



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

March 4, 2011

Notice to file:

This property has been automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is due to the fact that the publication of our Federal Register Notice: "National Register of Historic Places: Pending Nominations and Other Actions" was delayed beyond our control to the point where the mandated 15 day public comment period ended after our required 45 day time frame to act on the nomination. If the 45th day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, the property will be automatically listed the next business day. The nomination is technically adequate and meets the National Register criteria for evaluation, and thus, automatically listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581)
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number South end of Datha Island at Mink's Pt. near Jenkins Cr. not for publication
city, town St. Helena Island vicinity
state South Carolina code 045 county Beaufort code 013 zip code 29920

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>16</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>16</u>	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of St. Helena Island, c1740-c1935
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds 8/11/88
Signature of certifying official Date
George L. Vogt, State Historic Preservation Officer, 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.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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): _____

John J. Kneer 10/6/88
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Secondary Structures

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture/outdoor recreation

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Tabby

walls Tabby

roof

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581) is located on the south end of Datha Island at Mink's Point near Jenkins Creek. The plantation complex encompasses approximately ten acres on which the ruins and/or archaeological remains of at least twelve tabby structures have been identified. Presently, 38BU581 is surrounded by a golf course and other grassed areas with limited understory vegetation.

This site, possibly built upon and occupied well before 1783, was sold that year by Robert and Sarah Gibbs to William Sams. William Sams' son, Berners Barnwell Sams, was the next owner-occupant of the two-story, four room tabby house. In the early 1800s he added two wings to the original house, because of the increase of his family. Other tabby structures, possibly constructed at this time, included a rectangular enclosure comprised of tabby walls, a large tabby kitchen (with an 8 ft fireplace), and five tabby slave quarters. This configuration of tabby walls, buildings, and plantation house surrounded an interior courtyard. Immediately outside this enclosure were a variety of tabby dependencies which included a barn/stables, a smokehouse or blade house, a well/dairy house, and a well. About 300 ft northwest of these structures was the Sams family cemetery and Episcopal chapel enclosed by high tabby walls. Two other structures, possibly an overseer's house and a granary/mill were located to the southeast of the plantation house. Approximately 600 ft southwest of the main house was a tabby cotton house. Ruins or foundations of all these structures have been archaeologically inventoried. Historic documentation indicates additional buildings, within close proximity, included main barns, a slave street, fowl houses, and a pigeonier; these structures have not been located to date.

The most intact ruins, which retain some standing walls, chimneys, or tabby foundations, are the main house, kitchen, cemetery wall, well, and smokehouse. One structure, the smokehouse, is entirely intact and retains the only pitched tabby roof known to exist anywhere in the United States. Extensive main house ruins define the house design as a rectangular central portion with smaller wings offset to the rear. One large tabby pier was centered under each of the two wings.

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The chapel, portions of the main house, barn/stables, overseer's house, granary, and cotton house exhibit intact and/or non-contiguous tabby foundations. In addition, recent archaeological investigations have exposed the tabby foundation remains which comprise the kitchen, the slave quarters, and the walls which connect with the house to form the courtyard enclosure.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Archaeology/Historic - Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance

c. 1780 - c. 1880

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

Sea Islanders
Black Freedmen

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Although varying levels of archaeological investigations ranging from data recovery to testing have been conducted at 38BU581, this site retains a high level of integrity within the unexcavated as well as excavated areas. The research conducted at these sites has demonstrated the density, clarity, and diversity of archaeological deposits and features at each site. Interpretations of eighteenth and nineteenth century sea island cotton and indigo plantation lifeways and patterns of behavior may be derived from the analyses of the variety of cultural materials represented at the site.

Berners Barnwell and Lewis Reeve Sams acquired the plantation, which encompassed the entire island, from their father in the early 1800s; the brothers then divided the original plantation in half. The Sams grew indigo, cotton, and oranges. Apparently they shared the 35-acre orange orchard. This important and unique orange crop was shipped by schooner to Charleston for distribution to northern markets. The slave labor force necessary for these plantation operations numbered in the hundreds. Archaeological surveys have identified tabby ruins, probably representative of slave quarters/houses and other farm buildings, scattered over the island. Following the Civil War, the Lewis Sams plantation house was destroyed by hurricanes. Consequently, the most extensive and intact tabby ruins and archaeological remains are the Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581).

