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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic (James) Beard House

Location West side of county road 48;
approximately 2 miles northwest of its
junction with county road 294

Common

Classification Building

Owner Mrs. Marguerite Jackson
c/o Helen R. Taylor
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

Representation in Existing Surveys South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1983

Description The James Beard House, reportedly constructed ca. 1830, is a two-story, gable-roofed, weatherboarded frame farmhouse with central-hall, single-pile floor plan. A shed-roofed porch supported by four freestanding wooden posts on brick piers runs the length of the facade (northeast elevation). Facade features a six-panel door beneath a three-light transom flanked on each side by two nine-over-nine windows. Second-story of facade features four single six-over-six windows with louvered shutters. Side elevations feature exterior end chimneys flanked by single windows. Rear elevation features an open central passage separating two shed rooms. A kitchen wing was added to the east elevation ca. 1930. The house features high-quality feather graining and marbelizing on much of the interior woodwork.

Significance James Beard, who is reported to have built the house ca. 1830, was a moderately wealthy planter who owned 500 acres of land and nineteen slaves in 1843.¹ He bequeathed the house to his son, James M. Beard, who later sold it.² The house is significant for its fine interior ornamentation and as an unusually intact example of an early-nineteenth-century farmhouse.

¹Fairfield County Tax Collector, Returns of Taxable Property, 1843, County Records on Microfilm (roll # C412), South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C. *

Acreage 2.8 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #210, with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes the historic building and its immediate surroundings.

UTM Reference Point 17/483770/3790680

Other Information

* ²Volume 19, pp. 26-29, Fairfield County Wills, County Records on Microfilm, South Carolina Department of Archives and History.