

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



1982

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common Myrtle Moor

2. Location

street & number



not for publication

city, town Sumter

vicinity

N/A vicinity of

~~Congressional district~~

state South Carolina

code 045

county Sumter

code 085

3. Classification

Category

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

Ownership

- public
- private
- both
- Public Acquisition**
- in process
- being considered
- N/A

Status

- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress
- Accessible**
- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use

- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military
- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mary R. Skinner, Heirs of

street & number Route 1, Box 58

city, town Mayesville

N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina 29104

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sumter County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Sumter

state South Carolina 29150

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Places
in South Carolina

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Myrtle Moor, a two story, frame house probably built circa 1825-1840, is located in the

[REDACTED] The house is an unusually fine example of a backcountry farmhouse with elements of the Federal and Greek Revival styles. Myrtle Moor remains unchanged largely and maintains a very high degree of architectural integrity. The intricately carved woodwork of both the exterior and interior, perhaps the most significant feature, remains in very good condition.

Additional Information

Myrtle Moor is a two story house of frame construction which is sheathed in beaded weatherboard. A few boards have been replaced. The house has basically an L-shaped plan with a one story shed roofed kitchen opposite the rear ell. The gable roof has its slope to the front and a cross gable covering the ell. The roofing material is asphalt shingle. There is an exterior end chimney of brick in each gable end. There is a one story, shed roof porch across the entire facade (northwest elevation) supported by six, chamfered, wooden posts which extend out beyond the porch floor to the ground and rest on shallow brick bases. The porch has a plain balustrade and has been screened in. The first story of the facade has five bays. There are two, single, nine-over-nine double hung sash windows on either side of a central, single paneled door entrance. The door is flanked by three-over-three double hung sash sidelights and a fanlight above the door which has a keyblock and molded surround. The second story facade also has five bays. There are two, nine-over-nine double hung sash windows with louvered shutters on either side of a tripartite window which has a central portion having nine-over-six lights and two flanking lights which have been boarded up. The right (southwest elevation) has an exterior end chimney of common bond brick flanked by nine-over-nine windows on the first and second stories and four-over-four windows in the attic. The shed roof kitchen addition has a six-over-six window on this elevation. The left (northeast elevation) has an exterior end chimney of common bond brick flanked by nine-over-nine windows on the first and second stories and six-over-six windows in the attic. The ell has three, nine-over-nine windows on both stories. The rear of the house (southeast elevation) has a shed roof kitchen with two, six-over-six windows. On the second story above the kitchen are two, nine-over-nine windows. The ell which projects to the rear has an end chimney of common bond brick flanked by nine-over-nine window to the left of the chimney in the gable end. There is a recessed, two-tiered porch along the southwest side of the ell. It is supported by the original fluted pillars as well as some replacement posts. There is a plain balustrade on the second story and an enclosed one on the first story. The first story of the porch has been screened in and a shed roof extension was added in this century. The porch features wide, beaded flushboard siding, six-over-six windows, and nine-over-nine windows (some of which have their original paneled shutters with strap hinges), and two pairs of paneled entrance doors with sidelights (with shutters) and fanlights. These doors are placed at right angles to each other. The facade and core portion of the rear elevation feature an elaborate boxed cornice with returns with a row of carved fretwork, one of banderole, and a course of dentil molding. The raking cornices and kitchen cornice feature dentil molding, and the cornice of the ell has a row of the carved fretwork. The foundation of the house is stuccoed brick piers with cement block infill.

Interior

The plan of the core of the house is a central hall with flanking rooms on each floor. The rear ell contains a stair hall and a room. The central hall on the first floor and flanking rooms (parlor and dining room) feature horizontal plank wainscoting (some of

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		

Specific dates unknown Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Myrtle Moor Plantation House [redacted] is a large two story frame house, probably built between ca. 1825 and 1840. The house is an outstanding example of a rural farmhouse embellished with vernacular interpretations of the Federal and Greek Revival modes.

Additional Information

It is not known exactly when or for whom Myrtle Moor was constructed or when it became known by that name. Local tradition holds that the house was built for a Muldrow who married a McFaddin.¹ Possibly this was George Cooper Muldrow who was married to Sarah Adeline McFaddin.² Muldrow owned a substantial amount of property in the area and in 1854 advertised for sale his plantation [redacted] "containing 1336 acres. Upon it is a commodious dwelling..."³ Muldrow moved to Arkansas early in 1854 leaving his brother in charge of his affairs.⁴ In 1856 he sold at least some of his South Carolina property to George W. Cooper.⁵

George W. Cooper, son of Captain George W. Cooper was a prominent [redacted] planter who resided at Rollindale Plantation [redacted].⁶ It is certain that Cooper owned the property by 1866 and, for the most part, it remained in his family until 1929.⁷ Wardlaw Edwin Skinner purchased the property in 1937 and his heirs own the house today.⁸

Architecture

Structural evidence, historical research, and local tradition place Myrtle Moor's date of construction at ca. 1825-1840. The house exemplifies the vernacular interpretation of both the Federal and Greek Revival modes. The light, symmetrical proportions, and the interior and exterior sidelights and fanlights represent the influence of the Federal style. The elaborate carving of the mantels and exterior cornice with their courses of guilloche, banderole, greek key and other fretwork, reeding and fluting, exemplify the use of classical motifs to convey the Greek Revival style. Myrtle Moor is the finest known example in Sumter County of the incorporation of these academic architectural styles in a backcountry farmhouse.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data Mayesville

Acreeage of nominated property [REDACTED]

Quadrangle name [REDACTED]

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

[REDACTED]

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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city or town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

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 [Signature]
title SC SHPO date 11/23/82

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
[Signature] National Register date 11/23/82
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: [Signature] date
Chief of Registration

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which has been replaced due to rotting). The stair hall has a straight stair with plain balustrade and chamfered newel posts. Access to the attic is from this stair hall. The major six rooms of the house feature fireplaces with intricately carved mantels utilizing classical motifs including guilloche, banderole, Greek key, and other fretwork, reeding, and fluting. The floors throughout the house are of wide heart pine planks.

Surroundings

Surrounded by acres of farmland, Myrtle Moor has four outbuildings. To the southeast of the house is a small frame building which served as the commissary for the tenant farmers. Southwest of the main house is a rectangular, gable roofed, frame structure with an opening for a central chimney which has collapsed. It is speculated that this was used as servant's quarters or a kitchen. West of the house is a frame barn. A small concrete block building stands on the property but does not contribute to the nominated property.

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Footnotes

¹Interview with Mrs. Margaret Skinner Thomas, Sumter, South Carolina, 22 July 1982.

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⁴Black River Watchman, September 1854.

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⁶Anne King Gregorie, History of Sumter County, South Carolina (Sumter, South Carolina: Library Board of Sumter County, 1954), pp. 208, 417; Deed Book II, pp. 194-197, Sumter County Register of Mesne Conveyance, Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina; Presbyterian Church, Salem Black River, cemetery records; Sumter County Tax Map, #334 (XN-19).

⁷Mortgage Book 16, p. 766; Deed Book RR, p. 505; Deed Book QQQ, p. 66; Deed Book SSS, p. 461; Deed Book E-5, p. 164, Sumter County Register of Mesne Conveyance, Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina; Will Book C-3, p. 321, Sumter County Probate Office, Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina.

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