

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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## 1. Name

historic

(Evander Gregg House)

and/or common

Red Doe (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number South Carolina Highway 327, approximately 3 miles  
east of Florence NA not for publication

city, town Florence vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state South Carolina code 045 county Florence code 041

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name M. C. Wallace

street & number South Carolina Highway 327

city, town Florence vicinity of state South Carolina 29501

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marion County Courthouse

street & number North Main Street

city, town Marion state South Carolina 29571

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places  
title in South Carolina has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1972 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Red Doe, located in rural Florence County, is a one-story, frame farmhouse on a raised brick foundation built ca. 1840 for Evander Gregg. The house retains historical integrity from the nineteenth century.

Additional Information: Red Doe is a one-story, frame building with beaded weather-board siding and a full brick basement. The house is rectangular with a central-hall plan and a two-room ell on the rear (east elevation). The low-pitched gable roof has a shed extension sheltering the facade's porch.

The facade (west elevation) has six solid octagonal wooden piers on stuccoed brick bases carrying the porch roof. A veranda with stuccoed brick piers and a new wooden stair rising to its center, which spans the facade, is recessed behind these piers. A balustrade with turned balusters and a molded handrail surrounds the veranda. The facade is balanced with two nine-over-nine windows on each side of the central entrance-way, which has double-leaf doors and double sidelights. The basement, beneath and behind the veranda, is brick sheathed in stucco which is scored to simulate stone. A central, double-leaf door on the west face of the basement is flanked by two six-over-six windows on each side.

Red Doe has single exterior brick chimneys with stuccoed bases and plaster necking bands on the north and south elevations. Single windows flank the chimney on each of these elevations. The north elevation extends with the rear ell; four original windows and one new bathroom window are on the north side of this ell. The stuccoed basement has a six-over-six window placed beneath each original window of the main floor.

The east (rear) elevation of Red Doe has a single bay with a nine-over-nine window on the main floor and a six-over-six window in the basement beneath the gable end of the ell. An L-shaped rear porch is in the angle of the ell and contains a staircase allowing access to the basement from the main level. This porch has been enclosed with glass in recent years, but the original porch posts and balustrade have been retained.

Structure: Red Doe was built with a heavy timber braced frame. The main framing members were hewn with a broadax, and major connections were made with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. Some of the sills supporting the main level appear to have been either reused in their present location or miscut, since there are several mortise joints which have no matching members, and which are not aligned with the expected location of matching members.

Interior: Red Doe has a broad central hallway with wide board floors, wainscoting, plaster walls, and plank ceiling with a molded cornice. The main parlors on either side of the hall have wooden mantelpieces and symmetrically molded architrave surrounds for the doors and windows. Three rooms open onto the rear porch from the rear ell. An interior chimney is located in this ell. A kitchen has been built in a shed room at the southwest corner of the house, and a bathroom has been installed behind the chimney of the rear ell; otherwise, the main floor is largely unaltered.

The basement of Red Doe has a plan similar to that of the main level, with lower ceilings and brick partition walls. The ceilings in the basement are plaster on split lathing. Modern heating, plumbing, and electricity have been installed in the house with little damage to the original fabric.

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## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1840 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Red Doe is a farmhouse located in rural Florence County, South Carolina. The one-story, frame house is believed to have been built ca. 1840 as a residence for Evander Gregg. The house is significant as a representative raised cottage, a variant of a vernacular farmhouse mode adapted to the regional demands of the South Carolina Lowcountry.

Additional Information: A construction date for Red Doe has not been established, but documentary and physical evidence indicate it was built between 1836 and 1846. According to family tradition, Red Doe was built for Evander Gregg when he was eighteen years old, in 1836.<sup>1</sup> Gregg purchased land including the site of Red Doe on 16 October 1843.<sup>2</sup> In a letter of May 1846 which is quoted in Footprints: The Story of the Greggs of South Carolina, Mary Marshall Hall, a North Carolina cousin of the Gregg family, wrote that Evander Gregg was building a house at that time. However, the date was misprinted in Footprints as 1946 and may be further in error.<sup>3</sup> The construction technology evident in the house supports a dating ca. 1820–1850.

In 1860 Gregg was a planter owning approximately 650 acres and thirty-eight slaves.<sup>4</sup> Before his death in 1874, he moved to Arkansas.<sup>5</sup>

Today Red Doe is owned by M. C. Wallace, a great grandnephew of Evander Gregg.

Architecture: Red Doe is significant as a representative vernacular central-hall plan farmhouse adapted to the regional demands of the low-lying countryside. Although the basic plan, including orientation, fenestration, location of chimneys, roof form, and interior arrangements are of a mode common throughout the eastern and southern United States, this form is modified at Red Doe in response to the climatic peculiarities of the region, in particular the intense heat and the disease-ridden swamps. The house is set on a high basement, which contains the secondary living and service rooms, while the main living and receiving rooms are on the elevated main story, which by virtue of its elevation was more apt to receive and enjoy what comforting drafts might be available. The doors and windows of this main floor are large and plentiful, allowing maximum cross-ventilation and the open verandas on the east and west elevations allow shaded open-air living. Red Doe is one of the most intact specimens of this form identified in the region.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Florence East

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated area is shown bounded by the red line on the accompanying Florence County Tax Map 277, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 400 feet. This boundary includes the house and its immediate environment, while excluding adjacent farm acreage.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	NA	code	county	NA	code
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state	NA	code	county	NA	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Columbia	state	South Carolina 29211
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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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

Entered in the  
National Register

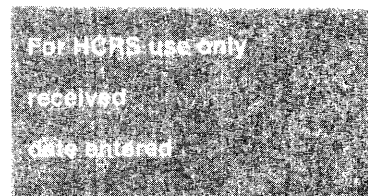
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for Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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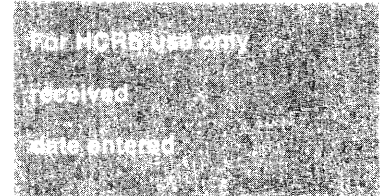
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Surroundings: Red Doe is situated on a tree-shaded tract of land and is located about 210 feet from the highway. Several outbuildings are located on the nominated property, including a small frame building which appears to have been used as an office or as a store. This building has a single cell with a chimney at one end, weatherboard siding, a gable roof, and a small porch across the facade (east elevation). The building appears to be contemporary with the main house. A frame garage/storage building of early twentieth century construction and several frame dog pens of mid-twentieth century construction are also on the property. The gardens at Red Doe were set out by the present owners, but many of the trees on the property are of age compatible with the main house.

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