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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Claussen House
other names/site number Howard-Harllee-Claussen House

2. Location

street & number 5109 Old River Road not for publication ____
city or town Florence vicinity ____
state South Carolina code SC county Florence code 041 zip code 29505

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant __ nationally __statewide x locally. (__ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 2/22/01
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property __ meets __does not meet the National Register criteria. (__See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

X entered in the National Register 4/11/01
__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):

Claussen House
Name of Property

Florence County, South Carolina
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

x private
_ public-local
_ public-State
_ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

x building(s)
_ district
_ site
_ structure
_ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
6		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
6	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category:	Subcategory:
Domestic	Single Dwelling
Domestic	Secondary Structure
Agriculture/Subsistence	Processing

Current Functions
(Enter caregories from instructions)

Category:	Subcategory:
Domestic	Single Dwelling
Domestic	Secondary Structure
Agriculture/Subsistence	Processing

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
Greek Revival
Italianate

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Brick
walls	Wood
roof	Metal
other	

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Claussen House
Name of Property

Florence County, South Carolina
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

__ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
__ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period,or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
__ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

__ a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
__ b removed from its original location.
__ c a birthplace or a grave.
__ d a cemetery.
__ e a reconstructed building, object,or structure.
__ f a commemorative property.
__ g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1830-ca. 1880

Significant Dates

ca. 1830
ca. 1880

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History

Claussen House
Name of Property

Florence County, South Carolina
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 2.33 acres

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	626419	3777435	3	17	626433	3777287
2	17	626498	3777453	4	17	626374	3777326

___See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title F. Preston Wilson
organization _____ date 21 July 2000
street & number 5109 Old River Road telephone (843) 777-8954
city or town Florence state SC zip code 29505

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets
Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.
Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mr. and Mrs. F. Preston Wilson
street & number 5109 Old River Road telephone (843) 777-8954
city or town Florence state SC zip code 29505

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The Claussen House, constructed ca. 1830 along Old River Road in the Claussen community near Florence, South Carolina, is a porticoed one-and-one-half Greek Revival raised cottage of frame construction, with Italianate details added during a ca. 1880 remodeling. The house features a central rear wing surrounded by partially-enclosed piazzas, is set upon an approximately eight-foot high enclosed brick pier foundation, and features a lateral gabled, pedimented roof clad in a standing seam rolled metal. A double flight of native black cypress steps, featuring a stuccoed masonry parapeted stairwall with turnout easement, ascends to an exterior central landing, one step below the portico's wood deck. An arched opening with wrought-iron gate beneath the landing is flanked by square masonry piers that rise to pedestals for planters at the stair landing level. The house's exterior cladding consists of a wide baseboard with drip mould, weatherboard, corner pilasters and flushboard siding within the portico. Three interior double chimneys are of soft salmon-colored brick handmade on the property, the two front original chimneys featuring open relieving arches at their foundations and corbeled caps where they pierce the main roof's ridgeline. Original detailing likely included a boxed cornice, deep frieze and a louvered lunette ventilator in the portico's tympanum, all typical of Pee Dee area houses from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. About 1880 Italianate styled brackets were added to the frieze, soffit and raking cornice of the gables. The portico's original piers or columns, likely Greek Revival in style, were replaced with chamfered and bracketed Italianate styled posts and a turned balustrade was installed. Fenestration is generally symmetrical, with single six-over-six double-hung sash windows encircling the house, two sets of French doors flanking the main entrance and opening onto the portico, and an upstairs paired window of four-over-four double-hung sash (possibly enlarged from an original smaller window) in each of the side gables. The main entrance with sidelights and transom is surrounded by wood pilasters and a shelf architrave.

The central rear wing with surrounding piazzas was added in the late nineteenth century, replacing the original shed-roofed rear piazza (the roof framing of which remains intact in the attic of the wing). Portions of these piazzas were subsequently enclosed into rooms. The foundation was enclosed with wooden walls and doors, some containing double-hung windows. Italianate style eave and column brackets were added in the late nineteenth century, probably ca. 1880. The chimney pots [likely not original] were replaced about the same time with corbeled brick caps.

