

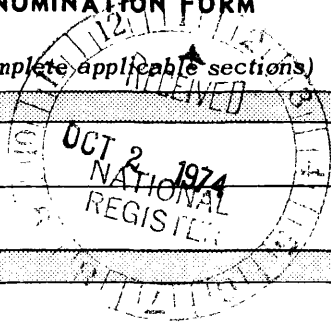
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Sumter	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Ellerbe's Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Millvale

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On Rafting Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
About 3 miles from Rembert, S.C., 1-2 miles off Highway 521

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Sumter CODE: 085

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. P.M. Brown

STREET AND NUMBER:
Millvale

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
N. Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Sumter 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	
	(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

Exterior

Built about 1830 by Garner Sanders, Ellerbe's Mill is a two-and-one-half-story pine clapboard building mounted on wooden pilings. Exterior of mill remains unaltered; features include gable roof, wide entrance, and randomly spaced 6/6 light windows. In 1928 an adjacent covered bridge with bell tower was destroyed by flooding.

On the west side of the mill are a shed and a small loading dock. Water power is derived from internal chutes and a turbine rather than a wheel. Water from the mill pond enters through an intake and watergate on the north side and flows out of an outlet on the south side.

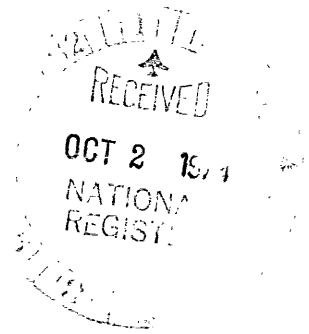
Interior

Modern equipment has been added to the grist mill; working parts were replaced in 1880, and the interior was again remodeled in 1928. Floors and hand-hewn beams, however, are original.

Surroundings

The mill is surrounded by one hundred acres dominated by a 90 acre mill pond with a six acre island. Essential to the operation of the mill, the black water pond is fed by Rafting Creek. Natural vegetation on the property includes pine, sweetgum, and water oak.

In addition to the mill, structures on the property, which has been in the present owner's family since the 18th Century, include a house, constructed in 1890, a store (originally built before the War Between the States and replaced in 1910), several tenant houses, and a dovecote. The two-story white clapboard house was built by W.C.S. Ellerbe, nephew of Garner Sanders. A first floor veranda has square columns and gingerbread scroll saw-work between the columns. The second floor contains a partially screened porch with a Victorian vine-bracketed balustrade.



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3. 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. 1830**

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ellerbe's Mill, in operation since before the War Between the States, is a functioning example of an essential 19th Century industrial process. Located on a 90 acre mill pond, the rough-hewn clapboard building was once a center for social and political interaction in rural Sumter County.

Industry and Commerce

Grist mills played an indispensable role in the economy of 19th Century rural America. Ellerbe's Mill and the nearby store once formed the chief commercial center for a 10 mile square area. Today Ellerbe's Mill is operated each Saturday, demonstrating the process of water-powered slow-grinding to furnish corn meal and grits.

Agriculture

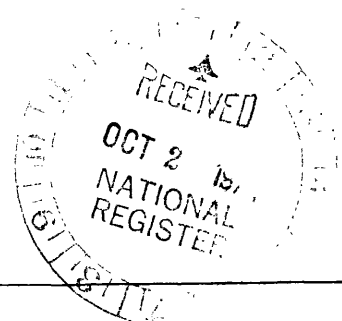
On land originally granted to ancestors of the present owner, this site is important as a plantation functioning today much as it did in the 19th Century. The land has been under cultivation and the mill in operation since antebellum days.

Architecture

The function of the mill is easily distinguishable by its rough-hewn, unpretentious quality and the water-front location. Pine clapboard exterior and interior floors and beams date from the antebellum period. The mill building is more than a reminder of a 19th Century industrial process, however, and continues to supply water-ground meal.

The main residence, located nearby, contains outstanding features of Victorian ornamentation.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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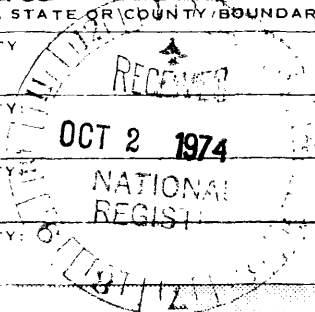
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	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		
NW	34°	04'	25"	80°	32'	05"		
NE	34°	04'	25"	80°	31'	35"		
SE	34°	03'	59"	80°	31'	35"		
SW	34°	03'	59"	80°	32'	05"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **100 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Ruth Rhyne, Santee-Wateree Regional Council**
Nenie Dixon, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History** DATE: **8/28/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station, Columbia, S.C.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **29211** CODE: **045**

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

Date September 5, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

R. Rhyne
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/20/74

ATTEST:

Charles Adams
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11.14.74

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Ellerbe's Mill Sketch Map Sumter County, South Carolina
Taken from schematic survey map of two tracts on waters of
Rafting Creek near Rembert, S.C.
Lewis E. Leavell, Jr. September, 1970
(Pond and road not drawn to scale.)

—— indicates boundary of property nominated for National Register

