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United States Department of the Interior
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name All Star Bowling Lanes

other names/site number All Star Triangle Bowl

2. Location

street & number 559 East Russell Street not for publication ___
city or town Orangeburg vicinity ___
state South Carolina code SC county Orangeburg code 075 zip code 29115

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant X nationally ___ statewide ___ locally.
(___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 6/11/96
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.
(___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

✓ entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain): _____

Carol D. Shull 8-7-96
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- X private
- ___ public-local
- ___ public-State
- ___ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- ___ district
- ___ site
- ___ structure
- ___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	___	buildings
___	___	sites
___	___	structures
___	___	objects
1	___	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Resources Associated With the Civil Rights Movement in Orangeburg County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
RECREATION	Sports Facility
LANDSCAPE	Parking Lot

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
RECREATION	Sports Facility
LANDSCAPE	Parking Lot

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Not Visible
roof	METAL
walls	CONCRETE
other	BRICK
	GLASS

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- X **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ___ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ___ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ___ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
____ B removed from its original location.
____ C a birthplace or a grave.
____ D a cemetery.
____ E a reconstructed building, object,or structure.
____ F a commemorative property.
__X__ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)
ETHNIC HERITAGE/BLACK
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance
1964-1968

Significant Dates
1968

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 #

Primary Location of Additional Data
___ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
__X__ University
___ Other
Name of repository: South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 1 and 1/8 acres

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	513040	3705820	3	17	513040	3705600
2	17	513120	3705660	4	17	512960	3705770

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Steven A. Davis

organization Applied History Program, U. of South Carolina date 7 April 1995

street & number _____ telephone (803) 777-5195

city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29208

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name George B. Nalley, Jr.

street & number P.O. Box 1929 telephone (803) 859-6321

city or town Easley state S.C. zip code 29641

Description

This nomination is being submitted as part of the multiple property nomination entitled "Resources Associated With the Civil Rights Movement in Orangeburg County, South Carolina." The appropriate property type is "Sites associated with Organizing and Protest." Located at the A & P Shopping Center in the City of Orangeburg, the All Star Bowling Lanes is a bowling alley constructed in the early 1960s. With no significant alterations, the building and its parking area maintain their integrity.

The current commercial setting for the All Star Bowling Lanes is the same as its historical one. The bowling alley is located in a shopping center on the edge of the city's central business district. Facing East Russell Street, the center forms part of a commercial strip between downtown and South Carolina State University. The All Star Bowling Lanes is in the corner of the "L"-shaped shopping center. Set in the middle of a city block, the shopping center is bound on the south by East Russell Street and on west, north, and east by the rear yards of residential and office properties. One row of the center's storefronts runs parallel to East Russell Street with a large parking lot in between. Another row of storefronts runs from the western end of the first row's southern elevation to East Russell Street and provides the eastern boundary for the parking lot. The two anchor businesses are the old A & P Store and the All Star Bowling Lanes, both located in the row of storefronts running parallel to East Russell Street.

The All Star Bowling Lanes is essentially a one-story rectangular box made of cement blocks. A small section of the southern end of the building is covered by a flat roof while the rest is covered by a gabled roof with a gradual slope. The exterior walls for the gabled-roofed section rise slightly above those of the flat-roofed section.

The front entrance for the bowling alley is on the southern elevation, most of which is concealed by an adjacent store. The exposed section of this elevation is veneered with brick in a running bond. On the eastern end of the exposed section of the southern elevation, there is an entrance consisting of a double doorway with narrow windows on both sides and a large window above. The doors and windows are all modern glass ones with metal framing. The building's flat roof comes out over the sidewalk to provide a cover for it. Running along the exposed side of this roof extension is a band of metal siding with colorful plastic signs advertizing the bowling alley and its snack bar. A large antennae is located on the flat roof just before the gabled-roof section.

While most of the western elevation is concealed by an adjacent store, the northern end of it is exposed and consists of a cement block wall. The northern elevation consists of a cement block wall with a small window placed at the far ends of both sides of the elevation near the roofline. A double doorway is located on the western end of the northern elevation. In the center

Description (continued)

of the northern elevation is a small rectangular cement block projection with a double doorway on its northern side. On top of this projection is a small rectangular piece of machinery. The eastern elevation of the bowling alley is a cement block wall.

The parking lot is an asphalt surface which gradually slopes downward from East Russell Street to the bowling alley. The parking space lines are painted in white in a slanted pattern. In the center of the parking lot is a high metal light pole which splits into four large lights. A large sign advertizing the bowling alley stands adjacent to East Russell Street in the parking lot. The sign has two metal post with plastic sections in between supported by horizontal metal posts. Most of the plastic sections can be lighted up. The top section is in the shape of a triangle with "ALL STAR." The next section reads "BOWLING." Though this section does not light up, a series of bulbs on the lettering light up in a blinking pattern. The two bottom sections also advertize the bowling alley, though these two may not date to the period of significance.

