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

HISTORIC William Bates House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

E of Greenville on SC 14
S.C. Highway 14, on Rocky Creek

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Greenville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Greenville

CODE

045

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 (can be
seen from
road)
 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. David B. Ward

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Highway 14

CITY, TOWN

Greenville

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

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

Greenville County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East North Street

CITY, TOWN

Greenville

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Located in rural Greenville County, the William Bates House is a two-story vernacular structure which is believed to have been built circa 1835. Built upon granite and fieldstone piers, the structure is covered with clapboard siding. In the 1950s, asbestos shingles were placed over the siding, but the present owners intend to remove these shingles within the next year. A tin gabled roof covers the structure. An exterior brick chimney (common bond) is located on the right side, and an interior chimney (brick and stone) is located on the left side.

Both the front and rear facades feature one-story shed-roofed porches extending the length of these facades. Both porches are supported by nine simple wooden columns. The front porch also features a non-original wooden balustrade. The back porch has been altered by the addition of a concrete floor. Both second-story facades have seven 9/9 windows. First-story windows are primarily 9/6. The front and rear facades each have two entrances.

INTERIOR: The primary front entrance (located on the right side of the front facade) opens into a hall which extends the depth of the house. This hall features a staircase which leads to the second story. A large parlor is located to the right of the hall and a dining room is located to the left. Both rooms retain original hand-carved mantels. To the left of the dining room is a hall, kitchen, and a bath and pantry (neither of which are original). The kitchen features a very large granite fireplace believed to have been used for cooking. A secondary stairway which originally led from the kitchen to a room known as the "traveler's room" has been removed. Downstairs interior details also include wainscoting.

The second floor consists of a central stairwell flanked on each side by one large room. Located to the left of these rooms (above the kitchen area) is a "traveler's room" and a small bedroom. Originally, the "traveler's room" was separate from the other second-story rooms but a doorway has been made. A small stairway leads from the "traveler's room" to the attic.

SURROUNDINGS: In 1833, Bates purchased 300 acres on which he erected his mill and home --on opposite sides of the creek. In 1868, the Bates House was situated on a tract of 150 acres. The 10.9 acres being nominated is therefore essential to the rural character of the site. Additionally, this acreage includes a barn which has recently been renovated, and a spring. Across the creek, and not within the nominated acreage, is the circa 1881 mill which was erected to replace the original structure.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1835 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Bates House, a circa 1835 vernacular structure, is primarily significant for its associative value as the home of textile pioneer William Bates. Bates was a leader in the development of the textile industry which spurred the growth of the Piedmont section of South Carolina. He has been referred to as "one of the most successful textile manufacturers in the state."¹ The house which Bates probably built circa 1835 is believed to be the sole remaining structure associated with the textile pioneer.

William Bates arrived in South Carolina from Rhode Island in 1819. For the next several years he worked for various textile mills in the Piedmont area of South Carolina, as well as in North Carolina. In 1833 he purchased 300 acres located on Rocky Creek in Greenville County. Here he established the mill and community which became known as "Batesville."

Bates expanded his operation as the years passed, and circa 1849 Henry Pinckney Hammett, Bates' son-in-law, became a partner in William Bates and Company. (In 1873 Hammett established Piedmont Manufacturing Company at Garrison Shoals on the Saluda River. This mill greatly bolstered cotton manufacturing in South Carolina and has recently been designated a National Historic Landmark.)

Batesville Manufacturing Company continued to prosper and between 1850 and 1860 increased its capital substantially, from \$20,000 to \$50,000. According to one account, "No other cotton factory in South Carolina showed a proportionate increase in capital during the same decade."² In 1863 the William Bates Company was sold for \$300,000. According to tradition, in 1881 the old mill burned. It was replaced by a brick structure which is now used as a restaurant.

The Bates House was not sold until 1868 when W. David Bolton purchased 150 acres from Bates. (Bates died in 1872.) The house remained in the Bolton family until purchased by the present owners in 1977.

1. Ernest McPherson Lander, Jr., The Textile Industry in Antebellum South Carolina (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University, 1969), p. 21.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.9

QUADRANGLE NAME Greer

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Batesville Community, Greenville County, South Carolina containing 8.9 acres (inclusive of continued.....

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

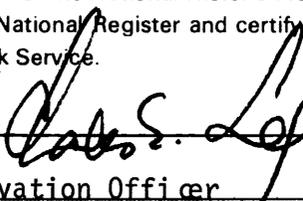
NAME / TITLE Historic Preservation Staff and John Ward, owner;
Pamela Hodge Ramseur, Furman University
ORGANIZATION South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE Council of Governments.
July 1978
STREET & NUMBER Post Office Box 11,669, Capitol Station TELEPHONE (803) 758-5816
CITY OR TOWN Columbia STATE South Carolina

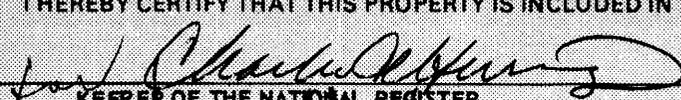
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 DATE 9-19-78
State Historic Preservation Officer

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE <u>12-4-78</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
ATTEST: <u>Jane H. Osborne</u>	DATE <u>12/4/78</u>
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

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the right of way for South Carolina Highway 14) located on the southern side of South Carolina Highway 14, being shown on plat entitled "Survey for David B. Ward" prepared by Carolina Surveying Co., dated November 18, 1977, reference to which plat is hereby craved for the metes and bounds as follow:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the center of South Carolina Highway 14 and running thence along the center line of said road N. 34-12 E., 111.5 feet; thence N. 37-28 E., 125.5 feet; N. 48-08 E., 97.6 feet; thence N. 62-03 E., 87.8 feet; thence N. 72.20 E., 100.5 feet; thence N. 76-24 E., 100.8 feet; thence N. 78-52 E., 267.4 feet to an iron pin in the center of S. C. Highway 14 and running thence with the joint line of the within tract and property now or formerly of Dempsey; running thence S. 55-40 W., 368.7 feet to an old iron pin; thence S. 35-51 E., 289.1 feet to an old iron pin; thence N. 47-56 E., 281.5 feet to an old iron pin; thence S. 16-15 E., 270 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 57-44 W., 580.9 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 42-24 W., 614.6 feet to an iron pin, the point and place of beginning.

ALSO, ALL that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Greenville, Butler Township, near Batesville being known and designated as the Stagg Place, and containing 2 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of the land of Mary S. Smith according to a survey prepared by G. A. Ellis and recorded in the R. M. C. Office for Greenville County in Plat Book H at Page 234 and having, according to a survey made by Dan A. Hulick, Registered Engineer and Surveyor, February, 1938, the following metes and bounds, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the old iron pin, formerly stone, said iron pin being located 20.4 feet east from the middle of the public road leading from Batesville to Mauldin, and running thence S. 55-23 W., 368.3 feet to an iron pin, formerly stone corner; thence S. 35-58 E., 289.1 feet to an old iron pin, formerly stone corner; thence N. 47-24 E., 281.2 feet (and passing through the center of a spring or springs) to an iron pin, formerly stone corner, in the line with property now or formerly owned by Harris and on the west side of the spring run branch; thence along the Harris line, N. 16-15 W., 263.4 feet to an iron pin, the point of beginning.