

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: Oconee	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JUL 24 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Alexander-Hill House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **3.3 miles west of Duke Power Keowee Toxaway Visitor's Center on Hwy. 183, turn left at High Falls Church of God sign, continue 1 mi.**

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **45** COUNTY: **Oconee** CODE: **073**

3. CLASSIFICATION

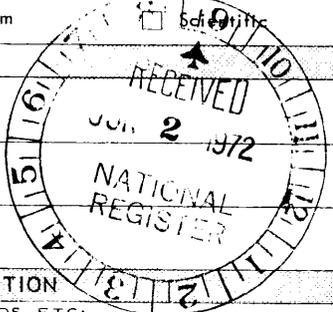
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Oconee County**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Oconee County** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **45**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Oconee County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Walhalla** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **45**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **S.C. Appalachian Historic Preservation Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971 (Regional)** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **S.C. Appalachian Council of Governments**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 4184**

CITY OR TOWN: **Greenville, S.C.** 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original section of the Alexander-Hill House, a two-story clapboard structure, was built in 1831 by Pleasant Alexander. Between the original date of construction and the War Between the States the portion extending from the third window left of main entrance to the eastern end of the house was added.

First floor facade retains original six-panel door with five-pane transom above. Original 9 light over 9 light windows are arranged with two to right of main entrance and three to the left. Five second level windows of original section are 9 light over 6 light. First floor facade which was sheltered by shed roof porch (removed due to moving house to new location) is shiplap rather than clapboard, a characteristic of many historic upcountry houses. Shutters not original.

Facade of addition has one vertical plank door and two second level windows. Exterior construction of addition identical to original section with clapboard second level and shiplap at first level.

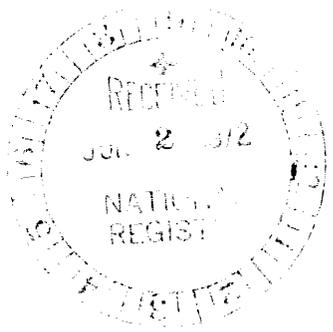
Original brick chimneys will be reassembled when restoration work begins. Prior to moving, one chimney was located at east end and the other, an interior chimney, was at the junction of original section and addition.

East side has two windows flanking chimney on both levels. West side has two second-story windows and a central first-floor window. Rear is similar to facade.

Both original section and addition are constructed with mortise-and-tenon joints typical of upcountry pioneer architecture.

The interior retains heart pine flooring in entrance hall, original stairway with unadorned bannister, wainscoting in parlor. Parts of the interior have been adapted for modern use. From 1968-71 the building was used as offices of the construction company in charge of Duke Power Company's Keowee Toxaway project.

The house is currently weatherized to protect it until restoration work begins.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

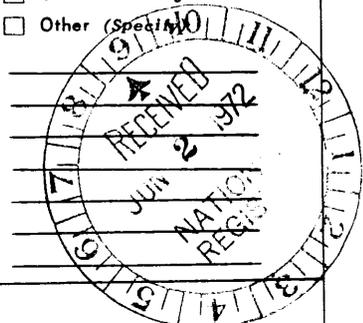
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1831**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

When the Alexander-Hill House was originally built by Pleasant Alexander in 1831, it was located on a plantation at the edge of Old Pickens. (The settlement of Old Pickens was named in honor of Andrew Pickens, Revolutionary War hero and statesman, who lived in the district.) From 1828-1868 Old Pickens was the center of government for Pickens District which in 1868 was subdivided into Pickens and Oconee counties. After division of the district, the administrative offices and courts were moved to the sites of the present county seats -- Pickens and Walhalla, more accessible and central locations. After 1868 the population of Old Pickens migrated to present-day Pickens, dismantling and taking with them most of the homes and buildings in the town. Within a few years the only visible remains of the settlement of Old Pickens were the Alexander-Hill and the Hagood-Mauldin (now in bad repair) houses.

The Alexander-Hill House has been owned by only three families. On January 1, 1874, house and property were sold to Silas Kersey Cannon by the Alexander estate. On August 26, 1883, Cannon sold the property to J. Bennett Hill and it remained in that family until Duke Power Company acquired the property in the 1960s.

Political Significance: Pleasant Alexander served as sheriff of Pickens District 1844-1848 and held the position of post master for many years. He was an important pioneer figure in this northwestern South Carolina region.

Architectural Significance: The Alexander-Hill House is the strongest existing architectural link between the present and Old Pickens, a frontier town important in South Carolina history.

The Alexander-Hill House was moved to its new location in the spring of 1972 to conform with regulations of the Atomic Energy Commission. Duke Power Company paid expenses incurred in moving the house and deeded it to the county. The county plans to restore the building as focal point for a proposed park to be established at the house's new scenic location -- a hilltop site overlooking Lake Keowee, three miles west of its original site.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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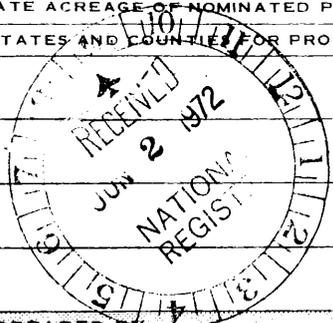
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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
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NE	0 . "	0 . "		82	0	55 . 50 "
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wright Caughman, Historic Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: May 25, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street, Capitol Station P.O. Box 11,188

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Paul E. Leo

Title: Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date: 5/26/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robertan Wiley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: July 24, 1972

ATTEST: Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/19/72

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