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National Park Service

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 an 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 Crawford's Plantation House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 8202 Oyster Factory Road not for publication

city or town Edisto Island vicinity

state South Carolina code SC county Charleston code 019 zip code 29438

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 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 4/29/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
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 certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- 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:)

Signature of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action

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Crawford's Plantation House

Name of Property

Charleston County, SC

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

Edisto Island Multiple Resource Area

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY: Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation **Brick**

walls **Weatherboard**

roof **Metal**

other **Wood**

Brick

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.)

- 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.
- 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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or 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

1835-1922

Significant Dates

1835

1889-1899

1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

South Carolina Historical Society,
Charleston, South Carolina

Crawford's Plantation House

Charleston County, SC

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 4

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

UTM grid for reference 1: Zone 17, Easting 565310, Northing 3600040

UTM grid for reference 3: Zone, Easting, Northing

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 Sarah Fick

organization Preservation Consultants, Inc. date July 1992

street & number P.O. Box 1112 telephone (803) 723-1746

city or town Charleston state SC zip code 29402

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 SHPO or FPO.)

name James A. Rice and Susan B. Rice

street & number 20 Beekman Place, Apt. 2-B telephone (212) 980-3596

city or town New York state NY zip code 10022

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Description

The Crawford's Plantation House is a two-and-one-half story, weatherboard-clad, frame residence, which has a lateral, pedimented gable, V-crimped metal roof with a pedimented central front-gable projection that rises almost to the height of the ridgeline. Two interior brick chimneys with rat-tooth bands above a corbeled stucco band are at the rear slope of the roof, just below the ridge line. The rear wings have pedimented lateral gable ends. The foundation is of brick piers about 32 inches high, with simple lattice infill panels.

The T-shaped plan is the original design. One-story polygonal projections at the front bays of the side elevations were added ca. 1889-99. The five-bay wide main facade has windows in plain surrounds with simple sills. At the first level the single entry door with four-light sidelights is flanked by paired windows in pilastered surrounds, with replacement 6/6 metal sash. Second level fenestration is identical, but with a window at the center bay. At the third level is a single smaller window with 6/6 wood sash. A one-story hipped roof porch extends across the main south facade, and a one-story porch, three bays wide, is centered at the rear elevation. The facade porch is a twentieth century replacement of an earlier porch. The rear porch has been infilled. Both porches are supported by brick foundations.

The side elevations of the main body are symmetrical, with two windows at the second level and single windows with sidelights at the third level. Both levels of the rear projecting bays feature single windows at the south (front) elevation and double windows at the side elevations. Centered above the rear porch are three small double-hung 3/3 wood sash windows that light the stairhall at the second floor level. The rear entries, into and within the infilled porch, are slightly off-center to accommodate the interior stair.

The house has a central hall, with a low segmental arch separating the front hallway from the stair hall and rear wings. Wide plank flooring remains in the hall and two main parlors. The west parlor retains inset panels beneath the windows and a beaded baseboard that continues into the added bays. This baseboard detail is continued at the replacement baseboards in the rest of the ground floor. The simple stair, with handplaned baseboard and risers, plain balusters and newels with chamfered bases, rises to the second and attic levels.

The second level retains early paint finishes at the paneled wainscot within the closet of the east rear chamber. Several early board-and-batten doors remain. Second level fireplaces retain simply finished curved mantelpieces supported by plain pilasters.

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The attic level has been finished at the east side. The west side is unfinished, with numbered and pegged roof rafters, circular saw marks on the lath and pinched-head cut nails visible. As it rises through the attic, the chimney is plastered to the level of the beams.

The house is set at the north end of a straight entry drive, with the live oak avenue continuing as groves at each side of the house. The eastern grove shades a garden of azaleas. The principal facade is flanked by tall palmetto trees, and there is a small lawn immediately south of the house.

