



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

Historic name Lenoir Store

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 3240 Horatio Rd.

city or town Horatio

state S. C. code SC county Sumter

not for publication

vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

code 85 zip code 29062

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  locally.  
(\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official Date 5/27/97

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_  
In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I,  hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Edson H. Beall 7.3.97

\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Classification

Ownership of Property		Category of Property		Number of Resources within Property		
(Check as many boxes as apply)		(Check only one box)		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<u>1</u>		buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-local	<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>		sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-State	<input type="checkbox"/>	site	<input type="checkbox"/>		structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/>	object	<u>1</u>		Total

Name of related multiple property listing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
 N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce\Trade Sub: department store

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**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce\Trade Sub: department store

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### 7. Description

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
Other: <u>Vernacular</u>	foundation <u>Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>Metal: aluminum</u>
_____	walls <u>Wood: weatherboard</u>
_____	other _____

Narrative Description  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 8. Statement of Significance

**Applicable National Register Criteria**  
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

**A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

**B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

**C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce  
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**Significant Dates**

1878  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1878-1946  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** 1.16 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	539880	3764420	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Katherine H. Richardson

organization Heritage Preservation Associates date Sept. 2, 1996

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city or town Sumter state SC zip code 29150

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### Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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### Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. S. G. (Carrie Baker) Lenoir

street & number 3240 Horatio Road telephone 803-499-4023

city or town Horatio state SC zip code 29062

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Summary Paragraph

The Lenoir Store, built prior to 1878, is the oldest business establishment in Sumter County. The Lenoir family has run a store at this location since before 1808. The present building was built prior to 1878. It is a one story building with a gable end roof disguised by a false store front on the street end of the building. It stands on county road 37 at the village of Horatio near the Wateree River. The building houses the Horatio Post Office and the a general store and serves as the hub of the community. It is in sound shape and is maintained by the Lenoir family, now in its eighth generation of business at the site. The Lenoir Store is being nominated under Criterion A as a property associated with the events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history at the local level of significance.

The Lenoir Store is a surviving example of the "old general store" found in communities throughout America in the 19th and early 20th century. It is a one story building clad in weatherboard. It stands on a brick foundation. The gable end metal roof is disguised by a simple false store front. The building has a shed roof porch on the northeastern, or front, facade. The porch is supported by simple knee brackets and plain square wooden posts. An enclosed shed addition enlarged the store on the northwestern elevation. On the southeastern side a one-story gable end addition to the post office space dates to c. 1900. A single 6/6 sash window is on the southwestern facade of the building.

The store has a centrally placed main entry on the front facade which is flanked by two 6/6 sash windows. The shed addition has a centrally placed door on the northeastern facade. The gable end addition on the southeastern side of the store has a door on its northeastern facade.

The interior of the store appears much as any general store would have 100 years ago. Shelves line the walls and glass cases hold merchandise. Some of the merchandise is truly antique, consisting of wares which never sold over time. The store is also stocked with modern foods and commodities. The Lenoir Store has served as the local post office since 1900. The small post office boxes and postal window are located to the left of the front door. The original carbide lights which remain in the store have been superseded by electric lights.

The Lenoir store is a rare remaining example of the local general store in a vernacular building which could have been found in any community in the South a century or more ago.

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The Lenoir Store, built prior to 1878, stands as a reminder of a simpler way of life before the modern era produced strip malls and modern supermarkets. In a way, the Lenoir Store and other general merchandise stores were the first "convenience stores"--they sold everything one might need under one roof, from gasoline to bread to shoelaces to medicine. The small general store was the norm in our country in the 19th century. The advent of the modern supermarket and self-service grocery shopping did not arrive until 1916 when Clarence Saunders opened the first departmentalized food market in Memphis, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> Instead, the general mercantile brought diverse goods and foodstuffs together under one roof and clerks filled the orders of customers. In the general store, goods were ordered in bulk and foodstuffs were measured out according to the needs of the patron, unlike the modern practice of buying premeasured and packaged foodstuffs.

Though the Lenoir Store now has prepackaged goods on its shelves, it has the look of the old general store and all of the equipment used in its early days as a true general store. Mrs. Carrie Baker Lenoir still has the old cheese cutter, the tobacco cutter, ice tongs, and penny scales. The store still serves as the local post office and retains its postal equipment installed at the turn of the century. The Lenoir Store continues to serve as a focal point of the Horatio community, a small but readily identifiable community above Stateburg in the High Hills of Santee. There are no traffic lights in Horatio - just a staggered crossroads, a railroad crossing nearby, a few houses, and the Lenoir Store. The store is at its busiest at lunch time, when the local people drop in to buy sandwiches and drinks, pick up the mail, and chat. Mrs. Lenoir calls this time her "lunch crowd."

The Lenoir family has operated a general store in Horatio since before 1808. Isaac Lenoir (1743-1808) came to South Carolina after 1765. He served as Adjutant of Sumter's Brigade in the Revolutionary War and was one of the signers of the South Carolina Declaration of Rights in 1775 for the district east of the Wateree River.<sup>2</sup> In his will of 1808, Isaac left his land on the road to Sumter's Landing Plantation on the Wateree River to his four sons, to be equally divided among them. In the will he specifies that this is the land where his "store house" stands.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Grolier Electronic Publishing, The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, "supermarket."

<sup>2</sup>Thomas F. Hicherson, Echoes of Happy Valleys, n.p., n.d., p. 176.

<sup>3</sup>Will of Isaac Lenoir, Bundle 58, Pkg. 5, 1808, Sumter County Probate Office.

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Son Francis Lenoir inherited the store tract and in 1812, deeded it to brother John H. Lenoir. The deed specifically mentions the "house commonly called the Lenoirs Store."<sup>4</sup> The 1821 map of Sumter District made by S. H. Boykin indicates "Lenoir's Old Store" at the present location of the Lenoir Store. The store tract passed through the successive generations of Isaac Lenoir (1778-1858) and Isaac N. Lenoir (1817-1888), Walter Marion Lenoir (1853-1935), Samuel Lenoir (1890-1935), and Samuel Gaillard Lenoir (1916-1991), the late husband of Mrs. Carrie Baker Lenoir, who in 1996 still runs the store with son Steve Lenoir.<sup>5</sup>

The Lenoir Store is recommended for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A at the local level of significance.

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<sup>4</sup>Sumter County Deeds, vol. CC, p. 540.

<sup>5</sup>Hickerson, pp. 176-222.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:** Sumter County Tax Parcel 0760002049

**Boundary Justification:** The present Lenoir Store has stood on this parcel since c. 1878 and this property has historically been the location of the prior store buildings.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Lenoir Store  
Location of Property: Horatio, Sumter County, South Carolina  
Name of Photographer: Katherine H. Richardson  
Date of Photographs: September 1996  
Location of Original  
Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives & History,  
Columbia, S.C.

1. Front facade facing southwest.
2. Southeastern facade facing northwest.
3. Southwestern facade facing northeast.
4. Northwestern facade facing southeast.
5. Interior detail. Facing southwest.
6. Interior detail of Post Office, facing southeast.
7. Detail of front facade. Porch knee braces, central door, and historical marker.