Berners Barnwell Sams (1787-1855), physician and planter, had a good knowledge of all the work that was required for building, planting, and management operation. He also was well known for his administrative talents. Sams reputedly gave religious instruction, as well as medical attention, to his slaves. (Dabbs) In 1850 he planted such crops as cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, and orchard products, working some one hundred and seventy-five slaves on a plantation of some nineteen hundred to two thousand acres. (1850 Agricultural Census, Beaufort County, South Carolina) It seems that Sams spent his winter months

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

SC Department of Archives and History
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 10 acres

UTM References

A 1,7 | 5,3,8,9,9,5 | 3,5,8,8,1,3,0
Zone Easting Northing

C 1,7 | 5,3,9,3,2,0 | 3,5,8,8,2,1,0

B 1,7 | 5,3,9,2,8,5 | 3,5,8,8,2,8,5
Zone Easting Northing

D 1,7 | 5,3,8,8,6,0 | 3,5,8,8,2,4,0

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying U.S.G.S. Topographic Map, Frogmore, S.C., Quadrangle, drawn at a scale of 1:24000.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the tabby ruins of the main house and historic outbuildings as well as other landscape and architectural features significant to the Sams plantation.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Patricia Cridlebaugh, Staff Archaeologist

organization SC Department of Archives and History date 15 February 1988

street & number 1430 Senate St., P.O. Box 11669 telephone (803) 734-8608

city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29211

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residing in his c. 1818 Beaufort home, while his brother Lewis remained on the island during this time and may have possibly been in charge of all the family plantation operations on Datha. However, in 1852, a few years before his brother's death, Lewis built a residence in Beaufort. (1850 Population Census, Beaufort County, South Carolina; Historic Resources of the Lowcountry)

During and subsequent to the Civil War, the Sams Tabby Complex was occupied by freedmen. Before the turn of the century the main house accidentally burned and the property was probably abandoned at that time. Many details relative to this plantation are not historically documented. The site exhibits excellent integrity and is both archaeologically and architecturally significant. Archaeologically, 38BU581 has the potential to yield valuable scientific data which will provide details regarding eighteenth through nineteenth century occupation of the site. Analysis of the architectural remains coupled with archaeologically derived data can provide information regarding a wide range of research questions. These questions include:

- 1) Definition of the time of earliest building and occupation activities at the site.
- 2) Definition of the building phases and the function of individual buildings.
- 3) Comparison and contrast of the lifeways of high status to low status planters, overseer's, and slaves.
- 4) Information relative to the lifeways and treatment of house slaves who lived in quarters located within the plantation courtyard. Also, such data would provide the opportunity for a comparison of house servant versus field slave status at the Sams Plantation as well as with other antebellum slave occupations.
- 5) Information relative to the lifeways of freedmen living at the plantation absent white planters/owners.
- 6) Definition of landscape use patterns through time.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Name of the property: Sams Tabby Complex (Historic Resources of
St. Helena Island, c. 1740-c. 1935 multiple
property listing)
Location of property: Beaufort County, South Carolina
Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Staff
Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and
History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Sams Tabby Complex, Tabby hearth
November 1987
View looking northeast.
2. Sams Tabby Complex, Tabby smokehouse and blade house
November 1987
View looking southeast.
3. Sams Tabby Complex, Tabby blade house
November 1987
View looking southwest.
4. Sams Tabby Complex, Main house ruins
November 1987
View looking southeast
5. Sams Tabby Complex, Main house ruins
November 1987
View looking south.
6. Sams Tabby Complex, Main house ruins
November 1987
View looking southeast.
7. Sams Tabby Complex, Main house ruins
November 1987
View looking southwest.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

