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| <u>Name</u> | 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 |
| <u>Owner</u> | Martha M. Westbrook Albert H. McMeekin Monticello, S.C. 29106 | | 218 |

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.¹ According to local tradition the rear portion of the store was used as a dormitory for the Jefferson-Monticello Academy in the 1820s.² Robert Mills' Statistics of South Carolina indicates that the Jefferson-Monticello Academy was founded with the financial assistance of Thomas Jefferson ca. 1791.³ 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,

¹Rosson, Mrs. B.H., comp., Ederington's History of Fairfield County, South Carolina (Tuscaloosa, Ala.: Willow 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.

²Ederington 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.

³Mills, Statistics, p. 546.