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Statement of Significance

Crawford's Plantation House is significant for its architecture. Its T-plan, nineteenth century detail, and setting are significant as a distinctive remnant of an antebellum Sea Island cotton plantation. The architecture shows the influence of the Greek Revival style on Lowcountry design. The plantation is associated with several families prominent in the economic and social history of Edisto Island, particularly the Mikell, Edings and Whaley families. Its ownership history typifies the complicated pattern found on the South Carolina Sea Islands, particularly Edisto, Wadmalaw and Johns islands, of marriages and inheritance among generations of closely related families.

Historical background and significance:

The name Crawfords was applied to the property at an early date. In 1784 James and Elizabeth Beckett granted an Indenture to James Crawford for a plantation of 110 acres.¹ This parcel was sold by Crawford in 1802 to Thomas Baynard, then to Ephraim Mikell.² At his death in 1809, Mikell left "the Plantation or Tract of land I first purchased from Thomas Baynard and known as Crawford's," to his son Ephraim Mikell.³

This Ephraim Mikell and his wife Providence were parents of at least ten children. They included Sarah, who married William Edings, a nephew of William Edings of Seaside Plantation, in 1832, and William Archibald Mikell, who married Hess Marion Waring Smith in 1835.⁴

From his father William Archibald Mikell inherited Crawford's, the adjacent Devants (or Davants) tract, and other lands including a house and outbuildings at Edingsville in 1838.⁵ The house at Crawford's was probably built for William and Hess Mikell, perhaps before the inheritance was made final. Construction and architectural details indicate a date of 1835-40. William A. Mikell died in 1840, leaving Hess and three sons; the 1840 Census lists William Mikell's estate with 55 slaves, 48 of them agricultural workers.⁶ The estate also included "one plantation, 490 acres more or less... being composed of two tracts of land called 'Crawfords' and 'Davants'"; a two-story wooden building and outbuildings at Edingsville; the "household and kitchen, furniture of every description now being on the plantation heretofore described... 60 head of black cattle, 6 horses, 4 mules and a 4 wheel carriage."⁷

In February 1844 Hess M. W. Mikell, W. A. Mikell's widow, married William Edings, whose wife Sarah Mikell Edings had died sometime after 1840. It is not clear where William and Hess Edings, their six children, and the six from their earlier marriages, lived.⁸ In 1847 the 490 acre Crawford's/Devants Plantation was sold to William James Whaley, for fifty-five dollars an acre for the high land.⁹

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Statement of Significance (continued)

The father of four children, W. J. Whaley was listed in the 1850 Census as a planter with 1350 acres of improved land and 886 unimproved acres; 4 horses, 106 milk cows, 12 working oxen, 30 "other cattle" and 50 sheep. The previous year's production totalled 1300 pounds of rice; 11 bales of ginned cotton; 100 pounds of wool; 1000 bushels of Indian corn; 100 bushels of peas/beans; 3000 bushels of sweet potatoes; and 900 pounds of butter.¹⁰ Whaley probably grew rice at his plantation on Chehaw River in the Combahee basin, not at Crawford's.¹¹ By 1860 Whaley only farmed 800 acres, but owned 1300 acres unimproved land. He produced 48 bales (400 pounds each) of cotton, but no rice.¹²

William James Whaley served in the Confederate Army,¹³ and the family evacuated Edisto Island by late 1861. Whaley family tradition holds that just after the Civil War Crawford's Plantation House was occupied by two Freedmen's Bureau teachers,¹⁴ Mary Ames and Emily Bliss, who were on Edisto Island between May 1865 and September 1866. Miss Ames' diary is inexact about their residence; she refers to it as the "former home of Dr. Whaley," about one-half mile from the church where they held school.¹⁵

After the Civil War, William James Whaley returned to Edisto Island and adjusted to wage labor. His real estate was greatly reduced by 1870 to 350 acres of improved land, 200 acres unimproved and 511 acres woodland. That year he paid wages of \$800.00, and produced sixty 150-pound bales of cotton and 500 bushels of peas. In 1879, employing one laborer, he produced goods valued at \$864.00: 40 bushels of corn, 6 bales of cotton, and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes. In 1880, the sixty-one year old William James Whaley was still cultivating 400 acres.¹⁶

William James Whaley died in 1888.¹⁷ His son William James Whaley, Jr., inherited Crawford's Plantation, and in 1899 married Martha E. Bailey of Wadmalaw Island. After the death of William James Whaley in 1922, his wife and three sons moved to Charleston, and the house was no longer occupied on a fulltime basis.¹⁸ The plantation remained in the Whaley family until 1945 when it was sold to I. C. Tavell.¹⁹

Notes

¹ Charleston County Register of Mesne Conveyance, Deeds Q6, p. 33.

