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Name Historic: William, Robertson, House Location: On the west side of Berkeley
Common County Road 5
Classification: Building

Owner: Charles L. Cain
General Delivery
Pinopolis, S. C. 29469

Representation in Existing Surveys: Inventory of Historic Places in South
Carolina, 1981

Description: The William Robertson House is a two-story frame house, sheathed in weatherboard, reputedly built ca. 1844. The house was one of the early planters' retreats in the pineland village of Pinopolis. It is three bays wide with a hip roofed, one-story porch spanning the facade and wrapping around the right elevation. The main roof and the porch roof are covered with standing seam metal. Two exterior brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise at the ends of the building. The window sash is nine-over-nine. The porch roof is supported by simple square posts with plank railings. The house is on a foundation of low brick piers. It has wing additions on the western (left) and northern (rear) elevations. The building is surrounded by heavy foliage which contributes to the integrity of the site.

Significance: The William Robertson House is representative of the vernacular central-hall farmhouse type as adapted to the summer village of Pinopolis. The house retains its original form, materials, setting, and feeling. The nine-over-nine windows support the antebellum dating of the building. The lack of any pretensions to style is common in Pinopolis, as the planters' retreats were intended only as summer dwellings.

Acreage: less than 1

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the William Robertson House is shown as the red line on the accompanying Berkeley County Tax Map # 102-02-03, 102-02-04, sheet 1 of 2, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 200 feet. This boundary includes the historic house and its immediate wooded environment.

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Other Information