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Pinewood Vicinity
Sumter County
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Present Owner: W. R. Clark, Milford Plantation.

Present Occupant: W. R. Clark.

Present Use: Accessory of part-time residence, used as a bell tower.

Statement of Significance: An integral part of one of the outstanding antebellum plantations of South Carolina.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners (chain of title): John Lawrence Manning.
2. Date of erection: c. 1850.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This structure, originally a water tower whose tank was supplied by means of a hydraulic ram from a spring, is of brick 1'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick at the base. The exterior lower diameter is 9'-9"; the tower tapers uniformly toward the top, where the brick wall terminates in a simple denticulated cornice. All exterior brickwork is covered with stucco marked off with joints to simulate stone work.

At the top is a hexagonal wooden belfry, consisting of a low base of two steps, polygonal Doric piers at the corners, two-part entablature with a dentil course serving as bed mould for the cornice, and low pyramidal roof.

At the base is a wide rectangular doorway containing a pair of board-and-batten doors, each hung on two strap hinges. The doors are probably replacements.

The whole is about thirty feet high, and in good condition. It is located on axis south of the house.

PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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