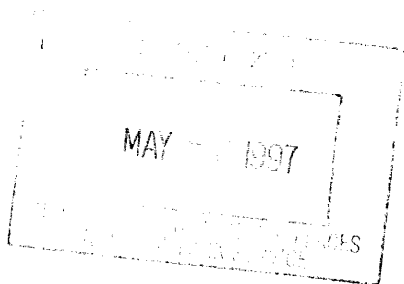


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Name: Pinewood Depot

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East Avenue and Clarke Street not for publication ___
city or town Pinewood vicinity ___
state SC code SC county Sumter code 85
zip code 29150

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Mary W. Edmunds 4/30/97
Signature of certifying official Date

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): _____

M. J. [Signature] 6/10/97

[Signature] _____
Signature of Keeper Date

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		
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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register	
<u>N/A</u>		_____ <u>0</u>	

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Transportation Sub: rail-related

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/Not in Use Sub: _____

7. Description

<p>Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p><u>Late 19th and Early 20th Century</u> <u>American Movements</u></p>	<p>Materials (Enter categories from instructions)</p> <p>foundation <u>Brick</u></p> <p>roof <u>Metal</u></p> <p>walls <u>Wood</u></p> <p>other _____</p>
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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)

- 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.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Transportation

Significant Dates

c. 1889

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Period of Significance

c. 1889-1946

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
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Sumter County Museum Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .026

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>17</u>	<u>549740</u>	<u>3733300</u>	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

___ 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 Katherine H. Richardson
organization Heritage Preservation Associates date 3-31-96
street & number 26 Harby Ave. telephone 803-775-6682
city or town Sumter, S. C. state SC zip code 29150

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 Sumter County Historical Society
street & number P.O. Box 68 telephone 803-452-5141
city or town Pinewood state SC zip code 29125

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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7. Narrative Description

Summary Paragraph

The Pinewood Depot stands at the corner of West Avenue and Clark Street in Pinewood, South Carolina. Built in 1888-9, the depot is the last train depot in Sumter County. The railroad is the reason Pinewood was developed as a village and the depot has been the center of community life there for decades. It is a one story gable end building with a metal roof and board and batten siding. The wide eaves of the roof are supported by curved knee braces and the ends of the rafters are sawn to form an ellipse. The building stands on brick piers; a portion of the loading dock is supported by additional concrete blocks. Title to the property is held by the Sumter County Historical Society and money is presently being raised to restore the building for use as a community center. It is being nominated to the National Register under criterion A as a property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the patterns of our history at the local level of significance.

The Pinewood Depot is a long narrow building which stands along the railroad tracks in the heart of the town of Pinewood. It is a frame building with board and batten siding and a metal roof. Its wide eaves shelter the passenger areas on each side of the depot and are supported by curved knee braces. The eaves and rafters constitute the only attempt at decoration on the depot, the rafters with sawn elliptical ends and the graceful arch of the braces adds a nice visual touch to an otherwise utilitarian building.

The gable end of the depot faces south on Clark Street and has one door and one window. The "Pinewood" station sign hangs on this end of the building. The eastern side of the building faces East Avenue and contains the main door to the depot which is reached by a short flight of wooden steps with a plain wooden handrail. The eastern facade has a centrally placed double freight door made of diagonally placed boards. Another door pierced the eastern elevation near the loading dock end of the building. A 6/6 sash window is on the opposite end of the building next to the main entry.

The northern end of the building has an extended loading dock and the building is open on this facade. The western

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elevation faces the railroad tracks which parallel the building. The facade has a door on the southern end flanked by what was a 6/6 sash window on one side and a projecting set of windows on the other side. Near the center of the western facade is another double freight door of diagonal boards.

The roof of the depot is pierced by two interior brick flues. The interior of the building apparently had one large waiting room/office space and the rest was dedicated to open freight space. The dividing wall no longer stands but its footprint is evident.

The building is presently in fair shape and will be stabilized and restored for use as a community center. The Sumter County Historical Society and the Sumter County Historical Commission are sponsoring the restoration of this important Sumter County landmark and significant funds have been raised to date. It is being nominated to the National Register under Criterion A at the local level of significance.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Summary Paragraph

Pinewood was founded in 1888 when the railroad made this rural community a station on the line to Sumter. The Pinewood Depot was erected by 1889 in the center of the village and was the center of the community during the heyday of the railroad. Though abandoned for use after passenger rail transportation ceased in the mid-twentieth century, the depot is still viewed by residents of Pinewood as an important landmark. It is symbolic of the importance of rail transportation in the rural agricultural communities of our state. The depot was a conduit not only for travel but for mail, the transportation of goods, and was a window to the outside world. Most importantly, the Pinewood Depot is the last railroad depot standing in Sumter County. It remains as a significant reminder of an important era in the history of our state and attests to the influence of the railroad on the development of the rural areas of our country.

