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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Greenwood Cemetery  
other names/site number Methodist Cemetery

2. Location

street & number 503 East Cambridge Avenue not for publication   
city or town Greenwood vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state South Carolina code SC county Greenwood code 047 zip code 29646

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 12/6/01  
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the  
National Register  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
 removed from the National Register

Edson H. Beall 3/1/02  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

other (explain):

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	
1	0

buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register  
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: FUNERARY

Subcategory: Cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter caregories from instructions)

Category: FUNERARY

Subcategory: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A  
 walls N/A  
 roof N/A  
 other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1860-1950  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

N/A  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository:  
Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Approximately 1.5 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 <u>17 393762 3784473</u>	3 <u>17 393723 3784392</u>
2 <u>17 393762 3784392</u>	4 <u>17 393723 3784473</u>

     See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Heather Lewis  
 organization \_\_\_\_\_ date 12 September 2001  
 street & number P.O. Box 2082 telephone (864) 223-0900  
 city or town Greenwood state SC zip code 29646

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Greenwood Historical Society  
 street & number 106 Main Street telephone (864) 229-3311  
 city or town Greenwood state SC zip code 29646

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The Old Greenwood Cemetery, established ca. 1860 as the cemetery for Main Street Methodist Church, is a mid-nineteenth to late-twentieth century cemetery in Greenwood, South Carolina.

The cemetery, located on East Cambridge Avenue at the original site of the church, is a one-and-one-half acre tract that contains approximately three hundred and fifty graves. Grave markers are primarily granite or marble obelisks, square stepped monuments capped with urns, and some twenty-six Confederate grave markers, many of which still feature the original metal Maltese crosses. Burials date from 1861 to the 1990s. Many stones are broken, toppled, or otherwise damaged, some of this due to vandalism; several graves have sunken or mounded. Burials still take place here, but not often, due to modern perpetual care cemeteries in Greenwood.

The cemetery is laid out in a regular grid plan, with little discernible landscaping or other planned features other than a few deciduous trees shading family plots. There is also a brick wall that has been erected around the cemetery. This wall enclosure, although erected less than fifty years ago, is a compatible addition. This wall is consistent with the establishment and development of cemeteries of this type. Part of the old iron fence is still in place that was erected many years ago to keep vandals out. Though the Greenwood Cemetery Association was established in 1906 to provide for maintenance of the cemetery plots, gravestones, and landscape, the cemetery was neglected and in disrepair by the 1980s, plagued by overgrown vegetation, vandalism, and litter. Some descendants of those buried here, aided by other citizens of Greenwood, have worked to maintain the cemetery in more recent years.

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The Old Greenwood Cemetery, established ca. 1860, is significant as the first cemetery in Greenwood and for its association with many prominent citizens of the town from the mid-nineteenth through the twentieth centuries. It is also an excellent intact example of a mid-nineteenth through mid-twentieth century cemetery reflecting typical burial customs and gravestone art during this period.

Soon after the first Methodist congregation in Greenwood organized as Main Street Methodist Church in 1858 and purchased a frame building on this site from the Fuller Institute for Girls for its sanctuary, it also established and laid out this cemetery. This was the only cemetery in the town until the Greenwood Cemetery (later Magnolia Cemetery) was established and laid out in 1871.

After the Methodists built a new sanctuary a short distance away in 1891, they kept and maintained the cemetery until 1906, when they deeded it to the newly-organized Greenwood Cemetery Association.<sup>1</sup> In August 2001 the property was deeded over to the Greenwood Historical Society since the old board ceased to exist after the death of the last member. Among the prominent persons buried in the cemetery are:

**Alfred P. Aldrich, Jr.** (1862-1944), businessman, World War I veteran, and co-owner of Aldrich Machine Works, leading manufacturer of machinery and ball-bearing equipment for textile mills;<sup>2</sup>

**James A. Bailey** (1835-1871), merchant and secretary-treasurer of Main Street Methodist Church;<sup>3</sup>

**R.S. Cobb** (1834-1864), Confederate lieutenant in Co. C, 6th South Carolina Cavalry, killed in action near Armstrong Mills, Virginia in 1864;

**Thomas Jones** (1829-1895), Confederate veteran and the first white child born in what is now Greenwood;<sup>4</sup>

**Arthur St. Clair Lee** (1850-1913), merchant, original board member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association, and one of the first commissioners of public works for the county;<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> W.K. Charles, "History of Main Street Methodist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina, 1858-1958: An Address at the Centennial Celebration of Main Street Methodist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina, December 21, 1958," p. 16, Greenwood County Public Library, Greenwood, S.C.; Harry R. Mays, The History of Main Street Methodist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina (Franklin, Tenn.: Providence House, 1992).

<sup>2</sup> Ann Herd Bowen, Greenwood County: A History (Greenwood, S.C.: The Greenwood Museum, 1992), pp. 191-92.

<sup>3</sup> Margaret L. Watson, comp., Greenwood County Sketches: Old Roads and Early Families, [reprinting articles by Harry Legare Watson, "On Old Roads," from the Greenwood Index-Journal, 1950] (Greenwood, S.C.: Attic Press, 1970), p. 148 ; Bowen, p. 24.

<sup>4</sup> Watson, p. 275.

<sup>5</sup> Bowen, pp. 19, 54; Norman Dodson, "Greenwood Cemetery, E. Cambridge Street, Greenwood, South Carolina," unpublished history of Old Greenwood Cemetery, 1980, Greenwood County Public Library, Greenwood, S.C.

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**Julia Lee** (1878-1955); first librarian of the Greenwood County Public Library, established ca. 1905;<sup>6</sup>

**J. T. McKellar** (1837-1921), Confederate veteran and original board member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association;<sup>7</sup>

**Thomas Franklin Riley** (1845–1905), Confederate veteran, proprietor of the Riley Hotel, member of the South Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1895, one of seven original Greenwood County commissioners of public works, appointed to procure sites and buildings for a new courthouse, jail, and county offices when the county was created in 1897, and original board member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association;<sup>8</sup> and

**Cadmus Garlington Waller** (1845–1901), Confederate veteran, merchant, and lay leader of the Main Street Methodist Church.<sup>9</sup>

The Old Greenwood Cemetery is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A for being the first cemetery in the town and its association with prominent people of nineteenth and twentieth century Greenwood. It is also eligible under Criteria Consideration D because it derives its significance for its association with the early growth and development of Greenwood and from graves of persons important in the community.

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<sup>6</sup> Bowen, pp. 105, 106.

<sup>7</sup> Dodson.

<sup>8</sup> Bowen, pp. 187, 72, 74, 75.

<sup>9</sup> Charles; Mays.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nominated property is shown on the accompanying Greenwood County Tax Map 121-01-01, Parcel 004, drawn at a scale of 1" = 50'.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property is restricted to the historic boundaries of the cemetery as established in the deed creating the Greenwood Cemetery Association in 1906.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Old Greenwood Cemetery  
Location of Property: 503 East Cambridge Avenue  
Greenwood, Greenwood County, S.C.

Name of Photographer: Heather Lewis  
Date of Photographs: June 2001  
Location of Original Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Entrance
2. Left front wall
3. Right front wall
4. Left front and rear wall
5. Right rear corner
6. Rear wall, view to front wall

Iron Fence

Old Greenwood  
Cemetery

Iron  
Fence

Grendel Avenue

East Cambridge Avenue

