

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Laurens	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 22 1973

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Sullivan House (38LU2) (Tumbling Shoals)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
On the east side of Reedy River south of U.S. 76 bridge. First house on

CITY OR TOWN:  
the south side of U.S. 76 after crossing Reedy River bridge.

STATE South Carolina	CODE 45	COUNTY: Laurens	CODE 059
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>used only on weekends</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____			

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
David H. Sullivan

STREET AND NUMBER:  
223 Fox Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lexington

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Laurens

STATE:  
South Carolina

CODE:  
45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (1969)

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal     State     County     Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
South Carolina

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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

Original Physical Appearance:

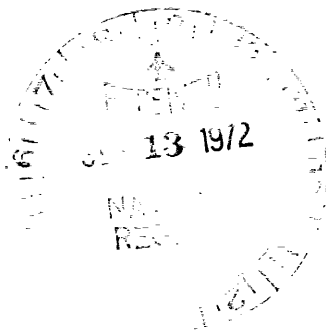
In keeping with the cultural traditions and accepted aesthetic values of the builder, the original 1838 house was two full stories in height; two rooms in length, divided by a central hallway; and one room deep. End chimneys were present on either side of the house and the front porch was covered by an overhanging roof. The wood frame structure rests on a brick and stone foundation and there is a root cellar located underneath the west side of the house. In addition to the main house there were probably a number of associated outbuildings for agricultural and domestic tasks. In the immediate vicinity of the house, outbuildings would include a detached kitchen, well house, smoke house, and possibly a woodshed. Further away from the house there were probably barns for the animals and farm equipment, storage facilities for crops and seed, and the ever present outhouse. These buildings were probably constructed of wood, usually rough-cut logs, and have not survived to the present. Traces of the foundation should be preserved and they could be relocated through archeological excavation. The few ruined outbuildings that survive on the property today date from the late 19th or the 20th century.

Present Physical Appearance:

Since the original two over two unit was built, the house has undergone a number of periodic modifications but it has not been remodeled or altered to any appreciable degree. The basic integrity of the original structure has been maintained. The modifications have taken the form of appendages that were added to the house one at a time as the family grew in size or as the need arose. The earliest addition consisted of a two room appendage added to the rear of the house. These rooms were directly connected to the house and formed an integral part of it. With the exception of the small room added to the right front of the house and connected to it by an extension of the front porch, all of the remaining rooms were added to the right rear of the house. The construction dates for the additions become progressively later in time. Judging from the interior decor, the last room was built or modified during the early part of this century.

Structurally, the house is still sound. The present owner, Mr. David Sullivan, a descendant of the original settler, is in the process of painting and repairing the house. The house is used by the Sullivans as a weekend retreat.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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) House built in 1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

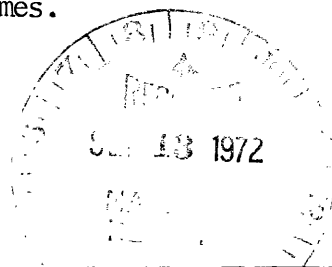
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><u>Folk history</u> |
| <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 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

The Sullivan House typifies the first post-pioneer permanent settlement in the lower Carolina Piedmont. It reflects the origin, diffusion, and economic attainment of the folk settlers of the Carolina Piedmont during the first half of the 19th century. Folk housing reflects cultural heritage and origins in the same manner as speech, food preferences, and the material cultural inventory.

In South Carolina the change in folk house types can be seen on the older highways between Charleston and Greenville. In the Low Country the older folk houses are two room single story structures of the Tidewater type. Proceeding on to the Piedmont the folk house type changes to a two story structure, two rooms in length, and one room deep with gables to each side. This is usually a rural dwelling and is referred to by geographers as the "I" house. The "I" house, as typified by the Sullivan House, had its origin in the Middle Atlantic area, notably southern Pennsylvania, and was one of the traits that the settlers carried with them over a wide area. The distribution of the "I" house is very consistent extending south from Pennsylvania along the east flank of the mountain to the Mississippi River. This distribution reflects the migration routes of the Scotch-Irish settlers, and is commonly referred to as Upland South. Other routes of diffusion extend west across southern Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa and along the west side of the mountains into Tennessee and Kentucky. While several variations of the "I" house exist, their distribution is remarkably uniform over the entire area. In the Southern movement the "I" became symbolic of economic attainment by agriculturalists and remained so associated throughout the Upland South and its peripheral extensions (Kniffen 1965: 555).

