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NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic Albion

Location East side of county road 22; approx-
imately 4 miles northwest of its junction

Common

Classification with S.C. 34
Building

Owner John S. Douglas
1005 Lake Avenue
North Augusta, S.C. 29841

Representation in Existing Surveys South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1983

Description Albion is a two-story, L-shaped, weatherboarded frame residence with a gabled roof and rear additions. According to local tradition it was constructed ca. 1840. The facade (southwest elevation) has a two-tiered veranda with Ionic columns, plain balustrade, and simple entablature with triglyphs. Columns with both plain and fluted shafts are paired at the ends of the veranda and in the center. Facade bays are symmetrical and aligned on both levels, with two single windows flanking a central entrance. Windows are shuttered and have fluted surrounds with corner blocks; central entrance has traceried fanlight and sidelights. An unusual parapeted dormer pierces the front center roof. Pedimented end gables are ornamented with block modillions and lunettes which flank the chimneys. Alterations include the screening of the rear entrance porch, and a left rear addition. Other unusual features of the facade such as the fluted and unfluted columns, the cropped appearance of the *

Significance Alexander Douglas, who is reported to have built Albion ca. 1840, was a wealthy planter whose estate was valued in 1860 at \$76,750.¹ Albion is significant as an unusually intact example of a nineteenth-century Fairfield County plantation house with classical design elements which display an awareness of high-style design.

Acreage 6.4 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #70, with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes only the house and its setting.

UTM Reference Point 17/477660/3812555

Other Information

* second-story columns, and the parapeted dormer might indicate other alterations.

¹Bolick, A Fairfield Sketchbook, p. 198; Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967), microcopy no. M-653, roll no. 1219, Fairfield County, p. 277.