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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 Fort Fremont Hospital

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number .3 miles from Land's End Road ☐ not for publication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)	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 ☒ 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, 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

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 — 5/26/89

Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Health Care/Hospital	Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Colonial Revival	foundation Stone/Granite
	walls Brick
	roof Stone/Slate
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This building conforms to the property type "Buildings and Structures Associated with Coastal Defense" and property subtype "Military Hospitals." The main facade of the hospital faces east, toward the Beaufort River/Port Royal Sound. The quality of the construction materials used in this hospital indicate the intended permanent nature of the facility. The masonry building rests on a granite foundation. Slate is used for the roofing material. Fenestration is provided by double hung sash windows with two-over-two lights. The window openings feature granite sills. The hospital is composed of two sections: a square, two-story section with a hipped roof and a one-story rectangular wing. The hospital utilized a unique cooling system, which is still virtually intact. Air intake boxes under the windows connect to a ductwork system and open at floor level inside the rooms, under metal radiators. Large ducts extend throughout the house and vent out through the large metal ventilators that project from the roof.

Projecting from the roof of the two-story portion of the building are four hipped dormers, fenestrated with paired windows, and two ventilators. Small entrance porches were originally located on the east and west facades of this part of the building. The west porch remains as built. The east porch has been enlarged and enclosed with glass. Although now used as a residence, the interior retains its basic floor plan. Some rooms retain their pressed metal ceilings. This portion of the building originally contained offices, an operating room, isolation ward, mess room, kitchen, linen room, dispensary, and dormitory. The basement beneath this section was divided into a store room, boiler room, vegetable cellar, and medicine store room.

The rectangular one-story section has a hip roof, with a hipped dormer on the east and west roof slopes. A metal ventilator also projects from the roof of this section. A porch wraps around this wing, which was used as an eight-bed patient ward.

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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 [x] 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
Military	1906-1911	
Architecture		
Medicine		

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

This building is significant both as an example of early twentieth century military architecture and as the only surviving building, other than the fortification itself, of the Fort Fremont complex (the major portion of the fortification is included in this multiple property submission). It was built c. 1906 to replace a temporary frame building which was the original hospital for the garrison. (1) Since the decommissioning of Fort Fremont and its sale at public auction in June 1930, the hospital has been privately owned; it is now a private residence.

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

NOTES

(1) Modern Military Field Branch, Harbor Defense Files, Record Group 77, National Archives, Washington, D.C. (Including Q.M. 13W-3, Complete Report on Fort Fremont, and "Fort Fremont, S.C.," Plans from the Quartermaster General's Office, October 1906), copies in possession of Carl J. Dorr, Land's End Plantation, St. Helena Island, S.C.

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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 & History

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.4 acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	533540	3574460
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 # 35A, Parcel 332, drawn at a scale of 1" = 200'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the hospital 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 the property: Fort Fremont Hospital (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. Fort Fremont Hospital
April 1987
Rear elevation, view looking east.