Throughout the Piedmont, indigenous methods of folk construction are rapidly being replaced by low cost slab construction or equally repugnant mobile homes. The older "I" houses are rapidly deteriorating as the new generation no longer finds the old homes culturally desirable. The dominance of contemporary fashion, which was responsible for the ready acceptance and wide-spread distribution of the "I" house, is having an adverse effect on the old homes.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Kniffen, Fred B.  
 1965 "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals of the Association of American Geographers, vol. 55, No. 4.

**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: 1.5 acres

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

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South Carolina	45	Laurens	059
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Thomas M. Ryan - Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Institute of Archeology and Anthropology DATE: August 26, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: University of South Carolina

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  
 Title Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date 9.6.72 cm

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Robert H. Italy  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 Date 5/22/73

ATTEST:  
W. Bradford Ford  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date 5/18/73

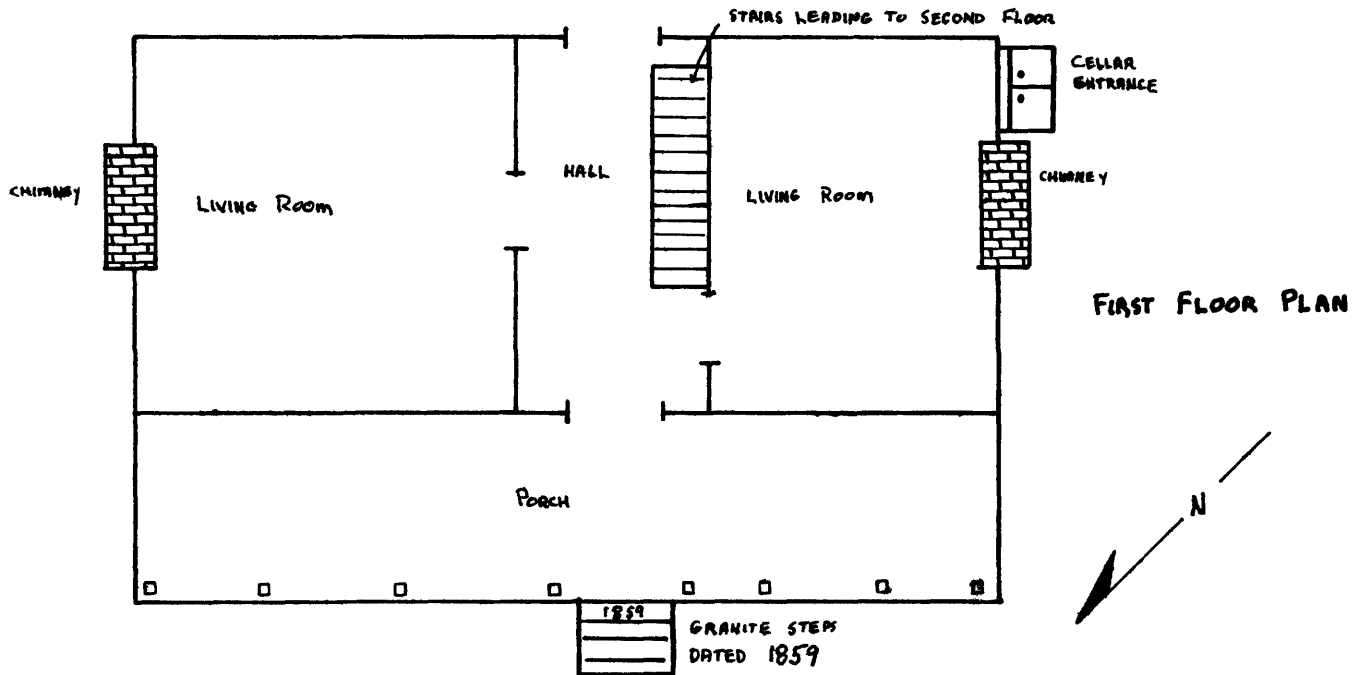
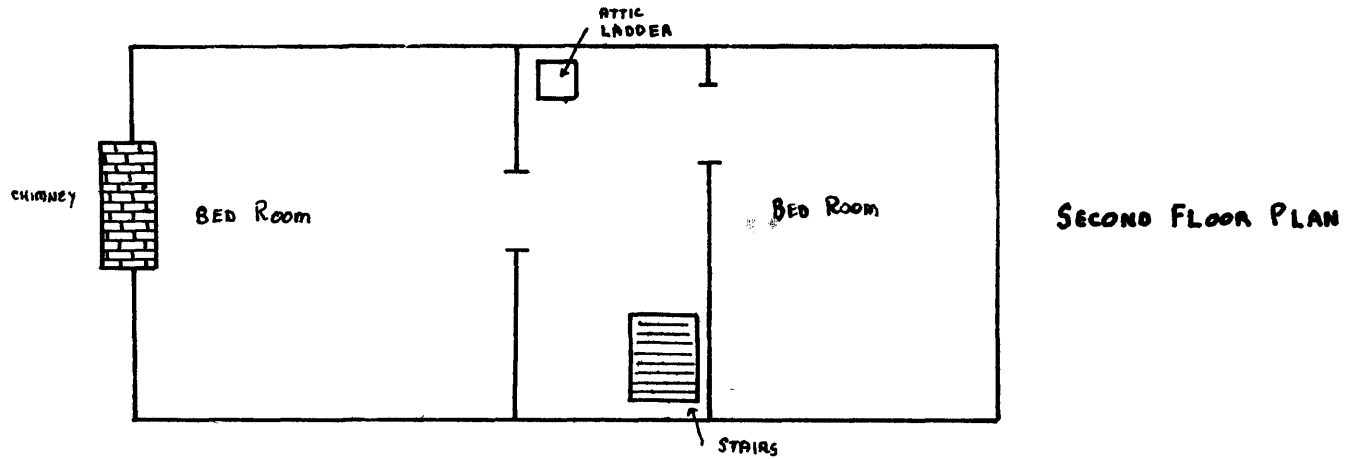
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PLAN OF ORIGINAL STRUCTURE  
BUILT IN 1838



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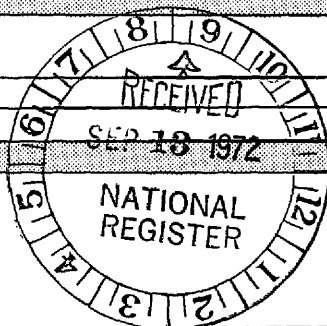
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SCALE: 1:10			
DATE: June 13, 1972			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
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1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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38 LU 2

