Continuation Sheet

Name  Historic Furman Institution Faculty Residence
       Common

Owner  Mabel T. Turkett
       Rt. 1, Box 77
       Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

Location  Northwest of county road 23, approximately
          500 feet northeast of the junction of S.C.
          Hwy. 214 and county road 70

Classification  Building

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

Description  Constructed ca. 1837, the Furman Institution Faculty Residence is a two-story,
             brick building with a hipped roof and end chimneys. The facade has a central double-leaf
             entrance flanked on each side by multi-paned modern windows. The second story facade has
             five multi-paned modern windows. The single story, hip-roofed front porch with slender
             wooden posts was constructed ca. 1936. There is a ca. 1925 kitchen extension on the north-
             west elevation. The interior has a double-pile-with-central-hall floor plan.

Significance  According to a synoptic history entitled "Furman's Fairfield Days; 1837-1851,"
             Furman Institution was established by the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina in 1827
             in Edgefield, but was moved to the High Hills of the Santee (now Stateburg) in 1828 because
             of financial difficulties. When the school was threatened with financial collapse again in
             1834, the Reverend Jonathan Davis, chairman of the board of trustees, urged the board to move
             the school to his native Fairfield County. With the aid of his congregation at the Fair-
             field Church, Davis was able to purchase 557 acres of land for the school. A frame
             building was constructed ca. 1837 as a dormitory, classroom, and library, but burned in the
             same year. The two present brick buildings were constructed between May 1837 and January 1838.*

Acreage  1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description  The nominated property is shown on the accompanying Fairfield
                             County Tax Map #166, with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes only the
                             historic building and its immediate surroundings.

UTM Reference Point  17/488690/3800575

Other Information
Furman Institution suffered financial and ideological difficulties during its years in Fairfield County, but the theological department developed into one of the strongest in the state. Discussion was underway in 1841 to move the school to a place more favorable to the development of the theology department, but it wasn't until 1851 that South Carolina Baptists were able to raise the necessary funds for the removal to Greenville. The Furman Institution Faculty Residence was used as a residence for the faculty of the institution while it existed in Fairfield County. Although it has seen some minor alterations, this building, together with the Furman Institution Academic Building (813), serves as a visible reminder of the early history of Furman University and its brief establishment in Fairfield County.

1Louie Latimer Owens, "Furman's Fairfield Days; 1837-1851," (Winnsboro, S.C., 1949), pp. 2-10
2Our Heritage, p. 13.