

Lionel and Elma Gilgo House



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Lionel and Elma Gilgo House

- Established in 1929.
- One of the only houses on Portsmouth with electricity.
- Serves visitors to the island as a miniature museum, with photographs and original furniture displayed.
- One of the few buildings stable enough for guests to enter into.





External Artifact Assemblages



- All artifacts found underneath the house
- Rubber melted tire (?)
- Two large rusted augers
- Shell middens
- Melted and rusted barrel rings

Conditions: Fixtures, Doors, and Windows



Two broken windows



No handle and rusting throughout

Conditions: Stairs



Back porch stairs not secured to porch itself



Stairs on front porch greening and rotting

Conditions: Wood Rot and Paint



Wood rot around the trim and roof supports

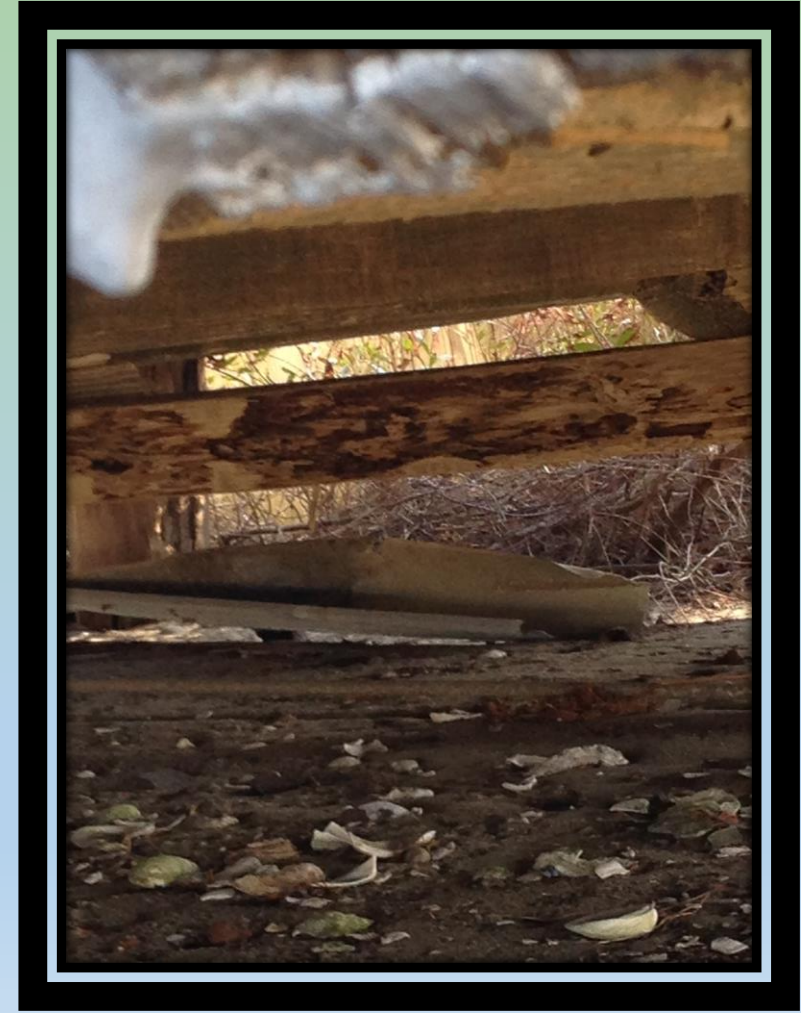


Some areas in need of repainting

Conditions: Termite Damage



Unstable foundation and decaying beams



Overall Condition: Fair

- One of the better structures on Portsmouth Island at first glance.
- Needs basic work on the outside with the eradication of termites.
- If they continue to use the building, the structure of the building needs to be replaced and kept away from pests.
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