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Edgefield developed around Court House Square, village green deeded to the town in 1787. Several significant buildings surrounding the landscaped square remain unaltered, and the initial layout of town has not changed. More than forty 19th century buildings are within the historic area, including three house museums.

There are a number of 19th century Greek Revival homes with large central halls and the basic four rooms over four floor plan. Edgefield's houses are noted for beautiful fanlights and unusual doorways. Many have heart pine floors, board or plaster walls, central medallions, window boxing, wainscoting, six-panel doors. A few retain original trompe l'oeil to simulate woodgrains finer than that available in the area. Descendants of original owners still own homes, original antiques, valuable documents and letters.

Five churches (Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist) represent Georgian, Victorian Gothic, and modified Gothic architectural styles.

- 1. Trinity Episcopal Church Built 1836. Red-brick building with central tower. Octagonal belfry surmounted by spire with cross.
- 2. St. Mary's Catholic Church Cornerstone laid February 10, 1858. Designed by John R. Niernsee, architect of the South Carolina State House, Granite exterior with buttresses.
- 3. Episcopal Rectory Built 1826. Raised-cottage style. Beautiful semielliptical fanlight over double-door entrance.
- 4. Willowbrook Cemetery Distinguished South Carolinians buried here include: Francis W. Pickens, John Gary Evans, Francis Hugh Wardlaw, Preston Brooks and Matthew C. Butler.
- 5. Edgefield County Court House Built c. 1839. Red-brick exterior. Greek Revival portico supported by four Tuscan columns. Portraits of significant lawyers and judges on display here.
- 6. Halcyon Grove Built 1815 by Andrew Pickens, Jr., who lived here while serving as governor (1816-18). Architectural features include unusual lattice columns and double-tiered piazza.
  - Mims-Norris House Built 1818. Continuously occupied by six generations of the original family.
  - Magnolia Dale Built 1830 by Connecticut architect who followed typically South Carolina antebellum floor plan of central hall with two rooms on each side. Front portico supported by four, fluted Tuscan columns.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Politically, militarily and agriculturally significant, Edgefield has been an influential community since its founding and has served as county seat since 1791. Its tree-lined streets provide an ideal setting for architecturally significant antebellum buildings.

First permanent settlers of the Edgefield area arrived in the 1760s from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, the South Carolina Lowcountry, England and Scotland. By the 1780s the village of Edgefield had developed into the commercial center for the district with a number of silversmiths, cabinet makers and artisans.

Much of Edgefield's significance results from its large number of important political figures: ten former South Carolina governors; five lieutenant-governors; several U.S. Congressmen and Senators including Benjamin Ryan Tillman, Preston Brooks and Strom Thurmond.

Militarily, the Edgefield area was important during the Revolution due to its vital location on the route between British-held Augusta and British-held Ninety-Six. Important patriots of the area were the Hammonds, Simkins, Butlers and Middletons. Edgefield leadership in U.S. military life continued in the Mexican War with such outstanding men as Colonels William B. Travis, James Bonham and Pierce M. Butler. During the Confederate and Spanish-American Wars, Edgefield furnished many distinguished generals. In Reconstruction days, Oakley Park, Edgefield plantation owned by General Martin W. Gary, was site of organization of the Red Shirts.

As commercial center for the area's many cotton plantations Edgefield has been vitally involved in agriculture. By 1823 there was an active society in Edgefield devoted to improving agricultural processes.

The Edgefield Advertiser, published since 1836, is South Carolina's oldest newspaper with continued legal identity.

