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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Dr. Walter Brice House and Office
Common

Location East side of county road 22; approximately 3 miles north of its junction with county road 346.

Classification Building

Owner Henry Johnson
Box 248
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

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

Description The Dr. Walter Brice House is a two-story, weatherboarded frame, L-shaped building with a gabled roof and exterior end chimneys. A two-tiered, pedimented veranda on the center front (northwest elevation) features a plain balustrade and four wooden pillars on both levels with a muntined window in the pediment. The symmetrical facade displays single-leaf entrances flanked by two single windows on each story. Upper story windows are nine-over-six; lower story windows are nine-over-nine. Multi-paned sidelights and transom frame the second floor entrance, while the first story door features an elliptical traceried fanlight with traceried sidelights above recessed panels.

The Dr. Walter Brice Office sits southeast of the house. It is a ten-foot-by-twelve-foot weatherboarded frame building with gabled metal roof, stuccoed end chimney, and boxed cornice. A single entrance with shed roofed awning on the north elevation is flanked by *

Significance Dr. Walter Brice (1804-ca.1871) was a prominent and respected physician and planter in antebellum Fairfield County. He attended college at Mt. Zion College in Winnsboro and Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Charleston College of Medicine in 1831.[1] In 1860 he owned 52 slaves, real estate totaling $25,500, and personal property valued at $5,289.[2] The Dr. Walter Brice House is significant as an unusually intact example of the residence of a prominent Fairfield County planter and physician before the Civil War. The Greek Revival elements, such as the two-tiered veranda and symmetrical fenestration reflect an awareness on the part of the builder of the stylistic details that were popular at the time. These details lend support to the local tradition that the house was built ca. 1840.

Acreage 5.7 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #42, with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes the historic buildings and immediate surroundings.

UTM Reference Point 17/477550/3817945

Other Information

*single, shuttered windows. The ruins of a rectangular building which sits southwest of the house is also included in the nominated property.

[1]L.S. Brice, "The Brice Family Who (sic) Settled in Fairfield County, South Carolina About 1785" (unpublished manuscript, McCormick, South Carolina, ca. 1956), p. 38.

[2]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. 278; Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina [Slave Schedules] (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967),microcopy no. 653, roll no. 1235, Fairfield County.