

Levally House Remains
Lot #9, South Ward,
Town of Frederica, St. Simons Island,
Glynn County, Georgia

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Street Address or Location: Lot #9, South Ward, Town of Frederica,
St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia

Present Owner: Fort Frederica National Monument, Box 367,
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Brief Statement of Significance: This burned house was built by an early
settler at Fort Frederica.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Lot #9, South Ward, was granted to John Levally, Sr. He left in 1740. Nothing further is known of the house or lot.
2. Date of erection: unknown

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Lot #9 was granted to John Levally, Sr., which name is sometimes spelled De la Valley. He was one of the first settlers at Frederica. His wife was Anne, and his children were Mary and John, Jr. They were shoemakers. They went to South Carolina in 1740. Sources: E. Merton Coulter and Albert B. Saye, eds., A List of the Early Settlers of Georgia, University of Georgia Press, Athens, 1949, pp. 30, 82.

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Prepared by Lionel J. Bienvenu - June 1958

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Very little remains of this house except the tabby foundations, which show a rectangular plan.
2. Condition of fabric: Ruinous, nothing left above grade. Evidence building burned.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 14'-3" x 25'-0"
2. Foundations: Poured tabby.

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3. Wall construction: Poured tabby.
4. Chimneys: One - may have been tabby.
5. Openings: a. Doorways and doors: one threshold on south wall.
b. Windows and shutters: no evidence.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Two rooms divided by tabby partition. Unknown how many stories house consisted of.
2. Stairways: In corner is tabby landing raised 3" above floor. Space recessed in floor and partition probably to hold a timber tread separates landing from paved brick area that probably served as a rough floor beneath stair.
3. Flooring: Tabby with fine shell aggregate.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Unknown.
5. Doorways and doors: Charred wood door sill in tabby partition.
6. Hardware: Excavation revealed one large door key, shutter holdback, fragment of "H-L" hinge, 2 pintles, 2 long strap hinges, assorted nails (all previous of iron), and 3 floor tile fragments 1" thick.
7. Heating: On west wall is fire charred brick hearth with tabby cheeks and back wall.

D. Site:

1. General setting: Town of Frederica, an old Indian field, 40 acres. Lot #9, South Ward, 60' x 90', short north side facing Broad Street, 14' alley to south. Bordered on 90' sides by like lots.
2. Orientation: Faces north.

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