Pinewood was founded in 1888 and was incorporated as "Pinewood" or "Clarendon" in 1899. At that time, Asby Burkett was installed as Intendant and Henry F. Stack, Samuel G. Griffin, David R. Lide, and Patrick H. Broughton were the town's first wardens.¹ The village was originally located in Clarendon County and in 1888, a line of the Manchester and Augusta Railroad extended through the area. The station was placed at Pinewood and the depot was built by 1889. Immediately following the construction of the depot was the area's first sawmill and commissary in 1889; other merchants followed suit.²

The Charleston News and Courier reported on a celebration of the village held in 1889.

Privateer, Sumter County, April 29. -
Special: "Pinewood" is the pretty name of a
young village situated in northwestern
Clarendon, on the Atlantic Coast Line

¹C. L. Griffin, Sr., "A Brief History of the Town of Pinewood, S. C.," n.p., 1967, p. 1; Charter, Secretary of State's Office, December 15, 1899.

²Griffin, p. 2.

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extension. A delightful entertainment was given there on Saturday last by the Clarendon people ... the entertainment was given in the spacious depot and was attended by crowds ... The depot, which is pleasantly situated, is a neat, attractive and large building that would be a credit to any town. The main room was tastefully decorated with pretty wreaths ... After the arrival of the Sumter train, which brought a large contingent of young men and pretty girls, dancing was commenced ... Music was furnished by the ... Negro string band of Sumter ... Refreshments were served in the depot by a caterer, and here I must mention a kind act of consideration on the part of the railroad company. The ice, by some mistake, was left in Sumter. When the mistake was discovered the railroad authorities in Wilmington telegraphed that a special car must carry the ice to Pinewood ...
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The reporter stated that in 1889 Pinewood had already become a "considerable business center." He wrote, "Surrounded by a thrifty farming community, it is destined at no distant day to become a prosperous and growing town, of which Clarendon will justly feel proud." Pinewood did grow, though not so large as the reporter imagined. The Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists located congregations there and built handsome churches. It became the home of two cotton gins and thus became the cotton market for the surrounding countryside; the depot was the center of the transportation for the bales of cotton. One writer stated, "Some busy scene is presented at the railroad station and on the platforms where cotton is being received and weights checked out by Official Weigher, R. A. Lawrence, and his assistants who are on the job early and late during the hustling

³"Successful Christening of Pinewood," Charleston News and Courier, April 29, 1889.

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season of the year."⁴

The town became a residential center as well; Main Street became lined with houses and oak trees. The official name of the town became Pinewood in 1902, when an ordinance declared the name of Clarendon be dropped from use. The people of Pinewood withdrew from Clarendon County and petitioned to join Sumter County in 1920. Apparently the location of the village included some low, swampy ground in its early years. An early historian of the place, Graham Griffin, noted that the W.P.A. drained the land around the town. The streets were paved in 1925 and paved sidewalks were laid by the citizens. In 1928, 24 street lights were placed in the town and electricity was available for the first time for residential use. In 1934 the town applied for Federal Emergency Administration funds to construct a water works which was completed in 1935 at a cost of \$23,000. By the 1960s, the town of Pinewood had 600 residents within its one square mile town limits.⁵

The advent of the railroad in Sumter County in the 1880s made a real impact on the growth of the rural county. In the early 1880s the Central Railroad built a line between Sumter and Lane, a station on the antebellum Northeast Railroad which allowed a shortened connection to Charleston. Later the Manchester and Augusta line went from Sumter to Denmark with a connection to Augusta. The Charleston, Sumter, and Northern Railroad connected Charleston to Eutawville, Summerton, and Sumter and was later extended to Gibson, North Carolina. This line was bought by the Atlantic Coast Line in the 1890s. In 1899 a branch which had been built with private investments of Sumter citizens was absorbed by Southern Railway and the Northwestern Railroad took over another line to Sumter. A private line was built from Sumter to Bishopville when the lumber business flourished in the 1880s. The last line completed to Sumter was the Seaboard Airline in 1912.⁶

The stations on these new lines became centers of population and business and changed the landscape of Sumter County.

⁴Griffin, pp. 2-3.

⁵Griffin, pp. 4-6.

⁶Anne King Gregorie, History of Sumter County, (Sumter: Library Board of Sumter, 1954), pp. 478-80.

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Pinewood was the largest of these new railroad towns.

