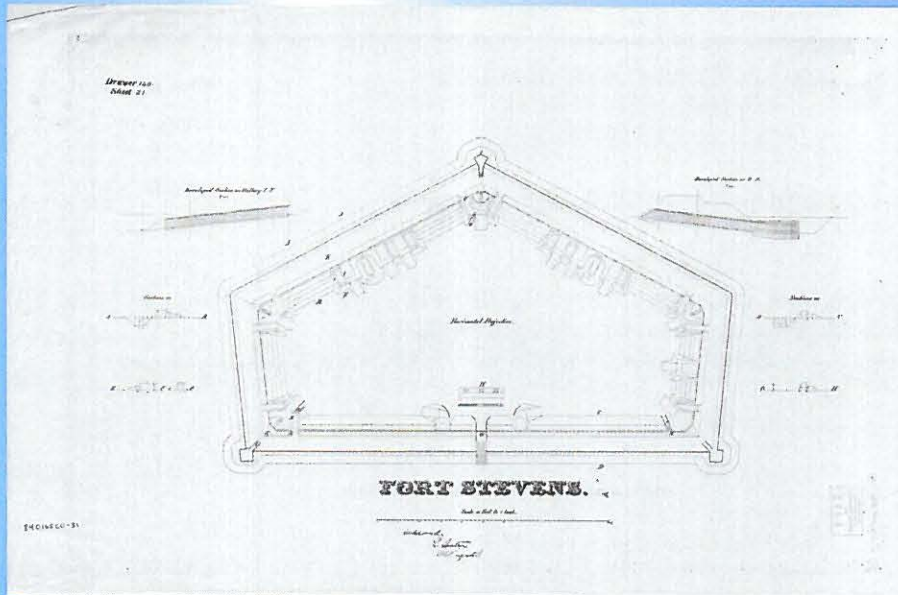




History of the Beaufort County Government Center Site



View from the Courthouse across marsh

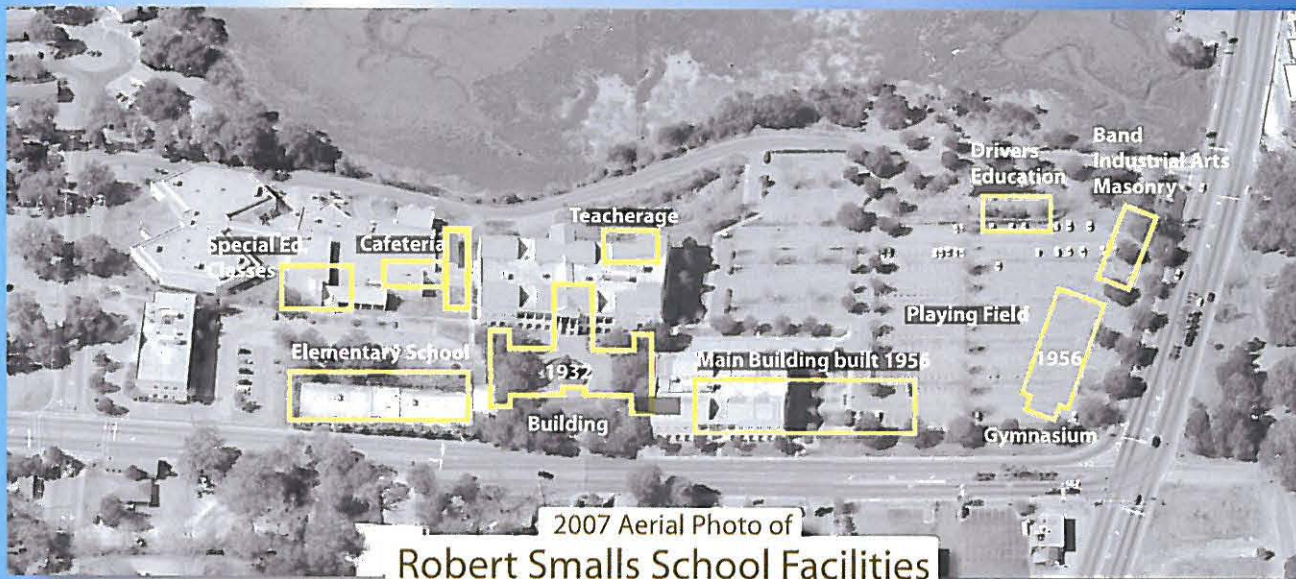


The Civil War fortification that stood on the site of the Beaufort County Courthouse and watched over these same marshes, was named for Brigadier General Issac Stevens - a West Point graduate, Governor of Washington Territory, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and head surveyor for the northern route of the transcontinental railroad. Stevens was responsible for the design of this and other federal forts long the coast.

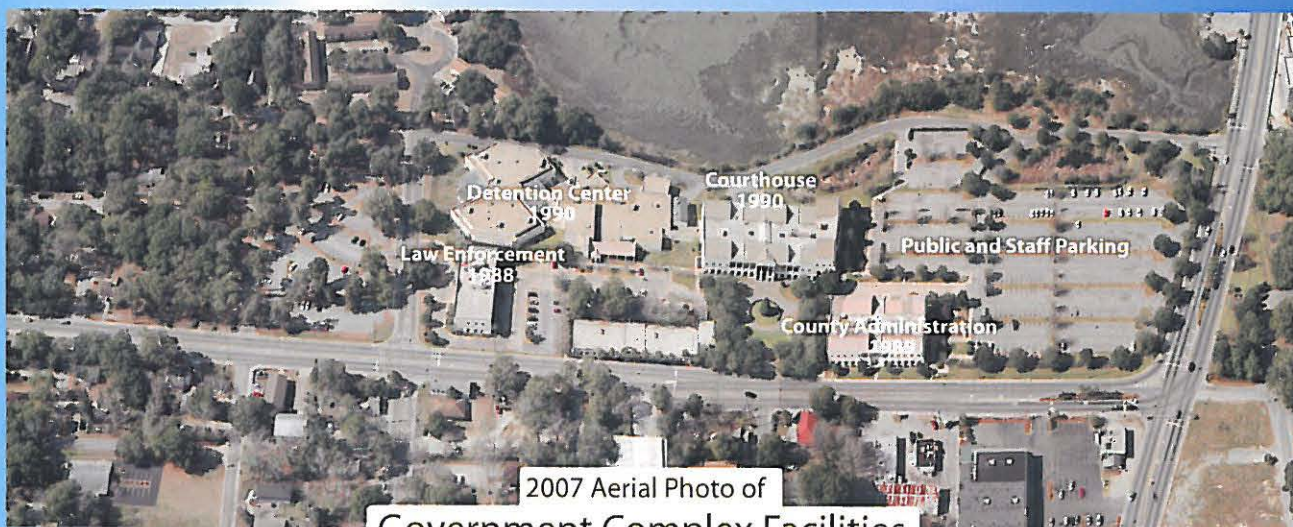
A new Beaufort school for black students was opened in 1925 and located on the western side of the town just north of Dixon Village. The school was named for the Civil War hero and political leader, Robert Smalls. Robert Smalls School alumni proudly remember a wide array of high school experiences, ranging from athletic, musical, scholastic, social, and cultural. The fire of 1965 destroyed the 1932 school building. From 1970 to 1984, the integrated Robert Smalls Junior High School, occupied the site using the 1956 structure.



View of Courthouse from across marsh



2007 Aerial Photo of Robert Smalls School Facilities 1925 - 1965



2007 Aerial Photo of Government Complex Facilities

Additional Information Available in the Administration Building Hallway Display.