

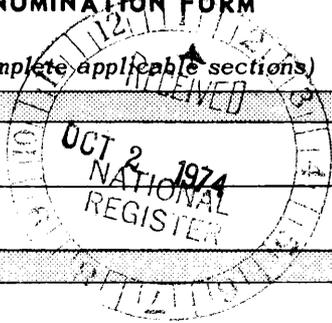
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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| STATE: | South Carolina | |
| COUNTY: | Sumter | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | NOV 20 1974 | DATE |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: **Ellerbe's Mill**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Millvale**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **On Rafting Creek**

CITY OR TOWN: **About 3 miles ^{SW} from Rembert, S.C., 1-2 miles off ^{US} Highway 521**

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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
| South Carolina | 045 | Sumter | 085 |

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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: **Mrs. P.M. Brown**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Millvale**

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Rembert | South Carolina | 045 |

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **N. Main Street**

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Sumter | South Carolina | 045 |

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1430 Senate Street**

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| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE |
| Columbia | South Carolina | 045 |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior

Built about 1830 by Garner Sanders, Ellerbe's Mill is a two-and-one-half-story pine clapboard building mounted on wooden pilings. Exterior of mill remains unaltered; features include gable roof, wide entrance, and randomly spaced 6/6 light windows. In 1928 an adjacent covered bridge with bell tower was destroyed by flooding.

On the west side of the mill are a shed and a small loading dock. Water power is derived from internal chutes and a turbine rather than a wheel. Water from the mill pond enters through an intake and watergate on the north side and flows out of an outlet on the south side.

Interior

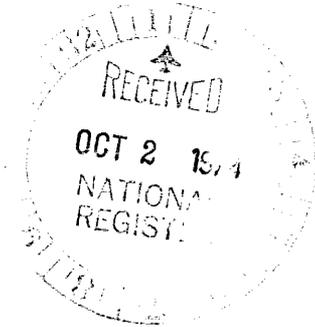
Modern equipment has been added to the grist mill; working parts were replaced in 1880, and the interior was again remodeled in 1928. Floors and hand-hewn beams, however, are original.

Surroundings

The mill is surrounded by one hundred acres dominated by a 90 acre mill pond with a six acre island. Essential to the operation of the mill, the black water pond is fed by Rafting Creek. Natural vegetation on the property includes pine, sweetgum, and water oak.

In addition to the mill, structures on the property, which has been in the present owner's family since the 18th Century, include a house, constructed in 1890, a store (originally built before the War Between the States and replaced in 1910), several tenant houses, and a dovecote. The two-story white clapboard house was built by W.C.S. Ellerbe, nephew of Garner Sanders. A first floor veranda has square columns and gingerbread scroll saw-work between the columns. The second floor contains a partially screened porch with a Victorian vine-bracketed balustrade.

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3. 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 checked="" 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) **C. 1830**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <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 checked="" 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

Ellerbe's Mill, in operation since before the War Between the States, is a functioning example of an essential 19th Century industrial process. Located on a 90 acre mill pond, the rough-hewn clapboard building was once a center for social and political interaction in rural Sumter County.

Industry and Commerce

Grist mills played an indispensable role in the economy of 19th Century rural America. Ellerbe's Mill and the nearby store once formed the chief commercial center for a 10 mile square area. Today Ellerbe's Mill is operated each Saturday, demonstrating the process of water-powered slow-grinding to furnish corn meal and grits.

Agriculture

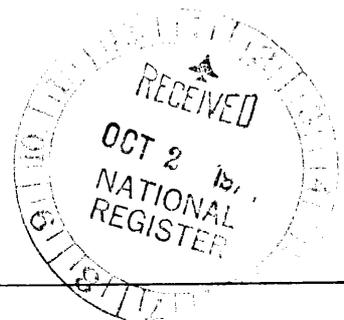
On land originally granted to ancestors of the present owner, this site is important as a plantation functioning today much as it did in the 19th Century. The land has been under cultivation and the mill in operation since antebellum days.

Architecture

The function of the mill is easily distinguishable by its rough-hewn, unpretentious quality and the water-front location. Pine clapboard exterior and interior floors and beams date from the antebellum period. The mill building is more than a reminder of a 19th Century industrial process, however, and continues to supply water-ground meal.

The main residence, located nearby, contains outstanding features of Victorian ornamentation.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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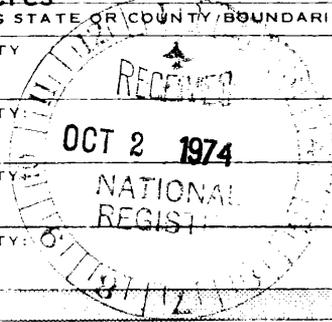
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|--|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | | | | LONGITUDE | | | |
| | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | | |
| NW | 34° | 04' | 25" | 80° | 32' | 05" | | |
| NE | 34° | 04' | 25" | 80° | 31' | 35" | | |
| SE | 34° | 03' | 59" | 80° | 31' | 35" | | |
| SW | 34° | 03' | 59" | 80° | 32' | 05" | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **100 acres**

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 AND TITLE: **Ruth Rhyne, Santee-Wateree Regional Council**
Nenie Dixon, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History** DATE: **8/28/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station, Columbia, S.C.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **29211** CODE: **045**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Charles E. Lee
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: September 5, 1974

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

R. K. [Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/20/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11.14.74

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 2617/543710/376945 3776-36
 SW 17/54290/37769410
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Ellerbe's Mill Sketch Map Sumter County, South Carolina
Taken from schematic survey map of two tracts on waters of
Rafting Creek near Rembert, S.C.
Lewis E. Leavell, Jr. September, 1970
(Pond and road not drawn to scale.)

— indicates boundary of property nominated for National Register

