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

2. Location
   street & number Adjacent to Coffin Point Plantation, off Seaside Rd.
   city, town St. Helena Island
   state South Carolina code 045
   county Beaufort code 013
   zip code 29920
   not for publication
   vicinity

3. Classification
   Ownership of Property
   ☑ private
   ☐ public-local
   ☐ public-State
   ☐ public-Federal
   Category of Property
   ☑ building(s)
   ☐ district
   ☐ site
   ☐ structure
   ☐ object
   Number of Resources within Property
   Contributing 1
   Noncontributing buildings
   sites
   structures
   objects
   Total 0

   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
   Signature of certifying official
   Date 9/11/88

   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.
   Signature of commenting or other official
   Date

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: ________________)

   Signature of the Keeper
   Date of Action
### 6. Function or Use

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<th>Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)</th>
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### 7. Description

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<th>Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Queen Anne</td>
<td>foundation Brick</td>
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<td></td>
<td>walls Wood/Synthetic</td>
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<td></td>
<td>roof Metal</td>
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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

Period of Significance

1892 - c. 1935

Significant Dates

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.

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

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 # ____________________________

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
A 17 5 9 2 8 6 0
Zone Easting Northing
B ____________________________
C ____________________________
D ____________________________

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'.

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

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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. 1740-1935 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.