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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 Orange Grove Plantation

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Overlooking Wallace Creek, .25 mile from State Rd 113 [ ] not for publication

city, town St. Helena Island [ ] vicinity

state South Carolina code SC county Beaufort code 013 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[x] private	[ ] building(s)	1	3 buildings
[ ] public-local	[x] district	2	sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site		structures
[ ] public-Federal	[ ] structure		objects
	[ ] object	3	3 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 — 3/28/89
Signature of certifying official — Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy 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)
Domestic/Single Dwelling	Domestic/Single Dwelling
Funerary/Cemetery	Funerary/Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
Other/Central Passage Four-Over-Four	foundation Brick
	walls Wood/Weatherboard
	roof Asbestos
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The house conforms to the general description under property type "Residential Buildings and Complexes" and property subtype "Central Passage Four-Over-Four House." It represents a twentieth century continuation of this house type that has a long history of popularity on St. Helena Island.

The property also includes the tabby ruin of the kitchen, c. 1800, and a tabby-walled cemetery containing three early nineteenth-century graves (dated 1814, 1825, and 1830) of the Fripp and Perry families.

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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

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Applicable National Register Criteria [x] A [ ] B [x] C [ ] D

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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1928-c. 1935	1928
Social History		

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.

Orange Grove Plantation is significant for its illustration of the development of architectural styles and construction from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century and for its association with several periods of historic occupation at Orange Grove Plantation.

The district is primarily significant for its association with an early twentieth century influx of Northerners onto St. Helena Island, who bought historic houses or built new houses to serve as winter retreats. The first bridge across the Beaufort River providing land access from Beaufort to Ladies Island was built in 1927.(1) A year later Henry L. Bowles, a member of the United States House of Representatives from Massachusetts, purchased Orange Grove Plantation, which had been an antebellum home of the Fripp family. The plantation house, built c. 1800, was in poor condition when Bowles bought the property; he demolished it and built the present house in 1928. Orange Grove, as Bowles built it, was one of the first resort houses built on St. Helena after the opening of the bridge and is illustrative of the early encroachment of development on South Carolina's sea islands.(2)

The tabby ruin and tabby-walled cemetery are also significant for their association with the Fripp family, owners of the first plantation house at Orange Grove.

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

[x] See continuation sheet

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 5.7 acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	537260	3581360
B			
C			
D			

[ ] 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 # 22, Parcel 74A, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

[ ] See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic house, tabby ruin, historic cemetery, and their immediate surroundings.

[ ] See continuation sheet

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NOTES

(1) Edith M. Dabbs, Sea Island Diary: A History of St. Helena Island (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1983), p. 241.

(2) Ibid.; Interviews with John M. Trask, Jr., Orange Grove Plantation, St. Helena Island, S.C., 21 August, 3 November 1987; John M. Trask, Jr., "Orange Grove Plantation," unpublished MS., National Register Files, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; Congress of the United States, Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1961 (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1961), p. 581.

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

Name of property: Orange Grove Plantation (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. Orange Grove Plantation House
August 1987
Facade, view looking south.