

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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
	DEC 27 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Wofford College Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Wofford College

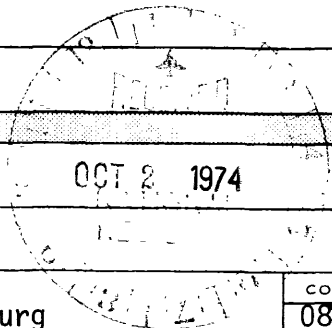
CITY OR TOWN:  
Spartanburg

STATE:  
South Carolina

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045

COUNTY:  
Spartanburg

CODE  
083



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Board of Trustees

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Wofford College

CITY OR TOWN:  
Spartanburg

STATE:  
South Carolina

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**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

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
S. C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE:  
South Carolina

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wofford College Historic District, while contained within a modern campus complex, preserves the aura of the original campus with a dominant Main Building and flanking two-storied brick residences, four of which date from the 1854 opening of the college. Two later houses follow the same plan as the earlier dwellings.

"Old Main" was designed by Edward C. Jones of Charleston in an Italianate style. The three-storied masonry building has a massive portico supported by giant order square columns with wide steps leading to the second floor main entrance. The gabled roofed central section contains the college auditorium with classrooms and offices below.

Twin towers with hipped roofs frame the portico of Old Main. The west tower contains the bell which has rung for the changing of classes since the building was completed. Large, hipped-roofed, three-storied wings adjoin the central section and contain classrooms on the north side and offices on the south. The structure was stuccoed ca. 1880.

A major renovation in 1960 gutted and rebuilt the interior. While the exterior appearance was basically unaltered, some changes were made. The front steps were widened according to the original never-completed design, and ground floor entrances for the wings were moved from the south to the north. The auditorium was extended on the north side and a simple portico was constructed to shelter the exterior stairs and to provide a focal point for the mall area on that side of the campus. The building has a black standing seam roof.

Three houses flank the Main Building on the west side. The white painted brick structures are two-storied with one story front verandas. The first structure (DuPre Administration Building) currently houses offices and dates from the 1854 campus construction. Although it was extensively damaged by fire in 1881 and enlarged when remodeled for offices in 1955, it maintains its original exterior appearance.

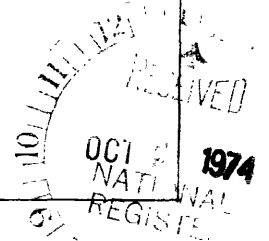
The central structure on the western side of Old Main was built in 1911 and is now used as the President's residence. The westernmost house was built in 1892.

To the east of Old Main stands Snyder House, a building that served as a faculty residence from 1854 until its conversion to offices in 1956. It was stuccoed after the completion of the nearby library, which was opened in 1969. The Sandor Teszler Library, although a modern structure with three large levels, was designed to complement Old Main and the other historic structures in the central campus.

Two 1854 houses are situated beyond the library. The two-storied, red brick structures preserve their original appearance. The first is still used as a residence while the easternmost structure currently houses the college infirmary. A red brick gymnasium is between the two original buildings.

Another residence stood beyond the infirmary but was destroyed ca. 1920.

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**4. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" 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) **1854**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" 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	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wofford College is a small liberal arts institution that is Methodist affiliated. Its 80-acre, 30-building complex has grown from the original campus of 35 acres containing the Main Building and 5 faculty residences. Opened in 1854 through the \$100,000 bequest of a local minister, Wofford currently has some 7,000 living alumni and a predominately male student body of 1,000.

The historic district consists of the main building and six Georgian-derived houses.

Architecture: The Wofford Main Building, opened in 1854, was designed by the Charleston architect Edward C. Jones in the Italian villa style which had been popularized nationally by Alexander Jackson Davis. Jones enjoyed a statewide reputation and designed and remodeled numerous structures in the Italianate mode although he utilized the Gothic style for the Church of the Holy Cross in Stateburg and the Greek Revival design for Trinity Church in Charleston.

Wofford's "Old Main" is a three-storied stucco structure with square giant order columns supporting a massive portico framed by twin towers. The second floor main entrance is reached by broad steps. Large side wings abut the central section.

Six two-storied brick houses have Georgian floorplans with wide central halls flanked by rooms to either side. Four of the buildings date from 1854 and all are used as offices or residences; they are in a vernacular style that was extremely popular for southern homes. All have one story front verandas.

Education: Wofford College is a liberal arts, Methodist-affiliated college that, except for war time modifications, has functioned continuously since its opening in 1854. Created through the \$100,000 bequest of the Reverend Benjamin Wofford, a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Wofford has some 7,000 living alumni in business, education, the Christian ministry, law, and other fields. Thirty college and university presidents, a number of Methodist bishops, and others prominent in local, statewide, and national levels have received their undergraduate degrees from Wofford. Wofford has one of three South Carolina Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and has had some 50 merit scholars. Its current student body is comprised of around 950 male and 50 female (day) students.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ravenel, Beatrice St. Julien. Architects of Charleston. Charleston: Carolina Art Association, 1964.

