

Slave Housing Data Base

Building Name: Santee Quarter

Evidence Type: Extant

Historical Site Name: Santee

County: Caroline

State: Virginia

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Project Start: 7/3/07

Project End: 7/3/07

Summary Description:

The Santee quarter is an ambitious brick structure composed of one story with a garret, with two first-floor rooms and a central chimney, measuring @31'10" by 16'8". The side-gable roof (now covered with asphalt shingles) has a corbelled brick cornice that is similar to the one found on the main house (several hundred yards distant). Large framed pent dormers have been added to the roof on both sides. Much of the framing and interior woodwork has been removed, including the joists, flooring, and ceiling in the west room. The current owner has added sheet rock to the ceiling, although some has been removed.

The façade faces south, with two windows, and two doorways positioned near the corners providing access to the first floor; there is no evidence that an interior doorway provided a direct connection between the two rooms. The placement of the doors and windows is symmetrical, and the rooms are virtually identical in dimension. A doorway (3) has been added to the end wall in the east room, modifying what almost certainly was an original window opening (6). A matching sash window is located in the west end wall, with two others in the north wall, one for each first-floor room.

There are no surviving stairs to the attic, and there is no physical evidence for their possible location given the removal of flooring and joists in the west room. With the @ 3-foot spacing between joists, a stair or stairs could have been located in any of several locations. Although unheated, the surviving whitewashed surfaces in the garret, and the presence of gable windows, suggests that the space at least had been intended to be occupied.

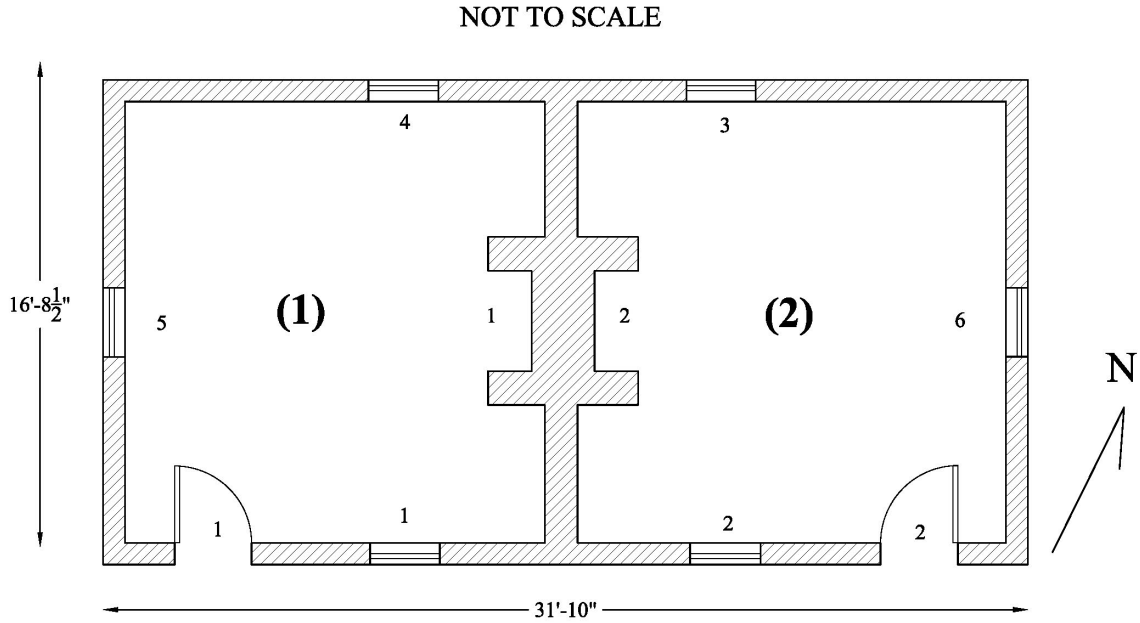
Notes:

Modern utilities have been brought to the building but are not fully installed.

