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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Edisto Island Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Wescott (Westcoat) Road

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: West of S. C. Hwy. 174, beginning at its intersection with that highway 1/2 mile south of the intersection of S. C. Hwy. 174 and Oak Island Road, and running southeast approximately 2/5 mile to its ending intersection with S. C. Hwy. 174 near Bailey's Store.

CLASSIFICATION: Structure

OWNER: County of Charleston
Charleston County Courthouse
Charleston, S. C. 29401

DESCRIPTION

Wescott (Westcoat) Road, located on Edisto Island to the west of S. C. Highway 174, and running southeast from a point 1/2 mile south of the intersection of S. C. Highway 174 and Oak Island Road to near Bailey's Store (see individual inventory form), is an oak-lined dirt road approximately 2/5 mile in distance. The road both begins and ends at its intersection with S. C. Highway 174. At least two other dirt roads (driveways) intersect with this road.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Transportation

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the last undisturbed remnants of the main road on Edisto Island, Wescott (or Westcoat) Road, undoubtedly named for the Westcoat (sometimes spelled Wescoat) family of a nearby plantation, is according to local tradition a short stretch of what was the old King's Highway. Laid down in the Colonial era, this section of the road was isolated when S. C. Highway was straightened and paved ca. 1940.(1)

Mill's Atlas indicates a main road through Edisto Island along the approximate route of the present-day thoroughfare. Preserved for its beauty, this section of the road is maintained by Charleston County.(2)

ACREAGE: Approximately 1.9 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #71-0-0, with an approximate scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic road (Wescott) Road and its right-of-way.

QUAD NAME: Edisto Island, S. C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS:
A. 17/567440/3603240
B. 17/567480/3602780
C. 17/567620/3602640
D. 17/567580/3602600
E. 17/567400/3602760
F. 17/567380/3603240

FOOTNOTES

[1]Clara Childs Puckette, Edisto, A Sea Island Principality (Cleveland: Seaforth Publications, 1978), p. 60.

[2]Robert Mills, Atlas of the State of South Carolina, (n.p., n.p., 1825; new facsimile ed., Columbia: Lucy Hampton Bostick and Fant H. Thornley, 1938).