

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dove Dale
other names/site number Dove, Archibald, House; Dove, Daniel, House; Bryant, Grover, House

2. Location

street & number [REDACTED] not for publication
city or town Darlington vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Darlington code 031 zip code [REDACTED]

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is: <input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> other (explain):	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Domestic

Subcategory: Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Domestic

Subcategory: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation Brick
- walls Wood
- roof Asphalt
- other Concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

ca. 1805-ca. 1930

Significant Dates

ca. 1805; ca. 1850; 1882; 1886; 1916; 1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Dove, Daniel

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Darlington County Historical
Commission, Darlington, S.C.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Approximately 16 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing
1 [redacted]
2 [redacted]
3 [redacted]
4 [redacted]

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name [redacted]
street & number [redacted] telephone [redacted]
city or town Darlington state S.C. zip code [redacted]

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Description

Dove Dale faces northwest toward [REDACTED], in the small Darlington County, South Carolina, community of [REDACTED]. Its front yard and grove, long dirt lane, and two agricultural fields extend to the highway. A short dirt lane, side lawn and grove, guest cottage, and a third agricultural field face southwest toward [REDACTED]. The northeast side of the house faces a car garage and two large agricultural fields. The back of the house faces southeast and a tobacco barn, back yard, and agricultural fields.

This one-and-one-half-story frame double-pile, spraddle-roofed house, built according to family and local tradition as early as ca. 1805, exhibits clear evidence of alterations from the late antebellum period and the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It measures fifty-five feet by fifty-three feet, and its large front porch measures nine and a half feet in depth by forty-four and a half feet in length. Its exterior walls are clad in weatherboard, while the walls within the front porch are flushboard. Its architecture is typical of moderate plantation farmhouses built in the tidewater and coastal plain of the Carolinas in the early nineteenth century.

The house originally rested on four-foot tall long-leaf heart pine piers. Sills ten feet by twelve feet run from post to post, and two by twelve inch floor joists support the floors. In 1961 the heart pine piers were replaced with concrete block piers and the open foundation was closed with concrete blocks; front, back, and side concrete steps were also added.

The house features a front porch with six slightly tapered, solid wood piers, four brick chimneys, twenty-eight windows, and three exterior doors. All windows on the principal floor are double-hung with nine-over-nine lights. The six upstairs shed-roofed dormer windows are six-over-six double-hung sash; the single bathroom has a small six-pane window. The present den, at the center rear of the house, was enclosed from an in antis porch arrangement and has two plate-glass picture windows with sidelights.

The long shed-roofed dormer on the front roof slope and the porch piers are thought to date from some time before 1898. The nine-and-a-half-foot deep front porch has an unusually broad eave that extends an additional thirty-three inches beyond the piers and balustrade. While this is sufficient to suggest the original or early appearance of a rain porch at Dove Dale, these dimensions are much less pronounced than in the case of the rain porch at the Wilson-Sumner House (1850) in the nearby community of Leavensworth, which measures nine feet, nine and a half inches deep with its porch eave extending another eighty-seven inches. Free-standing columns extend to the ground to give its eave additional support.

The double-leaf, two-paneled front door has sidelights and a transom, as does its matching double-leaf rear door at the opposite end of the long central hall. The rear door once accessed an inset or in antis porch. The main floor plan has four large rooms—living room, dining room, master bedroom and guest bedroom—each measuring twenty by twenty feet and featuring a fireplace with mantelpiece. Mantels are consistent throughout the house, each varying slightly, but with short flanking classical pilasters, unusually wide and unadorned lintels and simple, thickly-proportioned and round-ended shelves. A long and wide central hallway measures thirteen feet wide by forty feet long. The main rooms have plaster walls, crown moldings, twelve-

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foot flushboard ceilings, and hand-planed shiplapped long leaf heart pine floors. Each room has paneled wainscoting, and the central hallway has original or early faux-marble wainscoting done by an unknown French artist. The two large rooms to either side of the central hall have two single-leaf, four-panel doors each, one accessing the central hall and one accessing the adjacent room. A simple, single-run staircase with hand-carved round handrail, unturned balusters and simple square newel rises from the southeast corner [rear] of the central hall.

The dining room, central hall, and master bedroom lead to small rear shed rooms with only ten-foot ceilings—the kitchen, den and bathroom [formerly inset porch area], and dressing room. The original screened-in-back porch was enclosed for a bathroom in the 1930s and a den with a two-section Dutch door in the 1940s; and a small bedroom became a dressing room with paneled walls and ceiling in the 1950s.

