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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Massey-Doby-Nisbet House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number SC Hwy. 55, SW of its intersection w/County Rd 2109 not for publication
city, town Van Wyck vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Lancaster code 057 zip code 29720

3. Classification

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | <u>1</u> | _____ buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | _____ | _____ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | _____ | <u>2</u> structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | _____ | _____ objects |
| | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of Lancaster County

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 W. Edmonds 12/11/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, SC Department of Archives & History, Columbia, SC
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. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. Much J. Baker 2/16/90
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____

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)

Late 19th/Early 20th Century

Materials (enter categories from instructions)foundation Brick/Stonewalls Wood / Weatherboard

roof Asphaltother StuccoWood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Massey-Doby-Nisbet House (c. 1790, alterations c. 1830, c. 1895, c. 1935), located in the rural northwest section of Lancaster County near the small town of Van Wyck, is significant as an example of the evolution of an upcountry farmhouse from the early period of settlement to the twentieth century.

Additional Information

The house is a two-story, T-shaped, frame residence with clapboard siding on a stone and brick pier foundation with brick infill. The building has a lateral gable roof with lower gable ell ending with a steeply pitched shed roof covered in patterned composition shingle. The first floor of the main or north facade has a symmetrical grouping of five bays (paired windows, triple windows, paired single doors, triple windows, paired windows.) The second floor has two twelve-over-twelve-light double-sash windows. There are three chimneys with corbeled chimney caps, two of which (in the c. 1790 and c. 1830 sections) were originally exterior end chimneys but have been enclosed by c. 1935 porch enclosures. Exposed sections of these chimneys show evidence of penciling. A one-story hipped-roof porch extends across the north facade and partially on the east and west sides. Sections on the east and west have been enclosed creating three separate porches. The full facade north porch has columns made of plastered curved brick. The east and west porches have Tuscan columns. An enclosed engaged porch with insect screening and vertical louvers is on the south side of the ell. Windows on the first floor and in the c. 1895 and c. 1935 additions have six-over-six double-hung sash windows. Exterior details include decorative corner boards, flush siding inside porches, and boxed cornices with crown molding and returns. The house also has three intricately carved Federal gougework mantels.

Constructed c. 1790, the house was originally two stories with one room on each floor. In c. 1830 the house was doubled in size and the Federal detailing was added. In c. 1895 a rear ell was added which contained a stairhall and dining room. The stair was removed from the c. 1790 section and the windows were changed to their present configuration. There were two single, double-hung sash windows where the present triple windows are located. The interior was remodeled during this period and

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

Period of Significance

c. 1790 - c. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1790
c. 1830
c. 1895

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.

The Massey-Doby-Nisbet House is significant both as an example of the evolution of a rural Lancaster County farmhouse from the late eighteenth to mid-twentieth centuries, and for its association with the Massey, Doby, and Nisbet families of the Van Wyck community.

It was built c. 1790 by an unknown member of the Massey family. John M. Doby (1801-1878), of a prominent Camden family, inherited the house after 1824 when he married Elizabeth Massey. Doby, a graduate of South Carolina College, militia officer, and planter, enlarged and remodeled the house c. 1830. In 1850 his farm produced 10,000 pounds of cotton and small amounts of such crops as Indian corn and oats, with thirty-two slaves. Doby moved to Arkansas in 1855, selling it to the Smith family. The Smiths retained it until c. 1895, when Edward William Nisbet (1859-1908), a farmer and merchant in the Van Wyck and Waxhaw communities, purchased it. Nisbet enlarged and remodeled the house soon after he acquired it. The house was remodeled again c. 1935 by his son John Edwin Nisbet (1880-1944), a prominent cattle farmer. Nisbet's son W. Oliver Nisbet lives in the house today.(1)

NOTES

(1) Interview with Bill Nisbet and W. Oliver Nisbet, Massey-Doby-Nisbet House, Lancaster, S.C., 21 September 1989; Louise Pettus and Martha Bishop, Lancaster County: A Pictorial History (Norfolk, VA: The Donning Company, 1984), p. 32; Thomas J. Kirkland and Robert M. Kennedy, Historic Camden: Part Two: Nineteenth Century (Columbia: The State Company, 1926), p. 386; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, "Agriculture, Industry, Social Statistics, and Mortality Schedules for South Carolina, 1850-1880" (Columbia: Department of Archives and History Microfilms, 1971), Lancaster District, 1850, 1880; United States Census,

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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:

SC Department of Archives & History
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5.5 acres

UTM References

A 17 | 512520 | 3859640
 Zone Easting Northing

C | |

B | |
 Zone Easting Northing

D | |

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Lancaster County Tax Map 22, Parcel 3, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the house and its immediate surroundings.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Victorian mantels were installed but the original Federal mantels were restored in 1906. A shed-roof kitchen addition was added to the rear ell in c. 1935. Simpler columns on the side porches were replaced by Tuscan columns and the porch floors were bricked in the 1960s.

Two noncontributing structures, a well house and a carport, are located within the National Register boundary.

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1850 (Slave Schedules, Lancaster District); Lancaster District Plat Book 1841-1868, Page 15, and Lancaster District Deed Books, Book R, Page 151, Lancaster County Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, SC; Newton Alexander Nisbet, Nisbet Narrations (Charlotte: Crayton Printing Company, 1961), pp. 116-18.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Name of property: Massey-Doby-Nisbet House
(Historic Resources of Lancaster County
multiple property submission)

Location of property: Lancaster County, South Carolina

Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History Staff

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Date of photograph: September 1989

1. Facade
2. Left (north) elevation