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Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic Henry Lybrand Farm

Location

Common Connelly Farm

Classification District

Owner Carl D. Connelly  
Route 3, Box 28  
Chapin, SC 29036

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description The Henry Lybrand farmhouse, which is reputed to have been constructed ca. 1835, is a two-story, rectangular, weatherboarded frame building with a gable roof, exterior end chimneys, and shed rooms on the rear. The roof has a boxed cornice and is covered with standing-seam metal. A one-story, shed-roofed porch on the facade is supported by square wood posts connected by a horizontal-railed balustrade. The main entrance in the center of the first story of the facade features a multi-paned transom and sidelights. To the left of the entrance are two nine-over-six windows; to the right is a door flanked by nine-over-six windows. The second story of the facade is pierced by five regularly spaced six-over-six windows. A one-story rear ell with a side porch and two-over-two windows was constructed ca. 1900.

The farm also retains, from the 1830s, [redacted] dwelling, the only intact cotton gin house left in the county. The gin house contains a\* Significance The Henry Lybrand Farm is a rare, nearly intact example of a nineteenth century Lexington County farmstead. The house, which according to tradition was constructed by Henry Lybrand, is the best preserved antebellum farmhouse in the Lower Dutch Fork. The marriages of Henry Lybrand's four daughters--Sally to Jacob Unger, Kezia to William Haltiwanger, Christina to Jacob Wingard, and Martha to John Hiller--connected these pioneer Swiss-German families. Martha, with her husband John Hiller, acquired the property in 1843.<sup>45</sup> John Hiller was a large farmer and cotton ginner. Successive owners of the property were John and Martha's son Silas Hiller, a farmer and miller, and their grandson James H. Hiller, who farmed and operated the Chaffin-Hiller General Mercantile Company in Chapin from 1900 to 1931. He sold the property to the Connelly family in 1930.<sup>46</sup>

Acreage [redacted]

Verbal Boundary Description [redacted]

UTM Reference Point [redacted]

Other Information

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Local
- State
- National

\*press but original wheels have been removed. An end-gabled, rectangular building set on six-foot-high solid wood pillars, the structure is framed with fourteen-by-ten-inch hewn sills sheathed in weatherboard, and has a metal-covered roof. A north shed roof is supported by striped cedar posts. Remaining outbuildings are weatherboarded with metal-covered gable roofs. They appear to date from the construction of the home to ca. 1870. Northwest of the house is a one-story cook's house with single east and west wood-shuttered, sashless windows and off-center south door. A small wash house sits to the left rear of the house. East of the dwelling's rear ell sits a smokehouse with projecting gable and board-and-batten, strap-hinged central door. West of the smokehouse, within the fenced barnyard, sits a weatherboarded log barn. Forming a triangle southeast of the log barn in clockwise position are a two-story barn, single story corncrib, and two-story granary. All of the outbuildings are north-south oriented except the corncrib.

Crepe myrtles and pecan trees frame the dwelling; and hibiscus, four-o'clocks, and cape jasmine, reminiscent of old-fashioned farmhouse ornamental plantings, surround the house. Corn and other vegetables grow in the fenced garden plot southeast of the dwelling anterior to the outbuildings.