

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Jasper	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.45.0043	DATE 5/14/71

1. NAME	
COMMON: Gillisonville Baptist Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: On U. S. Highway 278 in town; Less than 1 mile from junction of U.S. 278 & S.C.462			
CITY OR TOWN: Gillisonville (Mailing address: Route 2, Ridgeland, S.C. 29936)			
STATE South Carolina	CODE 45	COUNTY: Jasper	CODE 27 053

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Gillisonville Baptist Church			
STREET AND NUMBER: On U. S. Highway 278 in town			
CITY OR TOWN: Gillisonville	STATE: South Carolina	CODE 45	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jasper County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Ridgeland	STATE: South Carolina	CODE 45	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: South Carolina Department of Archives and History			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station			
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: South Carolina	CODE 45	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

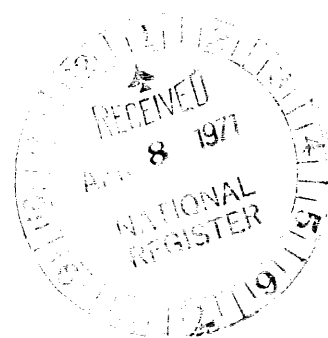
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Greek Revival style of white clapboard with brick foundation piers. Portico supported by Doric columns on pedestals, gable roof. Large central door is flanked by smaller doors, the latter crowned by a transom. Building is four bays long (third is a door). Others are large rectangular three-sash windows with clear panes. The square tower which rises from the gable ridge pole contains two sections. The first is enclosed but possesses a section which may have been open formerly. The second, which contains the bell, is open. Its roof is supported by four round columns.

Interior - Two side aisles lead to communion table, in front of a high wall-type pulpit that is entered from either side by a balustraded staircase. Floor of random-width boards. Box pews. Slave gallery in rear is supported by chamfered columns.

Church and cemetery surrounded by ancient moss laden trees.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☒ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☒ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

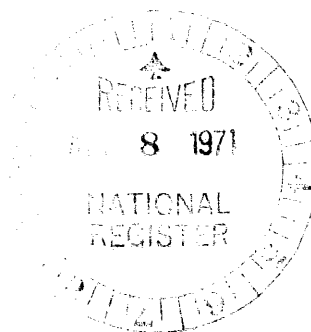
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The church and a dwelling are the remains of the old town of Gillisonville (one-time seat of old Beaufort District), which was burned by Sherman's Army in 1865.

Church was constituted 1836 as the summer home of Coosawhatchie Baptist Church so it might escape the insects and "fever" of the hot summer months. Built 1838, and named Gillisonville Baptist Church in 1886.

Architecturally significant: It was apparently constructed by local craftsman and possesses many original features such as the box pews, flooring, and balcony with columns.

Historically: Church was used as headquarters for a contingent of Union troops during the Civil War. The old communion set was etched by a Union soldier "War of 1861-2-3-4. Feb. 1865. This is done by a Yankee soldier." The set is still in use.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anonymous. Historic Gillisonville Baptist Church. No date.

Julien, Carl and Martin, Chlotilde. Sea Islands to Sandhills. Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 1954.

WPA. South Carolina, A Guide to the Palmetto State. New York: Oxford University Press, 1941.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		32 °	36 '	26 "
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		80 °	59 '	52 "
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9. acres

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 AND TITLE:		DATE
Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Coordinator I		1/22/71
ORGANIZATION		
South Carolina Department Archives and History		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
1430 Senate Street, Box 11, 188 Capitol Station		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Columbia	South Carolina	45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name

Title Director, South Carolina
Department Archives and History

Date 2/14/71

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 14 1971

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

APR 23 1971

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