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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**** HISTORIC
McLaurin House

AND/OR COMMON

Lamar McLaurin House

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER Located outside Clio, South Carolina approximately .2 miles southeast
of junction of S. C. 83 and Secondary Road 40. _ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Clio

 VICINITY OF

6th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Marlboro

CODE

069

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Lamar W. McLaurin

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Clio

 VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Marlboro County Court House, Clerk of Court

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Square

CITY, TOWN

Bennettsville

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973 (update)

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

S. C. Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McLaurin House is primarily an example of Italianate Victorian architecture. It was constructed ca. 1880 by John B. McLaurin on the site of an earlier structure.

Exterior: A two-story frame structure, the McLaurin House features a truncated hip roof with a balustraded deck. The front and side facades consist of three bays, each characterized by a gable with undulating cornice, finial and decorative brackets. Both stories feature paired 2/2 windows. A molded panel with diamond motif appears above each pair of second story windows on the front facade.

The front facade is dominated by a one-story porch with balustrade and decorative brackets. The center bay projects slightly forward, and its doorway features rounded sidelights and transom with ruby colored glass.

Both side facades are characterized by a large bay window with segmental lights. Each bay window is highly decorated and topped by a small balustraded balcony. The left facade has a central one-story portico with decorative details that match the front veranda.

According to tradition, the present 1880s structure incorporated elements from a house built ca. 1800. Although the architectural specifications for the 1880s construction do not mention remodeling of an earlier structure, evidence of an early residence is found in an early 19th Century kitchen building (now attached to the house).

Interior: The major portion of the structure consists of a typical floor plan, four rooms to a floor divided by a central hall. This plan is slightly modified by an additional hall, containing stairway, located on the left (east) side of the structure. This hall is accessible by a side entrance.

Interior features found in the four major rooms include: plaster ceiling medallions, marbled woodwork on stairway, decorative woodwork including consoles and Eastlake-style valences. A marble mantel appears in the formal parlor.

Located to the rear of the structure is a later addition containing kitchen and bath. Projecting from this addition is an ell containing a bedroom, another kitchen, and bath. Attached to this is the original kitchen building which has retained its original wide hearth. This kitchen has recently been converted into an apartment.

Surroundings: The McLaurin House is located in a rural farming area and is surrounded by a picket fence constructed ca. 1880. On the site there are several barns and sheds of undetermined ages. There is also a 19th Century structure which is thought to have been a school building.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in rural Marlboro County near Clio, South Carolina, the McLaurin House has been the home of a family whose members have played an active role in the agricultural, political and professional life of their community. The structure is an interesting example of ca. 1880 Italianate Victorian architecture in South Carolina.

It is believed that a house has stood on or near the site of the present McLaurin House since the early 19th Century. The original structure was probably built by David Stewart, one of the earliest settlers to locate along the Little Pee Dee River in Marlboro County. A prosperous farmer, he served in the South Carolina General Assembly (1800-1801). His will of 1811 left to his wife Celia "the house and plantation where I now reside which is Estimated at Eighteen Hundred Acres."¹

In 1837 John L. McLaurin purchased the property on which the present house is situated from David Stewart's widow, Celia Stewart Thomas. McLaurin, the son of Scottish immigrants who had established themselves along the Little Pee Dee River in the 1790s, was a farmer who served on various local district boards. John L. McLaurin had two sons who served in the South Carolina General Assembly. The eldest son, Phillip Bethea McLaurin, served from 1856 to 1857. He was a lawyer who farmed extensively.

Another son, John Bethea McLaurin (1834-1892) was also actively involved in local politics. It was this son, John B. McLaurin, who inherited the family home outside of Clio. He was both a farmer and a physician. After service in the Confederate army he returned to Clio and ca. 1880 constructed the present house, incorporating elements from an earlier structure. In 1882 he entered the South Carolina General Assembly as a delegate from Marlboro County. After John B. McLaurin's death, the house passed to a nephew Dr. John Laughlin McLaurin, a Clio dentist. The house continues to be owned by the McLaurin family.

Architecture: The McLaurin house is an excellent example of the Italianate Victorian style, popular during the last quarter of the 19th Century. Symmetrical in plan, the house features such embellishments as multi-bracketed gables, octagonal bays with crowning balustrades, molded cornices, and a balustraded widow's walk.

1. Will of David Stewart, Apartment 8, Package 8, Marlboro County Estate Papers, South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

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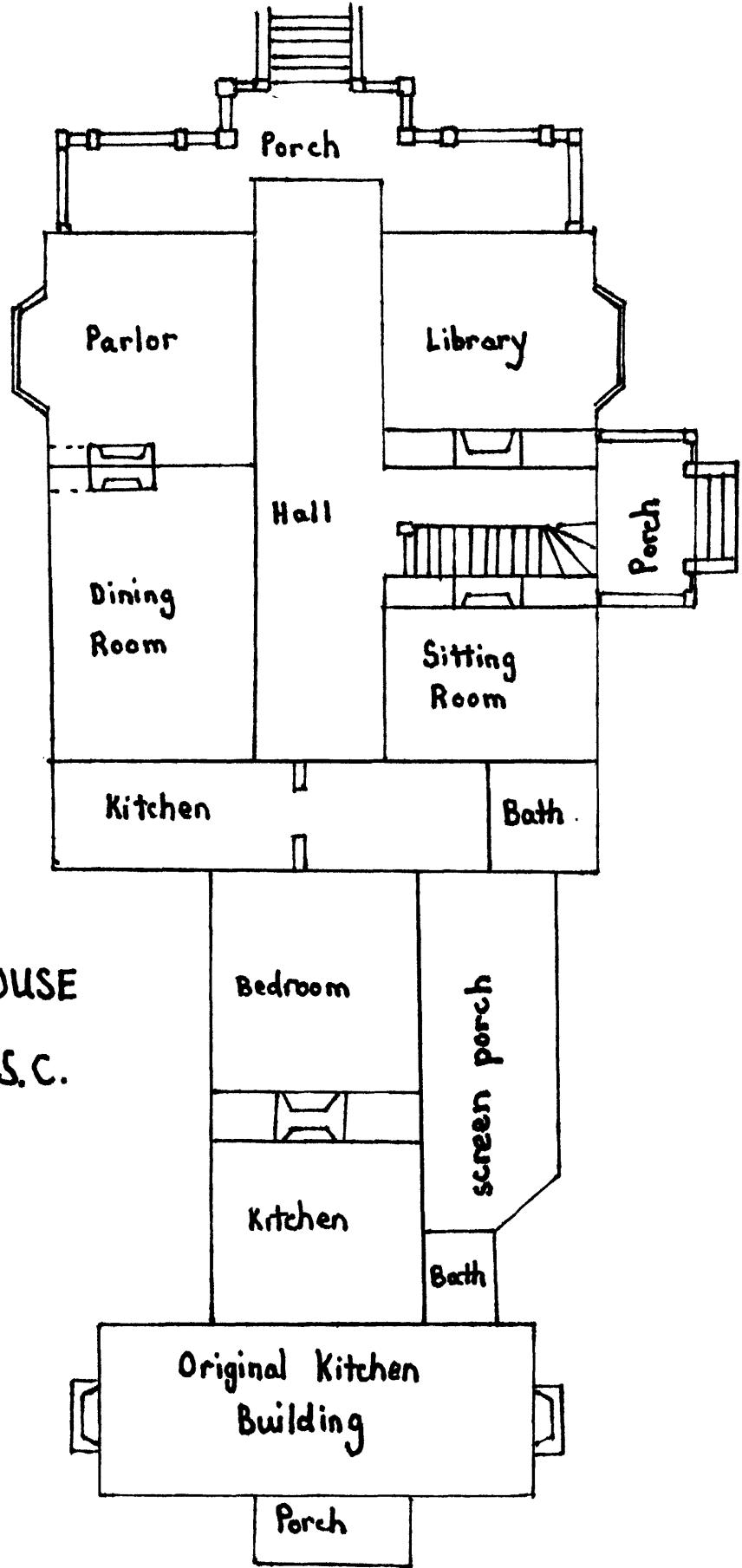
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THE M^cLAURIN HOUSE
 Marlboro County, S.C.
 First floor



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