

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Dorchester	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-1241-0009	DATE 12/3/69

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Dorchester

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

6 miles south of Summerville on S.C. 642

STATE South Carolina	CODE 41	COUNTY: Dorchester	CODE 18
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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 type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
		Comments <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1358

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE: South Carolina	CODE 41
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Dorchester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
176

CITY OR TOWN:
St. George

STATE: South Carolina	CODE 41
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina: A Guide to the Palmetto State

DATE OF SURVEY:
1941 Federal State County Local

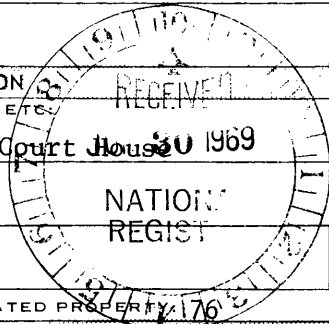
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 11188, Capitol Station 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Dorchester consists today of the ruins of the church tower which was built about 1750 and the tabby fort constructed in July 1775. House sites and other structures remain as ruins. Originally the town was the third largest in South Carolina. It consisted of a bridge, two wharfs, "a boat building place," a church and about forty houses.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>			_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The town of Dorchester was established in 1695 by New Englanders of Massachusetts Bay. The town grew rapidly as a major trading village for the frontier. In 1756, a general exodus to Georgia took place. A fort was built on part of the town site in 1775 and was occupied by both American and British troops during the Revolutionary War. After the War, the town decayed rapidly.

Parish Church of St. George, Dorchester: St. George's, an Anglican parish, was erected 1717. A brick church 50 ft. long and 30 ft. wide with a chancel 15 by 5 feet, begun in August 1719, was enlarged in the 1730s. The tower was built before 1753 and in 1766 held four bells. Burned by the British in the Revolution, the church was partially repaired and used afterwards, but as the congregation moved away, it fell into decay.

Old Dorchester: Laid out in 1697 as a market town for the Congregational colony from Dorchester, Mass., the village contained 116 quarter-acre lots and a town square and commons. An Anglican church was built in 1734. Dorchester became a trade center and by 1781 had about 40 houses. The town gradually declined after the Revolution. By 1788 it was abandoned.

Fort Dorchester: A brick powder magazine enclosed by a tabby wall eight feet high was built here in 1757. During the Revolution, Dorchester was a strategic point. In 1775, the magazine was fortified and the garrison commanded by Capt. Francis Marion. British troops occupied the town in April 1780. They were driven out by cavalry and infantry under Col. Wade Hampton and Gen. Nathanael Greene on December 1, 1781.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

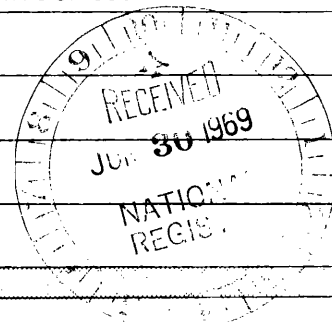
Writer's Program of the WPA, South Carolina: A Guide to the Palmetto State. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1941), p.286.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	32 ° 57 ' 6 1/4 "	80 ° 10 ' 33 "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	32 ° 57 ' 18 "	80 ° 10 ' 15 "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	32 ° 56 ' 55 "	80 ° 09 ' 53 3/4 "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	32 ° 56 ' 43 3/4 "	80 ° 10 ' 10 1/2 "		° ' "	° ' "	

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 AND TITLE:
Janson L. Cox: Chief Curator of Historical Interpretation & Museums

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism** DATE: **June 2, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1358

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **41**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Charles E. Lef
 Title Director, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History
 Date June 22, 1969
Revised Oct 27, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Orvally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 3 1969

ATTEST:
William J. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date NOV 26 1969