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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Tocaland

Common

Location North side of Southern Railroad tracks and S.C. Hwy. 34; approximately 2 miles east of Winnsboro

Classification Building

Owner John T. Johnson
Route 4,Box 94
Winnsboro, S.C. 29180

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

Description Tocaland is a one-and-one-half-story, weatherboarded frame residence with gabled roof and double-pile-with-central-hall floor plan. Four 8-foot high stuccoed granite piers support a pedimented front porch with a six-over-six window with sidelights in the gable end. The porch has four paneled wooden pillars and plain balustrade. Facade (southwest elevation) fenestration is a central door with sidelights and transom flanked by two single, six-over-six, shuttered windows. Door and windows in the basement facade are aligned with those of the first story. End gables have boxed cornices; two interior brick chimneys pierce the rear roof slope. A concrete stairway with cast-iron balustrade on the facade and a central rear addition are modern.

Significance According to local tradition Tocaland was named after the Tokay grape which was grown on the plantation. Julian Bolick's A Fairfield County Sketchbook indicates that Regina Gadsden the original owner, was the wife of Christopher Gadsden, Jr. of Charleston. He was a noted horticulturist and landscape gardener who established nurseries and planted boxwoods and gardens on the property.[1] Tocaland is a very intact example of an antebellum residence set on a raised basement, with Greek Revival elements such as the well-defined Order--including pilasters, entablature, pediment, and proportions. These classical elements would support the local tradition that the house was constructed ca. 1854.

[1] Bolick, A Fairfield Sketchbook, pp. 56, 58.

Acreage 1.2 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #168, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes the historical house and its setting.

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Other Information