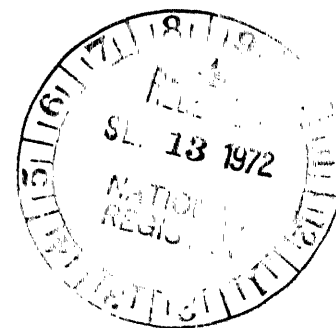
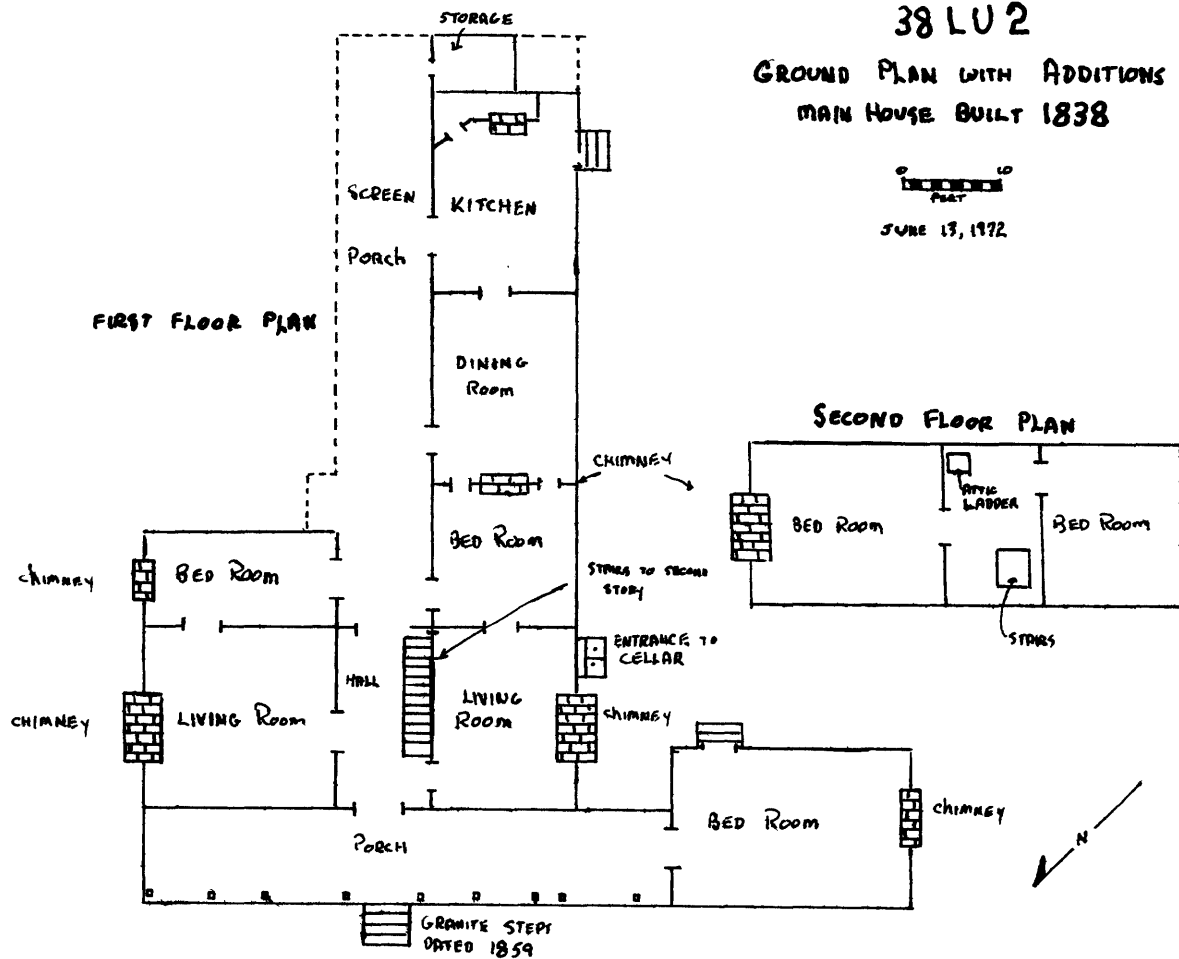
GROUND PLAN WITH ADDITIONS

MAIN HOUSE BUILT 1838



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



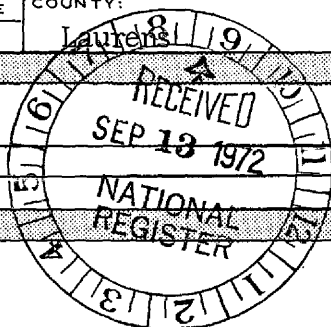
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SOURCE: GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP OF  
LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
1967

