

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Sumter	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.2.45.0010	DATE 3/24/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Stateburg Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Located in the "High Hills of the Santee" one mile north of US Hwy. 76

CITY OR TOWN:  
&378 between Sumter and Columbia, on S.C. Hwy. 261, 12 miles from Sumter.

STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Sumter      CODE: 085

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Miscellaneous

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Sumter County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sumter      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

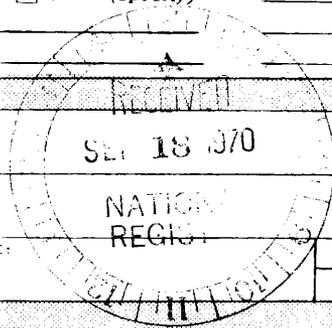
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal       State       County       Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

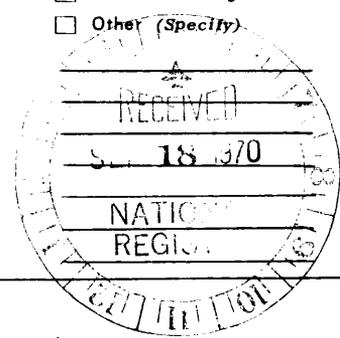
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                             |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |  |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stateburg derives part of its historical significance from its connection with Revolutionary Gen. Thomas Sumter, who founded (1783) and named it in hopes that it would be chosen new state capital. It missed this distinction in 1786 by only a few votes. The town was also the site of much Revolutionary War activity--Sumter's home was destroyed by Col. Tarleton and both Generals Cornwallis and Greene camped in the Stateburg area. Although original plans to construct water transportation routes to facilitate trade with other parts of the state never materialized, Stateburg developed into an important South Carolina antebellum residential area. From 1783 to 1800 it was county seat for Claremont County, and until the Civil War, was a thriving town.

The area's most significant home, architecturally and historically, is the Borough House. Occupied by Generals Cornwallis and Greene during the Revolution, its grounds still display a fragment of the 400-year-old "Spy Oak" (destroyed by a 1969 storm) on which Gen. Sumter hanged two Tory spies. Built of buff pisé de terre (rammed earth), this house and its dependencies comprise the largest complex of old buildings of this material in the United States. On its grounds the state's first tree farm was established in the early 1900s.

Opposite Borough House stands the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, a notable example of Gothic Revival architecture, built in 1850 by Charleston architect E. C. Jones. Second church on the site, it replaced a frame church built there when Claremont parish was incorporated in 1788. Buried in its graveyard with his wife is Joel Poinsett, member and organizer of the S. C. Board of Public Works, U.S. congressman, minister to Mexico, secretary of war, and first president of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science (forerunner of the Smithsonian Institute). An opponent of Calhoun's "nullification policy," he is probably best remembered for bringing the poinsettia flower to this country from Mexico.

High Hills Baptist Church serves one of the oldest congregations of Baptists in South Carolina, organized 1770. Built in 1803, it exhibits distinctive Greek Revival architecture. Its first pastor was Richard Furman, ardent Revolutionary patriot and founder of Furman University, which, as a seminary, was located in Stateburg from 1828 to 1835.

The High Hills of the Santee in which Stateburg is located is one of the state's most famous and distinctive areas.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Gregorie, Anne, A History of Sumter County. Sumter, 1954.

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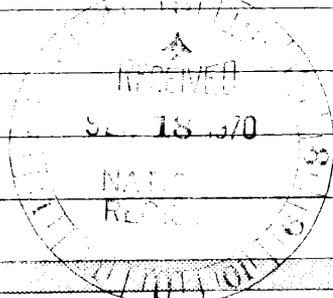
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	33 ° 59 ' 37.6 "	80 ° 32 ' 30 "				
NE	33 ° 59 ' 37.6 "	80 ° 29 ' 21.4 "				
SE	33 ° 56 ' 42.9 "	80 ° 29 ' 21.4 "				
SW	33 ° 56 ' 42.9 "	80 ° 32 ' 30 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5066 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:  
**Mary Schuette, Historic Resources Division**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History**      DATE: **August 29, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1430 Senate Street, PO Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia**      STATE: **South Carolina**      CODE: **45**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 Lee

Title Director, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

Date August 29, 1970

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest A. Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
**FEB 24 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Trusty  
Keeper of The National Register

Date **DEC 17 1970**

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7. Description

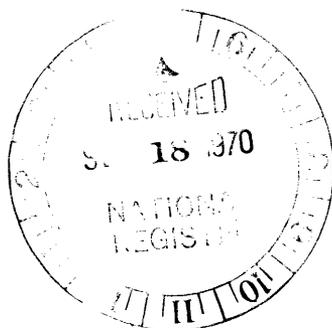
Revival design, cruciform plan, corner towers, pointed arches, red tiled roof--like Old World parish church. Inside: tiled floors, handcarved walnut woodwork, stained glass windows.

8. High Hills Baptist Church--Congregation founded 1770; built 1803. Greek Revival architecture with four paneled columns across front, engaged columns at front corners. White clapboard with gable roof; four bays deep.

9. Marston--home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Plowden, built c. 1820. Impressive brick and frame structure, unusually high ceilings, broad central hallways, spacious rooms, encircling piazzas on ground and second levels. Many fine pre-Revolutionary pieces of furniture and heirlooms. Upper-piazza view extends 30 miles.

10. Edgehill--home of Maj. and Mrs. Alfred DeLorme rebuilt after 1965 fire on original foundations; authentic replica of old house, The Oaks, built 1832. Four original massive columns at front of present pink brick structure. Many valuable pieces of furniture lost in fire have been replaced or reproduced.

11. Miller or Ellison House--home of Miss Martha White, built c. 1816. Owned by S. C. Governor and U. S. Senator Stephen Miller in early 19th century; acquired 1838 by William Ellison, free Negro who operated cotton gin factory and plantation with 40 or 50 slaves. House has hand-wrought hinges, handmade nails, wainscoting of wide single boards, small window panes, narrow central hall.



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8. Significance

A few miles outside Stateburg town limits lies the grave of Gen. Thomas Sumter (1734-1832), famed partisan general known as the "Gamecock of the Revolution." Near his grave stands the small Chapel of Ease built for his daughter-in-law, Countess Natalie DeLage (Sumter). A Catholic emigrée from the French Revolution and a protégée of Aaron Burr, she is buried beneath the chapel.

