MAY 5 1987

(N/A) NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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: Frogmore

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: Approximately 300 yards to the south of Pine Landing Road, about midway between its intersection with Highway 174 and Laurel Hill Road.

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Arthur W. Bailey, Jr.
2438 Two Oaks Drive
Charleston, S. C. 29407

DESCRIPTION

Frogmore is a rectangular, two-story, hip-roofed residence sheathed in weatherboard. The fenestration of the facade is symmetrical in a five-bay arrangement. The first story has an AABAA (A = single, nine-over-nine, double-hung sash window with batten shutters; B = a double-leaf door with recessed panels, sidelights, and transom) composition. The second story fenestration reads AAAA (A = a single nine-over-six light , double-hung sash window, some of which have batten shutters). There is a one-story, five-bay, shed-roofed porch, which has chamfered posts and a rail balustrade, across the entire facade. The ceiling above the porch and main house have boxed cornices. Two large, interior, brick chimneys pierce the roof on the rear slope. There is a one-story, shed-roofed ell extending fully across the rear elevation of the house. The house sits on a raised brick-pier foundation. The interior features grained woodwork and pilastered mantels.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Agriculture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Frogmore Plantation was constructed ca. 1820 by Dr. Edward Mitchell of Waccamaw, when he married Miss Elizabeth Baynard of Edisto Island.(1) It is significant architecturally and agriculturally as a distinctive remnant of an antebellum sea island cotton plantation.

In 1840 Dr. Mitchell operated a plantation of considerable size, for he owned at that time a large labor force of 124 slaves.(2) Whether all of these lived at Frogmore, or even on Edisto, is an unanswered question, as the above figure is drawn from the 1840 census statistics for the entire Colleton District.

During the federal occupation of Edisto Island beginning in 1862, this house was used as headquarters for a Colonel More of the 55th Pennsylvania Regiment.(3)

At some point the house and property passed to Edward C. Whaley (born ca. 1827), planter and a near relative of Elizabeth Baynard Mitchell.(4) Long the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Bailey, it presently belongs to their son, Arthur Whaley Bailey, Jr.(5)

ACREAGE: Approximately 10.8 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #29-0-0, a portion of Parcel 4, with an approximate scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic building (house) and surrounding grounds and acreage.

QUAD NAME: Edisto Island, S. C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A: 17/560550/3605660
B: 17/560560/3605440
C: 17/560360/3605460
D: 17/560360/3605700

3/25/87

FOOTNOTES

[1]Harriette Kershaw Leiding, Historic Houses of South Carolina (Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1921), p. 227.

[2]Population Schedules of the Sixth Census of the United States, 1840: South Carolina (Washington, D. C.: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967.

[3]Sgt. John M. Head, Co. B, 3rd New Hampshire; Diary, 24 July 1861 - 2 April 1862, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

[4]Nell S. Graydon, Tales of Edisto (Columbia, S. C.: The R. L. Bryan Comp., 1955), p. 26; Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: South Carolina (Washington, D. C.: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1964).

[5]Clara Childs Puckette, Edisto, A Sea Island Principality (Cleveland, Ohio: Seaforth Publications, 1978), p. 14.