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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC Anderson's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER On North Tyger River - On County Road 64, 2.3 miles south of junction with South Carolina Highway 296

CITY, TOWN Spartanburg VICINITY OF 4th

STATE South Carolina CODE 045 COUNTY Spartanburg CODE 083

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Riveredge Homeowners Association

STREET & NUMBER c/o Mr. F. Hugh Atkins, Route 1

CITY, TOWN Moore VICINITY OF South Carolina 29369

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Spartanburg County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Magnolia Street

CITY, TOWN Spartanburg STATE South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE 1973 (update) FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Columbia STATE South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the North Tyger River in Spartanburg County, Anderson's Mill is a one and one-half story frame structure covered by corrugated tin siding. The structure features a low gable roof, with a projecting pent roof along the north facade. Fenestration is irregular. Although a mill may have been constructed on the site either in the late 18th Century or early in the 19th Century, the uncoursed fieldstone foundation and some of the supporting joists and timbers appear to be all that remain of the earliest structure. The majority of the building materials appear to date from the late 19th or early 20th Century.

The eastern facade faces the river and features a metal water wheel, approximately 14' in diameter. This wheel is believed to be approximately fifty years old. Water from the river is diverted through the wheel by a nearby lock and canal. Power is thus generated for the milling process. A smaller water wheel is also located on the south (rear) facade of the mill.

The structure consists of a basement, main floor, and attic story. Milling machinery includes a feed mixer, self-rising mixer, scales, corn sheller, and a raised platform with a large millstone. Most of this machinery is believed to date from the early 20th Century and is in operating condition. The alterations to the structure are partially the result of the continuous operation of the mill.

SURROUNDINGS: Anderson's Mill is located in rural Spartanburg County. On the east, the mill faces the North Tyger River, while on the west it is flanked by a steep incline with large boulders. The nominated acreage consists of five acres which are of scenic value and should be preserved. Currently, the site is being used as a recreation area for the surrounding community, and picnic tables have been placed on the grounds. The present owners are appreciative of the historic and scenic value of the property and plan to maintain the mill. It is open to the public by appointment for educational purposes, as well as for limited commercial use.

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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Anderson's Mill is a good example of a water-powered grist mill, a once important element in the economy of 18th and 19th Century Piedmont South Carolina. Although the history of Anderson's Mill may possibly begin in the late 18th Century, the majority of the mill structure and its machinery are believed to date from the late 19th or early 20th Century. Therefore, Anderson's Mill is primarily significant as a water-powered grist mill which continues to be operated today.

It is not known when a mill was first constructed on the site of present-day Anderson's Mill. According to tradition, the mill may have originally been known as Nicholls' Mill - a mill which in 1856 was described as the location of the first court held in Spartanburg District (1785). Another theory, however, is that the mill was originally known as Tanner's Mill. Robert Mills' Atlas of 1825 indicates a Tanner's Mill in what appears to be the same location as the present-day Anderson's Mill. Spartanburg Deeds also suggest that property acquired by David Tanner in 1818 became that of W. T. Tanner in 1822, and that it was then transferred to James Anderson in 1831. In 1849, James Anderson sold property on the Tyger River to David Anderson. The Products of Industry Census's of 1850 through 1880 record Anderson's Mill on the Tyger River as operative, milling corn and wheat. In addition, Sloan and Epton's 1869 map of Spartanburg indicates Anderson's Mill at its present location.

The mill was operated commercially until 1975. Today, the present owners open the mill to the public by appointment.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY circa 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is bounded on the north by South Carolina county road 64; on the east by the east bank of the North Tyger River; on the south by the property of Riveredge Homeowners Association; and on the west by the properties of Hugh Atkins, Herbert Lindsay and Fletcher Thompson.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Kappy McNulty Historic Preservation Division	F. Hugh Atkins, President Riveredge Homeowners Association
ORGANIZATION	South Carolina Department of Archives and History	DATE May 17, 1978
STREET & NUMBER	Post Office Box 11,669, Capitol Station	TELEPHONE (803) 758-5816
CITY OR TOWN	Columbia	STATE South Carolina

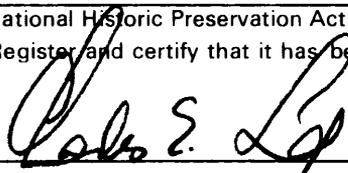
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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

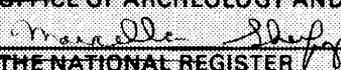


TITLE Charles E. Lee, State Historic Preservation Officer DATE May 22, 1978

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

 DATE 11-14-78
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION / KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: 
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-9-78

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