

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: Calhoun	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Crutchfield House

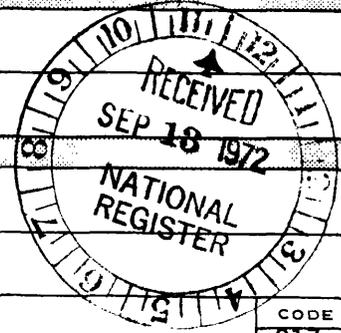
AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Magnolias, Colonel Olin M. Dantzler Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
412 East Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Matthews

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Calhoun CODE: 017



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Frances Crutchfield

STREET AND NUMBER:
412 East Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Matthews STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Calhoun County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Railroad Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: St. Matthews STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historical Sites in the Lower Savannah Region

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Regional Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street P.O. Box 11.188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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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

Exterior: This one-story house with truncated hipped roof was constructed c. 1850 as a summer residence for the Jacob M. Dantzer family of Orangeburg County. As originally built, the house was rectangular with identical side facades. The original cypress shingle roof has been covered with galvanized metal. The house sits some seven feet above ground upon brick pilings with lattice framework between the supports. The northern (front) facade has wooden steps leading to a piazza with flat roof supported by six square paneled columns. Double front doors, which have glass upper panels, are surrounded by rectangular transom and sidelights. Front entrance is flanked on either side by two double-sash windows which, like all other windows, have louvred shutters and pediment-shaped lintels. Eastern facade is as originally built: eight windows with no projections. Remodeling conducted between 1901 and 1908 included the addition of a walk-in bay and rectangular projection from the western facade. Dentil work under the flat roof projections and Victorian trim were also added at this time. Renovations to the southern (rear) facade included the addition of a small room with shed roof to the west of the rear porch. Rear roof line is as originally built: two medium gables joined by a truncated hipped section. There are four straddle-ridge corbeled brick chimneys symmetrically located along the roof line.

Interior: A wide central hallway runs the length of the house and has three rooms on either side. The hallway can be divided by large folding doors located twenty feet from the front entrance. Doorways have architrave molding and large transoms. Walls and ceiling of the hallway are covered with narrow pine stripping. Carved wooden mantels, heart pine flooring, and symmetrical molding and paneling around the windows accent the interior view of the six rooms.

Surroundings: The Crutchfield House is located in the center of a five-acre lot planted with many flowering shrubs and trees, including numerous magnolias. Also located on the grounds are an old barn, several sheds, a small visitors' cottage, and a large pigeon house of lattice-work construction.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input 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) c. 1850

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural Significance: The Crutchfield House is the oldest standing residence in St. Matthews, a town whose history dates to pre-Revolutionary times. The integrity of house's simple yet functionally comfortable and aesthetically attractive design has been adequately maintained over the years. It is an excellent representative of Southern ante-bellum summer house construction and has been admirably adapted as a permanent residence. The present owner plans to turn the house over to the Calhoun County Historical Commission for use as a local museum.

Political and Military Significance: In 1852 Olin Miller Dantzler, son of Jacob Dantzler, married and moved into this summer house as his permanent residence. Though a planter by profession in the Orangeburg district, Olin Dantzler served his state and country both politically and militarily. He was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1852 until elected to the South Carolina Senate in 1858. With the tension growing rapidly between North and South, Olin Dantzler tried to convince his fellow legislators that peaceful compromise was better than military confrontation. He offered compromise proposals and investigated their status through correspondence with various political figures in Washington, including his close friend, Cong. Lawrence M. Keitt, U. S. Representative from the Orangeburg district, and Senator (later Secretary of State under Lincoln) William H. Seward, one of the Senate committee of thirteen constituted to consider means of composing the situation.

Though strongly opposed to the Civil War, he resigned himself to its inevitability and received a leave of absence from his senatorial duties to join the Confederate forces in 1861. He enlisted as a private in the 20th South Carolina Volunteers. Later transferred to the 22nd South Carolina Volunteers, he quickly moved up to the rank of lieutenant-colonel by early 1864. He was promoted to brigadier-general later that year, but on June 2, 1864, he fell at the Battle of Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, before the new commission had reached him.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Correspondence of Col. Olin M. Dantzler. Microfilm Records, Calhoun County Museum, St. Matthews, S. C.
 Evans, Gen Clement A. Confederate Military History, Vol. V. Atlanta: Confederate Publishing Company, 1899, pp. 532-534.
 Julien, Carl, and Chlotilde R. Martin. Sea Islands to Sand Hills. Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 1954, pp. 93, 117.
 Reynolds, E. B., and J. R. Faunt. Biographical Directory of the Senate of the State of South Carolina. Columbia, S.C.: South Carolina Archives Department, 1964, p. 202.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Wright Caughman** Historic Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History** DATE: **July 13, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1430 Senate Street P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **45**

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 Director, South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History
 Date SEP 6 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/30/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3/23/73

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8. Significance

Agricultural Significance: Chalmers Davidson's The Last Foray, a study of South Carolina planters who owned 100 slaves or more in 1860 and an analysis of their role in the development of the state politically, economically and agriculturally, lists Olin M. Dantzler among this select group of agrarians.



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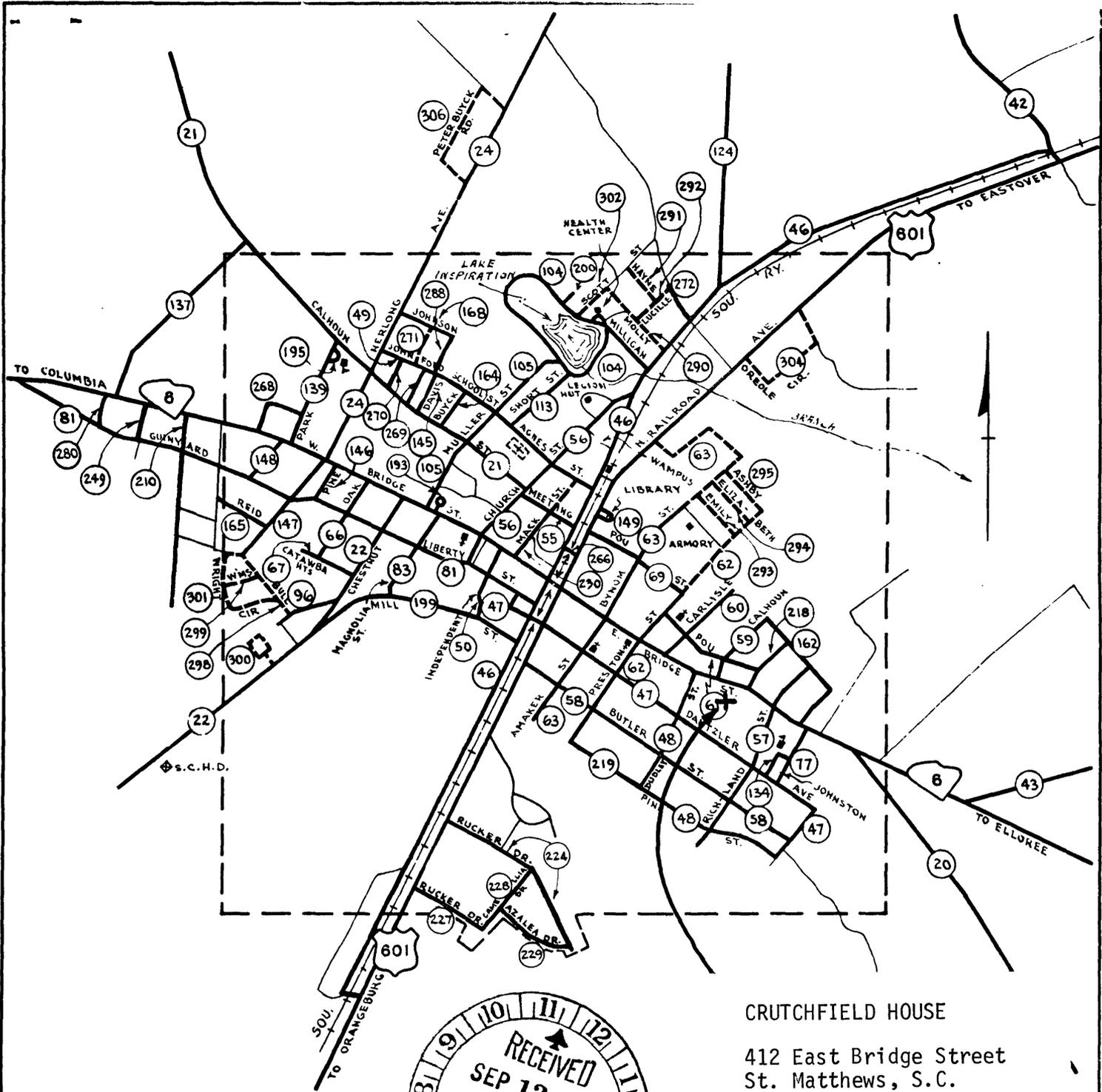
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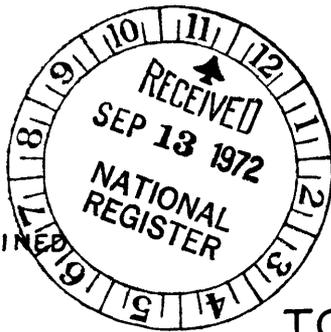
Davidson, Chalmers G. The Last Foray. Columbia, S.C.: The University
of South Carolina Press, 1971, p. 189.





LEGEND

- HIGHWAYS TO BE MAINTAINED AFTER CONSTRUCTION
- STATE HIGHWAYS
- OTHER STREETS
- CITY LIMITS
- +—— RAILROADS



CRUTCHFIELD HOUSE

412 East Bridge Street
St. Matthews, S.C.

TOWN OF ST. MATTHEWS

MAP SHOWING STATE HIGHWAYS
MAINTAINED BY

S.C. STATE HIGHWAY DEPT.

SCALE 1 IN = 1650 FT.

REVISIONS	
OCT. 19, '60	AUG. 29, 1963
JAN. 9, '61	OCT. 29, 1964
MAY 28, '63	MAR. 3, '66
SEPT. 20, '68	MAY 20, '70

SECONDARY ROADS RENUMBERED OCT. 20, 1958

CALHOUN COUNTY