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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Rural Hall Plantation House

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number NW of Georgetown off County Road 179  not for publication

city, town Georgetown  vicinity

state South Carolina code 045 county Georgetown code 043 zip code

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings
	sites
	structures
	objects
1	0
Total	

Name of related multiple property listing:

Georgetown County Rice Culture, c. 1750 - c. 1910

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*Mary Watson Edmonds*  
Signature of certifying official

8/11/88  
Date

George L. Vogt, State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives & History  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

*Amy Schlager*

10/3/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Metal

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This house conforms to the general description under property type "Resources Associated With Plantation Community Life" and property subtype "Plantation Houses."

The alterations to this house are consistent with the registration requirements. A small bathroom addition, which is not visible from the road, projects from the west side of the house.

A notable feature of this house is that it not only has a porch across the main facade facing the river, but it also has an identical porch on the opposite (land) side, which is visible from the road.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

c. 1850 - c. 1900

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This house is significant as a particularly intact example of the main houses of Georgetown County rice plantations and for its association with Rural Hall, one of several productive plantations on the Black River. Though the plantation was known as Rural Hall as early as 1803 the main house was built c. 1850 by Christopher James Atkinson. Atkinson produced 180,000 pounds of rice with 70 slaves in 1850 and 270,000 pounds of rice with 98 slaves in 1860 at Rural Hall. At his death the plantation passed to a niece, Margaret Thompson, who was the wife of Stephen W. Rouquie. Rouquie, a Georgetown merchant, served as an officer in the "Georgetown Rifle Guards," Company A of 10th South Carolina Infantry, during the Civil War. He planted rice at Rural Hall for over thirty years after the war, producing 90,000 pounds of rice in 1870 and 159,000 pounds of rice 1880. Rouquie sold the plantation after the storms of 1893 and 1898 destroyed his crops and his ricefields.(1)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

### Specify repository:

S.C. Department of Archives and History  
Columbia, SC

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre

### UTM References

A 

1	7	6	5	3	7	6	0	3	7	0	9	1	8	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Georgetown County Tax Map, Number 2-404, Parcel 1, drawn at a scale of 1"=400'.

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### Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting. The main house is the only extant building on the property associated with the rice culture of Georgetown County c. 1750 - c. 1910.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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NOTES

(1) George C. Rogers, Jr., The History of Georgetown County, South Carolina (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1970), p. 282; Jeannie Heyward Register, Compiler, "Marriage and Death Notices from the City Gazette," South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine XXVII:2 (April 1926), 103; Arthur M. Manigault Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, For Love of a Rebel (Charleston: Walker, Evans, and Cogswell, 1964), pp. 107-08, 137-38; Agricultural and Slave Schedules, Seventh Census of the United States (1850), Georgetown County; Agricultural and Slave Schedules, Eighth Census of the United States (1860), Georgetown County; Agricultural Schedules, Ninth Census of the United States (1870), Georgetown County; Agricultural Schedules, Tenth Census of the United States (1880), Georgetown County; Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Seitter, Rural Hall Plantation, Georgetown, South Carolina, 29 July 1987.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Rural Hall Plantation House  
(Georgetown County Rice Culture, c1750-c1910  
multiple property listing)  
Location of property: Georgetown County, South Carolina  
Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History  
Staff  
Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and  
History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Main (east) facade on right, south facade on left. View looking northwest.  
June 1978 (field checked August 1987)
2. North facade on left, south facade on right. View looking southeast.  
August 1987.
3. West facade on left, south facade on right. View looking northeast.  
June 1978 (field checked August 1987)
4. Detail, parlor mantel.  
June 1978 (field checked August 1987)