

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Appin

and/or common Appin

2. Location

street & number On U.S. Highway 15, approximately 1 mile southwest
of Bennettsville N/A not for publication

city, town Bennettsville ~~vicinity of~~ vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state South Carolina code 045 county Marlboro code 069

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Catherine McCall Rogers

street & number 802 Fayetteville Avenue

city, town Bennettsville N/A vicinity of state South Carolina 29512

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marlboro County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Bennettsville state South Carolina 29512

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of Historic Places
title in South Carolina has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 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

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Appin is a two-story frame farmhouse, reputedly built ca. 1870 for William Sylvester Mowry, in Marlboro County near Bennettsville. The house is a representative South Carolina central-hall farmhouse with a double pile plan and the construction and stylistic characteristics of the early postbellum period.

Exterior: Appin is a frame house, sheathed in weatherboard and set on a high brick basement. The basement was originally stuccoed with lines painted on the stucco to simulate stone. The house has a heavy-timber braced frame with all framing members sawn rather than hewn. The structure makes use of both the antebellum practice of pegged mortise-and-tenon joints and the later practice of butted and nailed joints. The house has a broad gable roof with a cross-gable centered over the facade (northwest elevation).

The five-bay facade has central doors flanked by French windows on each floor; the outermost bays are six-over-six sash windows. The doors have transoms and sidelights. The glass of the first floor entrance is etched, and the first floor door itself has twin round-headed panels. The windows all have louvered shutters. The facade of the house originally featured a single story porch with a lattice frieze and plain posts and an open balcony on the second level; this porch was enlarged and rebuilt ca. 1890 to create the existing two-tier porch with turned balusters, spindle frieze, and sawn brackets. The porch shelters all five bays of the first story and the central three bays of the second story. The cross-gable of the roof, centered above the porch, features a central multi-light window with intersecting "Gothic sash" head. A sawn and pierced bargeboard lines the eaves, raking in the gable ends.

The side elevations of Appin are four bays wide. There is a one-story addition on the southwest (right) elevation containing a modern kitchen. An original one-story porch on this elevation was sacrificed to make room for the addition. The rear (southeast) elevation originally had a separate kitchen building, which was connected to the house by a covered walk, and a two-tier porch. The kitchen building has been removed, and the right side of the porch obliterated to make room for a two-story addition containing bathrooms on each floor.

Interior: Appin has a broad central hallway, which traverses the house, with a broad single-run, open-stringer stair at the right side of the hall. The stair has an octagonal newel post, a molded wooden handrail, turned balusters, and sawn brackets along the stringer. The house has two rooms on either side of the hall with a brick chimney serving each pair of rooms. The floors are heart pine; the walls are plastered and have a wooden and plaster cornice. The ceilings are plaster. The fireplaces have simple wooden mantels. The doorways have molded surrounds with corner blocks. The second floor plan is identical to the first floor. The ceiling of the right rear room on the first floor has been lowered from twelve feet to ten feet.

The attic of Appin demonstrates its structural system. All rafters are circular-sawn and joined to a ridgeboard with butted nailed joints. Two purlins with auxiliary braces help support the thin rafters. The longitudinal members of the braces are composed of several beams joined at their ends with pegged scarfs. The roof eaves are supported by lookout rafters mortised into the principal rafters and secured with wooden pegs.

Surroundings: Two historic outbuildings of unknown purpose are included in the nominated acreage. One is a gabled brick building and the other is a frame building with a brick chimney. The property is heavily wooded and surrounded by cultivated fields.

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 ca. 1870 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Appin is located near Bennettsville in Marlboro County, South Carolina. Reputedly constructed ca. 1870 for William Sylvester Mowry, the two-story frame house with modest Victorian ornamentation is significant for its association with its second owner, Charles Spencer McCall, a prominent Marlboro County merchant and local politician.

Additional Information: According to oral tradition Mowry contracted with a black builder from Fayetteville, North Carolina, who was working in the area, to build the house ca. 1870.¹ The Mowry plantation was purchased ca. 1875 by Charles Spencer McCall, a Clio native who had become successful since the end of the Civil War.² McCall renamed the plantation Appin for his ancestral home in Scotland.³

Charles McCall served with the South Carolina Volunteers and the Hampton Legion in the Civil War from 1862 until the surrender at Appomattox.⁴ He returned to Bennettsville to work and soon rose from a lowly clerk to owner of his own establishment.⁵ McCall was the vice-president of the Bank of Marlboro in Bennettsville, the president of the Marlboro Cotton Oil Company, and a successful farmer.⁶

In addition to his commercial accomplishments, McCall was a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from 1880-88 and was a delegate to the National Convention in 1880. He was a member of the South Carolina Senate from 1877-1890 and from 1902-1904 and served as mayor of Bennettsville from 1889-1901.⁷

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 2

Quadrangle name Bennettsville South

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification The boundary of Appin is shown as the red line on the accompanying Marlboro County Tax Map #39, drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 660 feet. The boundary includes all significant buildings and structures.

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

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

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John Wells Mrs. Catherine McCall Rogers
organization South Carolina Department of Archives and History date

street & number 1430 Senate Street telephone (803) 758-5816

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

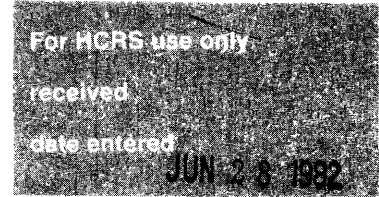
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Charles E. Lee 5/14/82
title State Historic Preservation Officer date

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Alonzo Byers Entered in the National Register date 6/28/82
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: date
Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet 1

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Footnotes

¹Telephone conversation with Mrs. Catherine McCall Rogers, Appin, Bennettsville, S.C., 9 March 1981.

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