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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Eddings Point Community Praise House other names/site number

2. Location

street & number On SC Sec Rd 183 .1 miles N of its junction w/ SC Sec not for publication city, town St. Helena Island Rd 74 vicinity state South Carolina code 045 county Beaufort code 013 zip code 29920

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

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. Signature of certifying official: Mary W. Edmonds Date: 8/11/88 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:)

Signature of the Keeper: Amy Schaefer Date of Action: 5/19/89

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Religion/religious structureSocial/meeting hall

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete pierwalls Wood/Weatherboard

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roof Tinother 

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This praise house conforms to the general description under property type "Buildings Associated with Religious Life," property subtype "Praise Houses".

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Religion  
Social History  
Ethnic Heritage/Black

Period of Significance

c. 1900 - c. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1900

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The Eddings Point Community Praise House, built c. 1900, is significant as one of four known extant praise houses on St. Helena Island. It is historically and culturally significant for its central place in the religious and social life of the black islanders; it also represents a vernacular architectural form that has survived since the antebellum era.

Although the praise house is a religious property, it is eligible for the National Register, because it possesses architectural, historical, and cultural significance.

For additional information on the significance of praise houses, see the statement of significance for the Mary Jenkins Community Praise House nomination, included in this multiple property submission.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

### Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

### Specify repository:

SC Department of Archives & History

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

### UTM References

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1	7	5	4	2	8	8	0	3	5	8	9	4	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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 # 6, Parcel 30A, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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## National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Name of property: Eddings Point Community Praise 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. Eddings Point Community Praise House  
November 1987  
Oblique, view looking southeast.