

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Spartanburg	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-7.41-0023	DATE 7/16/90

1. NAME

COMMON:
Evins-Bivings House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Dr. James Bivings House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
563 N. Church St. (Corner N. Church and Evins Streets; Highways 221 and 56)

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE South Carolina	CODE 41	COUNTY: Spartanburg	CODE 42
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 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:
Thomas Alexander Evins

STREET AND NUMBER:
563 Church St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE: South Carolina	CODE 41
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Spartanburg County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Magnolia Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE South Carolina	CODE 41
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

DATE OF SURVEY: September 1969
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
S.C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211, 1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE: South Carolina	CODE 41
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Greek Revival antebellum, circa 1854. Two stories, four-square interior plan on both floors; mosquito basement. White clapboard, four massive Doric columns; notable balustrades on double piazzas. All bricks handmade on nearby Chinquapin Creek; handblown glass. Entrance with transom and sidelights flanked by Doric, fluted, superimposed columns supporting architrave with triglyphs. Small end pilasters at house corners. Original kitchen, slave quarters, smoke house, well.

Landscaped three-acre setting includes wistaria, Lady Banksia roses, tea olive, considerable old boxwood and an ample grove of oaks dating from early Spartanburg history.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) C. 1854

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

One of the two mosquito cottages remaining in Spartanburg, the Dr. James Bivings Home is an unusually beautiful and well-cared-for example of South Carolina's antebellum Greek Revival architecture. It is particularly notable for the quality of its carpentry craftsmanship.

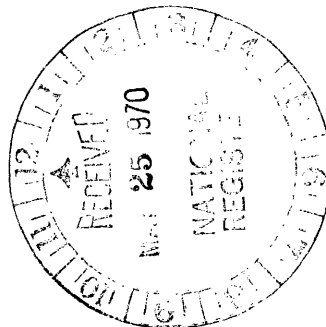
The house is important, also, because the family which built and has lived in it since has supplied Spartanburg with industrial, religious, political and civic leaders prominent in the development of the area.

The house was built by a highly successful textile pioneer, Dr. James Bivings, who came to the South Carolina Piedmont in 1832 from Lincolnton, N.C., and was chiefly responsible for building and promoting manufacturing in the Spartanburg district. He founded Glendale Mills, first large textile plant in the area.

Subsequent family occupants have been a Bivings nephew, Col. John Hamilton Evins, elected U.S. Congressman in the 1876 "Red Shirt Election" and serving until his death in 1884; and Mr. Choice Evins, who was president of Clifton and Glendale Manufacturing Co., and Chairman of the Board of Converse College in Spartanburg.

Forebears of the present owner date back to early Spartanburg history, and include Revolutionary War soldiers Alexander Evins and Gen. Thomas Moore, who fought in the Battle of Cowpens when he was a boy of 16.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Laudrum History of Spartanburg County
 WPA A History Of Spartanburg County, American Guide Series
 Shaffer Carolina Gardens
 Tricentennial Tour of Historic Homes in Spartanburg County (Brochure)

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3

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:
 Mrs. James W. Fant, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: S.C. Department of Archives and History

DATE: May 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211, 1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 41

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: James S. Lep

Title: Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date: 5/19/70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 16 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William S. Swartz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUN 23 1970

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