The Pinewood Depot is an important symbol of growth in Sumter County. The railroad era secured an important economic base for Sumter County from 1880 on, allowing it to recover from the effects of the Civil War. The railroad provided transportation and communication heretofore unavailable in the rural, agriculturally-based county. It changed settlement patterns and spurred the growth of new communities. Though no longer used for passenger traffic, the railroads have made a lasting impact on Sumter County and its depots are still remembered as treasured places by long-time residents of the county. We have lost all but one of these depots, once the scene of fond welcomes and tearful departures, the scene of business transactions and much activity. The Pinewood Depot is the last of these important transportation resources in our county and should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under criterion A.

In response to a 1992 letter from the S. C. Department of Archives and History's Preservation Office, the citizens of Sumter and Pinewood began an effort to secure title to the old Pinewood Depot, which had been abandoned for years by that time. The Seaboard Coast Line Railroad gave the Town of Pinewood an easement on the depot and the Sumter County Historical Society and the Sumter County Historical Commission took on the job of raising funds to restore the station. They have raised a substantial amount of money from private and corporate sources which will be used to renovate the depot. Their plans for the depot and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places will secure this landmark for future generations.

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Verbal Boundary Description

All that certain land situate at or near Pinewood, Sumter County, South Carolina more fully described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the north line of Clark (formerly Commerce) Street with the west line of East Avenue, being the southeast corner of lands acquired from Pee Dee Land Company by deed dated December 23, 1913, recorded Deed Book Q-4, page 365; thence with the north line of Clark Street in a westerly direction a distance of 18 ft., more or less, to the west line of a Paved Road; thence with the west line of the Paved Road in a northerly direction of a distance of 20 ft., more or less, to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, being opposite Grantor's Valuation Station 757+19; thence continuing with the west line of the Paved Road in a northerly direction a distance of 220 ft., more or less, to a point opposite the Valuation Station 754+99; thence in a westerly direction perpendicular to the centerline of Grantor's Main Line Track, a distance of 45 feet, more or less, to a point 8 ft. east of the centerline of the Grantor's Side Track; thence parallel with and distance of 8 ft. east of the centerline of the side track, in a southerly direction a distance of 220 ft. to a point opposite the Valuation Station 757+19; thence in an easterly direction perpendicular to the centerline of the Main Track, a distance of 56 ft., more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Boundary Justification

These are the property lines delineated by CSX Transportation Real Property when the easement for the Pinewood Depot was transferred to the Town of Pinewood, and subsequently placed under the auspices of the Sumter County Historical Society in 1992.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Pinewood Depot
Location of Property: East Ave. & Clarke St., Pinewood, Sumter Co., S.C.
Name of Photographer: Katherine H. Richardson
Date of Photographs: January 1996
Location of Original
Negatives: S.C. Dept. of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Depot, Southern elevation, facing N
2. Depot, Western elevation, facing E
3. Depot, Northern elevation, facing S
4. Depot, Eastern elevation, facing W
5. Clarke Street, Pinewood, facing E
6. Railroad, Pinewood, facing N
7. Depot, Detail, facing N

NOTHING IN THIS PLAT SHALL BE TAKEN AS OR DEEMED TO BE A DEDICATION OF ANY LANDS, STREETS, OR ROADWAYS OR THE USE THEREOF TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

1/2 acre
Easement to be granted
0.26 Ac. ±

EXHIBIT A-1

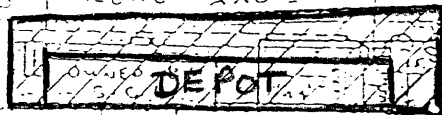
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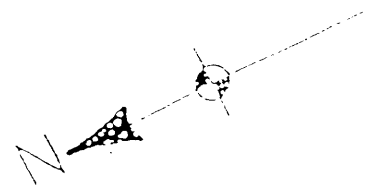
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TO ROBBINS

S.C. Hwy 100

WEST AVE.



Pinckney County

SEABOARD COAST LINE RAILROAD
FLORENCE DIVISION
SITUATION PLAN
AT

PINEWOOD, S. C.
SCALE: 1" = 100' SEPT. 7, 1972

OFFICE OF DIVISION ENGINEER
FLORENCE, S. C.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97000535

Date Listed: 6/10/97

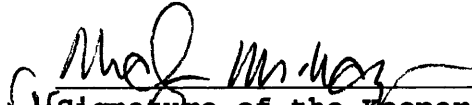
Pinewood Depot
Property Name

Sumter
County

SOUTH CAROLINA
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

6/10/97
Date of Action

=====
Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 3

The South Carolina SHPO certifies that this nomination meets documentation standards, that he believes the property meets the National Register Criteria, and that he recommends that it be considered significant at the local level.

These changes have been discussed with the South Carolina SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)