On the second floor the house features two large bedrooms, each eighteen feet by twenty feet, separated by a central hall and a converted storage room which measure together seventeen feet by twenty feet. The hall walls and ceiling were paneled in the 1950s. The second floor has seven-foot ceilings.

The original kitchen was a separate building from the main house with a breezeway or boardwalk leading to it. It likely sat immediately to the rear of the house and connected with the in antis rear porch. Other out-buildings were a smokehouse, several barns, a small greenhouse or flower pit, and a three-hole privy. None of these outbuildings survive.

A two-bay frame garage with lean-to shed, a small two-bedroom house used as a guest cottage, and a tobacco barn, all dating from the 1950s, are within the boundaries of the nominated property but do not contribute to its historic or architectural character or significance.

A small fish pond is an early landscape feature of the front lawn. The yards and grove at Dove Dale have many huge ancient oak trees, cedar, pecan, magnolia, American holly, dogwood, deodar cedar, pine, and hickory trees. Mature azaleas, camellias, and daylilies are abundant. The agricultural fields that provide setting for the house, yard and grove extend to the north, east and south. These fields have continued under cultivation for two hundred years.

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Statement of Significance

Dove Dale, an early nineteenth century double-piled spraddle-roofed house in the community of Dovesville, in rural Darlington County, South Carolina, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C. It is eligible under Criterion A for its association with the establishment, growth, and development of the Dovesville community from the beginning of the nineteenth century through the first quarter of the twentieth century, and under Criterion B for its long association with six generations of the Dove family, for whom Dovesville is named. It is also an excellent and relatively intact example of an early nineteenth century plantation farmhouse with later nineteenth and early twentieth century alterations. It retains a significant percentage of its historic floor plan and other historic materials, architectural elements and other character-defining features.

Additional Information

The Dove family settled the area that would become Dovesville soon after the American Revolution. In 1792 John Dove purchased a 522-acre tract on both sides of Horse Branch, in what was then Darlington District, from Nathaniel Sanders. John Dove's eldest son Archibald Dove (fl. 1805) built this house about 1805, naming it "Dove Dale." Archibald and his wife Catherine McCallman Dove raised their four children at Dove Dale.¹

Though a neighborhood school called "Dove's Dale School" was subsidized by the Dove family as early as 1823 and though the family gave two acres to Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church in 1829, this area was not generally known as Dovesville until the 1850s. Daniel Dove (1803-1855) and his wife Abigail Adams Dove inherited Dove Dale before 1850, planted cotton and raised their six children at Dove Dale. Daniel Dove was also a deacon at Black Creek Baptist Church and a delegate to the union meeting of the Welsh Neck Association of Churches.

In 1853 Dove gave the new Cheraw and Darlington Railroad permission to pass through and use his land to lay tracks and build a depot, warehouses, engine sheds, a toll house, a water station, and work shops. The depot built here was named "Dove's Depot," and Daniel Dove was the first depot agent. The post office that soon opened here, also named Dove's Depot, was run by Dove's son-in-law Charles H. DeLorme, who served as its first postmaster. As the community grew to include new houses for each of Daniel and Abigail Dove's

¹ Marie Dove Law Patten, "The Doves of Dovesville," unpublished genealogy, on file at the Darlington County Historical Commission, Darlington, S.C.; Horace Fraser Rudisill, *Darlington County, A Pictorial History* (Norfolk, Va.: The Donning Company, 1986); Mary Bryant DuRant McLaughlin, Interviews with Marion Ludwick DuRant, Dove Dale, Dovesville, S.C., and Katherine Lynnette Brunson Wright, Darlington, S.C., December 2005; Eliza Cowan Ervin and Horace Fraser Rudisill, eds., *Darlingtoniana: A History of People, Places, and Events in Darlington County, S.C.* (Columbia: The R.L. Bryan Company, 1964; reprint edition, Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1997).

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children, a general store and cotton gin followed. Daniel's son John C. Dove became railroad agent at Dove's Depot at his father's death in 1855.²

Daniel and Abigail Dove's youngest son Alexander B. Dove (1845-1911) served in the Confederate army as a private in the 21st South Carolina Infantry and the Wilson Light Artillery; after the war he returned to Dove's Depot to farm and was later postmaster as well. He and his wife Julie Anna Swinton Dove raised seven children at Dove Dale.

