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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 Stevens-Dorn Farmstead

other names/site number Dorn, Peter M. Homeplace

2. Location

street & number R. F. D. 3, Box 199 not for publication x
city or town Saluda vicinity x
state South Carolina code SC county Saluda code 081 zip code 29138

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 ___ locally.
(___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 6/2/97
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & 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:

X entered in the National Register
___ 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): _____

Mary M. Ing 7/25/97

for Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
8		buildings
	1	sites
		structures
		objects
8	1	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)

Cat:	Sub:
Domestic	single dwelling
Agriculture	agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
Domestic	single dwelling
Agriculture	timber

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	stone and brick pier
roof	tin (originally wood shingle)
walls	weatherboard
other	

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

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)

- x **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 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)
Agriculture
Architecture

Period of Significance
1864-1945

Significant Dates
N/A

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Dorn, Peter M.

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(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. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 71.5 acres

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	417700	3765200	3	17	417160	3763800
2	17	418200	3764560	4	17	416700	3764420

___ 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 Nell D. Barton

organization _____ date _____

street & number 603 N. Virginia St. telephone (803) 354-6908

city or town Kingstree state SC zip code 29556

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 Nell D. Barton and Rheta D. Pemberton

street & number 603 N. Virginia Street. telephone (803) 354-6908

city or town Kingstree state SC zip code 29556

The house is a one-story rectangular form one-and-a-half room style building measuring approximately 83 x 24-feet with three major front doors and one minor front door. The roof is a gable extended roof of tin, originally of wooden shingles. The walls are weatherboard and the foundation is of stone, wood and brick pier. Three chimneys serve the house; one interior end, one central, and one outside end. Outbuildings are a woodshed/buggy house, smokehouse, corn crib, barn, all ca. 1880, and three brooder houses ca. 1945.

Construction of the house was accomplished in three different phases. The first phase was a rectangular one-and-a-half room building approximately 26 x 22-feet with gable extended roof which either existed or was built around 1880 when Peter Dorn acquired the tract of land and settled there with his wife Pinnie Stevens Dorn and their two small children. It consisted of two rooms, an unceiled pantry and a porch. The foundation sills are of approximately 12 x 12-inch hand hewn logs; foundation is stone pier; siding is weatherboard and roof is tin. Stone steps led off the southeast end of the porch; two of these steps are intact but a third was replaced with concrete block.

The second phase built by Peter M. Dorn, consisted of an addition of four rooms which were constructed along the same one-and-a-half room style, only with higher pitched roof and larger rooms. Walls of the two larger rooms are 6-3/4-inch pine board and ceilings are of 12-inch board and batten. Flooring is of 5-inch pine board. An interior double fireplace serves the two larger rooms. A front porch was added and both of the larger rooms had a door opening onto the porch. The joining of this addition to the older section left a difference in floor level between the two sections--a short step was created. The door joining these two sections is paneled and batten, still with the open knotholes.

Near the turn of the century, as the family continued to increase, a third addition was erected. This addition included an 8 x 16 foot hall type room and another 13 x 16-foot room, both with shedroom extensions to make a total of ten rooms. The front porch was extended along this portion with a door opening into the hall. Here walls are of 3-inch board; ceilings of 2-inch board and floors of 3.5-inch board. The paneled door opening onto the porch is framed by a narrow panel of window panes on either side of the door. Windows throughout the two added sections are 9/9. The outside end chimney serves this area.

The house remains much the same with only minor changes in the way of maintenance and upkeep. The wood shingle roof was replaced with a tin roof ca. 1933; shutters were removed from windows of the original 2-room building ca. 1932; three single windows were doubled--one in the kitchen, one in the dining room, and one in the middle back bedroom ca. 1945. The

pantry off the back porch was renovated to accommodate a bathroom ca. 1949-50; interior walls were painted ca. 1949-51; front porch supports were replaced with post supports ca. 1937. The back porch flooring was last replaced in 1993 as a maintenance measure; storm doors and windows were installed ca. 1982.

Four of the original outbuildings still stand on the property today--the barn with stables for livestock on either side, a corn crib, smokehouse and woodshed/buggy house. Outbuildings which were removed either because of storm damage or a general state of disrepair were a root cellar, stable, chicken house, log cotton crib, log stable--all in line with the smoke house and woodshed/ buggy house. Just across a wagon road running about 25 feet north west of the house was a log cotton crib and a storage barn with attached equipment shed. Across the public road in front of the house was a forge shop. Three large brooder houses were added ca. 1945. A well shed was erected over a new dug well after the stone wall of an older well caved in ca. 1936.

