

Cotton Press
Tarboro
Edgecombe County
North Carolina

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Owner: City of Tarboro

Date of erection: Unknown

Present condition: Good, moved and altered

Description:

A great timbered press for baling cotton formerly under a great spreading shed. Recently the press was moved to Tarboro common from the country and rebuilt with only a small protective roof. On a platform nearby is an early cotton gin.

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM (p. 2)

STATE North Carolina		COUNTY Edgecombe		TOWN OR VICINITY Tarboro	
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Cotton Press					HABS NO. NC-60
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE					
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Albemarle Street					
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1840			ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the few remaining examples of this type of machinery. Press converted for baling cotton when Edgecombe County became the state's largest producer of cotton around 1860.					
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)					
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood (pine)					
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Braced frame structure, 22' high					
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Center shaft is huge wooden baling screw which rammed cotton into wooden forms to shape bales. Frame of four posts with braces; attached are animal hitches to be powered by mules.					
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)					
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c. 1860 -- converted from cider and wine press to baling cotton; hipped roof replaced by small octagonal roof; original 1840 shed over exterior of press was destroyed when the press was moved.					
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE					
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Originally on Isaac Norfleet Plantation approximately 2½ miles southwest of Tarboro.					
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, <u>The Early Architecture of North Carolina</u> , Johnston & Waterman, p. 9-11.					
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Addendum to
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