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NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Name Historic HunstantonLocation ~~West side of U.S. Hwy. 321; approximately~~
~~1/4 mile south of Winnsboro town limits~~

Common Sweet Briar

Classification Building

Owner C. E. and Reba S. Strange
Route 3
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180Representation in Existing Surveys South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1983

Description Hunstanton, which appears to have been built ca. 1850, is a one-and-one-half-story, weatherboarded, frame residence on a raised brick basement. The house is rectangular in plan with a rear ell. The roof is end-gabled and there are two interior chimneys. The gable ends are pedimented. Windows are nine-over-nine on the main level and six-over-six on the basement level. The facade (east elevation) features a pedimented porch with paneled wooden pillars connected by a plain balustrade. The porch, which rests on brick piers, shelters the three central bays of the five-bay facade. The section of the facade under the porch is sheathed in flushboard. The central bay contains a double-door entrance with sidelights and transom. Curved granite steps lead from the ground to each side of the porch. An addition on the center of the rear of the house appears to have been an early expansion. The interior of the house features molded window and door surrounds.

Significance Hunstanton is a significant example of an antebellum Fairfield County planter's residence on a raised basement. The house features Greek Revival elements such as the well-defined Order- including pilasters, entablature, pediment, and proportions. The name of the builder and date of construction have not been established. Physical characteristics of the house suggest that it was built around 1840-1860. However, according to local tradition, the house appears on an 1820 map of Fairfield District. (This map shows "Esq. Robertson" at the approximate location of Hunstanton.)¹ It has also been suggested that Thomas Q. Robertson built the house, but he was not old enough in 1820.² If Robertson were the builder, a later construction date would be appropriate.

Acreage 1.4 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #167, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. The boundary, drawn in red, includes the historical house and its setting.

UTM Reference Point 17/492050/3800950Other Information

¹Robert Mills, Atlas of the State of South Carolina (n.p. , n.p. , 1825; new facsimile ed., Columbia, S.C.: Lucy Hampton Bostick and Fant H. Thornley, 1938); Our Heritage, n.p., n.d., p.7.

²Bolick, A Fairfield Sketchbook, p. 70; Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publication, 1967), microcopy no. 653, roll #1219, Fairfield County, p. 209.