Located approximately 850 feet southwest of the house; 100 feet from the northwest boundry line and about 500 feet from the creek is a burial site of six or eight graves. The area was in a cultivated field and has always been protected and marked by cedar trees growing at the site. It is still intact, now in a wooded area. The graves are marked with small fieldstone, apparently one at the head and a smaller stone at the foot. Graves are laid out in a random pattern and appear to be of different lengths. Depressions in the ground further identify this as a burial site.

The Stevens-Dorn Farmstead is representative of the simplistic construction methods and lifestyle of rural families in upstate South Carolina in the late 19th through mid-20th centuries. The 71.5 acre tract of land is a part of an original 201 acre tract held and used by four generations of the same family for at least 131 years and offers an intact collection of vernacular farm buildings forming the core of an early rural agricultural complex. The major crop was cotton along with corn, wheat and other feed grains, and, food for the family. This lifestyle continued until 1942. Thereafter, it continued on a smaller scale with production of cattle, poultry and feeds. By the end of 1974 crop production ceased and pasture and cultivated lands were turned out for timber production.

Research of records of Old Edgefield District of South Carolina at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, S. C. reveal only that in 1864 Elisha Stevens owned the 201 acre tract heretofore mentioned. He died in 1871 leaving a Will devising all real property to his wife, Sarah Sadler Stevens. She, in 1872, made deed to her son-in-law, W. T. Walton, for 201 acres of land. This same acreage was deeded by Walton to Peter M. Dorn in 1880. Both W. T. Walton and Peter M. Dorn married daughters of Elisha and Sarah Sadler Stevens.

It was in 1880 that the property underwent intense development for the next 5-10 years. For some 48 years Peter and Pinnie Stevens Dorn lived on and developed an agricultural complex for the support and comfort of their large family of 11 children, including one set of twins. As the family grew there were two additions to the two-room dwelling, along with the construction of outbuildings: livestock and storage barn, smokehouse, root cellar, corn-crib, two log cotton-cribs, woodshed/buggy house, chicken house, log stable, storage barn/equipment shed, and a forge shop; a vegetable garden occupied space just across the road in front of the house. Still intact is the house, livestock barn, corn-crib, smokehouse, woodshed/buggy house, and three brooder houses built by the third generation owner/operator, Charlie W. Dorn, ca. 1945.

In 1928 Peter M. Dorn divided his 201 acres of land into three tracts; conveying the middle tract "known as the home tract" containing 64 acres to his youngest son, Charlie W. Dorn. The other two tracts were transferred to two other sons--tract #1 to W. B. Dorn and tract #3 to E. E. Dorn. Peter M. Dorn died October 17, 1929.

In 1961 Charlie W. Dorn acquired from the Estate of E. E. Dorn an additional seven acres of pasture land which encompassed the old spring that had furnished water for the homeplace in the earlier years.

At the death of Charlie W. Dorn in 1981 the property passed to his wife, Nellie Herring Dorn, and at her death in 1994 to their two daughters, Nellie Dorn Barton and Rheta Dorn Pemberton.

The presence of the burial site on the property and the stories relating to the location of slave quarters near the creek, and a Will of Elisha Stevens, father of the within named Elisha Stevens, recorded October 29, 1835 in Will Book C page 413-415, Box 26 package 955, Edgefield County, indicating that he bequeathed "unto my son Elisha Stevens and his heirs a negro boy named Jo" would substantiate the belief that this is a burial site for slaves of either Elisha Stevens or a previous landowner.

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Will Book F, page 136, Edgefield County Wills, Probate Court, Edgefield, S. C.

Deed Book 3, page 117, Edgefield County Deeds, Clerk of Court Edgefield, S. C.

Deed Book 5, page 625, Edgefield County Deeds, Clerk of Court, Edgefield, S. C.

Deed Book 27, page 298, Saluda County Deeds, Clerk of Court, Saluda, S. C.

Deed Book 3, page 1, Saluda County Deeds, Clerk of Court, Saluda, S. C.

Will Book 186, page 142, Saluda County Wills, Probate Court, Saluda, S. C.

Will Book C, page 413-415, Box 26, Pkg 955, Probate Court, Edgefield County, S. C.

Verbal Boundary Description

The location of nominated property is shown by black line drawn on enclosed Saluda County Tax Map No. 027-00-00-002, USGS Good Hope, S.C. Quadrangle map, boundry survey by John H. Welborn, PLS 57738 and recorded in the office of Clerk of Court, Saluda County, S.C. January 16, 1995 and filed in Cabinet A Slide 17 page 2, and copy of ASCS aerial map of this property and adjoining tracts of land.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the house, outbuildings and their immediate surroundings and historic tract of land on which they are located.

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

Name of Property - Stevens-Dorn Farmstead
Location of property - Saluda County, South Carolina
Photographer: Julian Barton and Nell D. Barton
Location of negatives - Nell D. Barton, Kingstree, S. C.

