

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	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 20 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cedar Bluff

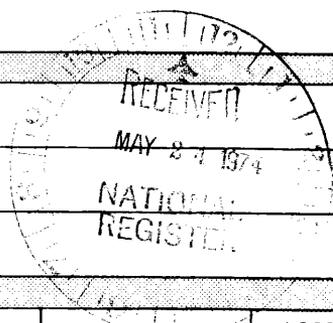
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Byrd Murphy House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway 49

CITY OR TOWN:
8 miles from Union

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Union CODE: 087



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Joseph Russell Smith

STREET AND NUMBER:
1415 Lexington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte STATE: North Carolina CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Union County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Union STATE: South Carolina CODE: 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

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

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

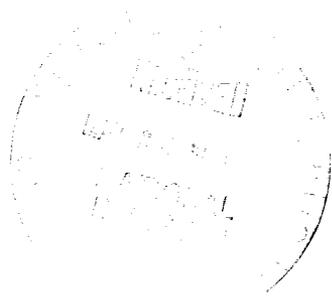
This plain upcountry farmhouse was constructed ca. 1790 by Byrd Murphy.

Exterior: The small, two-storied clapboard structure has a one-story shed porch supported by square plank columns with intercolumnar balustrade. There are two front doors with one 9/6 window to either side. Shouldered brick gable-end chimneys are supported on fieldstone foundations and service fireplaces in three of the original four rooms.

The house is constructed of hewn mortise-and-tendon timbers. It originally sat on fieldstone pillars and rough course foundation, which has since been replaced by cement block.

A wing containing a kitchen with fireplace, bedroom, and bathroom was added to the rear of the house after 1900 and is partially contained within the earlier shed roof addition.

Interior: The original house had two rooms downstairs and two above. There was no central hall and the stairway opened directly into the larger room on each floor. The stairs, formerly enclosed, were reoriented for easier passage ca. 1870. The walls are vertically paneled in beaded wide boards; the ceiling joists were exposed originally but have since been covered with narrow grooved paneling. The larger upstairs bedroom has been partitioned to create a central hallway. The mantels in the living room and bedroom are original.



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3. 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) **ca. 1790**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

Cedar Bluff was constructed by Byrd Murphy, justice of the peace, planter, and millowner.

Architecture: The clapboard house, ca. 1790, is an early example of an Upcountry farmhouse, probably of Pennsylvania derivation. Its formerly-enclosed staircase and the lack of a central hall indicate a Germanic influence that came to the South Carolina Piedmont from Pennsylvania via Virginia and North Carolina.

Commerce: Mills Atlas lists Murphy's Grist Mill and Saw Mill on the Tyger River. Located just below Cedar Bluff, these mills were operated until destroyed by a flood in 1850.

Military: Young S. Bobo, Murphy's nephew, purchased the property in 1867, after having served as a lieutenant in the Confederate Army. His descendents now own the house.

Political: Byrd Murphy, builder of Cedar Bluff, constructed the house on land granted to his father in 1773. Murphy was a justice of the peace and justice of the quorum. Young S. Bobo was a Commissioner for Union County.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mills, Robert. Mills Atlas. Union District. 1938 Edition.

Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers. National Archives, Microcopy No. 253.

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ca. 4 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William H. Brabham Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: Historic Preservation Division DATE: April 29, 1974

S. C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina 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
 Charles E. Lee

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date May 20, 1974

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

Arrest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Associate Registrar

Date JUN 20 1974

ATTEST:
Charles Deffenbaugh
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 6/17/74

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