The central hall features a reversed, single-flight staircase with turned balusters, round mahogany handrail, slender newel post with ivory inset cap, and risers still displaying trompe-l'oeil marbling. Flanking either side of the hall are two rooms. All walls and ceilings are plaster, and the front parlor features a molded plaster cornice. Heavy door and window surrounds are fluted with corner block medallions in the front rooms and hall. Windows in the front rooms feature paneled aprons. A transom remains over the original rear door, now the dining room door, at the back of the hall. The pilastered mantels are typically heavy and simple, with fluting on the mantels in the front two rooms. The baseboards feature molded crowns. Door and window surrounds of the upstairs hall and two flanking rooms retain the old trompe-l'oeil wood graining, apparently maple.

Within the added rear wing is a long dining room, which remains unchanged except for the loss by vandalism of the original mantel; a paired columned mantel now adorns the room. Also, a smaller room behind the dining room, slightly enlarged by enclosure of the piazza across the rear, contains a fireplace, plaster walls and ceilings, and simple woodwork. Even smaller rooms were created on each side by enclosing a portion of the side piazzas, one of which was subsequently converted into a bathroom. Another bathroom was enclosed from a portion of a side piazza immediately behind the original structure, and is entered by the door which originally opened onto the original rear piazza. The enclosed foundation of the wing provided a kitchen and laundry, with a fireplace in each, and a milk room, which remain unchanged although the fireplaces have been bricked. The kitchen features stairs ascending into the side piazza adjacent to the dining room.

A concave white picket fence, set back from the road, has one single gate, plus a double gate for horses and carriages. The wide-board fence encloses approximately two-and-a-half acres, including the main house and the following contributing outbuildings on the property, all of which are presumed to date from the mid-to-late 19th century:

a) Smokehouse: a wood frame, lateral gabled building [perpendicular to main house], with masonry pier foundation, vertical wood plank door, small windows on gable ends, corrugated metal-clad roof, central flue and roof ridge ventilators;
b) Gardener's Cottage: a wood frame shotgun house with front shed porch, set on a brick pier foundation and featuring boxed eaves, central paneled front door, six-over-six, double-hung windows, a brick chimney cap near rear of roof ridge; possibly extended one bay in depth;
c) Hothouse/Greenhouse: a small stuccoed, partially subterranean building located immediately to the east of the main house and featuring a shingled sloped roof on one side and a shingle roof with central glass panel on the other (south) side sloping more abruptly and to the ground; one gable end contains an entrance, the other a single, six-over-six light, double-hung sash window;
d) Chicken Coop/Outhouse: a wood frame, lateral gabled building with vertical slatted exterior wall on one elevation, single door on gable end; compartment with slatted walls served as a chicken coop, with gable-end door accessing outhouse;
e) Carriage Shed: an elongated wood frame building directly behind the house, with saltbox form roof, boxed eaves; south side open as a carriage shed [four bays wide] and the west end enclosed for storage; large square, hip roofed cupola.

Within the fenced area are selected plantings of camellias, sasanqua, azaleas, spring bulbs, a huge pecan tree, an enormous holly, very large crepe myrtles, Carolina jessamine, many dogwoods (both white and pink), a very large magnolia, spireas, and other background specimens, along with three stately pine trees and six pear trees that still produce fruit.

On the immediate left of the driveway and extending to the back of the property for approximately one hundred and fifty yards is a grape arbor containing three variations of European grapes brought to South Carolina from Germany by the Claussens. On the right [east] side of the fenced area, historically associated with the property but not included within the nominated acreage because it is under different ownership, is a large pecan grove containing about forty-five trees of different varieties.

The Claussen tract, with Jeffries Creek running through it, also includes many acres of historic farmland, pasture, and timber which contribute to the agricultural significance of the property but are not included within the nominated acreage because they are under different ownership.