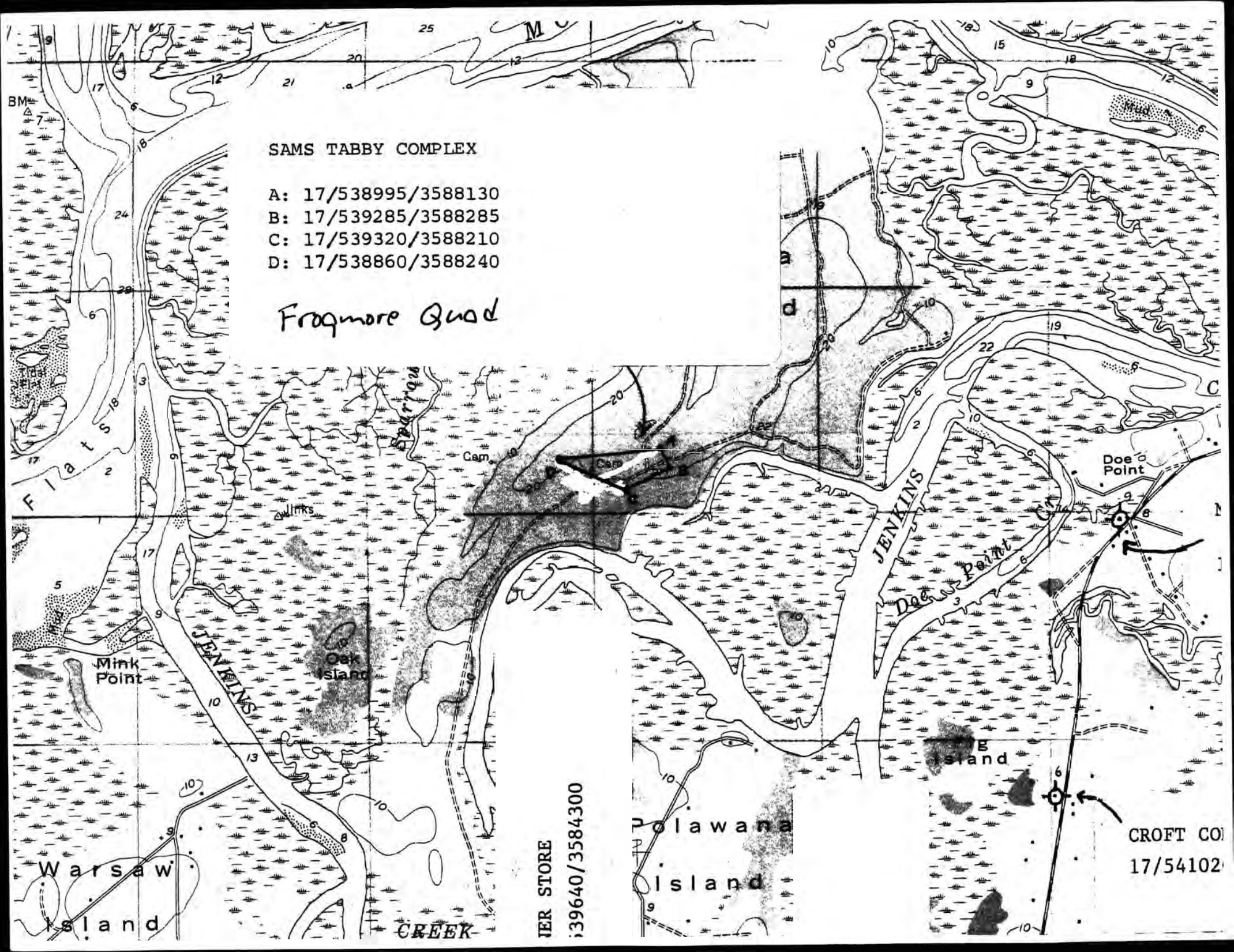
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8. Sams Tabby Complex, Scoring on tabby wall of main house ruins
November 1987
View looking west.
9. Sams Tabby Complex, Tabby wall foundation
November 1987
View looking east.
10. Sams Tabby Complex, Tabby chapel ruins and cemetery
November 1987
View looking southwest.
11. Sams Tabby Complex, Cemetery
November 1987
View looking south.

SAMS TABBY COMPLEX

- A: 17/538995/3588130
- B: 17/539285/3588285
- C: 17/539320/3588210
- D: 17/538860/3588240

Frogmore Quad



JER STORE
39640/3584300

CROFT CO
17/54102

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Name Historic Resources of St. Helena Island c1740-c.1935 MPS
State Beaufort County, SOUTH CAROLINA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date Listed
20. St. Helena Parish Chapel of Ease Ruins _____	10/6/88
21. St. Helenaville Archaeological Site _____	10/6/88 <u>Expedient Review</u>
22. ✓ Coffin Point Community Praise House... _____	5/19/89
23. ✓ Croft Community Praise House _____	5/20/89
24. ✓ Fort Fremont Battery _____	5/26/89
25. Sams Tabby Complex _____	10/6/88

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Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581) (Historic Resources
Beaufort County of St. Helena Island c. 1740--c. 1935 MPS)
SOUTH CAROLINA

AUG 22 1988

Substantive Review

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 10/6/88

Action: ACCEPT 10/6/88

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

Determined Eligible

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria C+D

Reviewer Ernest

Discipline Archaeology

Date 10/6/88

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Condition | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

 ___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581)

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Resources of St. Helena Island c. 1740-c. 1935 MPS

