

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties

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Site No. 0305 Status U Revisit
Quadrangle Name: Pinewood
Tax Map No. 402

SURVEY FORM

Identification

Historic Name: Elliot's Millpond Historic District
Common Name:
Address/Location: NW Corner of Old River Road and Elliot's Landing Road
City: Rimini ✓ Vicinity of County: Clarendon
Ownership: Private Category: District Other:
Historical Use: Commercial
Current Use: Vacant/Not in use
SHPO National Register Eligible
Determination of Eligibility:

Property Description

Construction Date: 1906-1970 Construction: Other:
Historic Core Shape: Exterior Walls:
Other: Foundation:
Commercial Form: Roof Shape:
Other: Roof Material:
Stories: Porch Shape:
Other: Porch Width:

Description/Significant Features:

There are nine resources located within the historic district; seven are contributing, and two are noncontributing due to a loss of integrity. Collectively, the seven resources constitute a locally significant example of a turn-of-the-twentieth rural-industrial complex in Clarendon County, South Carolina. Additionally, one resource (0305.06) is individually eligible under Criteria A and C. The proposed Elliott's Millpond Historic District includes a grist mill, floodgates, general store, blacksmith shop, lumber barn, auxiliary shed, dam, and pond, one previously surveyed archaeological site (38CR1009), as well as an old home and picnic site. All construction is wood frame, with brick and concrete piers. Buildings were constructed between 1906-1916, and the concrete floodgates were re-built in 1946.

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

R.S. Elliott re-built the existing grist mill when he purchased the property in 1906. Elliott constructed the store, sawmill, blacksmith shop, and shed over the next decade. In 1946, Elliott rebuilt the floodgates/spillway. The dam and roadway were realigned in 1963, and the existing wooden bridge replaced. That bridge was replaced two more times in 1988 and 2015.

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Dr. R.S. Elliott

Historical Information

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0305 is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of industry, with a period of significance 1906-1970. The historic district represents a family-run enterprise begun in 1906 by local entrepreneur Dr. R.S. Elliott, who capitalized on the local area's natural lumber and wetland resources and expanded upon an established local industry. Though the site was likely once a good architectural representation of an industrial-rural complex, the collection of semi-ruinous and mostly abandoned buildings and features today lacks sufficient physical integrity to convey this. However, the resources retain overall adequate integrity of design, workmanship, materials, and association, as well as high integrity of setting, location, and feeling, to convey collective significance under Criterion A .

Source(s) of Information:

Joy, Deborah, Linda France Stine, and John W. Clauser, Jr. 2000 Catawba River Valley Grist Mill Survey. Durham, NC: Legacy Research Associates, Inc.

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