The Claussen House is significant as an excellent local example of early nineteenth century Greek Revival architecture with late nineteenth century Italianate style alterations and additions, for its collection of significant domestic and agricultural outbuildings, and for its association with William Frederick Claussen, prominent planter of the Pee Dee region of South Carolina in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The house was constructed ca. 1830 for planter and merchant Charles Brown Howard (1804-1834) on a 2,900-acre Jeffries Creek plantation he had acquired in 1829. The property remained in an unsettled estate from the time of Howard's death in 1834 until after his widow, Amelia Melvina Cannon Howard, married Dr. Robert Harllee (1807-1872) in 1838. Harllee, a prominent local physician, state representative, and state senator, purchased the house and property later that year at public auction. It remained in his possession until 1870, when he sold 1,150 acres, including the house, to Frederick W. Claussen (b. 1820) of Charleston. In 1873 Claussen sold 210 acres, including the house, to his nephew William Frederick Claussen (1850-1920). The younger Claussen remodeled the house, expanded his holdings, and planted tobacco and cotton as his cash crops while also introducing and experimenting with several varieties of grapes and pecans. At his death in 1920 his son Dr. John Rudolph Claussen (1891-1960) inherited the house and acreage; it remained in the hands of the family until 1985.[1]

The Claussen House's primary significance is its architectural sophistication. Built in the raised cottage form of the Greek Revival style, it is likely one of the most distinguished of its type throughout the upland coastal plain of South Carolina. It compares well to others in the general vicinity of eastern Florence County and the Pee Dee River watershed, including the nearby McWhite House [ca. 1850], on the Old River Road in the vicinity of Pamplico; Bonnie Shade [ca. 1854], located in the city of Florence along what is known as Cherokee Road; and even Red Doe, a ca. 1840 raised cottage or vernacular farmhouse adapted to the regional demands of the Lowcountry, and located along SC Highway 327 near Florence. Yet another comparable house is the Samuel Itly Wilson House, a ca. 1850 Greek Revival raised cottage located just south of Hemingway, in extreme northeastern Williamsburg County. While the Wilson House is located further south than the others, it is still a valid comparison because of the known settlement patterns of this area of South Carolina and the influences of the Hemingway and Indiantown communities upon the Claussen area and other eastern Florence County vicinities. In contrast to all of those cited that exhibit the Greek Revival

[1] Mary Louise Claussen McIntyre, "A Research Design for the Claussen House, Claussen, South Carolina," 5 March 1985, unpublished manuscript in the possession of F. Preston Wilson, Claussen House, Claussen, S.C.; N. Louise Bailey, et al, eds., Biographical Directory of the South Carolina Senate 1776-1985, Volume I: Abbott-Hill (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1986), pp. 668-669; Marion County Deeds, Deed Book DD, Page 43, Deed Book FF, Page 320, Marion County Courthouse, Marion, S.C.; G. Wayne King, Rise Up So Early: A History of Florence County, South Carolina (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, 1981), pp. 175, 179; James M. Readling, History of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Claussen, South Carolina, 1770-1970 (Columbia: The R.L. Bryan Company, 1970), p. 86.

style, the Claussen House is a more pronounced example of the raised form. Only Red Doe compares well to the Claussen House in elevation above grade; however, it is more of a local vernacular interpretation of the mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival style than a fair representation of the classical form as presented in all the others. Interestingly, all of the above comparable examples feature the rain porch as well. Whether the Claussen House contained a rain porch with classically inspired columns or piers before the ca. 1880 Italianate remodeling or not remains an unknown; however, it is quite likely. While it seems probable that the porch on the Claussen House had a different and earlier form than that present today, such a realization does not diminish in any way the architectural significance of the ca. 1880 alterations. They were changes made by William Frederick Claussen, one of the house's most interesting owners/occupants, and are not only evidence his success as an experimental farmer and agriculturalist but are representational through time of continually changing styles and tastes.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line marked "Claussen House" on the accompany Florence County Tax Map 310, Parcel 01, Lot 29, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property is restricted to the historic house, its outbuildings, and a portion of the historic agricultural resources associated with the Claussen family's ownership of the property.

