S.C. District # 1--Office of L. Mendel Rivers Theme 8. The Contemplative Society STATE: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (July 1969) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE South Carolina COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Charleston INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) 1. NAME COMMON: The Presbyterian Manse AND/OR HISTORIC: 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: North, northwest from town on S.C. 174 \about unnumbered road for about 0.9 miles. (south) 34.60 Edisto Island COUNTY: CODE CODE 019 South Carolina 29438 45 Charleston 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY ACCESSIBLE OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Z Public Yes: District Public Acquisition: X Building X Occupied Restricted Site X Private ☐ In Process Structure Unoccupied ☐ Unrestricted □ Both Being Considered ☐ Object Preservation work ☐ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural ☐ Government Park ■ Transportation Comments Commercial Industrial N T Private Residence Other (Specify) [ Educational ■ Military T Religious Entertainment Museum ☐ Scientific 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNER'S NAME: Edisto Island Presbyterian Church CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Edisto Island South Carolina 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Mesne Conveyance STREET AND NUMBER: 2 Court House Square CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Charleston 45 South Carolina 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: ENTRY South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places FOR DATE OF SURVEY: Federal County DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: X State Local NUMBER NPS USE South Carolina Department of Archives and History 0 1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capital Station CODE 45 South Carolina Columbia

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The Presbyterian Manse on Edisto Island, a two-and-a-half story, wooden building with full brick basement, has been altered little since it was built in the late 1700's.

Entrance is via small, straight stairs which lead to wide shed-roof porch which extends full length of building and continues around east side. Side porch, a 20th century addition, is screened. Porch has square posts to which railings are attached horizontally.

Facade below porch roof, consists of central door with four-pane transom above. Door flanked by four, 9 over 9, sash windows, two to a side. Four windows on second floor level (also 9 over 9) are located directly above first floor windows.

Two, overhanging dormer windows, set in medium gable roof, are placed in front of matching chimneys. Dormers are 6 over 6, sash windows.

Floor plan of four rooms divided into pairs by central hall, or "breeze way." Stairway to upper floor is located in central hall.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			

Edisto is one of South Carolina's earlier-settled sea islands, the Earl of Shaftesbury (Lord Ashley Cooper) acquiring plantation lands there in 1674 (when it was called Locke Island for John Locke) and South Carolina's Colonial Governor Joseph Morton building a home there in the 1680's. A number of residences and several historic churches remain from the island's flourishing plantation period, the late 18th and first half of the 19th centuries, when wealth from long staple sea island cotton produced elegant homes for an educated, cultured society. Already on the National Register, as a National Historic Landmark, is Edisto's Brick House.

The Presbyterian congregation on Edisto Island is one of the oldest in South Carolina, dating from about 1710. The land, upon which the church and manse stand, was given to the church in 1717 by Henry Bowers, a wealthy landowner. The manse building was probably erected in the 1790's.

Its severe simplicity is very much in keeping with the general idea of a Presbyterian manse. Indeed, the only decoration of the entire building is the four-pane transom above the front door. Yet, the absence of a central window in the upper front facade with the balancing of the third floor dormers add unmeasurably to the building's appearance, and more than make up for the lack of adornment. The pairing of the windows on the side facades increase the attractiveness of the oldest church-associated structure on the island.

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