Principal Construction Type: Masonry

One Story – With Garret

Phase I Footprint:



Number of Rooms: 4 (2 down, 2 up)

- Dimensions:**
- (1) West room: 15'-2½" (N-S) x 14'-9½"
 - (2) East room: 15'-3¼" (N-S) x 14'-10"
 - (3) 15'-1" (N-S) x 14'-7" (east garret room)
 - (4) 15'-4" (N-S) x 14'-7" (west garret room)

Doors: 3

	(1) Rm. 1	(2) Rm. 2	(3) Rm. 3
Type:	6 panel	6 panel	Glass & panel
Dimensions:	3 ft. 0. in. (W) x 6 ft. 9 in. (H)	3 ft. 0 in. (W) x 6 ft. 9 in. (H)	3 ft. 0 in. x 6 ft. 9 in. (H)
Hardware:	Butt hinges	Butt hinges	Butt hinges
Swing:	In	In	In

Replacement:			Modern insertion, conversion of former window
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Windows: 6

	(1) Rm. 1	(2) Rm. 2	(3) Rm. 2
Type:	6/6 double-hung sash	6/6 double-hung sash	6/6 double-hung sash
Dimensions:	2 ft. 8.5 in. (W) x 4 ft. 1 in. (H)	2 ft. 8.5 in. (W) x 4 ft. 1 in. (H)	2 ft. 8.5 in. (W) x 4 ft. 1 in. (H)
Hardware:	None	None	None
Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:	N/A	N/A	N/A

	(4) Rm. 1	(5) Rm. 1	(6) Rm. 2
Type:	6/6 double-hung sash	6/6 double-hung sash	Presumed location of original window
Dimensions:	2 ft. 8.5 in. (W) x 4 ft. 1 in. (H)	2 ft. 8.5 in. (W) x 4 ft. 1 in. (H)	Unknown
Hardware:	None	None	Unknown
Shuttered/ Slide/ Swing:	N/A	N/A	Unknown, later converted to doorway

EXTERIOR

Foundation:

Continuous Masonry: Brick
Thickness: 13 in.
Height: 16 in.
Bond: American (3:1)
Mortar Type: Sand

Joint: Flush (note modern mortar repairs, replacement)
Repaired: Yes

Shed/Porch: No

Roof:

Roof Form: Gable

Roof Covering: Modern asphalt shingles. Note added modern pent dormers on both sides of the roof.

Roof Framing:

Exposed: Yes

Form: Common Rafters

Rafter Number: 11 pairs

Rafter Dimensions: ~ 4 in. x 2.5 in. (not tapered)

Pitch: rise over run, 13 in. over 12 in.

Collar Ties: No

Walls:

Masonry: Brick

Number of Courses: not recorded

Bond: American (3:1)

Mortar Type: Sand

Joint: Flush

Repaired: Yes

Chimney(s):

Chimney (1):

Material: Brick

Location: Interior/Center

Height:

Dimensions: 5 ft. 9.5 in. (N-S) x 5 ft. 4 in. (E-W)

INTERIOR

Wall Framing: Not applicable; brick wall surfaces

Wall Finish: Whitewash

Fireplace (1): Center

Fireplace Material: Brick

Fireplace Opening Dimensions: 3 ft. 6.5 in. (W) x 3 ft. (H) x 1 ft. 6.5 in. (D)

Fireplace (2): Center

Fireplace Material: Brick (altered with modern brick)

Fireplace Opening Dimensions: 2 ft. 10.75 in. (W) x 3 ft. (H) x 1 ft. 7 in. (D)

Stairs: Unknown, none surviving at present

Subfloor Pit: No

Floor: Wood

Floorboards Dimension: NA

Dating: ca. 1830-1850 based on 3-course American bond and corbelling on façade; sash-sawn rafters; and, mature cut nails found in surviving roof frame.

Dating Evidence:

Saw Marks: Sash sawn

Nails: Machine cut