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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Edisto Island Multiple Resource  
Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Hutchinson House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: On the north side of Point of Pines Road approximately 1 1/2  
miles east of that road's intersection with S. C. Highway  
174.

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Myrtle Hutchinson Esteves  
P.O. Box 2732  
Charleston, S. C. 29403

DESCRIPTION

The Hutchinson house is a rectangular, one-and-one-half-story residence featuring a side-gable roof with bargeboards and three gabled dormers with six-over-six lights and batten shutters on the front slope of the roof. The facade has a pedimented porch which dates from a later period and symmetrical fenestration - AABAA (A = a single, six-over-six light window; B = a single-leaf door). This weatherboard-clad house rests on a raised, brick-pier foundation and has shed and gable-roofed additions at the west and north elevations. There is a single window with batten shutters centered in each gable. About one hundred yards west of the house is the site of a cotton gin.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Black History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as the oldest identified intact house on Edisto Island associated with the black community after the Civil War. It was the residence of Henry Hutchinson, a mulatto who, according to local tradition, built and operated the first cotton gin owned by a black on the island from ca. 1900 to ca. 1920.(1) Hutchinson was born a slave in 1860, and was the son of James Hutchinson, a mulatto who made notable attempts both as a slave and as a freedman to improve conditions for blacks on Edisto Island.(2) Henry Hutchinson is said to have built this house at the time of his marriage to Rosa Swinton in 1885, and he resided here until his death in ca. 1940.(3)

ACREAGE: 10.2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #85-0-0, Parcel 28, at a scale of 1" = 400'. It includes the historic buildings (house and outbuildings) and the remainder of the acreage of the parcel.

QUAD NAME: Edisto Island, S.C.

QUAD SCALE: 1:24000

UTM REFERENCE POINTS: A: 17/569700/3603840  
B: 17/569840/3603560  
C: 17/569720/3603520  
D: 17/569580/3603780

#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Telephone interviews with Mrs. Myrtle Hutchinson Esteves, of Charleston, S. C., 18 December 1985 and 2 January 1986.

<sup>2</sup>Population Schedules of the Eleventh Census of the United States, 1900: South Carolina (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1978), microcopy no. 1623, roll no. 1521, Charleston County, enumeration district 118, sheet 6; telephone interviews with Mrs. Esteves; Nell S. Graydon, Tales of Edisto (Columbia, S. C.: The R. L. Bryan Co., 1955), p. 42; Carol K. Rothrock Bleser, The Promised Land: The History of the South Carolina Land Commission, 1869-1890 (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1969, p. 38 and n.

<sup>3</sup>Telephone interviews with Mrs. Esteves; 1900 Census.