The depot, burned by Federal troops in 1865, was replaced by a second, larger building and became a busy station on the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad (in 1898 one of several railroads later merged into the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad). Merchants and manufacturers in Darlington, Hartsville, and throughout Darlington County, such as the Cokers of the J.L. Coker Store and the Southern Novelty Products Company (later Sonoco) shipped and received their raw materials and finished products at Dove's Depot.³

The community of Dove's Depot was incorporated by the South Carolina General Assembly in 1882, and its name was changed to Dovesville. In 1886 Daniel Dove's widow Abigail Dove donated land for the first public school building in this part of Darlington County, later replaced by the three-story Dovesville School in 1914; the later school closed at the end of the 1952-53 school year.⁴

In 1916 Alexander B. Dove's widow Julie Anna Dove gave land for a new Dovesville Baptist Church, which was created out of the congregation of Black Creek Baptist Church, the mother church about two miles away. After the old Black Creek Baptist Church burned on Easter Sunday 1922 both churches consolidated and joined in 1924 as Black Creek Baptist Church in Dovesville. The present church was built on the same site in 1950.

Julie Anna Dove died in 1926, and about 1929 the house and farm were sold to Grover Cleveland Bryant (d. 1961) and Ethel Lee Stackhouse Bryant, who raised six children at Dove Dale. It then became the home of five generations of the Bryant-DuRant family through Mary Stackhouse Bryant DuRant (d. 1996), the daughter of Grover Cleveland and Ethel Stackhouse Bryant, who married Marion Ludwick DuRant (b. 1909), the current owner.⁵

² *Ibid.*, Horace Fraser Rudisill, "Dovesville First Incorporated in 1882," *Darlington News and Press* (Darlington, S.C.), September 1984, on file at the Darlington County Historical Commission.

³ Marie Dove Law Patten, "The Doves of Dovesville," unpublished genealogy, on file at the Darlington County Historical Commission, Darlington, S.C.; Horace Fraser Rudisill, *Darlington County, A Pictorial History* (Norfolk, Va.: The Donning Company, 1986); Mary Bryant DuRant McLaughlin, Interviews with Marion Ludwick DuRant, Dove Dale, Dovesville, S.C., and Katherine Lynnette Brunson Wright, Darlington, S.C., December 2005; Eliza Cowan Ervin and Horace Fraser Rudisill, eds., *Darlingtoniana: A History of People, Places, and Events in Darlington County, S.C.* (Columbia: The R.L. Bryan Company, 1964; reprint edition, Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Company, Publishers, 1997); Horace Fraser Rudisill, "Dovesville First Incorporated in 1882," *Darlington News and Press* (Darlington, S.C.), September 1984, on file at the Darlington County Historical Commission.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line marked "Dove Dale" on the accompanying Darlington County Plat.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the historic house, its outbuildings, and a portion of the historic agricultural fields and setting associated with the Dove-Bryant-DuRant family's ownership of the property.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

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Location of Property: Darlington County, South Carolina

Name of Photographer: Mary Bryant DuRant McLaughlin
Date of Photographs: December 10, 2005
Location of Original Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Façade, NW elevation
2. SW lawn
3. SW elevation, detail, front porch eave
4. N/NE elevation, detail, huge oak tree
5. Rear elevation
6. Interior front hall, NW
7. Detail of front door
8. Door to guest bedroom
9. Door to living room, detail
10. Facing back hall, detail, window to bedroom closet
11. Detail, hall faux-marble wainscoting, hall column, stairs
12. Hall faux-marble wainscoting
13. Detail, door molding
14. Back hall, detail, doors to den
15. Den view toward stairs and main hall
16. Detail, free standing column in hall
17. Detail, hall support column
18. Stairs to upper landing
19. Detail, banister post of stairs
20. Back hall, detail, door to master bedroom
21. Living room, detail, fireplace, N/NE
22. Detail, living room fireplace and mantel
23. Dining room detail, enclosed fireplace and mantel, N/NE
24. Hall entrance to guest bedroom
25. Detail, side door, fireplace and mantel
26. Master bedroom leading to guest bedroom
27. Den view toward bathroom and dressing room
28. Upstairs hall, facing bedroom N/NE
29. Detail, closet, angle of ceiling in bedroom N/NE
30. View to hall and to SW bedroom
31. SW bedroom

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- 32. Detail, dormer window facing NW
- 33. SW rear lawn
- 34. Front Grove facing NW and US52
- 35. Side Grove and large oak tree
- 36. Tobacco barn, back yard SE
- 37. Guest cottage façade, SW