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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wicklow Hall Plantation

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER On S.C. Hwy. 30, about 5 miles
from U.S. Hwy. 17

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

☒ VICINITY OF

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Georgetown

CODE

043

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. N. Lawrimore

STREET & NUMBER

Wicklow Hall Plantation

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Georgetown County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Screven Street

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wicklow Hall Plantation house is a two-story clapboard structure, set upon a low brick foundation. The main portion of the structure was probably built between circa 1831 and 1840. Sometime after 1912 the structure was enlarged by additions to the rear and right facades.

The front facade originally featured a five-bay porch with six slender wooden pillars. This porch has been altered and now consists of a three-bay porch (screened-in) and a two-bay enclosed section. (The present owners plan to restore the porch to its original appearance.) The front entrance consists of two single four-panel doors.

The modern addition to the right facade consists of a one-story wing. The addition to the rear consists of a porch.

The low pitched gable roof features a boxed cornice and twin interior chimneys. Windows are 6/6.

INTERIOR: The first floor features two rooms (parlors) located at the front of the house. A central hall, flanked by a dining room and a library, is located to the rear of the parlors. A kitchen and back hall are located to the rear of these rooms. The second story contains a bedroom on each side of a central hall.

Features in the original portion of the house include plaster walls and heart pine floors. Mantels are Greek Revival as are door and window casements. The structure also features door jambs which are tapered and a vaulted hallway ceiling.

The right wing was added circa 1912. It consists of a pantry, bathroom, den and bedroom.

SURROUNDINGS: Several plantation dependencies are located near the house. These include a kitchen, corn crib, carriage house, a small house (believed to have been slave quarters), stable, privy, and schoolhouse. The age of the structures appears to vary, although several are believed to be contemporary with the house.

Wicklow Hall is situated in rural Georgetown County, near the Santee River. The surrounding land is heavily wooded.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
X 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located on the North Santee River in Georgetown County, South Carolina, Wicklow Plantation was a major rice plantation during the mid-1800s, the heyday of the rice culture in Georgetown County. Additionally, Wicklow is significant for its associations with the prominent Lowndes family of South Carolina. Its later history is also important, reflecting the changing patterns of land-ownership in Georgetown County during the early 20th century.

In 1831, Wicklow Plantation was acquired by Rawlins Lowndes and his three brothers. Rawlins Lowndes subsequently acquired the other interests in the property, becoming in 1843 the sole owner.

Rawlins Lowndes (1801-1877) was from a prominent South Carolina family and a graduate of the United States Military Academy. Between circa 1831 and 1860 he resided at Wicklow for a portion of the year, spending the remainder of the time at his New York residence. During this period, Wicklow was a working rice plantation. In 1850, 540,000 pounds of rice and more than 100 slaves were recorded in Lowndes' name. At this same time, Wicklow was valued at \$40,000. Circa 1861, Lowndes abandoned Wicklow and resided in New York after that time.

After the War Between the States, rice cultivation in Georgetown County declined. Around the turn of the century, however, a major effort was made to profitably cultivate rice by the accumulation of several rice plantations by a few large companies. In 1899, Wicklow was purchased by one of these rice planting firms, S. M. Ward Company, which acquired several plantations along the North Santee. These efforts proved unsuccessful, and in 1912, the company conveyed a large acreage, including Wicklow, to the Kinloch Gun Club. The manager of the club, T. Cordes Lucas, subsequently acquired the house and surrounding grounds.

In 1967, Wicklow Hall was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher Paris, who began the present renovation. In 1976, the Paris' conveyed the property to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. N. Lawrimore. Restoration of the house, grounds and outbuildings is continuing under their ownership.

PLANTATION COMPLEX: Consisting of a plantation house and several dependencies, Wicklow exemplifies a mid-19th century plantation complex.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.8 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Minim

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 6,5,7,1,0,0 3,6,7,6,2,4,0

B 1,7 6,5,7,0,0,0 3,6,7,5,9,4,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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C 1,7 6,5,6,8,8,0 3,6,7,5,9,4,0

D 1,7 6,5,7,0,0,0 3,6,7,6,2,4,0

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property is bounded on the north by S.C. Highway 30 (Cat Island Road), and to the east, south and west by lands of Edward Manigault.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty

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Waccamaw Regional Planning and Development Council

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

February 14, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

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 3/25/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 8/29/78

DATE F.I.D. 78

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The plantation house itself was probably constructed between circa 1831 and circa 1840. Although altered through the years, the structure does retain features which are exemplary of Greek Revival architecture. These include the mantels and slightly arched window and door heads with crossettes. The pine floors and plaster walls also remain.

Located near the house are several outbuildings, most of which appear to be contemporary with the house. These include the kitchen, stable, carriage house, privy, corn crib, and a small house which is believed to have been used as slave quarters, and schoolhouse.

In summary, the history of Wicklow chronicles much of the history of Georgetown County. A major rice plantation in the 1850s, Wicklow declined after the War Between the States. Subsequently, it was one of many plantations acquired by large rice-planting firms in the early 20th century. Later used as a hunting refuge by wealthy northerners, it is now in the hands of private owners who are restoring the house and grounds.

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