

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 1323 Status U Revisit

Quadrangle Name: Stallsville

Tax Map No. 179000000200

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Gregg's Phosphate Mines

Common Name:

Address/Location: 4527 Ashley River Road, begins on the Ashley River and includes southern half of Project Tract

City: North Charleston ✓ Vicinity of County: Dorchester

Ownership: Private Category: Site ☐

Other:

Historical Use: Industry ☐ 19th-20th cen. phosphate mining

Current Use: Agriculture/ Subsistence Silviculture

SHPO National Register
Determination of Eligibility: Not Eligible

Property Description

Construction Date: ca 1885-1923 Construction: Other Other: Linear 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:

Ditching, tailings, tramways, and main lines for Ashley River area phosphate mining. Main line leads to Gregg's fertilizer factory east of the project tract along the Ashley River (Site 38DR20).

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

Large sections converted to silviculture in mid twentieth century.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

William Gregg owner (leasee) exact mining engineer unknown.

Historical Information

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Site is the ruins of late 19th and early 20th century phosphate mines by William Gregg (1885-1898). Gregg was one of the primary early phosphate miners in Charleston area after discovery of phosphate fields in 1860s. The mines on Watson Hill were his second effort at mining in Lowcountry. He leased Wragg's Barony and extensively mined it and bought Haggett Hall adjoining it to the north and partially mined there. In the early 20th century Charleston Mining and Manufacturing acquired the Haggett Hall tract and mined it extensively.

Source(s) of Information:

Watson Hill report (Bailey et al. 2018).

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Overview

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