National Register of Historic Places
Inventory -- Nomination Form

1. Name
Historic
Tanglewood Plantation

2. Location
Hwy 341, 3.5 miles south of intersection of S.C. 76 and S.C. 341

   City, Town: Lynchburg
   State: South Carolina
   Code: 045
   Vicinity of: #6
   Congressional District: #6

3. Classification
   Category: Building(s)
   Ownership: Private
   Status: Occupied
   Present Use: Private Residence

4. Owner of Property
Name: Mrs. Anna Smith Smith
Street & Number: 701 Wren Street
City, Town: Sumter
State: South Carolina

5. Location of Legal Description
   Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.: Lee County Courthouse
   Street & Number: 123 S. Main
   City, Town: Bishopville
   State: South Carolina

6. Representation in Existing Surveys
   Title: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina
   Date: 1973
   Depository for Survey Records: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
   City, Town: Columbia
   State: South Carolina
Tanglewood Plantation House, built ca. 1850 near Lynchburg, South Carolina, is typically Greek revival in style, featuring a two-story pedimented front portico with symmetrical bays on either side. The portico is supported by four square columns on free-standing brick piers and is divided into an upper and lower gallery. The columns supporting the portico, the turned posts and balustrade supporting the gallery, and the projecting brick steps are the result of various remodelings.

The two floors have identical entrances, each consisting of a double door with four horizontal panels, flanked by sidelights and topped by a rectangular transom. The doors are not original. The two windows on either side of each entrance are 6/6 with architrave moldings and louvered shutters.

The house is supported by brick piers, the spaces between which have been filled in with new brick construction. The walls are covered with clapboard siding and a simple box cornice encircles the house. Composition shingles presently cover the medium-pitched gable roof. Twin interior chimneys with corbeled caps protrude through the roof at its crest. There are also two exterior chimneys.

Since the house is smaller in scale than many of the era, two 6/6 windows (rather than four) appear on each floor of the east and west facades. A smaller 6/6 window centers the east facade gable; in the west gable, the window has been changed to one-sash with six lights. To accommodate bathrooms, a two-story projecting wing was added to the west facade in 1915. A kitchen ell was also added in 1915, substantially altering the south (rear) facade. Screened and glass-enclosed porches dating from the 1940s cover the east side of the ell.

Interior: The original portion of the house reveals a floor plan typical of the period: two rooms of equal size (16x16 feet) on either side of a central hall on each floor and a fireplace in each room. The mantels display a variety of architectural motifs. Lumber used in the house was cut from timber on the site, producing wide cypress-plank floors, wide pine-board ceilings and, on the first floor, simple wooden cornices, and paneled wainscoting with baseboards and chairrails.

The staircase is of simple design with a straight flight of steps.

The ell addition opens off the central hall. The first floor includes the kitchen and several family rooms. The second floor includes a den, sun porch, bath and kitchen facilities.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC

_1400-1499

_1500-1599

_1600-1699

_1700-1799

_1800-1899

_1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

_COMMUNITY PLANNING

_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

_RELIGION

_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

_CONSERVATION

_LAW

_SCIENCE

_AGRICULTURE

_ECONOMICS

_LITERATURE

_SCULPTURE

_ARCHITECTURE

_EDUCATION

_MILITARY

_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

_ART

_ENGINEERING

_MUSIC

_THEATER

_COMMERCE

_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

_PHILANTHROPY

_TRANSPORTATION

_COMMUNICATIONS

_INDUSTRY

_INVENTION

_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

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SPECIFIC DATES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tanglewood Plantation, located in Lee County near Lynchburg, South Carolina, was built by the Rev. William H. Smith (1819-1882). A two-story clapboard structure, Tanglewood was the home of several outstanding South Carolinians who were involved in both religious and political affairs. Among these were "Cotton Ed" Smith, United States Senator from 1908 to 1944, and Alexander Coke Smith, Bishop of the Methodist Conference from 1902 until 1906. Probably built ca. 1850, the structure remains in the possession of Smith's descendants.

