

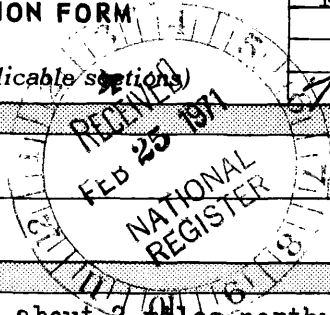
Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Fairfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.45.0016	DATE 5/6/71



1. NAME

COMMON:  
Valencia

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Ridgeway vicinity about 2 miles northwest on county road 106.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Ridgeway vic.

STATE: South Carolina 29130      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Fairfield      CODE: 039 20

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 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:  
Edward Gendron Palmer V

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 97

CITY OR TOWN: Ridgeway      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Congress Street

CITY OR TOWN: Winnsboro      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

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

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

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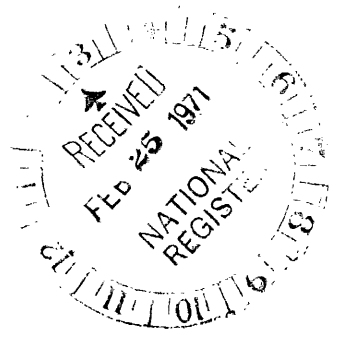
**7. DESCRIPTION**

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Large two-story frame. Built 1834. Hipped roof, two mammoth chimneys. Broad one-story piazza with unique elliptical arches. Long central halls on both floors, high-ceilinged rooms on either side. Five rooms (first floor) four rooms (second floor). Carved trim and woodwork, interior and exterior. Noteworthy mantels. Original red and gold cornices above drawing room windows. Many original pieces of furniture and family portraits. Has been occupied as a residence by the builder's descendants for its entire 136 years. Overlooks gently rolling hills of Up Country. The view, reminiscent of the family's travels to Valencia, Spain, inspired the property's name.

*no. 100 basement  
fixed 2000 ft. on 3 sides  
lead to the order.*



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1834

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A Fairfield County landmark, this Up Country plantation home reflects the Low Country background of its original owner, whose descendants have consistently maintained its character.

Built by Edward Gendron Palmer, a leader in civic, political, and religious life of Ridgeway and Fairfield County, who exerted much influence in building of railroads in upper South Carolina. Studied at Dr. Moses Waddel's school at Willington and graduated from South Carolina College, A.B., 1819; read law in Columbia and admitted to S.C. bar in 1821. Member of Nullification Convention (1834-48) and S.C. Senate (1857-65). He was instrumental in building Fairfield District's first Episcopal place of worship, Cedar Creek Mission, and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in 1854.

Valencia is filled with many heirlooms, including a table said to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson; rare documents; and family hunting, lancing, and racing trophies.

House and surroundings remain today as distinctive example of the life and society of a wealthy, affluent cotton planter in antebellum South Carolina.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bolick, Julian Stevenson. A Fairfield Sketchbook. Clinton, S.C.: Jacob's Brother's, 1963.  
 Marsh, Blanche and Kenneth Frederick. Plantation Heritage in Upcountry, South Carolina. Asheville, N.C.: Biltmore Press, 1962.  
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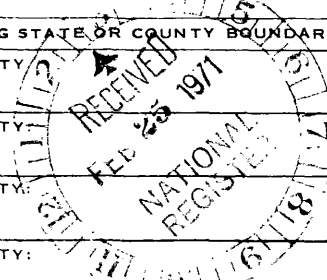
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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:  
Ben F. Hornsby, Historic Resources Coordinator, I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History      DATE: December 15, 1971

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

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 Forbes S. Lep

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives and History

Date Feb. 14, 1971

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

Ernest A. Combs  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 6 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 9 1971