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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Gamble House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER W. Williamsburg 45-74 S.E.C. 522
Approximately .6 mile southwest of intersection
of S-45-24 and S-45-74

CITY, TOWN	Nesmith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICINITY OF	#6	— NOT FOR PUBLICATION	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE	South Carolina	CODE	045	COUNTY	Williamsburg
				CODE	089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Richard Gamble

STREET & NUMBER Route 1

CITY, TOWN Hemingway VICINITY OF _____ STATE South Carolina 29554

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Williamsburg County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Kingstree STATE South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE 1973 (update) FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Columbia STATE South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED (minimal)

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in rural Williamsburg County, the Gamble House is a small wooden structure set upon brick piers. Although historical research has not revealed its construction date, the Gamble House appears to date from at least the early 19th Century, with a central two-story core of the house being the earliest portion. At a later, but still early date, the house appears to have been enlarged to the right and left by the addition of small one-story wings. A small one-story porch extends across the center (apparently earliest) portion of the front facade. The structure has a steeply pitched gable roof covered by tin.

The central two-story core of the house is constructed of 4" x 12" heart pine timbers, tightly pegged together and dovetailed in the corners. The first floor room features board and batten entrance doors, centered on both the front and rear facades, and exposed ceiling beams. The front entrance opens onto the small one-story porch.

Located to both the right and left of the central core of the house are one-story wings. The wing to the right contains three small rooms, while that to the left has two small rooms. These wings appear to date from a period later than the central core of the house. However, interior details are indicative of an early period of construction. Details throughout the structure include board and batten windows and doors, handwrought strap and "H-L" hinges, and wide-board flooring, ceilings and walls. The structure has four fireplaces which are serviced by two chimneys. The mantels are hand-carved and although all are different, each features raised panels and pilasters. The room located in the left wing, directly east of the main room, also features unusual cornice moldings and exposed ceiling beams. An enclosed stairway is located in the right wing, off the southwesternmost room.

SURROUNDINGS: The Gamble House is located in a field currently being cultivated. A chain link fence has been erected around the structure in order to protect it from vandalism.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in rural Williamsburg County, the Gamble House exemplifies unusual architectural design and construction techniques. Although it is not known when the structure was built, architectural analysis and local tradition suggest that the Gamble House may date from the late 18th to early 19th Centuries. The house is closely associated with the Gamble family which has been historically involved in the agricultural life of the community.

It is believed that the Gamble House is located on property granted to James Paine in 1735 and subsequently (by 1806) acquired by John Gamble, a farmer of some substance. The 1819 inventory of Gamble's estate values his property at \$12,608.59.

James Gamble, who is named as the administrator of John Gamble's estate, was apparently the next owner of the property on which the Gamble House is situated. James Gamble was also apparently a man of some means, as the inventory of his estate values his property at \$27,737.86. Gamble's estate also paid accounts to two doctors and a teacher. James Gamble's Will names Lawrence D. Gamble and Hugh D. Gamble as his sons. A Deed of Partition between these two sons in 1859 provides the first mention of a residence on the property (although it is believed that one existed prior to that date). In this deed, the two sons divided their father's land so that "the said H. Dudley Gamble and his heirs shall have all that piece or allotment of land, the residence or eastern end of said contiguous tracts or grants of land comprehended in the re-survey plat made as aforesaid for James Gamble in ... One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one."¹ According to Gamble family tradition, Hugh Dudley Gamble resided in the structure now known as the Gamble House, and his son, Robert Disney Gamble, the next owner, was born there. Robert Disney Gamble died in 1930. Today, the property is owned by Richard A. Gamble who continues to farm the property surrounding the house.

Since the early 1800s, the Gamble family has been involved in agricultural pursuits in this section of Williamsburg County. Consequently, the Gamble House reflects a life-style representative of this agricultural area.

Architecture: The Gamble House is unusual in both design and construction. The overall appearance of the structure, with a steeply pitched roof and projecting side wings, is not indicative of farmhouses of the area and therefore presents a rather unique quality. It appears that the structure may have been constructed in two phases, both early, so the building is important in its present form. The central core of the house appears to be the earliest portion and is constructed of 4" x 12" heart pine boards finished on both sides, pegged together and dovetailed on the corners. The wings were probably added at a later date. Throughout the structure wide-board floors, strap and H-L hinges and board and batten doors are notable and add to the integrity of the structure.

1. Williamsburg County, Office of the Clerk of Court, Deed Book H, p. 496.

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Deed Book H, pp. 496, 464; Plat Book 1, p. 285; Deed Book A, pp. 1, 128.

Williamsburg County, Office of the Probate Judge. Plats, Apartment 102, Roll #6;
Will Book G, p. 144; Will, Apartment 102, package 6; Equity Records Package #12;
Will, package 23, Apartment 13; Estate papers, package 4, Apartment 13.

The Gamble House
Williamsburg County, S.C.
Not to scale / supplementary information