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH CAROLINA, Beaufort

DATE RECEIVED: 1/17/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/04/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001820

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3.4.11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Elson H. Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 3.4.11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins

Name of Property

Beaufort County, South Carolina

County and State

N/A

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

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The Sams Tabby Complex (38 BU 581) on Dataw (Datha) Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to owner objection by the Keeper of the National Register on October 6, 1988. Subsequently, ownership of the property changed hands and the new owner, the Dataw Island Owners Association, requested that the objection be removed and the property listed. The National Park Service listed the property in the National Register on March 4, 2011. At the time this request was submitted to the National Park Service by the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SC SHPO), the SC SHPO also requested that the historic name be revised as Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins, which is a more accurate and comprehensive description of the site. This is consistent with two other tabby ruin sites in Beaufort County previously listed in the National Register, the Laurel Bay Plantation and Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins. The SC SHPO is making this request again as part of the documentation submitted to correct errors in the original nomination. Archaeological and historical evidence corrects errors in Sections 7 and 8, numbers 3 and 4 below.¹

The following information corrects errors in the original nomination:

- 1) Historic Name: Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins.
- 2) Location: South end of Dataw (Datha) Island, near intersection of Dataw Drive and Dataw Club Road.
- 3) Narrative Description: The "Smokehouse" is actually the Dairy/Cold Room.
- 4) Statement of Significance: The original statement of significance contains conflicting ~~statements~~ regarding the destruction of the Sams plantation house, first saying it was destroyed by hurricanes and later saying by fire. Archaeological evidence indicates that the plantation house was destroyed by fire in the 1870s.

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)


Signature of certifying official

8/5/2011
Date

Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

State or Federal agency and bureau

¹ Leslie M. Drucker, Ph.D., Carolina Archaeological Services, Columbia, South Carolina, October 1982, Final Management Summary prepared for Alcoa South Carolina, Inc., Jupiter, Florida, "Phase 1, Cultural Resources Investigations at Datha Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina."

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Resources of St. Helena Island c. 1740-c. 1935 MPS

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH CAROLINA, Beaufort

DATE RECEIVED: 8/09/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/24/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001820

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 9.23.11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

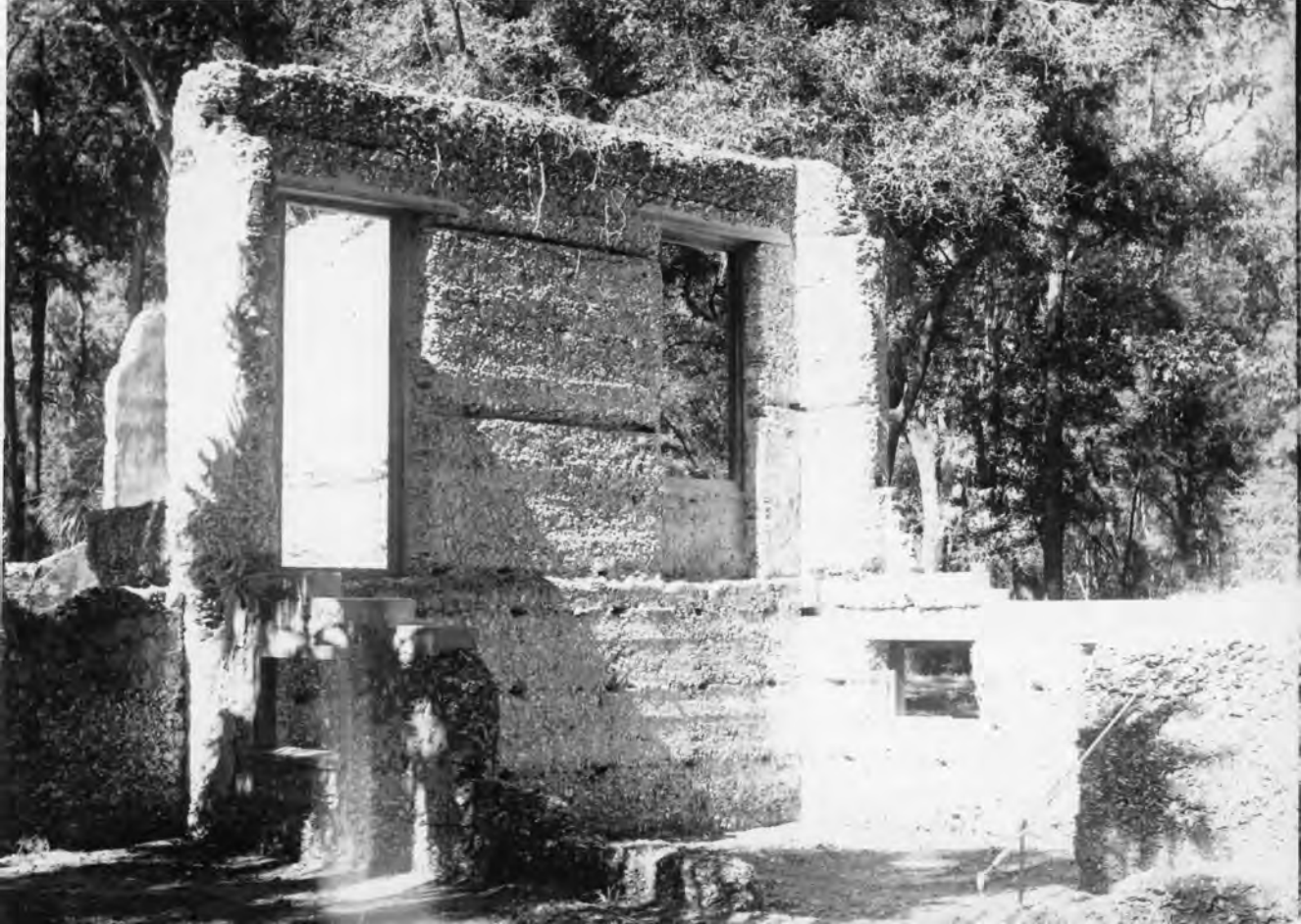
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500565



