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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
 INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Lower Richland County Multiple  
 Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Claudius Scott Cottage

HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: On County Rd. 1182, just north of its intersection with County  
 Rd. 1054, and north of Eastover

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Mrs. J. E. Harmon (Lucille Ernestine)  
 Box 81  
 Eastover, S. C. 29044

DESCRIPTION

The Claudius Scott Cottage is a one-story, frame residence built around 1840. The building has not undergone significant alterations.

The house has a stuccoed brick pier foundation, weatherboard siding, and a gable roof sheathed in sheet metal. The facade is characterized by a small pedimented porch with four wooden pillars and a simple balustrade. The central entrance has a rectangular transom and sidelights. The four windows on the facade have louvered shutters and nine-over-nine sash.

The side elevations have three windows on the main floor, as well as single attic windows in the gable ends. There is a small frame addition on the right side of the house. The rear elevation also has a one-story, frame addition.

The house has a central-hall, double-pile floor plan, with two interior brick chimneys. These chimneys are evident at the ridge line.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Claudius Scott Cottage is significant architecturally as one of the few remaining intact antebellum cottages in lower Richland County. The cottage was built ca. 1840 by Claudius Scott, a business partner of James Trumble of Gadsden, South Carolina.(1) Scott and Trumble, railroad entrepreneurs, are supposed to have built, according to local tradition, the railroad at Kingville, but no written credible evidence has yet been found to support this supposition.(2) They did, in fact, contract to construct a railroad trestle over the Wateree River.(3)

The cottage was built as a summer residence in the Sandhills of Richland County; Claudius Scott, like many other local planters, hoped to escape the afflictions of malaria, prevalent in the bottom land areas along the Congaree and Wateree Rivers.(4)

The house and property still remain in the same family, belonging now to a great-granddaughter of Claudius Scott.

ACREAGE: 3.79 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is shown as a black line on the accompanying Richland County tax map #37000, section 1, parcel 61, with a scale of 1 inch equalling 400 feet. It includes the historic building, modern outbuildings, and the entire parcel.

QUAD NAME: Eastover, S. C.

QUAD Scale: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE: 17/527550/3752800

OTHER INFORMATION:

## NOTES

(1) Interview with Mrs. Lucille Ernestine Harmon, Eastover, S.C., 8 July 1985.

(2) Ibid.

(3) Account Book of Claudius Scott and James Trumble, in James Trumble Papers, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

(4) Robert Mills, Statistics of South Carolina (Charleston, S.C.: Hurlbut and Lloyd, 1826; reprint edition, Spartanburg, S.C.: The Reprint Co., 1972), p. 693.