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NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Name</u> Historic The Oaks Common	<u>Location</u> South side of S.C. Hwy. 213, approximately 1/4 mile west of its intersection with county road 54 <u>Classification</u> Building	
<u>Owner</u> William J. Boulware, Jr. Route 1 Winnsboro, S.C. 29180		

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

Description Believed to have been constructed ca. 1850, the Oaks is a large, two-story, weatherboarded frame residence with a gable-end roof. The facade (north elevation) has a central, two-tiered portico with a pediment featuring a fanlight and boxed cornice. The porticos are supported by four wooden columns and have plain wooden balustrades. The portion of the facade sheltered by the portico is sheathed in flushboard. The fenestration of the facade is similar on both stories--a central entrance with traceried multi-light sidelights and transom flanked by two single, six-over-six windows with shutters. The rear elevation has a one-story, shed-roofed porch supported by four wooden columns with a plain balustrade on the left portion and an enclosed room on the right. Rectangular parapets are located at the ends of the rear (south elevation) porch. Side (east and west) elevations feature double end chimneys and pedimented gable ends with boxed cornices. *

Significance The property on which the Oaks stands was sold to John Montgomery Lemmon by Richard Hallum in 1856 for \$10,000.¹ Lemmon was a moderately wealthy planter with nineteen slaves and a farm which was valued at \$10,000 in 1860.² The Oaks was reportedly named for an oak grove which originally surrounded the house.³ It is a very intact example of an antebellum Fairfield County plantation house.**

Acreage 8.3 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Fairfield County Tax Map #165 with a scale of 1 inch equals 400 feet. It includes only the historical building and its setting.

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Other Information

*The left (east) side of the house has an underground, cement block garage; a one room addition is located on the right (west) elevation.

**¹Book UU, p. 635, Fairfield County Deeds, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

²Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina [Slave Schedules] (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967), microcopy no. 653, roll no. 1235, Fairfield County, p. 99; Eighth Census, 1860: Agriculture, Fairfield County, p. 721, South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

³Bolick, A Fairfield Sketchbook, p. 218.