Wallace, David Duncan. History of Wofford College. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 1951.

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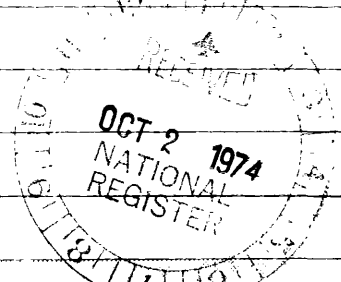
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	34 °	57'	34"	81 °	56'	15"			
NE	34 °	57'	34"	81 °	55'	54"			
SE	34 °	57'	27"	81 °	55'	54"			
SW	34 °	57'	27"	81 °	56'	15"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approximately 30 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



*No. 1*

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: William H. Brabham Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION: S. C. Department of Archives and History DATE: 8/29/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 State Historic Preservation Officer

Date September 5, 1974

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

W. H. Brabham  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/27/74

ATTEST:

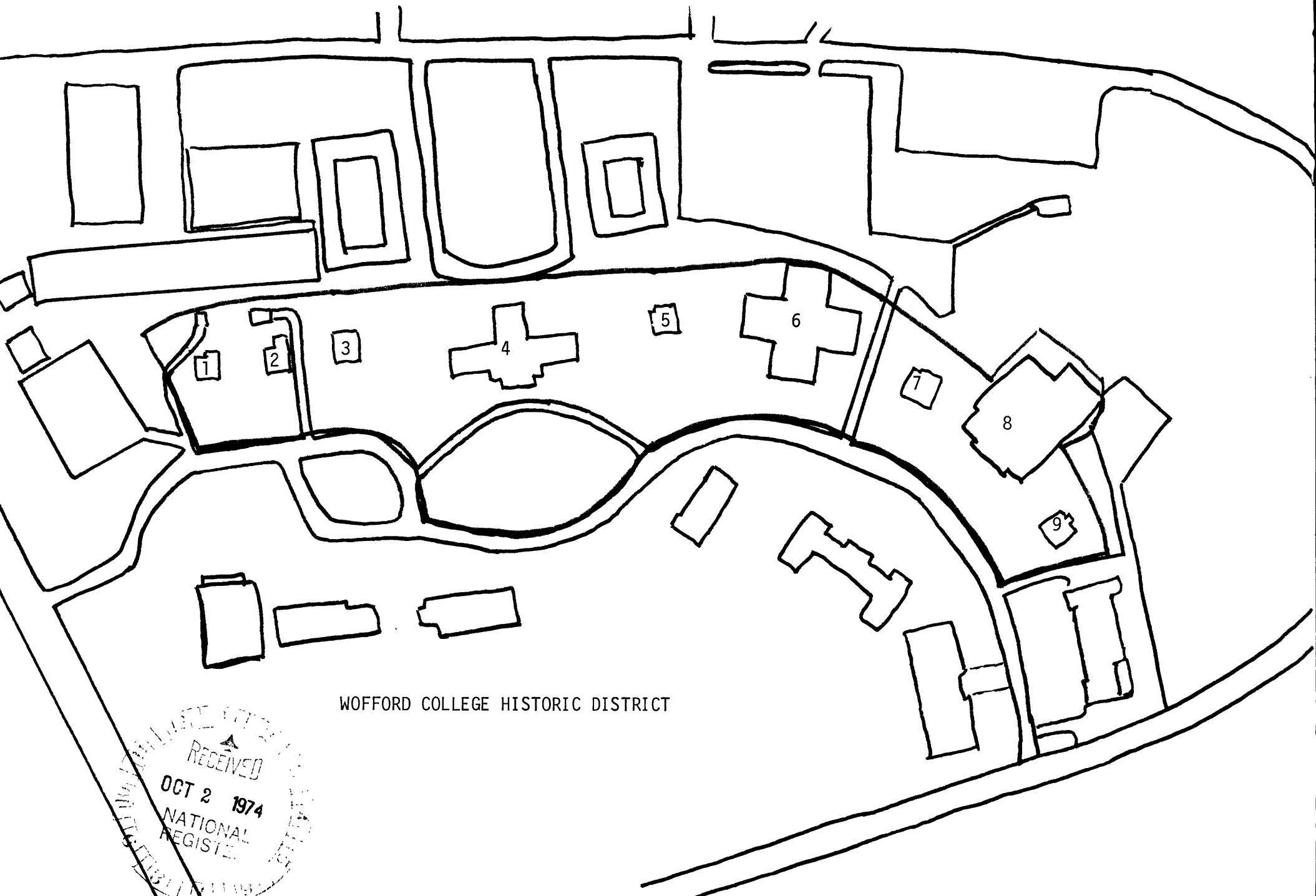
W. H. Brabham  
Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 26 1974

Wofford College Historic District

1. Administrator's Residence
2. President's House
3. DuPre Administration Building
4. Main Building
5. Snyder House
6. Sandor Teszler Library
7. Administrator's Residence
8. Gymnasium
9. Infirmary





WOFFORD COLLEGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

