonly called the Corner.

☐ 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 [ ] C [ ] D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Ethnic Heritage/Black	1893-c. 1935	
Social History		

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 Green is significant both historically as the long-established site of community meetings, celebrations, and other gatherings, and for its potential to yield information in historical archaeology. The Green was the site of the first Darrah Hall, an auditorium and community center built c. 1885 by Penn School. After the devastating hurricane in August 1893 many homeless refugees gathered at the Green and crowded into the building seeking shelter. They built fires inside the hall, in sandboxes, for cooking and warmth; one of these fires spread and destroyed Darrah. Since that time the Green, still owned by Penn (now the Penn Community Center), has continued to serve as a gathering-place for the people of St. Helena Island. Such activities as Emancipation Day, celebrating the adoption of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863; the annual Farmers' Fair; and community sings were held all or in part at the Green. One of the most eagerly anticipated celebrations there in the early twentieth century was on Labor Day, signifying the end of the summer and the beginning of the school year. It was sponsored by the Young Men's Social Club and featured foods of all kinds, games, band music, and dancing.(1) The Green has great potential for recovering archaeological data from the period before 1893 as well as since that time. It is still frequently used by the islanders and retains a particular integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.

Although no archaeological survey has been conducted at the Green, the early and extensive occupation, limited amount of landscape disturbing activities, and historically and architecturally significant activities at the Green suggest that the site has the potential to yield valuable archaeological data.

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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 & History, Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	539800	3584240	B			
C				D			

[ ] See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Beaufort County Tax Map, St. Helena Sheet # 16, Parcel 56, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the open plot of land historically known as the Green.

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11. Form Prepared By

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NOTES

(1) Interview with Agnes Sherman and Helen Ladson, Penn Center, St. Helena Island, S.C., 3 November 1987; Edith M. Dabbs, Sea Island Diary: A History of St. Helena Island (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1983), pp. 195-97; Ronald Daise, Reminiscences of Sea Island Heritage: Legacy of Freedmen on St. Helena Island (Orangeburg: Sandlapper Publishing, 1986), p. 90; Interview with Edith Dabbs, Rip-Raps Plantation, Mayesville, S.C., 28 January 1988.