

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY  
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic Monticello Store and Post Office  
Common  
Location South side county road 99; one-half block east of S.C. Hwy. 215 at Monticello  
Classification Building

Owner Martha M. Westbrook  
Albert H. McMeekin  
Monticello, S.C. 29106

Representation in Existing Surveys South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places, 1983

Description The Monticello Store and Post Office is a one-story, frame, weatherboarded, T-shaped building. The front portion of the building has a gable roof with the gable end facing the road; the rear portion has a transverse gable roof. The main feature of the facade is an undercut gallery with a pedimented gable supported by octagonal wooden columns. The facade is sheathed in flushboard with a chair rail and has a double-leaf, center entrance with plain surround flanked by windows with paneled wooden shutters. The roof is wood-shingled.

Significance The Monticello Store and Post Office is an unusually intact example of an antebellum rural store. Stylistically, the building appears to date from the mid-nineteenth century; however, local tradition suggests that it could have been built as early as 1820. It was reportedly owned by the Reverend Jonathan Davis, a prominent minister and state legislator from Fairfield District in the early-nineteenth-century.<sup>1</sup> According to local tradition the rear portion of the store was used as a dormitory for the Jefferson-Monticello Academy in the 1820s.<sup>2</sup> Robert Mills' Statistics of South Carolina indicates that the Jefferson-Monticello Academy was founded with the financial assistance of Thomas Jefferson ca. 1791.<sup>3</sup> The building was used as a store and post office after the Civil War\*

Acreage .83 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map # 146, with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes only the historic building and excludes any non-significant properties.

UTM Reference Point 17/472450/3801150

Other Information

\*until the mid-1960s,

<sup>1</sup>Rosson, Mrs. B.H., comp., Ederington's History of Fairfield County, South Carolina (Tuscaloosa, Ala.: Willo Publishing Co., n.d.), p. 59 (This article was originally published in the News and Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), June 10, 1901); News and Herald, July 1 1880; Tombstone Epitaphs of Fairfield County, South Caroliniana Library, Columbia, S.C. Faunt, et al., comp., Biographical Directory of the House, p. 297.

<sup>2</sup>Ederington states that he & his classmates boarded"with Colonel Jonathan Davis, and our sleeping department was in his old store-house recently fitted up for that purpose." Rosson, Ederington's History, p. 59.

<sup>3</sup>Mills, Statistics, p. 546.