

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Name</u> Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White Oak Historic District	<u>Location</u> On county road 44, about one-eighth mile east of U.S. Hwy. 321.	
<u>Common</u>	<u>Classification</u> District	
<u>Owner</u> Multiple Ownership (see continuation sheet)		

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

Description White Oak Historic District, located along a tree-lined stretch of county road 44, just east of U.S. Hwy. 321, about six miles north of Winnsboro, is a collection of properties illustrating a late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century rural trading community. The districts consist of nine properties constructed between ca. 1876 and ca. 1925, and includes three residences, a church, a manse, two store buildings, a cotton warehouse, and two vacant, wooded lots. (see continuation sheet)

Significance White Oak Historic District is significant as a very intact example of a late-nineteenth-early-twentieth century rural community whose development centered around the Patrick family in the 1870s. Prior to this the community was known as Cockrell's or Cockrell's Lane, named after a prominent family that resided there until immediately after the Civil War.¹ The Patrick family moved to the area from York County around 1870 and was instrumental in developing the community by building houses, stores, and a church.² The village was relatively prosperous around the turn of the century with a cannery, at least two stores, and a school.³ Thomas G. Patrick opened a general merchandise store around 1876 which served the surrounding rural area.⁴ Most of the buildings in the district were built *

Acreage 15 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of the White Oak Historic District is shown as a red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map # of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes the historical properties and excludes any non-significant resources.

UTM Reference Point

- A. 17/489435/3814640
- B. 17/489460/3814420
- C. 17/489140/3814200
- D. 17/489035/3814710
- E. 17/489110/3814800

Other Information Additional information on these properties is located in the South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places.

*between ca. 1876 and ca. 1925, and were connected to the Patrick family; for example, McDowell's Store (#2) was constructed ca. 1885 by Jim McDowell, who married into the Patrick family. The White Oak Historic District is an example of the importance of a trading community in a rural area after the Civil War through the early twentieth century.

¹The News & Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), n.d., p. 12.

²Ibid.

³The Fairfield News & Herald (Winnsboro, S.C.), September 16, 1891.

⁴Thomas D. Clark, Pills, Petticoats and Plows; The Southern Country Store (Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1944), pp. 11, 77, 81.

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John and Gladys M. Heilman
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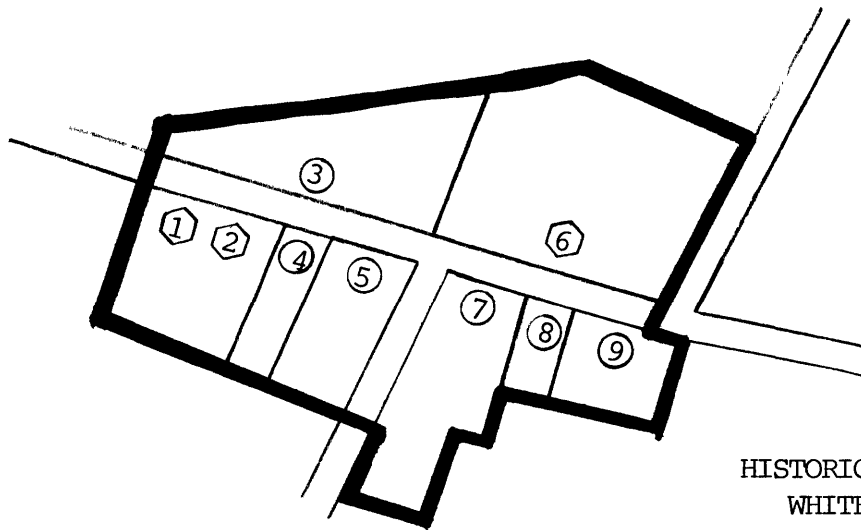
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KEY PROPERTIES WHICH DEFINE THE CHARACTER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT:

1. T.G. Patrick Store: Constructed ca. 1876, the T.G. Patrick Store is a one-story, frame building with weatherboard sheathing and a gabled roof. The front gable end has a rectangular opening filled with plyboard. Facade features a shed-roofed porch supported by four slender wooden posts. Central entrance has double, paneled doors. Entrance is flanked by single twelve-over-two sash windows with paneled shutters. Side elevation contain vertical, paneled, double doors and multipaned windows. Roofing is sheet metal. There are early additions on the rear.
2. McDowell's Store: Constructed ca. 1885 by Jim McDowell, the store is a one-story, frame, gable-roofed commercial building sheathed in weatherboard. The front gable features a boxed cornice with returns. The central entrance on the facade has paneled, double doors and is flanked by shuttered windows.
6. T.G. Patrick House: Constructed ca. 1903 by Calvin Brice for T.G. Patrick, this is a large, weatherboarded, frame, two-story residence with a truncated hipped roof. The house features bracketed eaves and a pedimented projecting gable with louvered vent on the facade. A one-story center front porch is supported by bracketed and turned wooden posts and has a turned balustrade. Center front entrance is flanked by paired two-over-two windows with peaked caps. Centered in the second story is a polygonal bay with one-over-one windows similar to those on the first story. The house has had only minor alterations. There are also five contributing outbuildings included with the house.

PROPERTIES WHICH ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT:

3. White Oak Cotton Warehouse: moved from Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina ca. 1923
4. Open, wooded land.
5. Matthew Patrick House: constructed ca. 1915.
7. White Oak A.R.P. Church: constructed ca. 1877.
8. White Oak A.R.P. Manse: constructed ca. 1925.
9. Open, wooded land.



HISTORIC RESOURCES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY
WHITE OAK HISTORIC DISTRICT
Scale: 1"=400'

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