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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic High Point

Location ~~East side S.C. Hwy. 215; approximately~~  
~~3 miles southeast of Jenkinsville~~ ✓

Common

Classification Building

Owner David G. Jeter  
2734 Duncan Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29205

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

Description High Point is a two-story, frame farmhouse with a gable roof. The house as originally constructed ca. 1800 included the three northernmost (left) bays of the present house. The original house had exterior end chimneys. The interior of the original portion of the house is characterized by a hall-and-parlor plan, wide board walls, an enclosed corner stair, and a corner cupboard.

During the early antebellum period the house was extended to five bays. Both the original portion of the house and the addition are sheathed in beaded weatherboard and contain nine-over-nine windows on the first story and nine-over-six windows on the second story. A one-story, shed-roofed porch extends across the facade (southwest elevation). The porch is supported by square posts connected by a plain balustrade. Stone steps lead to the porch. The section of the facade protected by the porch is sheathed in flush- \*

Significance The ca. 1800 portion of High Point is a significant example of the form and stylistic characteristics of a late eighteenth-or early nineteenth-century Fairfield County farmhouse.

The expansion of the house, which has architectural merit of its own, illustrates the increasing prosperity of many Fairfield County farmers between 1800 and the Civil War.

According to family tradition the original three-bay section of High Point was built ca. 1800 by William Thompson (ca. 1762-1842). The fact that Thompson's grave is located on the High Point property near the house lends support to this tradition. Documentary and physical evidence also indicate that a ca. 1800 construction date is reasonable.

Thompson first appeared as the head of a household on the 1800 federal census, and he \*\*

Acreage 5.5 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #236 drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes the historical buildings, cemetery, and setting, as well as a modern metal outbuilding.

UTM Reference Point 17/477080/3789300

Other Information

\*boards (approximately 8 inches). There are entrances on the facade at the central bay of the original portion, and the northernmost (left) bay of the addition.

A two-story ell on the rear of the house is believed to have been constructed ca. 1870.

The nominated acreage also includes three other contributing properties, the family cemetery, a frame smokehouse, and a frame barn, in addition to a noncontributing metal outbuilding.

\*\*obtained land in the general area of the house around that time.<sup>1</sup> Characteristics of the original section of the house such as the beaded weatherboard siding, nine-over-nine windows, hall-and-parlor plan, and enclosed corner stair are consistent with a ca. 1800 date of construction.

The 1800 census shows Thompson owning no slaves, but by his death ca. 1842, he had expanded his estate to include twenty-three slaves. At this time his principle cash crop was cotton. He also grew corn and fodder and his livestock included twenty-four cattle, thirty hogs, five mules, and one horse.<sup>2</sup>

After Thompson's death, the house became the residence of his daughter Margaret Jane and her husband, Hargrave A. Glenn.<sup>3</sup> Their descendants retain ownership of the property today.

<sup>1</sup>Population Schedules of the Second Census of the United States, 1800: South Carolina (Washington : National Archives Microfilm Publication, 1958), microcopy no. M-32, roll no. 47, Fairfield County, p. 219; File 32, Pkg. 506, Fairfield County Probate Court Deeds, County Records on Microfilm, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

<sup>2</sup>Population Schedules of the Second Census, p. 219; File 76, Pkg. 80, Fairfield County Probate Court Records.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid; Book PP, pp. 315-319, 324-327, Fairfield County Deeds.