NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON:

Valencia

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Ridgeway vicinity about 8 miles northwest on county road 106.

CITY OR TOWN:

Ridgeway

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE:

29130

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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☐ 1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN:

Columbia

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE:

45

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Edward Gendron Palmer V

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 97

CITY OR TOWN:

Ridgeway

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE:

45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Fairfield County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

Congress Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Winnsboro

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE:

45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

South Carolina Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY:

1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:

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**LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [x] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)**
1834

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Prehistoric
- [ ] Historic
- [x] Agriculture
- [x] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [x] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

A Fairfield County landmark, this Up Country plantation home reflects the Low Country background of its original owner, whose descendants have consistently maintained its character.

Built by Edward Gendron Palmer, a leader in civic, political, and religious life of Ridgeway and Fairfield County, who exerted much influence in building of railroads in upper South Carolina. Studied at Dr. Moses Waddell's school at Willington and graduated from South Carolina College, A.B., 1819; read law in Columbia and admitted to S.C. bar in 1821. Member of Nullification Convention (1834-48) and S.C. Senate (1857-65). He was instrumental in building Fairfield District's first Episcopal place of worship, Cedar Creek Mission, and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in 1854.

Valencia is filled with many heirlooms, including a table said to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson; rare documents; and family hunting, lancing, and racing trophies.

House and surroundings remain today as distinctive example of the life and society of a wealthy, affluent cotton planter in antebellum South Carolina.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ben F. Hornsby, Historic Resources Coordinator, I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE: December 15, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, P. O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [X] State [ ] Local [X]

Name: [Signature]

Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date: Feb. 14, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 6 1971

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Keeper of The National Register

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