12 February 1988


Mr. George L. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer
S. C. Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 11669
Columbia, S. C. 29211

RE: Sams Tabby Complex, Dataw Island (38BU581)

Dear Mr. Vogt:

After reviewing the material in letters from your office of January 22, and January 27, 1988, we have made a decision that we do not want the Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581) listed in the National Register, and we have enclosed the necessary notarized objection.

Very truly yours,


William F. Cochrane

WFC:msh

Enclosure

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT) AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me, a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina, a person known to be and known to me to be WILLIAM F. COCHRANE, who being duly sworn, giveth his following affidavit:

1. That the Affiant is the Attorney In Fact for Alcoa South Carolina, Inc. (ASCI).

2. That ASCI purchased the property proposed to be listed in the National Register on January 14, 1983, by those certain deeds duly indexed and recorded in the R.M.C. Office for Beaufort County, South Carolina in Deed Book 361 at Page 1559 and Deed Book 361 at Page 1564.

3. That ASCI is the sole fee simple owner of the real property described in the deeds referred to in paragraph 2 above.


4. That ASCI objects to the Sams Tabby Complex, Dataw Island (38BU581) which is portion of the real property described in the deeds referred to in paragraph 2 above being listed on the National Register.

5. This affidavit is given by Affiant pursuant and in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60.

Further, the Affiant sayeth not.


WILLIAM F. COCHRANE

SWORN to before me this
12th day of FEBRUARY, 1988.


_____(SEAL)
Notary Public for South Carolina.
My Commission Expires: 6-1-93

DATE

8/30/88

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO; FROM (Name)

Andy Chandler

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

SC SHPO
803-734-8614

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

3 DOE owned object
plus

Fort Fremont Battery

3 owners

We received 2 letters of
objection

Will send copy of 3rd objection
from Donni P. Dowling.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

D. Byers

TITLE

OFFICE

Vetter

DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE South Carolina

DATE DETERMINED 10/6/88

Name

Location

Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581)
(Historic Resources of St. Helena Island
c. 1740--c. 1935 MPS)

Beaufort County, SC

Also Notified

NPS Regional Office: Southeast

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dr. George L. Vogt
Director
Department of Archives & History
P.O. Box 11669, Capitol Station
Columbia, SC 29211

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-9536.

FACSIMILE

To: Andy Chandler
Fax #: (803) 896-6167
Re: Boundaries for Sams Tabby Complex
Date: March 15, 1999
Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

Andy--

I enlarged the part of the Frogmore Quad that had Sams Tabby Complex on it. The Xerox is pretty clear, though it may still not fax very well.

Give me a call if you want me to mail you the Xerox.

done 3/18/99

Marilyn

From the desk of...

