

INDIAN FIELDS METHODIST CAMPGROUND
SC Rt. 73, 7/10 mile from US Rt. 15
St. George
Dorchester County
South Carolina

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE South Carolina		COUNTY Dorchester	TOWN OR VICINITY St. George
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Indian Fields (NR Nomination)			HABS NO. SC-595
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Indian Fields Methodist Campground			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) From intersection of Hwy 78 in St. George, northeast on U.S. Hwy 15 approximately 3 miles, turn left on SC Hwy 73 for 7/10 mile.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1848 (NR Nomination)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Reflects the impact of the 19th-century evangelical movement in America, and the use as a setting for a collective religious experience. Camp meetings originated to serve crowds too large for churches or homes. Tents were set up in a circle around a preaching area, called the *			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood - unfinished weatherboard			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Tents are identical in basic design, although they vary in details.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Each tent has a shed roof supported by three rough-hewn wooden posts. There are two outdoor benches, one of which is attached to the posts, the second rests against the facade proper.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Tents consist of two eight by ten rooms connected by an open passageway that extends from the front to rear entrance. (There is no inside door) Some tents designated for larger families have two second story rooms and a first floor maid's room. There are no floors; the bare floor **			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES None			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent condition. Used seasonally			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE At Indian Fields there are cabins for some 99 families laid out in a circle around the tabernacle.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed in National Register 3/30/73			
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* stand, allowing worshipers to attend revivals that lasted more than one day. Rustic cabins later replaced these tents and a large, roofed, wooden structure with open sides, referred to as the tabernacle, replaced the preaching stand. The meetings served both the religious and social needs of its participants.

** is covered with straw during the camp meeting week.

ADDENDUM TO:
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