

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic JOHN JACOB CALHOUN KOON FARMSTEAD

and/or common SAME

**2. Location**

street & number Southwest side of County Road 27, South of its junction  
with County Road 58 N/A not for publication

city, town N/A N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county Richland code 079

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Calvin L. Koon

street & number Route 1, Box 436

city, town Irmo X vicinity of state South Carolina 29063

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Richland County Judicial Center

street & number Main Street

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29201

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? -- yes X no

date 1980 federal X state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina 29211

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date ca. 1890

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The John Jacob Calhoun Koon Farmstead, located in the Dutch Fork section of rural Richland County, includes a residence and four agricultural outbuildings dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. An early twentieth century planing shed and sawmill and several modern farm buildings and sheds are also located on the nominated property.

The main house is a two-story, frame building. It is believed to have been constructed ca. 1880 as a one-story residence and significantly enlarged around 1890, when the second story and the porches were built.

The porches are the primary character-defining element of the house. The two-tiered porch spans the facade (northeast elevation) and wraps around the southeast and northwest side elevations. The porch has turned posts and balusters, a spindle frieze at each level, and scroll-sawn brackets.

The house proper is a two-story, central-hall, double-pile, frame building. The original weatherboard has been covered with vinyl siding, but the impact on its historic appearance is small. The five-bay facade has a central entry with rectangular transoms and sidelights on each level. The windows have either two-over-two or six-over-six sash. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof ridge. The gabled roof has deep eaves and wooden knee braces, suggesting that it may have been rebuilt after the 1890s.

A one-story, gable-roofed frame addition is on the rear of the house. This addition has a screened-in porch on the southeast side, paired six-over-six windows, and deep roof eaves with knee braces.

The historic outbuildings include a ca. 1920 frame grain barn, a ca. 1900 frame cotton house, a ca. 1900 frame workshop/toolhouse, and a late nineteenth century shed. The planing shed is said to date from ca. 1920 and the sawmill from ca. 1918. The complex, which is still a working farm, is located on a small hill, overlooking cultivated fields.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
prehistoric		archeology-prehistoric		community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499		archeology-historic		conservation	law	science
1500-1599	X	agriculture		economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	X	architecture		education	military	social/
1700-1799		art		engineering	music	humanitarian
X 1800-1899		commerce		X exploration/settlement	philosophy	theater
X 1900-		communications		industry	politics/government	transportation
				invention		other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1880, ca. 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The John Jacob Calhoun Koon Farmstead, which includes a residence and several associated outbuildings, is significant as a relatively intact late nineteenth-early twentieth century agricultural-industrial complex of the Dutch Fork area. The house, which took its present form ca. 1890, is a significant example of a late nineteenth century farmhouse. Especially notable is the two-tiered wraparound porch featuring decorative elements popular during the period.

The house and farm have remained in the same family since the construction of the house. According to family tradition, John Jacob Calhoun Koon (1859-1950), the descendant of mid-eighteenth century German immigrants to the Dutch Fork, built what was then a one-story house ca. 1880. Around 1890 this house was rolled on logs to the present location and the second story added. In addition to farming, Koon operated a sawmill on this property as well as a cotton gin in Irmo and a store.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Columbia, S. C. South Carolina Department of Archives and History. National Register Files. Information supplied by Calvin L. Koon, August 1985.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 132.7

Quadrangle name Irmo

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	7	4	8	1	2	3	0	3	7	7	5	1	2	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

1	7	4	8	0	4	0	4	3	7	7	4	2	3	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County Tax maps, numbers 03200 and 03300, Section 7, Parcel 5, drawn at a scale of 400 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and the associated historic outbuildings.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county NA code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John Wells  
Mary W. Edmonds

organization South Carolina Department of Archives and History date 20 January 1986

street & number 1430 Senate Street telephone 758-5816

city or town Columbia state South Carolina

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Charles E. Lee date 2/11/86  
title State Historic Preservation Officer

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

James W. McChesman date 3/27/86  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration