

Vance Farmstead, Barn  
State Route 88  
Hephzibah  
Richmond County  
Georgia

HABS No. GA-2305-D

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location:

The Vance Farmstead, Barn is located directly southwest of the main house. The resource is oriented to the east.

Significance:

The Vance Farmstead, Barn is a c. 1920 vernacular barn. It is significant for its architecture as a representative example of an early Twentieth Century vernacular barn. The resource also is significant as part of the former agricultural complex.

Description:

The Vance Farmstead, Barn is of frame construction with a standing-seam metal gable roof. It is covered with vertical wood planks, and rests on a foundation of concrete blocks. There is an open entrance and one window opening on the front elevation.

History:

The Vance Farmstead is comprised of a main house, two extant tenant houses, one extant barn and the associated agricultural fields. The land on which the resource is located was originally the property of an early settler to the community of Hephzibah, Mr. A.H. Holmes. Mr. Holmes owned approximately 77 acres of land, which he deeded to Mrs. Julia Bostock in November 1909. Included in the transaction was a two room house, a barn and a stable. Mrs. Bostock sold the entire 77 acre parcel to Mr. William F. Vance in December 1910. One year later, Mr. Vance purchased an additional 60 acres of land contiguous to his 77 acre parcel from Mrs. Louisa J. Eubanks. This land also had once been the property of Mr. A.H. Holmes.

It is believed that the main house associated with the Vance Farmstead originally was constructed for Mr. A.H. Holmes c. 1900. Mr. William F. Vance acquired the house c. 1911, and resided there until his death. Following William F. Vance's death, his son, George Vance, assumed the ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of the property.

The Vance's reportedly were farmers who grew cotton and corn on their property. They reportedly had three tenant houses, which were occupied by field laborers. Mr. George Vance also reportedly was a well digger, which appears to have been his