

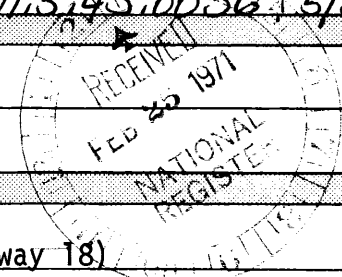
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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: Union	
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ENTRY NUMBER: 71.5.45.0036	DATE: 5/6/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
Padgett's Creek Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *Sw of Union Co SC 18*
R.F.D. No. 2 (two miles east of Cross Keys on Highway 18)

CITY OR TOWN:
Union

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 29379 COUNTY: Union CODE: 087 #

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 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:
Padgett's Creek Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
R.F.D. No. 2

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Union County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

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

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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

Built in 1844, it appeared as a plain, rectangular two story building with medium gable roof six bays deep and three bays wide, over slightly raised brick supports.

Interior (with a gallery "for use by colored members") was unornamented.

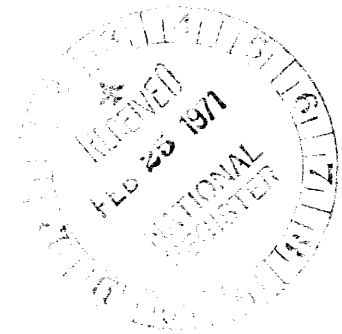
Foresight used in further additions and interior remodeling have maintained the distinct atmosphere of the church.

A front portion was added to the south side of the original building (the walls of which were redone in clapboard to match the addition). A portico supported by Doric columns and low steeple help to present a graceful, modest house of worship.

Interior has been kept basically the same - gallery with balustrade supported by Doric columns, pulpit, pews - except for the enclosure of portions of the gallery for classrooms.

Extensive adjacent cemetery - one section with Revolutionary War era markers; many Confederate graves.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

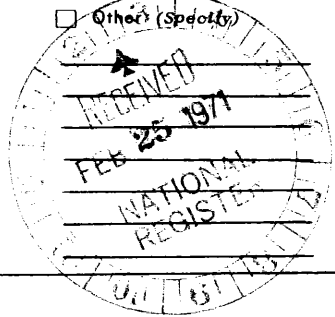
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input 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) 1844

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<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 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

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Padgett's Creek Baptist Church is important for detailed manual craftsmanship in primary construction and for appropriate additions and alterations which have maintained its architectural integrity.

It is significant as an up-country meeting place for discussion of vital civil matters during the Civil War.

Organized November 22, 1784, as Church of Christ on the Tyger River. Present name was adopted in 1803.

First Sunday School held January 2, 1831; became member of Baptist State Convention 1841; Missionary Society organized 1878.

In 1844 construction of a new meeting house began about one mile above the original and finally completed by April 15, 1848.

On August 29, 1851, a Secession Meeting (possibly the first) was held there. Speakers were Senator William H. Gist (later governor of South Carolina) and Congressman Daniel Wallace who advocated "secession rather than submission".

Its history is singular, for the church provided a special place for Negro members, offering comfort and convenience to all its members. There were Negro members as late as 1872 and their graves may be seen in the cemetery.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

King, Joe M. A History of South Carolina Baptists. Columbia: R.L. Bryan, 1964.

Sparks, Claude Ezell. A History of Padgett's Creek Baptist Church. Union: Counts Printing Company, 1967.

Townsend, Leah. South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805. Florence: Florence Printing Company, 1935.

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	34	37	58	81	45	16			
NE	34	37	58	81	44	21			
SE	34	37	10	81	44	21			
SW	34	37	10	81	45	16			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **14 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Dollie McGrath, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History** DATE: **Nov. 30, 1970**

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

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 E. Lee
Charles E. Lee

Title: Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History

Date: 2/14/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: **MAY 6 1971**

ATTEST:
William J. Smutz
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **APR 19 1971**

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