

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	† South Carolina
COUNTY:	Spartanburg
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUL 23 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Smith's Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: E of
S.C. Route 215 between Roebuck and Walnut Grove (Stone Station Road)

CITY OR TOWN:
Roebuck

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

COUNTY: Spartanburg

CODE: 083

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) unoccupied; in process of being restored for residence

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reese

STREET AND NUMBER:
Edgecomb Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Spartanburg County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Magnolia Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973

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

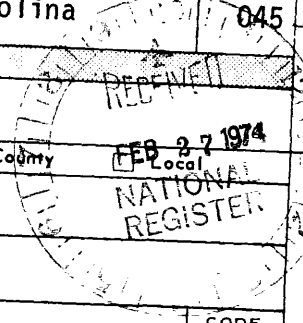
STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 045

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: Smith's Tavern is a two-story clapboard structure built ca. 1790. The house has a shed-roof porch at the front and a one-story kitchen addition to the rear. The main section of the house and the rear addition have gable roofs.

The house has two corbeled gable-end chimneys and a large chimney at the rear of the old kitchen addition. The brick-courses in one of the gable-end chimneys are laid in a diamond patterned tapestry, offset by glazed headers. The porch, the roof of which is supported by six wooden posts, rests upon brick pillars, as does the house itself.

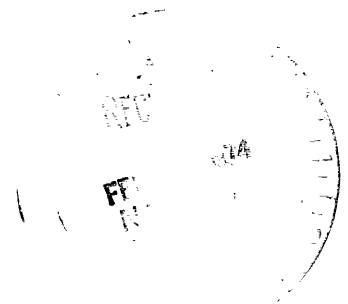
Windows are 9/9 double-sash and are grouped in pairs; they also occur at the gable ends of each story -- one to either side of the chimneys. The double front entrance on the porch is matched on the second floor by a central window. Aside from the tapestry chimney, there is no exterior ornamentation.

Interior: The front entrance opens from the porch into a wide hall flanked by a room to either side. The rear addition contains two smaller rooms, and upstairs, there are two large rooms and one small bedroom.

The staircase and much of the original paneling remain. The original large double front doors are still in place, as are other doors in the house with strap hinges and leather washers. Three of the original hand-carved mantels remain; one has a denticulated cornice and high frieze with scalloped oval segments at the corners of the two end panels. The central panel has a complete scalloped oval cut into its center.

Surroundings: The house is standing at its original location on a hill overlooking the intersection of two roads shown on Mills' map (1825). Adjacent to a forest, the property is partially overgrown with brush. Smith's Tavern is approximately twelve miles south of Spartanburg between two creek basins.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1780-1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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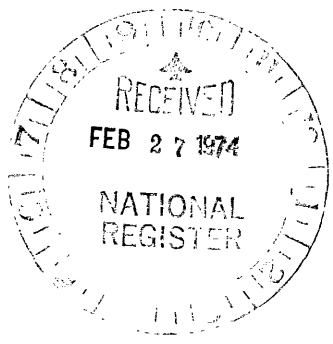
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Smith's Tavern, a farmhouse built at the end of the Revolution, served as a coach stop in the Spartanburg District of South Carolina and was probably a meeting place for farmers living in lower Spartanburg County.

Transportation: The house is significant as a reminder of the era between the Revolution and 1850, when the stagecoach was a key means of transportation in the state. Travel was slow, and many stops were made at inns and taverns before the final destination could be reached. Almost all of the coach stops were private homes whose owners accommodated guests. Smith's Tavern, overlooking the intersection of two eighteenth-century roads, is located on what was once a primary route from Columbia to Spartanburg and the North Carolina mountains.

Architecture: The tapestried chimney is one of few remaining in South Carolina. Its unusual pattern consists of a chain of concentric diamonds.

The house is on its original site on a high place overlooking two old roads; by virtue of its location, it is a prominent landmark. Many of the original features of the house -- the mantels, the woodwork, doors with original hardware, and windows -- remain in good condition. The house is structurally unaltered and is an excellent example of an eighteenth-century upcountry farmhouse.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robert Mills. Atlas of the State of South Carolina: State of S.C., 1825.
 Dr. J.B.O. Landrum. History of Spartanburg, S.C. County. Franklin Printing and Publishing Company: Atlanta, 1900.
 Work Projects Administration. South Carolina: A Guide to the Palmetto State. New York: Oxford University Press, 1946.

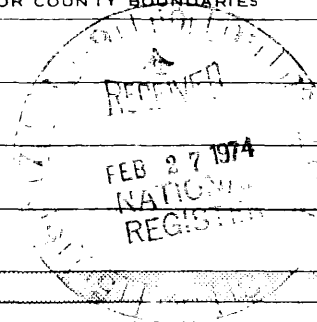
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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: 4 1/4 acres

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:
John Califf, III - Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: January 11, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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 Charles E. Lee

Title Historic Preservation Officer
S.C. Dept. of Archives & History

Date Jan. 28, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. R. [Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/23/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 7-19-74

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