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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Southern Railway Passenger Station *Whe*  
AND/OR COMMON  
Westminster Depot

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
129 Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Westminster  
STATE  
South Carolina  
CODE  
045  
COUNTY  
Oconee  
CODE  
073  
VICINITY OF  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
# 3  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Community Center Health Clinic

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Town of Westminster  
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Westminster  
VICINITY OF  
STATE  
South Carolina

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Oconee County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Church Street

CITY, TOWN  
Walhalla  
STATE  
South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Historic Places in the Appalachian Region  
DATE  
1975  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments  
CITY, TOWN  
greenville  
STATE  
South Carolina  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
 regional

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small town railroad depot, thought to have been built ca. 1885, remains as the focal point in downtown Westminster, South Carolina. Rectangular in plan (approximately 96' by 40'), this structure features a prominent hip roof with a deep overhang, supported by large wooden brackets. This structure is wooden with asbestos siding (ca. 1940) and wood trim. Opening to the exterior are four double doors and four single, five-paneled doors. There are ten windows with leaded diamond-shaped panes on the upper sashes and a single pane below. (On the right side of the front facade there are also two small, four-paned windows, which are later additions.) At the rear of the structure is a large three-sectioned dormer window featuring diamond-shaped panes. Directly beneath this dormer is a three-sectioned bay window. Above all the single doors and one of the sliding doors are transoms featuring the diamond-shaped panes.

An early 20th Century postcard of Westminster's depot shows that the structure has undergone alterations during the 20th Century. Several windows on the left side of the front facade have been removed; changes in door and window locations have been made to the right side; and the placement of the interior chimneys appears to have been altered. Within more recent times the roof has also been reshingled. Despite these changes, however, the basic integrity of the design remains.

To the left side of the structure is the loading platform which has been enlarged.

Interior: The depot is a one-story structure which was originally divided into four sections: two waiting rooms, a main office, and a large baggage and warehouse space. These areas have recently been adapted for use as a community meeting room, a library, and a community health center. Alterations and partitions had to be made to the area which is now the health center in order to create examination rooms, laboratories, etc.

Surroundings: The depot is located on an elevation, directly across from the major business section of Main Street, Westminster, South Carolina. (Oldest surviving citizens remember that the structure was moved approximately 100' in 1917, when double tracks were laid, but they say it was soon moved back to its original position.) The grounds retain some of the original shrubbery and are presently being landscaped by the Westminster Garden Club. The railroad tracks are directly behind the station, but for safety purposes and compliance with railroad regulations a link fence has been erected between the tracks and station.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to tradition, the Westminster Depot was built ca. 1885. The railroad was one of the principle reasons for the growth and development of the town of Westminster (incorporated in 1875), and as a result, the railroad station is one of the town's oldest buildings and has long been considered a local landmark. The station served as a gathering place and as a center of activity for this small community (present population ca. 3000). An early postcard and early photographs of the station support its position as a long-time town landmark.

With the general decline of the railroad in America, Westminster's rail services were curtailed; the passenger service eventually being discontinued about 1969. Recently threatened by demolition, the station was saved through the efforts of the Westminster Garden Club, which recognized its importance to the town's history and appearance. Today the Westminster Depot again serves as both a visual and social focal point in Westminster. Its adaptive use as a combination meeting room, community health center, and library make it once again a vital center of the town.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Breazeale: We Had No Idea How to Raise Money, But We Were Determined to Get that Depot Back," Regionews (South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments), Vol. I, No. 7 (January 1976).

Interview with Mrs. Enoch D. Breazeale and other members of the Westminster Garden Club, November 6, 1975.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 307920 3837780  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY (Mrs. E. D. Breazeale, President Westminster Garden Club)

NAME / TITLE

Katharine N. McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

March 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

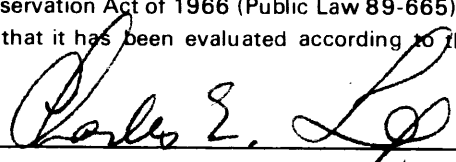
NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

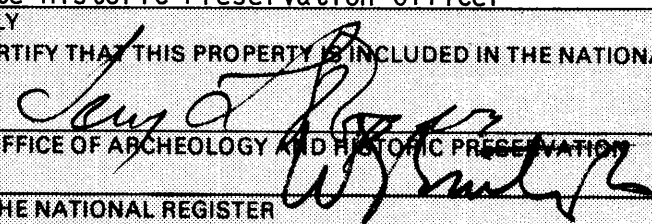


TITLE Charles E. Lee  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4-19-76

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



DATE 11/7/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:   
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/1/76

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"Saved By Woman Power," The State (Columbia, South Carolina, April 14, 1975).