

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)

|                               |                 |
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| STATE:<br>South Carolina      |                 |
| COUNTY:<br>Anderson           |                 |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY              |                 |
| ENTRY NUMBER<br>71.10.45.0063 | DATE<br>10/7/71 |

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Caldwell - Johnson-Morris Cottage *per 10/30 letter*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
220 East Morris Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Anderson

STATE: South Carolina 29621      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Anderson      CODE: 007

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)                                                                               | OWNERSHIP                                                                                                                                               | PUBLIC ACQUISITION                                                                                                          | STATUS                                                                                                                                        | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC                                                                                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural     Government     Park     Transportation     Comments  
 Commercial     Industrial     Private Residence     Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational     Military     Religious    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entertainment     Museum     Scientific    \_\_\_\_\_

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
~~Mrs. Hailey D. Pruitt~~ *Municipal*

STREET AND NUMBER:  
212 North Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Anderson

STATE: South Carolina 29621      CODE: 00745

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Anderson County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Anderson

STATE: South Carolina 29621      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

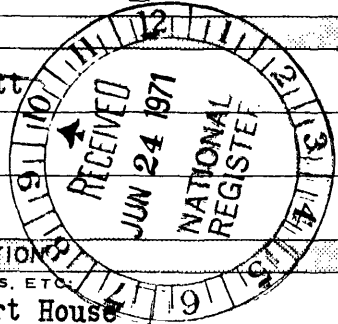
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969-1971       Federal     State     County     Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE: South Carolina 29211      CODE: 45



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Tailored to SHC class of 5-2-75  
1-1-1971... owned by the Municipal Gov.  
public & Municipal  
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STATE: SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY: ANDERSON  
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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

Cottage Built c. 1851, by Nancy M. Caldwell, the Johnson-Morris House is a perfect example of the "raised cottage" genera of houses which were built extensively in the 19th century.

One-story, raised brick basement elevates house and gives effect of a two-story dwelling. Facade has high wooden steps which lead to pedimented portico on main floor level. This central portico is supported by four, square columns and enclosed with balustrade. Entrance, flanked by four-pane sidelights, has six-pane transom above. Located on either side of portico is a pair of nine-over-nine sash windows with louver shutters. Two symmetrically spaced chimneys are set in medium gable roof.

Located on Morris Street, facing Manning Street, the house stands out for several blocks due to its situation as an "island" with access streets on all sides. Originally the house stood on a four-acre lot, however, the present lot is still quite spacious. Dimensions of present lot are 100 feet on the front, 101 feet on back, and 164 feet along the sides.

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## SIGNIFICANCE

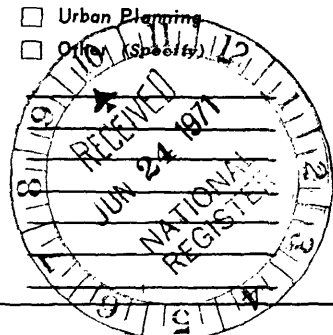
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1851

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <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) |
| <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 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 architecturally significant Johnson-Morris House is also important as the home of Dr. William Bullein Johnson, outstanding 19th century Baptist minister, leader, and pioneer in the area of female education.

In 1804 William Bullein Johnson, successful young lawyer of Beaufort, South Carolina, was caught up in the religious revival which swept through the area's Baptist churches. Following this spiritual experience, Johnson abandoned his law practice to serve as a Baptist minister throughout South Carolina. He was also chaplain for South Carolina College and pastor of the Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia.

Equally interested in nationwide Baptist activity, Dr. Johnson was credited by Luther Rice as having initiated the idea of the first Baptist Triennial Convention organized in Philadelphia in 1814. This convention was the first effort to unite the scattered, unorganized Baptists of America into one concerted drive for foreign missions and Baptist educational institutions. Johnson later became president of the Triennial Convention and remained an active member for 30 years.

Knowing that the Triennial Convention could not survive without organized support from Baptists within the individual states Johnson became a foremost advocate of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and served as its president from 1825-1853.

In 1845, the Triennial Convention met in Providence, Rhode Island to discuss the growing rift between Northern and Southern Baptists over the question of slavery. It was decided that the Southern Baptists should form a separate convention. Largely due to the leadership of William Bullein Johnson, the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in Augusta, Georgia in May 1845. Johnson was first president of the convention, serving from 1845-1849.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

King, Joe M. A History of South Carolina Baptists. Columbia, S.C.:  
General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, 1964.

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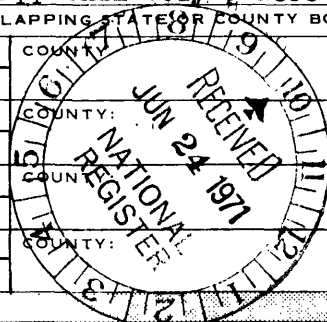
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER                                                                           | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |    | LATITUDE                                                                                                | LONGITUDE               |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Approximately 1/2 acre**

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:  
**Nancy Ruhf, Historic Resources Coordinator I**

ORGANIZATION: **S.C. Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **June 3, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**1430 Senate Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia**      STATE: **South Carolina 29211**      CODE: **45**

**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 Z. Lep

Title: Director, Department of Archives & History, State of S.C.

Date: June 14, 1971

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

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

Date: OCT 7 1971

ATTEST:

William J. Neustadt  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: SEP 28 1971

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JOHNSON-MORRIS HOUSE

8. Significance

An alumnus of Brown University, Dr. Johnson was always aware of the educational needs of South Carolina, especially in the area of higher education for women. In Greenville he served as principal of the city's two academies (male and female) from 1822 until 1830 when he began a twenty-two year career as principal of Edgefield Female Academy. In 1853 Dr. Johnson assumed the role of chancellor and teacher at Johnson Female University, Anderson, South Carolina, forerunner of today's Anderson College. Dr. Johnson held this position until his retirement in 1858.

The following statement concerning the house's architectural importance is by Dr. Harold N. Coledge Jr., College of Architecture, Clemson University:

"...the Johnson Morris House in Anderson, because of its total site, its relative completeness of fabric, the general soundness of that fabric and the relative ease with which it can be rehabilitated is probably the best standing example of mid-nineteenth residential architecture available for immediate consideration. That is not to say that it is a 'great' work; it is a good, vernacular work, and, for my part, that much more worthy of preservation. We tend to concentrate on 'great' works far too frequently, and are, therefore, losing the much larger and more significant sub-stratum of sound vernacular architecture -- of all periods -- which loss will be noticed, as a serious gap, in our material history some years hence. I sincerely hope the Johnson-Morris house can be preserved and restored, together with the upgrading of the surrounding neighborhood."