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

Name of Property:	Claussen House
Location of Property:	5109 Old River Road, Florence Florence County, S.C.
Name of Photographer:	F. Preston Wilson
Date of Photographs:	July 2000
Location of Original Negatives:	S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Picket fence
2. Picket fence, single and double gates
3. Picket fence, detailed view of single and double gates
4. Claussen House, Facade, view from single and double gates
5. Claussen House, Facade, view up walkway
6. Claussen House, Facade left oblique
7. Claussen House, Detail of eaves with Italianate brackets
8. Claussen House, Detail of eaves with Italianate brackets
9. Claussen House, Detail of corner and eaves
10. Claussen House, Front piazza and steps on the south elevation
11. Claussen House, East view of front piazza and steps
12. Hothouse/Greenhouse
13. Hothouse/Greenhouse, detailed view
14. Hothouse/Greenhouse, detailed view
15. Gardener's Cottage, facade right oblique
16. Smokehouse, west elevation
17. Smokehouse, with Gardener's Cottage in background
18. Shed on north end of property
19. Shed and entrance to tack room
20. Main House, with Smokehouse at left
21. Chicken Coop/Outhouse
22. Chicken Coop/Outhouse, detail
23. Main House, Northwest piazza
24. Main House, Northwest piazza, detail
25. Main House, West elevation, with piazzas at front and rear
26. Main House, West elevation, with piazzas at front and rear
27. Main House, Facade, piazza and pediment detail
28. Main House, Facade, detail of eaves, column, and pediment with Italianate brackets
29. Main House, Facade, detail of eaves, column, and pediment with Italianate brackets
30. Main House, Facade, detail of pediment with Italianate brackets and demi-lune vent
31. Main House, West end of entrance piazza, facing west

32. Main House, West end of entrance piazza, facing west, with west side stair
33. Main House, entrance piazza, facing south
34. Main House, entrance piazza, facing south/southwest
35. Main House, pediment atop west elevation
36. Chicken Coop/Outhouse
37. Main House, West elevation, view of piazza and back steps
38. Main House, West elevation, view of piazza and back steps
39. Main House, West elevation, view of back steps and brick terrace

SITE LOCATION
SCALE: 1" - 1 MILE

THIS PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS
MAP 310 BLOCK 01 PARCEL 029
ON FLORENCE COUNTY ASSESSOR

SPLIT FROM _____
FLORENCE COUNTY ASSESSOR

MAG. MERIDIAN

WE HEREBY STATE THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE INFORMATION, AND BELIEF, THE SURVEY SHOWN HEREON WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINIMUM STANDARDS MANUAL FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CLASS A SURVEY

(TRAVERSE)

