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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROEPRTY SUBMISSION

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Edisto Island Multiple Resource  
Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Bailey's Store

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCAION: On Store Creek at the intersection of S. C. Highway 174 and  
Point of Pines Road

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Brenda J. and Ralph A. Morris  
1816 Banbury Road  
Charleston, S. C. 29407

DESCRIPTION

Bailey's Store is a two-story, weatherboard-clad, rectangular, side-gabled roof building which at one time faced 180 degrees in the opposite direction, but when highway 174 was moved in about 1940 was turned around. For many years the Edisto Island Post Office was located in a one-story shed roof addition on the southern elevation, which has recently been removed. A hipped roof covering extends from the western elevation, suspended over the front door. The fenestration of the facade is asymmetrical and is composed of three bays on the first story and five bays on the second story. The first story is ABA (A = a single, six-over-six, double-hung-sash window with batten shutters; B = a centered, double-leaf door that has beaded, diagonal panels and a transom) while the second story windows are AAAAA, all of which are covered by batten shutters. The side elevations also have asymmetrical fenestration with one bay on the first story and two bays on the second (the first story bay on the south elevation was concealed by the post office addition). The gable ends are sheathed in flushboard and have partial returns; the eaves are boxed cornices. The building rests on a low, brick-pier foundation. There is also a one-story, hipped-roof addition at the rear.

## SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Commerce

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  L  (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bailey's Store has significance as one of the last, if not the last, surviving commercial building on Edisto Island from the nineteenth century. It is thought that this building was built before 1825 on Edingsville Beach, a popular antebellum seaside resort off Edisto Island, and moved to its present location ca. 1870, in reaction to that beach's abandonment during the Civil War.(1) Thus, it is one of very few pre-war relics from Edingsville, for all remaining structures were swept into the ocean in the hurricane of 1893. The building was moved in two parts to Store Creek, and placed together again, to be used in connection with a gin house already on that location.(2)

While a store has been operated on or near this site since ca. 1820, it was not located in this two-story building until about 1907. The previous store, operated ca. 1820 by Sandiford Holmes, and ca. 1880 by Augustus Stevens (who also operated the cotton gin), was located in the ground floor of Bailey's Plantation House, which is still standing behind the later store, about 1907.(3)

Mr. F. M. Bailey, for many years Edisto Island's postmaster, began operating the store and gin with Mr. Stevens around 1882.(4) Edisto Island's U. S. Post Office was located in this store until about 1940, when Highway 174 was straightened to run behind the store. At that time the building was turned around to face the new road, and a one-story shed roof addition was constructed onto the southern elevation to house the post office.(5)

In subsequent years the store was leased to other managers, and after the death of Mrs. Bailey in 1980, the property passed out of the family.(6)

ACREAGE: Approximately .54 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #85-0-0, a portion of Parcel 5, with an approximate scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic building (store), an attached non-contributing building, and their immediate surroundings.

QUAD NAME: Edisto Island, South Carolina

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/567620/3602520

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Clara Childs Mackenzie, "Bailey's Store, Edisto Island, S. C.," a paper compiled from telephone conversations with Mrs. Gertrude Bailey Woods, of Edisto Beach, S. C., from Cleveland, Ohio, 28 April 1982, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.; Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: South Carolina (Washington, D. C.: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1964); The South Carolina State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1883 (Charleston, S. C.: Lucas and Richardson, Book and Job Printers, 1883), p. 331; Robert Mills, Atlas of the State of South Carolina (n.p., n.p., 1825; new facsimile ed., Columbia, S. C.: Lucy Hampton Bostick and Fant H. Thornley, 1938).

<sup>4</sup>Mackenzie, "Bailey's Store, Edisto Island, S. C."

<sup>5</sup>The South Carolina State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1883, p. 331.

<sup>6</sup>Mackenzie, "Bailey's Store, Edisto Island, S. C."