

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 1323.01 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Stallsville

Tax Map No. 179000000200

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Gregg's Mine Tram Lines

Common Name:

Address/Location: 4527 Ashley River Road, lines run throughout the southern half of Project Tract

City: North Charleston ✓ Vicinity of County: Dorchester

Ownership: Private Category: Site ☐ Other:

Historical Use: Industry

Current Use: Agriculture/ Subsistence Silviculture

SHPO National Register
Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: 1885 Construction: Other Other: Earthen

Historic Core Shape: Other Exterior Walls:

Other: Foundation:

Commercial Form: Roof Shape:

Other: Roof Material:

Stories: Porch Shape:

Other: Porch Width:

Description/Significant Features:

The line entered the northeast corner of the Watson Hill tract along Ashley River Road and runs in a southwest direction .65 miles to a fork where it divides. The eastern branch ran south for .8 miles before turning southwest. It stretched 1.25 miles where it existed the property. The west fork continued southwest 1.65 miles to Line Road. After phosphate mining ceased in the early twentieth century, the line was used and maintained as a forestry road. Both forks are raised dirt and rock embankments, 18 feet wide with sloping banks and ditches on each side. In some locations on the project tract they are raised 3 feet above grade. West fork follows old plantation road.

Alterations (include date(s), if known):

Original tram line was probably enlarged and raised in the 1930s for trucks though the roadbed remains in place.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

William Gregg owner, unknown supervisor

Historical Information

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This tram line including branch lines was used to extract phosphate from Gregg's Mines phosphate operations on Watson Hill from ca. 1885-1898. Later the line was used as a forestry road by subsequent owners and today is still a primary entrance to the property.

Source(s) of Information:

Watson Hill report (Bailey et al. 2018).

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Overview

Program Management

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