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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 *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 Simmons, Robert, House

other names/site number Simmons, Willie, House

2. Location

street & number On unpaved road .5 miles S of U.S. Hwy. 21 ☐ not for publication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	[X] building(s)	1	____ buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district	____	____ sites
☐ public-State	☐ site	____	____ 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 [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, 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:

[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:) _____

Amy Schlagel — 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/Single Dwelling	Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Other/Double-Pen House	foundation Brick walls Wood/Weatherboard roof Metal other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This house conforms to the property type "Residential Buildings and Complexes" and the property subtype "Double Pen House." Because of the small size of double pen houses (two rooms, each usually measuring approximately sixteen by sixteen feet), additions are not uncommon. This house has been enlarged in two directions, but the original core is still present and distinguishable. The main facade of the house faces north. A shed roof porch extends across this facade, supported by wood posts. One addition extends from the northeast corner of the main facade; the other extends from the rear (south facade). The dates of the additions are unknown. The house rests on brick piers. Board and batten shutters conceal the window openings.

☐ 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 [ ] D [ ] E [ ] F [ ] G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture		c. 1910

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 Robert Simmons House is significant as a rare example of a vernacular architectural form once common to St. Helena Island. Although this is an early twentieth century house that has been expanded, the double pen house type has been one of the most prevalent forms in Southern architecture since the Colonial period. This house was built c. 1910 by Robert Simmons, a farmer. Robert Simmons' son Willie, also a farmer, was born in 1898 and has lived in the house since it was built.(1)

NOTES

(1) Interview with Willie Simmons, St. Helena Island, S.C., 21 August 1897; Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States: 1910 - Population. South Carolina. Beaufort County (Washington, 1910).

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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	537240	3583700
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 #15, Parcel 83, drawn at a scale of 1"=400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic house and its immediate setting.

[ ] 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: Robert Simmons House (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. Robert Simmons House
August 1987
Oblique, view looking northwest.

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88001779 Date Listed: 10/6/88

Simmons House **Beaufort** **SC**
Property Name County State

Historic Resources of St. Helena Island c. 1740-c.1935
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Schlagel 10/6/88

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

The period of significance for this property should be 1910 as is the specific date.

Discussed and concurred in by South Carolina SHPO on October 6, 1988.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)