1. House (Northeast facade, oblique) January 1995

2. House (Northwest facade) June 1995

3. House (Southwest facade) January 1995

4. House (Southwest view of stone foundation piers and the change to brick pier for a later addition. Masses of small rock were used along the dripline to prevent erosion of yard)

5. Original two-room section (Southwest view) January 1995

6. Original two-room section (Southeast end and northeast front) January 1995

7. Original two-room section (Northeast) c. 1941

8. Smokehouse (viewed from East) January 1995

9. Rootcellar (View from the southeast - this building stood about 12 feet from the back porch between the smokehouse and the woodshed. It was removed from the site in 1951)

10. Woodshed (View from east) June 1995

11. Buggyhouse (View from west. This building suffered storm damage and was repaired in a shortened version.)

12. Corn crib (View from southwest) January 1995

13. Barn (View from northwest) January 1995

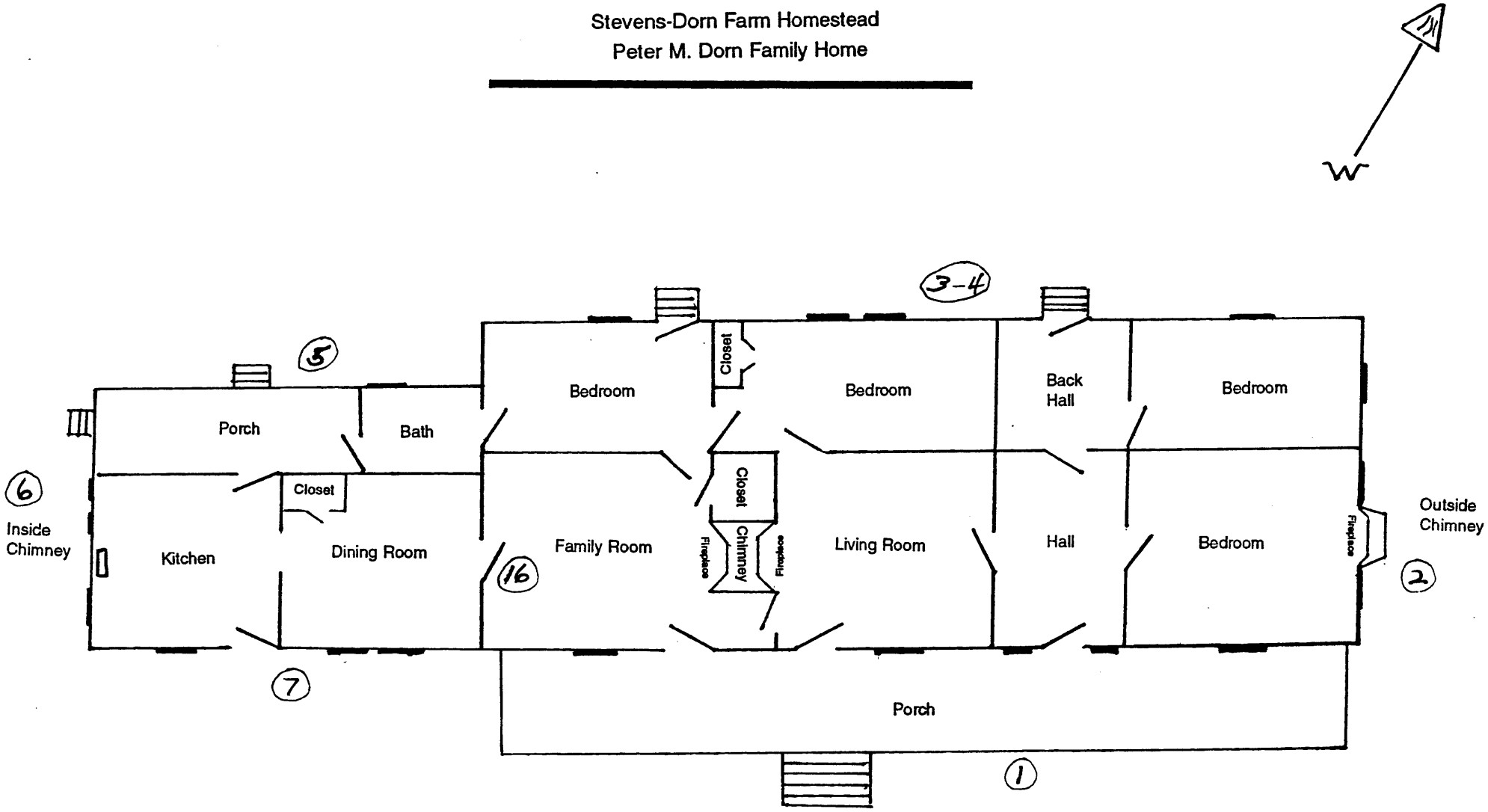
14. Southeast end of house and wellshelter January 1995

