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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 *W.A.*  
Dawson-Vanderhorst House

AND/OR COMMON  
New Bridge Farm (also Richardson Place)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Intersection of Wire Road (Two Notch Road) and New Bridge Road

CITY, TOWN *N.E. of Aiken at* Aiken  NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #3

STATE South Carolina  VICINITY OF CODE 045 COUNTY Aiken CODE 003

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Heirs of Claude Newman

STREET & NUMBER c/o ~~Vincent Richardson~~, Wright's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Aiken  VICINITY OF STATE South Carolina

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Aiken County

STREET & NUMBER Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN Aiken STATE South Carolina

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE 1973 (update)  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Columbia STATE South Carolina

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

GOOD

RUINS

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED (minor)

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dawson-Vanderhorst House is a one and one-half story clapboard structure with a gabled roof covered with tin. A one story porch extends the length of the front facade, and a porch extends across a portion of the rear. Both front and rear entrances feature double doors with five-paned transoms and no sidelights. Windows are primarily 6/9.

On the main floor a central hall is flanked by two rooms on each side, while on the second floor there is one room on each side of the hall. A narrow encased stairway leads to the second floor where the chimneys extend through the centers of both rooms. At the rear of the structure are symmetrical extensions, each having two rooms. There are a total of four chimneys, two being attached to the sides of the rear additions, and two extending through the gable roof.

This structure is essentially in its original state. Although the rear extensions are not thought to be original to the structure, they were probably added very soon after the main portion of the house was completed. The cypress siding remains in excellent condition, windows are intact, and structurally the house is sound; however, the roof, porches, interior walls and ceilings are in need of restoration.

Surroundings: The nominated acreage is surrounded by woods and farmland. In front of the structure are the vestiges of a garden (which is so over-grown that at present the front of the house is practically inaccessible.) There are also several outbuildings (not original) located to the rear of the structure.

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dawson-Vanderhorst House is one of the oldest houses standing in Aiken County, if not the oldest. In 1785 Charles Richmond acquired the property by grant. Architectural analysis suggests that very soon thereafter this structure was built. In 1812 Richmond deeded to his wife Susannah the plantation "whereon she now lives...." It appears that since that time the house has been continuously occupied.

Title to the property has been traced from the original land grant to the present. In 1842 it was bought by L. E. Aveilhe, a widow from Charleston, South Carolina. From that time until 1877 the structure was owned by a number of prominent Charlestonians (this being the period in Aiken's history when its "salubrious climate" was making it a fashionable health resort). Owners included Sarah Rutledge, author of the Carolina House-wife, or House and Home; by a Lady of Charleston, published in 1851. (She was also the daughter of Edward Rutledge, a South Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence.) Miss Rutledge bought the property, apparently as a gift for A. V. Dawson and his wife Caroline. In 1858 the Dawson's daughter, Mary Huger married noted botanist and diarist Henry Ravenel. The ceremony was held in their home and is recorded in the diary of Rev. John H. Cornish (the officiating minister). The following year, Ravenel, acting as trustee, sold the property to Ann Vanderhorst.

In 1877 James Powell purchased the property. In 1901 it passed into the Richardson family who operated it as a farm through 1976.

Architecture: It is not known exactly when this structure was erected; however, architectural analysis suggests its having been constructed between 1785 and 1800. Outstanding features indicative of its being a late 18th or early 19th Century structure include the original shutters with hand-wrought strap hinges, the gable ends of the roof with no overhang, and the siding on the dormers which parallels the roof line. Also considered to be indicative of an early construction period are the simple mantels, the square headed nails, the mortise and tenon construction, and the hand hewn lumber.

1. Barnwell County Deeds, Book F, p. 238

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 7	4 3 6 6 6 0	3 7 1 5 6 4 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY (Nancy Alexander Wilds, Historic Aiken Foundation)

NAME / TITLE

Katharine N. McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

March 30, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4-19-76

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

acting

DATE

6/29/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

acting

DATE

6-23-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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