² Deeds, G7, p. 455.

³ WPA Wills, Book 31 (1807-1818), p. 287.

⁴ Charleston Courier, 1/19/1835.

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- ⁵ Wills, Book 41 (1834-1839), p. 717. William and Sarah Mikell Edings had three children.
- ⁶ Mikell Family, Edisto Island Presbyterian Churchyard (WPA Cemetery Inscriptions, South Carolina Historical Society). National Archives Microfilm Publications, Sixth Census of the United States, Edisto Island, St. Johns, Colleton, Parish, Colleton District, 1840.
- ⁷ Deeds, I11, p. 546, (marriage settlement between William Edings and Hess Mikell, recorded 1844).
- ⁸ Sarah Mikell Edings was included in the Census of 1840.
- ⁹ Deeds, Y11, page 276. He married Martha Mary Murray Clark in 1841, and may have been living here prior to the purchase: "Records of Marriages by the Rev. William States Lee, 1816-1871," South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine X (1909), p. 174-180.
- ¹⁰ Manuscript Census and Agricultural Tables, 1850. Whaley Family, Trinity Episcopal Churchyard (WPA Cemetery Inscriptions).
- ¹¹ From his grandfather William Edings of Seaside, Whaley had inherited plantations on Slann's Island and on Chehaw in 1836: Wills Book 40, (1834-39), p. 400.
- ¹² Manuscript Census and Agricultural Tables, 1860.
- ¹³ Ben Scott Whaley with Terry Houmes, The Making of a Whaley: Personal Reminiscences of Ben Scott Whaley (Charleston, SC: The Tradd Street Press, 1986), p. 5.
- ¹⁴ Whaley, p. 15.
- ¹⁵ Mary Ames, A New England Woman's Diary in Dixie in 1865 (rep. ed., "She Came to an Island," Edisto Beach, SC: Sea Side Services, 1988), p. 9, p. 29. The "nearby church" does not seem to have been either Edisto Island Baptist Church or Presbyterian Church, because the diary refers to these churches specifically (p. 45, p. 107).
- ¹⁶ Manuscript Census and Agricultural Tables, Edisto Island, 1870 and 1880.
- ¹⁷ Whaley, p. 13.
- ¹⁸ Whaley, p. 51-53.
- ¹⁹ "Crawford's," (probably by Edings Whaley), undated manuscript, South Carolina Historical Society vertical files.

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Verbal boundary description

The nominated property is shown as a black line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #24-0-0, a portion of Parcel 78, with an approximate scale of 1 inch to 400 feet.

Verbal boundary justification

The nominated property includes the house and grounds, the live oak grove and its extension as an avenue along the entry drive from the south.

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

Name of Property:	Crawford's Plantation House
Location:	Edisto Island, Charleston County, South Carolina
Name of Photographers:	Sarah Fick and John Laurens, Preservation Consultants, Inc.
Date of Photographs:	19 July 1992 and 22 October 1991
Location of Original Negatives:	Survey Files, State Historic Preservation Office, S. C. Department of Archives and History

1. Principal facade (south elevation), camera facing north.
2. North elevation, camera facing south.
3. West elevation, camera facing east.
4. East elevation, camera facing west.
5. Detail of louvered shutter awning on east elevation polygonal bay, camera facing north.
6. Detail of mortised, tenoned, and numbered rafters in attic.
7. Lawn and live oak grove south of house, camera facing southwest.