15. View from west across back of smokehouse to corn crib January 1995

16. Original door leading from dinning room into family room--the knotholes made the best peekholes. January 1995

17. Back of house facing southwest and family reunion of Peter and Pinnie Dorn's children, wives, husbands and the first grandchildren. Historic photo ca. 1913

Stevens-Dorn Farm Homestead
Peter M. Dorn Family Home



Photograph Key - #

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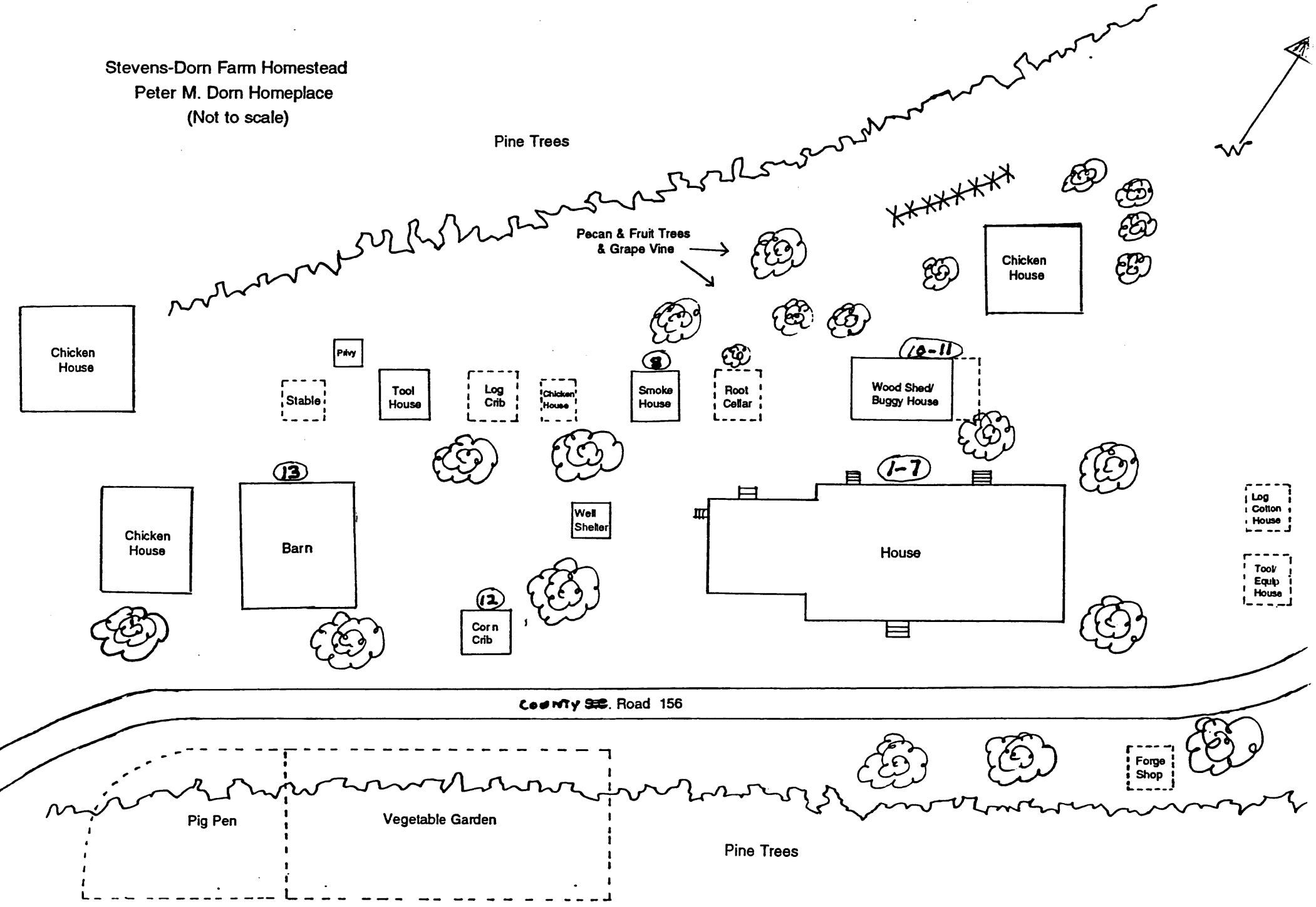
Stevens-Dorn Farm Homestead
Peter M. Dorn Homeplace
(Not to scale)



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97000778 **Date Listed:** 7/25/97

Stevens--Dorn Farmstead — **Property Name**

Saluda — **County**

SOUTH CAROLINA — **State**

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for **Signature of the Keeper** — **Date of Action** 9/2/97

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 3

This nomination is amended to show that the SHPO recommends that the property be considered significant at the local level.

This change has been confirmed with the South Carolina SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)