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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 *How to Complete 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 Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number On unpaved road .4 miles W of SC Sec Rd 45 at Lands End ☐ not for publication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)
Domestic/Secondary structure	Vacant/Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
No Style	foundation Tabby walls Tabby roof other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

These ruins conform to the general description under property type "Tabby Construction." They are the remains of an outbuilding associated with the Riverside Plantation, its original use unknown. One wall and small portions of two other walls still remain and retain some plaster. There are two window openings in the intact wall.

Although no subsurface archaeological investigations have been conducted at the 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 [ ] 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 Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins, located near Fort Fremont overlooking the Beaufort River, are significant as an example of early- to mid-nineteenth century tabby construction and for their association with Daniel Jenkins, a planter of sea island cotton and other staples on St. Helena. Jenkins was a member of one of the most prominent families on St. Helena Island. He married Isabella Caroline Field in c. 1805. When he died, his wife acquired Riverside Plantation. Isabella's second husband, Saxby Chaplin, Sr., united Riverside Plantation with Tombee Plantation. Isabella Chaplin (1785-1864) was an extremely wealthy woman by 1843 when she married for the fourth time. Through her marriages she acquired five plantations with vast land holdings. Riverside Plantation was not very active in the 1850s and 1860s, planting only sweet potatoes, peas, and beans and producing three bales of cotton.(1)

The Riverside Plantation ruins are also important for their great archaeological potential. Through archaeological investigations data may be recovered on the construction of the house, the lifestyle of its occupants, and the operation of Riverside Plantation.

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. 62, 96-100, 324, 328, 718-19.

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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 Department of Archives and History
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 3.2 acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	533520	3575300
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 #35, Parcel 1, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the tabby ruin and its immediate setting.

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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: Riverside Plantation Tabby 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 negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins
   December 1987
   Oblique, view looking southwest.

2. Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins
   December 1987
   Side elevation, view looking south.