Marilyn M. Harper
Historian
National Register of Historic Places
1849 C Street, NW, Room NC400
Washington, DC 20240

(202) 343-9546
Fax: (202) 343-1836

December 15, 2010

Dr. W. Eric Emerson
State Historic Preservation Officer
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parkland Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905



Subject: Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581) – NRHP Listing

Dear Dr. Emerson,

On October 6, 1988 the Sams Tabby Complex located on Dataw Island, Beaufort County was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the National Park Services (NPS). At that time the property was owned by ALCOA, Inc. who objected to having that historic site listed on the NRHP.

In 1998, ALCOA turned over the ownership of Dataw Island to the Dataw Island Owners Association (DIOA). At the October 18, 2010 DIOA Board of Directors meeting a motion was accepted by unanimous vote to request the NPS to lift the previous owner's objection to listing the site on the NRHP, and to request that the Sams Tabby Complex be listed on the NRHP. The DIOA would appreciate your processing this request.

At the same time, we request a modification to title "Sams Tabby Complex". This historic site is widely known as the Sams Family Plantation Complex. The lack of the word "Plantation" in the historic name originally submitted in 1988 does not adequately describe the site. Two other tabby plantations ruins in Beaufort County are listed as "Laurel Bay Plantation" and "Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins". We feel that at a minimum the site name should be "Sams Plantation Tabby Complex" and we are requesting the addition of the word "Plantation" to the listed name of the property.

Thank you for your assistance.

Colin Collins, DIOA President

c/o Dataw Island Owners Association, Inc.
100 Dataw Club Road
Dataw Island, SC 29920-3813

843-838-8282

Sworn and subscribed before me this

15th day of December, 2010

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JAN. 28, 2018



Friday, 14 January 2011

Ms. Carol Shull
Interim Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye (I) Street, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

The **Sams Tabby Complex (38BU581)**, a late eighteenth-early nineteenth century collection of tabby ruins/archaeological site in Beaufort County, South Carolina (at the south end of Dataw (Datha) Island at Mink's Point near Jenkins Creek, St. Helena Island vicinity), part of the Historic Resources of St. Helena Island Multiple Property Submission, was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to owner objection on October 6, 1988.

The Dataw Island Owners Association, Inc., owner of this significant historic resource, is now requesting our assistance in having the Sams Tabby Complex formally listed in the National Register.

We enthusiastically support the association's request and have enclosed a notarized letter dated December 15, 2010, from Mr. Colin Collins, President of the Dataw Island Owners Association, Inc., concerning this matter.

The Dataw Island Owners Association would also like to request that the official National Register name be amended from "Sams Tabby Complex" to "Sams Plantation Tabby Complex." This plantation, long associated with the Sams family, had no formal name, but the association believes—and the State Historic Preservation Office agrees—that adding "Plantation" better identifies the property, to be consistent with two other tabby ruin sites in Beaufort County previously listed in the National Register, the Laurel Bay Plantation and Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins. We appreciate your help in this matter as well.

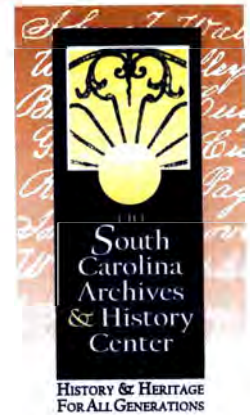
If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either of our National Register co-coordinators, Andy Chandler and Tracy Power, at the address below. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Elizabeth M. Johnson
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State Historic Preservation Office

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Friday, 5 August 2011

Ms. Carol Shull
Interim Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye (I) Street, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

The Sams Tabby Complex (38 BU 581) on Dataw (Datha) Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina, was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to owner objection by the Keeper of the National Register on October 6, 1988. Subsequently, ownership of the property changed hands and the new owner, the Dataw Island Owners Association, requested that the objection be removed and the property listed. The National Park Service listed the property in the National Register on March 4, 2011. At the time this request was submitted to the National Park Service by the South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SC SHPO), the SC SHPO also requested that the historic name be revised as **Sams Plantation Complex Tabby Ruins, which** is a more accurate and comprehensive description of the site. This is consistent with two other tabby ruin sites in Beaufort County previously listed in the National Register, the Laurel Bay Plantation and Riverside Plantation Tabby Ruins. The SC SHPO is making this request again as part of the documentation submitted to correct errors in the original nomination, and we have enclosed a continuation sheet containing that amendment.

We would appreciate your attention to this request to amend the nomination.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below, call me at (803) 896-6182, fax me at (803) 896-6167, or e-mail me at power@scdah.state.sc.us. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

J. Tracy Power
Historian and National Register Co-Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office