William H. Smith became an itinerant Methodist minister in 1842 but poor health forced him to return to Lynchburg in 1844. Exactly when Smith built Tanglewood is not known; however, there is considerable evidence suggesting it was built ca. 1850. According to the Census of 1850, Smith, his wife and son were living in a separate household in Lynchburg, South Carolina. In 1852 Smith inherited a tract of 1,031 acres (a section of his grandfather's and later father's estate) also in the Lynchburg area. It is not known whether the inherited acreage included the structure where Smith was living in 1850. As a result it is unclear as to whether this structure was Tanglewood or whether Smith constructed a new home (Tanglewood) on the inherited property. Architectural analysis dates Tanglewood ca. 1850.

Smith was married to Mary Isabel McLeod, and several of their children were extremely active in religious and political affairs:

Alexander Coke Smith (1849-1906) was Bishop of the Methodist Conference of South Carolina from 1902 until his death. According to A. D. Betts, author of the History of South Carolina Methodism, "He was a brilliant preacher and leader of men."

A daughter, Fannie S. Smith, married the Rev. J. W. Koger, Superintendent of the Methodist Brazil Mission. After Rev. Koger's death, she continued as missionary to Brazil.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 9

UTM REFERENCES

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STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 11, 669, Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN Columbia

STATE South Carolina

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X 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 12-6-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9-21-77

DATE 9-23-77
Surroundings:  Tanglewood Plantation today comprises 500 acres. Nine acres immediately surrounding the house and outbuildings are being nominated. The kitchen building, located about 100 feet northwest of the main house, is constructed of pine clapboards on brick foundation piers and repeats the Greek revival style of the main house. The smoke house, approximately 100 feet east of the kitchen, is built of round-cut logs that appear never to have had chinking between them. The one-room school house, similar to the kitchen but larger in scale, has 6/6 windows on two sides and a single door in the front. The roofs of all three structures are gabled and repeat the pitch of the main house, which is approached by a long winding drive. Several unusual varieties of trees are scattered around the area.
Another son, Ellison Durant Smith, (1864-1944) became nationally known as "Cotton Ed" Smith due to his active leadership on behalf of the cotton industry. In 1901 he helped organize the Farmer's Protective Association, and in 1905 he was a leading figure in the formation of the Southern Cotton Association. A representative in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1896-1900, "Cotton Ed" Smith served in the United States Senate from 1908-1944 (at that time the longest record of service in that legislative body). While in the Senate, he authored the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 to aid agriculture and was a sponsor of the Muscle Shoals project, a forerunner of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Smith also served as chairman of the Senate's Interstate Commerce Committee and of the Agricultural Committee.

Tanglewood continues to be owned by the Smith family; the lands are being leased and farmed.

Although Tanglewood has undergone several renovations in its 125 year history, the structure still exemplifies the Greek Revival style. Among its noteworthy features are the pedimented portico, double entrance on both floors, and interior decorative motifs. Adding to the effectiveness of the Greek Revival scheme are the remaining original out-buildings.


South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Census of 1840, Sumter, p. 49; Census of 1850, Sumter, p. 312; Census of 1860, Sumter, p. 103.

South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Sumter County Wills, Book D-2, Vol. 2, pp. 63, 350.
TANGLEWOOD PLANTATION, LEE COUNTY

ACREAGE/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: That portion of the estate being nominated consists of 10 acres more or less, being in the shape of a square each side being 660 feet. The property is bounded on the North by South Carolina Highway 341 and on the remaining three sides by the remainder of the estate. The "Tanglewood" home is located in the center of this 10 acre tract.

UTM REFERENCES:

A 17/590460/3765980  
B 17/590420/3765880
C 17/590360/3765920  
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SKETCH MAP OF TANGLEWOOD PLANTATION
LEE COUNTY
(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)

JUN - 8 1977
S. C. DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY

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