

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

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HISTORIC

Appleby's Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Appleby's Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side of intersection of county hwy. 19 &amp; 71

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

St. George

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF

#1

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Dorchester

CODE

035

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED (for memorial services)☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED (exterior)☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Appleby Church Historic Foundation; c/o Dr. Gavin Appleby

STREET &amp; NUMBER

202 Gavin Street

CITY, TOWN

St. George

STATE

South Carolina

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

St. George

STATE

South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

S. C. Department of Archives &amp; History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED (minor)

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-story wooden church, built upon low brick piers, is an excellent example of a Greek Revival meeting house style church. It was probably built ca. 1840-50 and is virtually original.

Exterior: The front facade features two double doors, each door having two panels. Three low brick steps lead to each entrance. The side facades each have four evenly spaced 9/9 windows; and the rear facade is identical to the front, with the exception of having only one double door.

The building is clapboard and the medium gable roof is presently covered with asphalt shingles. The cornice is boxed.

Interior: The interior walls feature board and batten siding. Two rows of pews (thought to be original) are divided by a central aisle. A low-standing pulpit is located between the two front doors.

In 1970, during South Carolina's Tricentennial celebration, signs were placed along the walls to designate that which is believed to have been the original seating arrangement. The northern area is designated for "Gentlemen," the southern area for "Ladies and Courting Couples," and the northwest corner is designated as the "Amen Corner."

Surroundings: The church is located in rural Dorchester County and is surrounded by woods and farmland. Included within the nominated acreage is the cemetery which dates from the late 19th Century.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in rural Dorchester County, Appleby Church is an excellent example of the meeting house style of church architecture. Although now used only for memorial services, the church is maintained in excellent condition.

It is not known exactly when Appleby Church was built. According to tradition, the church was established ca. 1800. Tradition also maintains that James Preston Appleby donated four acres of land for the church site. (Deeds for this area were destroyed in 1865.) The earliest church records extant are the 1878 Methodist conference minutes which list Appleby Church as a member. Architectural analysis indicates that the church was probably built ca. 1840-50.

Architecture: Appleby Church is an excellent example of a Greek Revival meeting house style church. The heavily boxed cornice, interior board and batten walls, and large windows are all indicative of the Greek Revival mode; while the rectangular shape, two entrances, and simplicity of design all exemplify the meeting house style.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 5 acres  
UTM REFERENCES

Longitude: 80°39'03"

Latitude: 33°08'14"

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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Bordering south on the Wire Road (county highway 19); north, east, and west on private lands. (north & west on lands of Willie McMillan; east on lands of Susie Hartzog).

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty-Historic Preservation Division  
ORGANIZATION

Elias Bull: Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Regional Council of Government

DATE

S. C. Department of Archives & History  
STREET & NUMBER

March 14, 1977

TELEPHONE

1430 Senate Street  
CITY OR TOWN

(803) 758-5816

STATE

Columbia

South Carolina

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4/14/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Robert B. Relling*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 2/14/78

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-9-78

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