The All Star Bowling Lanes maintains strong integrity of location, setting, materials, and design from its period of significance. No significant alterations have been made to the bowling alley or its parking lot.

Statement of Significance

This nomination is being submitted as part of the multiple property nomination entitled "Resources Associated With the Civil Rights Movement in Orangeburg County, South Carolina." The appropriate historic context is "The Civil Rights Movement in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, 1955-1971." The All Star Bowling Lanes is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for the areas of Social History and Ethnic Heritage/Black. The property is significant for its role in the confrontation at South Carolina State College during February of 1968. This event is commonly referred to as the "Orangeburg Massacre."

The All Star Bowling Lanes was built as part of a shopping center development in the City of Orangeburg during the early 1960s. Built in stages, the shopping center replaced three houses along East Russell Street. An A & P Store and a laundry were constructed between 1960 and 1961. Subsequently, another section was built including the bowling alley and five smaller stores which formed the "L" shape of the A & P Shopping Center. These new stores connected with the rear of a furniture store which was built in the late 1950s

Statement of Significance (continued)

and faced East Russell Street. This new section was built between 1961 and 1962.[1] On Saturday, March 3, 1962, the All Star Bowling Lanes held its grand opening. All Star Bowling, Inc., was the company which built and operated the bowling alley at first. The company had other alleys in the state including ones at Anderson, Florence, and Gaffney. The sixteen-lane bowling alley was fully automated and contained a nursery, conference room, and snack bar.[2]

When the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law, most of Orangeburg's public accommodations soon desegregated. However, the management of the All Star Bowling Lanes refused to do so. From 1964 to 1968, this segregationist policy at the city's only bowling alley inflamed local African-Americans, especially the students at S.C. State and Claflin. The alley's management claimed that such establishments were not covered under the new law. Local blacks argued that the All Star Bowling Lanes was covered under interstate commerce since it contained a snack bar. S.C. State students were turned away from the alley in 1966. When the American Legion's Little World Series was held in Orangeburg during 1967, a team with African-American members was turned away. Members of the local black leadership and the white business community unsuccessfully tried to convince the bowling alley's management to desegregate in 1967. Appeals to the U.S. Justice Department failed to achieve anything since that agency was unsure of the status of the alley under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.[3]

The All Star Bowling Lanes and its parking lot played a pivotal role in the events of the "Orangeburg Massacre" in 1968. Protests occurred in the bowling alley on January 29 and February 5. On Tuesday night, February 6, a violent confrontation occurred in the bowling alley's parking lot. These events culminated two nights later with the shooting on the campus of S.C. State.[4] The documentation form for this multiple property nomination discusses these events in some detail. In addition, the documentation form contains an explanation of the significance of the confrontation at S.C. State during February of 1968. For further information on the role of the All Star Bowling Lanes in these events, refer to continuation sheets 20-26 in the multiple property documentation form.

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[1] Hill's Orangeburg City Directory (Richmond, Virginia: Hill Directory Company, Inc.), 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964.

[2] Orangeburg (South Carolina) Times and Democrat, 21 December 1961, 8-A; 2 March 1962, 1-B, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B, 6-B, 7-B, 8-B.

[3] Jack Bass and Jack Nelson, The Orangeburg Massacre, 2nd ed. (Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1984), 17-22.

[4] Bass, 15-77.

Statement of Significance (continued)

Since the period of significance for the All Star Bowling Lanes is within the past fifty years, the property must meet Criteria Consideration G as being of exceptional significance. The bowling alley is exceptionally significant for its pivotal position in the confrontation at S.C. State in 1968, an event which received national attention. The segregationist policy of the All Star Bowling Lanes is what triggered the protests which culminated in the shooting on February 8. A confrontation in the bowling alley's parking lot on the night of February 6 was the most violent event during the civil rights movement in South Carolina until the campus shooting two nights later. The significance of the All Star Bowling Lanes is further increased by the ineligibility of other properties associated with the shooting at S.C. State due to demolition or loss of integrity. The campus shooting site has since been replaced with the university's administration building. The local armory underwent alterations in the early 1970s which have compromised its integrity. Used as a meeting site, White Hall at S.C. State has since been demolished. Of the extant properties which are associated with the "Orangeburg Massacre" and maintain integrity, the All Star Bowling Lanes is certainly the most significant.

Bibliography

Bass, Jack and Jack Nelson. The Orangeburg Massacre. 2nd ed. Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1984.

Hill's Orangeburg City Directory. Richmond, Virginia: Hill Directory Company, Inc., 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964.

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Verbal Boundary Description

This nomination includes all of Orangeburg County Tax Lot 171-14-10-3 except for two stores immediately west of the bowling alley and the areas at the rear of the tax lot behind the buildings. Refer to the boundaries drawn in dotted lines on the following two attachments: 1) Orangeburg County Tax Map 171-14 and 2) a plat from Plat Book 19, Page 107 at the Register of Mesne Conveyances, Orangeburg County Courthouse, dated 7 November 1964.

Verbal Boundary Justification

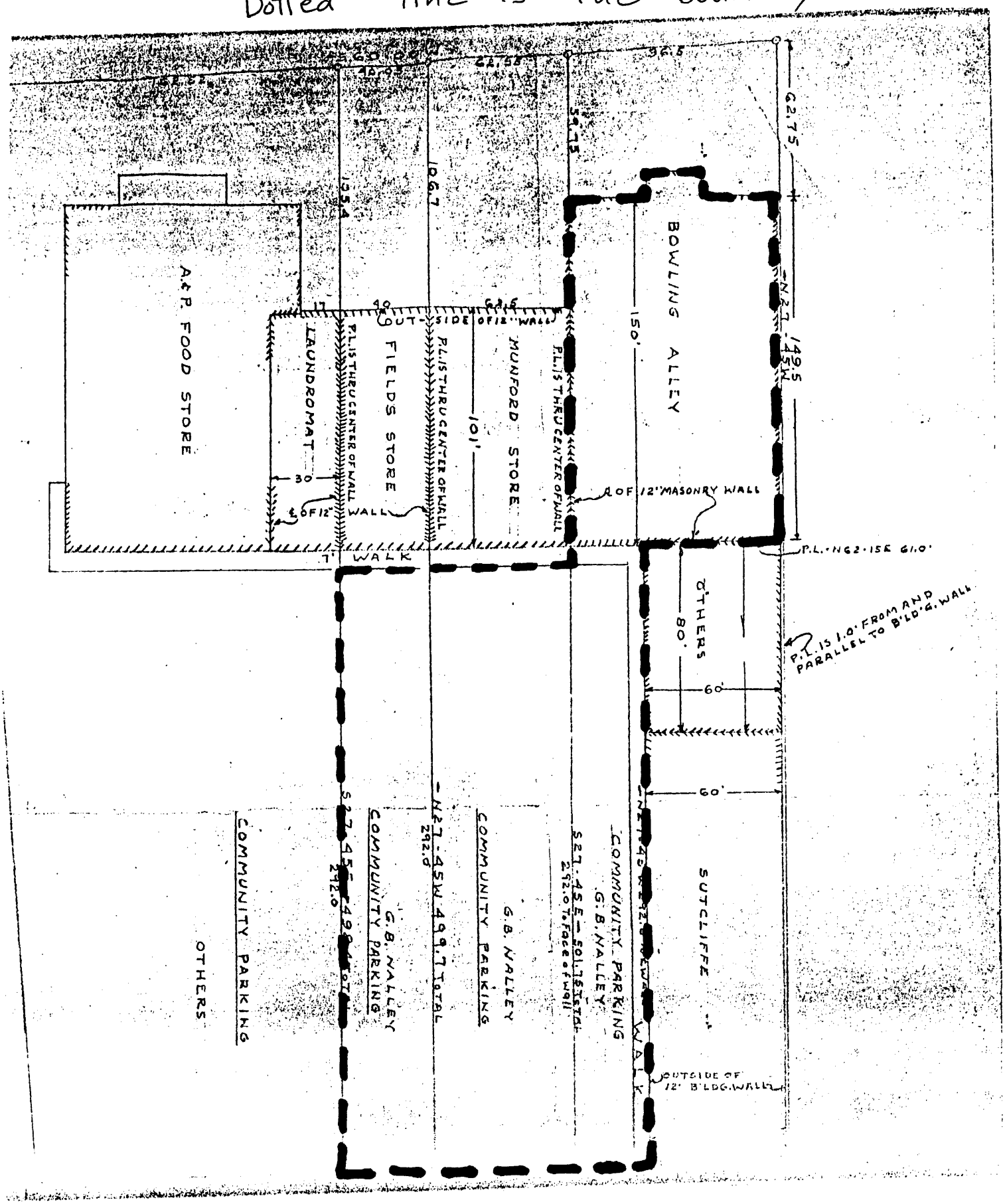
The boundaries for this nomination were drawn to exclude areas of the A & P Shopping Center which played no significant role in the events of 1968. Thus, the boundaries include only the bowling alley itself and part of the parking lot where the confrontation on February 6, 1968, occurred. The rest of the

Verbal Boundary Justification (continued)

parking lot is excluded since it is divided into other tax lots under separate ownership from the bowling alley. Comprising approximately one half of the total parking lot, this section is where most of the confrontation of February 6 occurred.

Photographs

All Star Bowling Lanes
Orangeburg County, SC
Steven A. Davis
April 1995
South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

1. The large sign in front of the bowling alley and parking lot viewed from the west.
2. The parking lot and shopping center with the bowling alley viewed from the south.
3. The parking lot and shopping center with the bowling alley viewed from the southwest.
4. The entrance to the bowling alley viewed from the southwest.
5. The western and rear elevations of the bowling alley viewed from the northwest.
6. The projection on the northern elevation of the bowling alley viewed from the northeast.

All Star Bowling Lanes
Orangeburg County, SC
Plat from Plat Book 19, Page 107
Dated 7 November 1964
Dotted line is the boundary.