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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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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 Coffin Point Plantation Caretaker's House  
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Adjacent to Coffin Point Plantation, off Seaside Rd.  not for publication  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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		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. Edmunds* 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.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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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. Knoest* 5/26/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood/Synthetic

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roof Metalother 

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This residence conforms to the general description under property type "Residential Structures and Complexes" and the property subtype "Queen Anne." This is not an outstanding example of the style. The corner turret is the primary indication of its stylistic derivation. However, it is the only resource known at this time on St. Helena Island that reflects this style.

This property is located adjacent to a portion of Coffin Point Plantation, which was listed on the National Register on 28 August 1975.

**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

Social History

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Significant Person

N/A

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Period of Significance

1892 - c. 1935

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Cultural Affiliation

N/A

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Architect/Builder

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

This house, built in 1892 to serve as a residence for the caretaker of the Coffin Point Plantation, is significant both for its association with the plantation (already listed in the National Register in 1975) and as an example of the influence of the Queen Anne style in the architectural evolution of St. Helena Island. In fact, there are few surviving houses of any style from this period on the island. James Donald Cameron owned Coffin Point Plantation and made it his winter retreat when this house was built for his caretaker. Cameron, a Pennsylvanian, was former Secretary of War under Ulysses S. Grant and served as United States Senator from 1877 to 1897.(1)

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

#### NOTES

(1) Meeting with St. Helena Island residents, Penn Center, St. Helena Island, S.C., 20 August 1987; Interview with Cynthia Cole, Historic Beaufort Foundation, Beaufort, S.C., 21 August 1987; Edith M. Dabbs, Sea Island Diary: A History of St. Helena Island (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1983), pp. 197; J.E. McTeer, Beaufort Now and Then (Beaufort: Beaufort Book Company, 1971), p. 124; Congress of the United States, Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1961 (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961), p. 652; National Register Files, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

See continuation sheet

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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:

- 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 2 acres

### UTM References

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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 #13, Parcel 203, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic 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: Coffin Point Plantation Caretaker's 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:

1. Coffin Point Plantation Caretaker's House  
April 1987  
Side elevation, view looking northeast.