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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 CHAPPELL HOUSE

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number



not for publication

city, town N/A

N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina

code 045

county Richland

code 079

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property



5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Richland County Judicial Center

street & number Main Street

city, town Columbia

state South Carolina 29201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia

state South Carolina 29211

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Chappell House, located in a rural section of upper Richland County, is a two-story, braced-frame farmhouse believed to have been built ca. 1830. Minor alterations have not compromised the building's integrity.

The building is a vernacular residence with a quarried stone foundation, weatherboard sheathing, and a shingled gable roof. It has a central-hall, single-pile plan; this house type was ubiquitous for the period and region. The Chappell House has a five-bay facade (southwest elevation) with a two-tiered, centered porch; the porch has wooden pillars, a simple balustrade, and a pedimented gable end featuring a semi-elliptical fanlight. The house has flushboard siding beneath the porch.

The central entrance on the first story has a semi-elliptical fanlight and rectangular sidelights. The second story entry has a rectangular fanlight and sidelights. Windows have nine-over-nine sash on the first story and nine-over-six on the second story; all windows have louvered shutters.

The northwest and southeast side elevations are dominated by exterior end chimneys of brick, with stone foundations. A secondary entrance with a small porch has been added to the southeast elevation.

The rear (northeast elevation) of the building originally had a one-story, shed-roofed porch spanning its breadth, and a nearby detached kitchen building. Around the turn of the century, the porch was enclosed and the kitchen building connected to the main house by infill construction. The second floor of the east elevation is intact, with five nine-over-six windows.

The original interior rooms and features are largely intact. The central hall has a twin-run stair with carved stringers. The original woodwork, including the mantels and chair rails, is intact. Most of the rooms retain their original sawn board wall and ceiling finishes.

Four old outbuildings are included on the property. These are a frame barn, two frame sheds, and a dilapidated frame chicken house.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1830 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

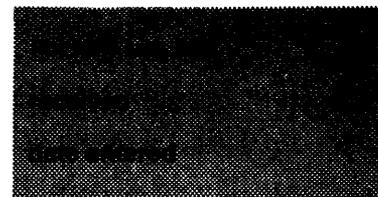
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Chappell House, which is believed to have been constructed ca. 1830, is a significant example of the vernacular farmhouses that defined much of the state's rural landscape in the nineteenth century. The house is considered especially important because it is so intact. The composition and plan are excellent examples of a predominant house type of the period and region. The construction technology evident in the house is a valuable source on the tools and techniques available in the era; the quarried stone of the foundation is particularly noteworthy in this regard. The careful craftsmanship evident in the foundations, the fanlights, and the interior woodwork indicates a builder of considerable skill and a client of some means, while the pedimented porch suggests a degree of sophistication or stylistic awareness.

Although the builder and original owner of the house is unknown, this property has been in the Chappell family since 1880 and was in a related family as early as 1859. On 16 June 1859 Hargrove A. Glenn sold a 375-acre parcel of land, including this house, to brothers Joseph R. and John R. Howell.¹ John R. Howell sold his half of the tract to his mother, Sarah H. R. Howell, on 19 January 1861.² Soon after the end of the Civil War Joseph R. and Sarah W. Howell's daughter Mary Martha married Oscar Fitzland Chappell, a young Confederate veteran, and on 30 November 1880 Joseph R. Howell sold the 375-acre tract to his son-in-law.³ Chappell lived in the house until his death in 1922. Ownership then passed to his widow, Lula McMeekin Chappell, who was his second wife. At her death ca. 1958 the property was divided into parcels and distributed to Chappell's grandchildren, and Dr. Travis Chappell, the current owner, received the property which includes the house.⁴

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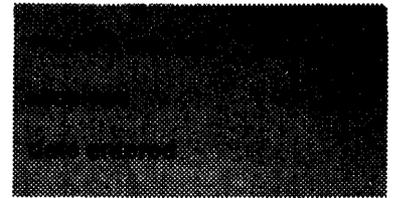
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FOOTNOTES

¹Book N, p. 116, Richland County Deeds, Richland County Judicial Center, Columbia, S. C.

²Book N, pp. 116-117, Richland County Deeds.

³Buford Chappell, The Chappell Family in Early South Carolina (Columbia: The R.L. Bryan Co., 1972), pp. 67, 69; Book N, pp. 117-118, Richland County Deeds.

⁴Chappell, p. 67; Telephone interviews with Dr. and Mrs. Travis Chappell, Columbia, S. C., 16-17 January 1986.