

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Dillon	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.45.0025	DATE 5/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
James W. Dillon House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1302 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dillon

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 29536 COUNTY: Dillon CODE: 45

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Headquarters of Dillon County Historical Society

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dillon County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
1302 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dillon STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dillon County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
301 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dillon STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Restored	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two-story, white frame Victorian house has medium gable at front and rear; inset, cross gables on side walls. Clapboard exterior with scalloped shingles in gables and between first and second floor to add variety.

One-story veranda, extending across facade and three-fourths of southeast wall, has lattice work beneath eaves and is supported by carved posts with gingerbread cornice braces. Ornate balustrade encloses veranda.

Facade has pair of windows on left with entrance at right. Brick steps leading to entrance are surmounted by small gable set in veranda roof line. Second floor level has two, evenly-spaced windows. Ornate front gable decorated with gingerbread trim, rectangular louvers, and oval window with sunburst design.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1890

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James W. Dillon House, a significant, historical landmark in Dillon County, is representative of late Victorian architecture and the town's founding.

Built 1890, this house was the home of James W. Dillon, founder of the town and man for whom county was named. In 1888, Dillon acquired forty acres of land in what is now the city of Dillon. Simultaneously the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company began plans for extending its rail line from Wilson, North Carolina to the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Dillon offered the railroad company fifty per cent interest in his land if it would route the railroad through this forty-acre tract. After the contract was signed, a depot was established, and the proposed town of Dillon became a reality. In 1910 when Dillon County was formed from the upper section of Marion County, citizens of the new county voted to name it for James W. Dillon, pioneer citizen and community leader.

Architecturally, the Dillon House is a prime example of late Victorian design. It has been beautifully restored and furnished by the Dillon County Historical Society and is presently used as a house museum and the society's headquarters.

This house is the only significant historic house in the town of Dillon.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Campbell, John. "Restoration of the Dillon House." Sandlapper. Sandlapper Press, Inc. Columbia, South Carolina. September 1970.

WPA. South Carolina: A Guide to the Palmetto State. Oxford University Press. New York. 1941.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Nancy R. Ruhf, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: 2/4/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11, 188 Capitol Station

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Paul S. Lopez

Title Director of South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date 2/14/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Combs
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date MAY 6 1971

ATTEST:
William M. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 8 1971

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Per South Carolina 3/31/71: form should have said
building was moved 1967 one and a half miles
to present location. It was damaged by fire in
May 67, sold to Dillon County Hist. Society in
August 67, then moved soon thereafter.

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