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CLERK OF COURT, C.P & G.S
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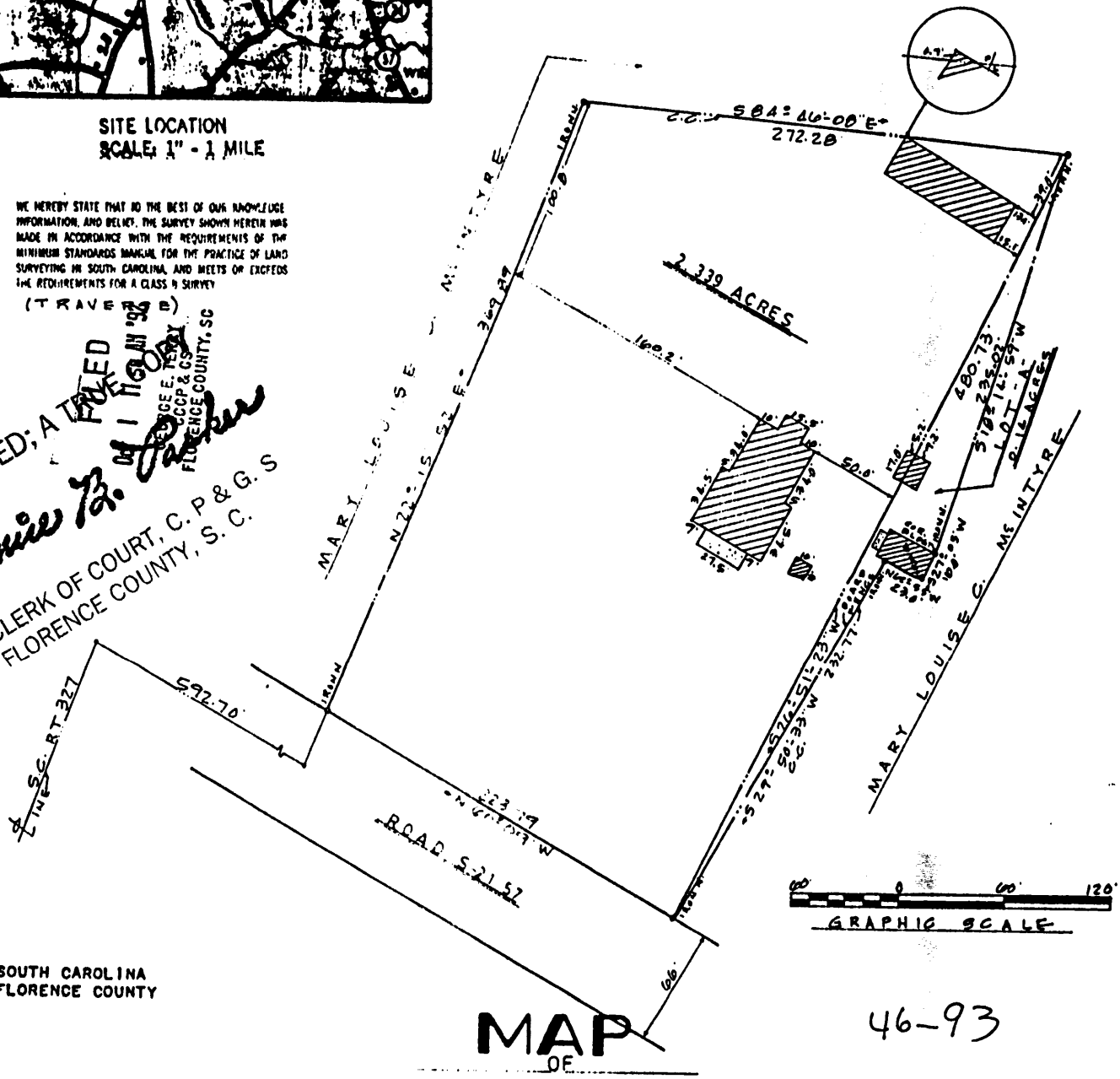

SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE COUNTY

MAP OF

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A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, SITUATE NEAR CLAUSSEN, S.C., AND HAVING SUCH DIMENSIONS, BOUNDARIES, ETC., AS ABOVE DESCRIBED.

SURVEY REQUESTED BY: F. PRESTON WILSON & CHRISTINE ROBY-WILSON
19 32 (19)

SURVEYED SEPTEMBER 25, 1992
SCALE: 1"-60'

SURVEYED BY:
LIND, HICKS, & ASSOC. SURVEYORS
TIMMONSVILLE, S.C.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE SURVEYED THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON THIS MAP, AND THERE ARE NO ENCROACHMENTS BY THIS OR THE ADJOINING PROPERTY, OTHER THAN SHOWN, ALSO THIS LOT IS NOT WITHIN FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY, SEE PANEL MAP 450076 1058, DATED SEPT. 2, 1982.

SOUTH CAROLINA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR B. L. HICKS

SOUTH CAROLINA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR