

ROSE HILL PLANTATION HOUSE
2.5 miles northwest of the
intersection of US 278 & SC 46
Bluffton vicinity
Beaufort County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-592

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE South Carolina		COUNTY Beaufort	TOWN OR VICINITY Bluffton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Rose Hill Plantation House (NR Nomination)			HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) .9 miles northeast of US 278, 2.5 miles northwest of the intersection of US 278 and SC 46.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Late 1850s (NR Nomination)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original unknown; Willis Irvin (NR Nomination) 1946 alteration	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Exceptional example of antebellum Gothic Revival residential architecture. Believed to have been constructed for Dr. John Kirk and his wife Carolina c. 1858-60. Remained unfinished until c. 1946.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame; Vertical board and batten siding, masonry foundation			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Cruciform, two-story.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Steeply pitched gable roof, porch has Gothic Clustered piers carrying an arcade of pointed arches; a one-story solarium.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Central domed stair-hall. Cantilevered staircase.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Interior completed in 1946-49 by Willis Irvin of Aiken, SC. Solarium enlarged, wrought iron supports added to porch.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE February 10, 1987 building was severely damaged by fire and building is being repaired.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed in National Register 5/19/83			
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