Name: Historic: Otway Henderson House Location: Augusta Street

Common: Patterson House Classification: Building

Owner: Miriam Virginia Edmunds Patterson
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Representation in Existing Surveys: South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places,

Description: The Henderson House is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant properties in McCormick. Constructed ca. 1889, the house is a vernacular cottage with a dual-pitched mansard roof.(25) It is of frame construction and one-and-one-half-stories in height. On the main (south) and east facades is a one-story porch with rectangular posts and railing. The house is three bays wide with the main entrance on the first floor central bay. This entrance is composed of frame and glass double doors with Eastlake design panels. The entrance also displays a single light transom and sidelights. Windows on the house are six-over-six sash. The second story features a dual pitched mansard roof with flared eaves. This roof contains gable roof dormers on each elevation with six-over-six sash windows. The roof retains its original shape and form although it has been covered with composition shingles in past years. The house also has two interior brick chimneys. The interior of the house has not been significantly altered and retains its original woodwork. In the entrance hall is the original pressed metal ceiling.

Significance: This house is an interesting example of a vernacular cottage with an unusual dual-pitched roof, and it is one of the oldest homes in the community. The house was built ca. 1889 by Otway Henderson, a prominent cotton farmer of the county. Henderson owned large amounts of farmland and also owned a cotton gin in McCormick.(26)His descendants resided in the house until 1936, when it was sold to John A. Talbert. Mr. Talbert sold the house to Thomas Edmunds in 1944 and his daughter, Miriam Edmunds Patterson, is the present owner. The house has been well maintained and is of unique architectural significance to McCormick.

Acreage: Approximately .2 acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Otway Henderson House nomination is shown as the broken line on the accompanying McCormick County Tax Map #277 drawn at a scale of 1"=200'. The boundary contains the house and associated yard.

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Other Information: