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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
Stony Point
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER /
Northwest corner SC 246 & SC Secondary Road 39
CITY, TOWN
Greenwood
STATE
South Carolina

VICINITY OF
 VICINITY OF
CODE
045

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
3

COUNTY
Greenwood

CODE
047

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Donald Hawthorne
STREET & NUMBER
Route 2, Box 440
CITY, TOWN
Greenwood
STATE
South Carolina

VICINITY OF
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Greenwood County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Greenwood
STATE
South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina
DATE
1973
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
South Carolina Department of Archives and History
CITY, TOWN
Columbia
STATE
South Carolina

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR

Stony Point, under construction from 1818 to 1829, is built in a style found rather commonly in the Central Atlantic States, but quite unusual further south. The house of Flemish-bond brick is five bays wide and is capped by a jerkin-head roof with corbeling at the roof line. There are twin exterior end chimneys with corbeled caps on both sides of the house. Windows, which have pronounced lintels and sills, vary in size - first floor windows are 9/9 light; four second floor windows are 9/6 light.

A double porch, alike upstairs and down, contains four slender Tuscan columns on each level, connected by segmented arches and balustrades. The porch has a pediment with modillions and an elliptical window in the center. The house is entered through double doors with transom; an identical door opens onto the balcony above.

Rear facade has five bays on each floor. Central door has a six-part transom. An original rear porch is no longer standing.

Bricks for the 18 inch walls were hand-made, and the stone for the foundation was carried from nearby fields. Stone foundations and the rocky hill chosen as a site for the house give the place its name.

INTERIOR

Interior features a central hall plan with two rooms to each side on both levels. Attic is divided into three large rooms. First and second story rooms contain the original wide plank floors and wainscoting, with some rooms containing hand-carved fretwork. Mantels vary from room to room in design and execution. The finest mantel is found in the northwest downstairs room -- it has a sunburst carving in the center in addition to elaborate molding and fret carving. Ceilings and walls of the hall and living room were once covered with hand-painted murals which are now partly faded. Since the kitchen was originally separate from the house, a downstairs room has been renovated to serve as a kitchen. One of the original two staircases was removed when the interior was modernized by the present owner.

SURROUNDINGS

Located seven miles northeast of Greenwood, Stony Point stands on a rocky knoll in a predominately rural area. Magnolias and 80 acres of loblolly pine grow on land surrounding the house. There are three outbuildings, none of which was constructed with the house; however, the foundations of the original kitchen, carriage house, and other outbuildings are still on the property.

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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1818-1829 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Three generations of owners of the two story brick house -- William Smith, Joel Smith, and Wyatt Aiken -- were wealthy, prominent men, who worked for community and state improvements. In 1808, William Smith established the second post office in Greenwood County. His son, Joel Smith was one of the largest stockholders in the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, William Gregg's model factory to promote industry in the South. Smith's son-in-law, D. Wyatt Aiken, founded the South Carolina Grange, a farmers' organization, and edited the Rural Carolinian, post War-Between-the-States efforts to improve and diversify farming methods. The Flemish-bond brick house, elegant and imposing for upcountry South Carolina, reflects the prestige and influence of the 19th Century owners of Stony Point and the Virginian origin of the first owner.

Construction of Stony Point was begun under the ownership of William Smith. A native of Culpepper County, Virginia, Smith moved to the Greenwood area in 1793. The father of thirteen children, he operated a store and in 1808 established a post office, the second in Greenwood County, at Stony Point. In 1818 William Smith began construction of a new home. He died six years later and the brick house was bought from the estate and completed by his son, Joel Smith.

Joel Smith (1798-1855), one of the wealthiest men of his era in South Carolina outside Charleston, wielded great influence in the Upcountry in his various roles as a planter, merchant, banker, and supporter of industries and railroads. Smith owned 1,883 acres of land and 78 slaves. In addition to farming, he continued the store established by his father at Stony Point and also served as postmaster from 1824 to 1844 and from 1851 to 1853. He served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1840-1848.

INDUSTRY

Smith was a far-sighted entrepreneur. At a time when corporations were unpopular in South Carolina, being associated in the public mind with speculations, he was one of the four incorporators of Graniteville Manufacturing Company and held stock in the enterprise valued at \$25,000. In the Graniteville undertaking, Smith followed the lead of William Gregg who promoted manufacturing in the South, deploring the largely agrarian economy based on slave labor. Gregg, Smith, and other stockholders were innovative not only in their plans for factories using poor white labor in the South, but also in their method of supporting the factory through corporate capital enterprise.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres
 UTM REFERENCES

latitude: 34°16'44"
 longitude: 82°07'33"

N-1 701
 11

A []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C []

B []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 D []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Nenie Dixon

February 7, 1975

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives & History

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

758-5816

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Charles E. Lee
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 2/27/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: [Signature]
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/20/75
 DATE JUN 20 1975

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Stony Point

TRANSPORTATION

Smith was also a leader in his support of more extensive transportation for the state. He spoke in behalf of the proposed Greenville to Columbia railroad and served as a director when it was built.

AGRICULTURE

The third generation owner of Stony Point figured prominently in South Carolina's agricultural development. D. Wyatt Aiken, who married Joel Smith's daughter, Virginia Carolina, in 1857, was a zealous advocate of progressive farming methods. He fought in the War-Between-the-States and after the war served ten years in the U.S. Congress (1876-1886).

In 1871, Aiken organized the South Carolina Grange, as the Patrons of Husbandry were popularly called. During the nine years of its prominence, the Grange with its appeal to and for the small farmer flourished in the South Carolina Upcountry. Existence of the Grange stimulated legal and social movements for the benefit of the farmer. The D. Wyatt Aiken Grange in Greenwood was named in honor of Aiken.

For several years, Aiken edited the Rural Carolinian, a magazine published monthly from 1869-1876 devoted to bringing the South Carolina farmer into the mainstream of agricultural progress.

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