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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME \*\*

HISTORIC  
Appleby's Methodist Church  
AND/OR COMMON  
Appleby's Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
East side of intersection of county hwy. 19 & 71  
CITY, TOWN  
St. George  
STATE  
South Carolina  
VICINITY OF  
#1  
COUNTY  
Dorchester  
CODE  
045  
CODE  
035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (for memorial services)	<input 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> (exterior)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Appleby Church Historic Foundation; c/o Dr. Gavin Appleby  
STREET & NUMBER  
202 Gavin Street

CITY, TOWN  
St. George  
VICINITY OF  
South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Dorchester County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
St. George  
STATE  
South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE  
1973 (update)  
\_FEDERAL  STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
S. C. Department of Archives & History

CITY, TOWN  
Columbia  
STATE  
South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED (minor)

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-story wooden church, built upon low brick piers, is an excellent example of a Greek Revival meeting house style church. It was probably built ca. 1840-50 and is virtually original.

Exterior: The front facade features two double doors, each door having two panels. Three low brick steps lead to each entrance. The side facades each have four evenly spaced 9/9 windows; and the rear facade is identical to the front, with the exception of having only one double door.

The building is clapboard and the medium gable roof is presently covered with asphalt shingles. The cornice is boxed.

Interior: The interior walls feature board and batten siding. Two rows of pews (thought to be original) are divided by a central aisle. A low-standing pulpit is located between the two front doors.

In 1970, during South Carolina's Tricentennial celebration, signs were placed along the walls to designate that which is believed to have been the original seating arrangement. The northern area is designated for "Gentlemen," the southern area for "Ladies and Courting Couples," and the northwest corner is designated as the "Amen Corner."

Surroundings: The church is located in rural Dorchester County and is surrounded by woods and farmland. Included within the nominated acreage is the cemetery which dates from the late 19th Century.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in rural Dorchester County, Appleby Church is an excellent example of the meeting house style of church architecture. Although now used only for memorial services, the church is maintained in excellent condition.

It is not known exactly when Appleby Church was built. According to tradition, the church was established ca. 1800. Tradition also maintains that James Preston Appleby donated four acres of land for the church site. (Deeds for this area were destroyed in 1865.) The earliest church records extant are the 1878 Methodist conference minutes which list Appleby Church as a member. Architectural analysis indicates that the church was probably built ca. 1840-50.

Architecture: Appleby Church is an excellent example of a Greek Revival meeting house style church. The heavily boxed cornice, interior board and batten walls, and large windows are all indicative of the Greek Revival mode; while the rectangular shape, two entrances, and simplicity of design all exemplify the meeting house style.



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