

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Ivy, Adam, House other names/site number

2. Location

street & number SC Hwy 55, 1.5 mi SW of intersection w/County Rd 2109 not for publication city, town Van Wyck vicinity state South Carolina code SC county Lancaster code 057 zip code 29720

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 3, 0, 0, 0, 3.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Lancaster County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds Signature of certifying official Date 11/8/89 Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, SC Department of Archives & History, Columbia, SC State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

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

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain):

Andy Federman Signature of the Keeper

9/1/89 Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century/Greek Revival

Late 19th and Early 20th Century

American Movements

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood; Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Brick

Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Adam Ivy House, constructed c. 1849-1850 and remodeled c. 1920, is located in the rural Indian Lands section of Lancaster County, near the town of Van Wyck. Its central section is representative of mid-nineteenth century vernacular Greek Revival architecture while the flanking additions are indicative of twentieth century construction and lifestyles.

Additional Information

The central section of the house is two-and-one-half-story, lateral-gable, frame structure with clapboard siding. It has a one-story, full-facade shed-roof porch supported by freestanding stuccoed brick columns with a recessed slat balustrade. The five-bay front facade has a central entry with a double door with sidelights and transom-lights on the first floor and a tripartite window in the central bay of the second story. The central section has two, brick, exterior, end chimneys. C. 1920 two-story additions flank the c. 1849-1850 central section. The north addition has a lateral gable roof with triple windows on the west facade and a brick, exterior, end chimney flanked by single windows. A gable roof two-story kitchen wing has a small window, a triple window and a double window on the front facade of the first floor. The addition's second floor has a triple window and shed-roof sleeping porch with simple wood posts and slat balustrade. The rear or east facade has a continuous screened-in porch composed of the center shed-roof porch with stuccoed columns with shallow flanking shed-roof porches. All windows are one-over-one-light double-hung sash with fluted jambs. The interior of the c. 1849-1850 farmhouse retains its original central hall plan and much of its original woodwork, doors, and mantels.

There are also two contributing c. 1930 barns included within the boundaries of the property.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

c. 1849 - c. 1930

Significant Dates

c. 1849-1850

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Ivy, Adam

Architect/Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Adam Ivy House is significant both as an example of mid-nineteenth century vernacular Greek Revival architecture with early twentieth century additions, and for its association with Adam Ivy (1798-1888), a prominent Methodist minister and farmer in Lancaster County throughout most of the nineteenth century.

It was built c. 1849-1850 by Ivy and replaced an earlier log cabin on the property. According to tradition Ivy's second wife helped finance the house with proceeds from the sale of gold dust. Ivy founded two Methodist churches in Lancaster County in the first half of the nineteenth century. Waxhaws Methodist Episcopal Church is no longer in existence, but Mount Ararat Methodist Episcopal Church, founded in 1835, has been renamed Belair United Methodist Church and is still active. Ivy also served as president of the Indian Lands Bible Society. His other interests included his farm, which included over 1600 acres when this house was built; service as an agent to the Catawba Indians; and a partnership in Turkey Point Merchant Mills, a flour and grist mill later known as the Ivy Mill Place. Ivy lived here until he moved to Florida in the 1880s. He sold the house to James D. Nisbet (1861-1933), prominent area physician and the son of his step-daughter Mary Jane Nisbet, in February 1888; Ivy died in December of that year. While Nisbet practiced medicine for nearly forty years in New York City his mother and a brother lived in the house. The additions and renovations occurred c. 1920, before Nisbet retired and returned to the house in 1923. After Nisbet's death the house passed to his widow, and it remains in the hands of descendants today.(1)

After his retirement, Nisbet became a "gentleman farmer" and operated the property as a working farm. The large and small barns near the house, built c. 1930, date from this period. They are significant as intact examples of agricultural buildings in Lancaster County built after c. 1920, when farmers began to diversify and ended their long reliance on cotton as their major product.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

SC Department of Archives & History,
Columbia, SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 3.9 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Lancaster County Tax Map 22, Parcel 1, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the house, two historic barns, and their immediate surroundings.

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NOTES

(1) Eugenia White Graham, "Adam Ivy," unpublished typescript, Lancaster, S.C., 1989, National Register Office files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; Deed of Conveyance, David Hagins and Eliza Hagins to Adam Ivy, et al, 20 November 1835, Lancaster County Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History; South Carolina Department of Archives and History, "Agriculture, Industry, Social Statistics, and Mortality Schedules for South Carolina, 1850-1880" (Columbia: Department of Archives and History Microfilms, 1971), Lancaster District; Lancaster Ledger, August 1855; Lancaster District Deed Book R, p. 151, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster, S.C.; Lancaster Ledger, 2 July 1859, 9 November 1859; Charlotte Observer, 28 July 1933.

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Name of property: Adam Ivy House
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multiple property submission)

Location of property: Lancaster County, South Carolina

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

1. Main House
Facade and right elevation
Preservation Consultants, Inc., Charleston, SC
1986
2. Main House
Right rear oblique
SC Department of Archives and History Staff
June 1989
3. Large Barn
SC Department of Archives and History Staff
June 1989
4. Small Barn
SC Department of Archives and History Staff
June 1989