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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 Roper House Complex
other names/site number Camp Oolenoy; Ellison, Elizabeth, House

2. Location

street & number SC Sec. Rd. 25, 1/10 mi SE of SC Sec Rd 25 & SC Hwy 11 not for publication
city, town Pickens vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Pickens code 077 zip code 29671

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of South Carolina State Parks
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 4/21/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, SC Dept. of Archives & History
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. Patrick Andrews 6/16/89
 See continuation sheet.
 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 the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Camp

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century

American Movements/Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Roper House is a farming complex located just south of South Carolina Primary Road 11 and Table Rock State Park. Once on farmland, the house, associated landscape features, and outbuildings are sited in a lightly wooded area with cleared fields.

The Roper House is a one-and-one-half story, rectangular plan single family dwelling showing Craftsman influence. The construction of this house occurred in two phases. The original core, built 1856, was enlarged and remodeled to its current appearance in c. 1937. This house, of frame construction with shiplap siding, has a lateral gable roof with composition shingles and a shed roof dormer. The eaves overhang and have exposed rafters and decorative braces.

The primary facade of the Roper House is asymmetrical with four bays. Its one-story shed roof porch stretches across the full facade and wraps to the left elevation. Porch supports are paired and clustered on brick pedestals with concrete caps. The right end bay of the porch is enclosed. The Roper House has single and double windows with double-hung sash windows and bungalow/craftsman geometric glazing. The primary entry is asymmetrically placed. Secondary entries are located in the rear and left elevations. Interior features include pine board sheathing in one of the rooms dating from the 1856 construction and beaded board walls and ceilings from the early twentieth century construction.

The house has a brick foundation, three exterior chimneys and one flue. Each chimney is of different construction. One is brick and dates from the c. 1937 remodeling. The remaining two chimneys date from the nineteenth century. These two chimneys have stone bases (one large cut stone, the other rubble masonry) with brick stacks and corbelled caps.

Three outbuildings, namely a smokehouse, garage, and chicken coop, are associated with the Roper House. The smokehouse is of frame construction on stone piers. It has a rectangular plan, gable roof and vertical plank siding. The early twentieth century garage is also of frame construction. The chicken coop is of frame construction with a

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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)

Period of Significance
c. 1937-1941

Significant Dates
c. 1937

Economics
Government
Architecture

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder
Civilian Conservation Corps
Newton, Doc Miles

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

This house is significant as an example of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) design and also because of its association with CCC activity within the Table Rock State Park area. The house, built in 1856 by the Roper family, was enlarged and remodeled in c. 1937, with the help of workmen from the CCC camps at Table Rock. Some of the stone landscaping was done by the CCC, under the supervision of Doc M. Newton, the stone masonry foreman at the park. The owner of the house, Manning Thomas Roper, was a carpenter and the assistant foreman of all the building construction at the park. Some of the park acreage was obtained from land owned by Roper. Roper provided the land for both CCC camps and also provided the right-of-way for the original park entrance. When the last CCC camp at Table Rock was disbanded, Roper was made caretaker of the park. He was soon after named the game warden for the Table Rock area, and was responsible for selling hunting and fishing licences. Roper later became the first superintendent of Table Rock State Park and served until his death in 1944. Roper's wife, Eva, operated the lodge for several years during World War II.(1)

In 1952, the Roper House became part of the Camp Oolenoy complex, where junior high students from Greenville studied conservation. Camp Oolenoy was founded and directed by Elizabeth Ellison, who lives in the house today.(2)

NOTES

(1) CCC Project Files, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.; The Pickens Sentinel (Pickens, S.C.), 21 July 1938, 22 January 1942, 4 January 1945; Deed Book 4D, p. 591, Deed Book 4F, p. 11, Deed Book 4G, pp. 137, 369, Register of Mesne Conveyance, Pickens County Courthouse, Pickens, S.C.; Interview with Ruth Roper Hendricks, Pickens, S.C., 12 December 1988 (Telephone Interview); Interview with Elizabeth Ellison, Pickens, S.C., 13 October 1988, 12 January 1989; Elizabeth Ellison and Alma Lynch, Echoes:

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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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

SC Dept. of Archives & History, Columbia SC

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 7.6 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Pickens County Tax Map, Sheet # G-4, Parcel 24, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the main house, smokehouse, garage, and chicken coop, historic landscape features, and their immediate settings.

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rectangular plan and shed roof. It sits on altered stone piers and was converted into a boys' dormitory for Camp Oolenoy in the 1950s. A girls' dormitory built in 1962 for Camp Oolenoy is also associated with the Roper House.

Landscape features include nineteenth century English Boxwoods and agricultural terracing, as well as landscaping associated with the c. 1937 remodeling. The c. 1937 landscape features include granite benches, stone retaining walls, and a flagstone walkway.

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Oolenoy-Pumpkintown (Easley, S.C.: Pace Printing, Inc., 1980), pp.
133-34, 138.

(2) Interview with Elizabeth Ellison, Pickens, S.C., 13 October 1988;
"Scrap Book," c. 1950s (In the possession of Elizabeth Ellison,
Pickens, S.C.)

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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

Name of property: Roper House Complex (Historic Resources of South
Carolina State Parks multiple property
submission)

Location of property: Pickens County, South Carolina

Photographer: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Staff

Location of negative: South Carolina Department of Archives and
History

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Roper House
January 1989
Southwest facade, oblique view looking northeast.
2. Roper House
January 1989
Northwest elevation, oblique view looking southeast.
3. Roper House
October 1988
Northeast elevation, view looking southwest.
4. Roper House
October 1988
Southeast elevation, view looking northwest.
5. Smokehouse
October 1988
West elevation, view looking southeast.
6. Girl's Dormitory (noncontributing)
October 1988
West facade, view looking northeast.