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(7) Description

TOWN OF EDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT

- 9. Holmewood Built 1834 by William Prothro. Owned by Francis Hugh Wardlaw, one of the drafters of The Ordinance of Secession. Greek Revival with white clapboard exterior. Six columns support front portico. Double-door entrance with semicircular fanlight.
- W. Gary, "The Bald Eagle of the Confederacy." Presently used as house museum and shrine to Red Shirts sponsored by United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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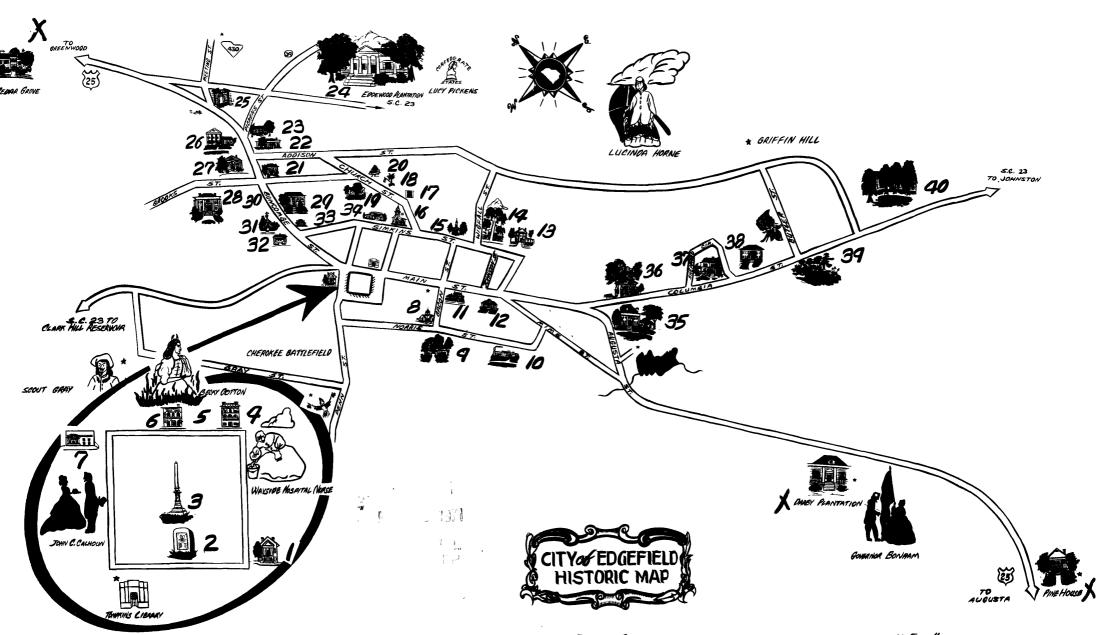
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(8) Significance

TOWN OF EDGEFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT

Schools flourished in rural areas as well as in town, and Furman University was first established here and later moved to Greenville. Edgefield Female Academy, under the administration of William B. Johnson (first president of the Southern Baptist Convention), provided educational facilities for the young ladies of the area.

After the 1830s, plantation churches gradually moved into town. Edgefield Baptist Church, constituted 1784, contributed significantly to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and produced the convention's first president. The Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic and Methodist denominations have been active in Edgefield since the 18th century; however, the Presbyterian church was established later (1877).



- \* COURTESY CENTER
- I COURT HOUSE 1830 2 GOVERNOR MARKER
- 3 CONFEDERATE DEAD 4 PLANTATION HOUSE
- 5 EDBEFIELD ADVERTISER 1836
- 6 SiTE IN COURT HOUSE 7 PLANTER'S HOTEL
- & 1ST METHODIST CHURCH
- 9 MAGNOLIA DALE
- 10 KENDALL MILL
- II GANTT- CANTELOU 1798
- IL BONHAM HOME 13 D.A. TOMPHING HOME
- 4 BACAN GARDENS
- IS TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- - A PINE TERANSE
- M PRESENTERIAN CHURCH PERS
- IS WILLOW GROOK CEMETERY
- 20 SITE OF FLAMM UNIVERSITY
- 2 FOURSQUARE
- 2 ADAME-MIME
- 23 HOLMEWOOD

- A EDIENDOS RANTATION
- 25 Norris Home MAS
- E CARROLL HILL 1840
- 29 BROOKS
- 28 ANTIQUE SHOP (AGNEYWOOD)
- MALYDON GROVE 1810
- 30 SITE BON ME DUPPLE OFFICE
- 31 ST. MARY'S BAUACH 1859
- 32 LAWYER ROW
- 33 SITE RYAN HOTEL
- 34 HISTORIC OFFICES
- 35 OAKLEY PARK
- 36 BOV. THURMOND BIRTHPLAGE
- 37 BON SHEPPARO'S HOME
- 3 CAMELLIA HALL
- 31 SLADE IMS BARDEN
- 40 EAST HILL
- \* CHEROKEE BATTLEFIELD
- \* LION'S CLUB
- \* DARBY PLANTATION
- \* PINE HOUSE
- \* POTTERSUILLE
- \* CEPAR BROVE

X- nearby site, not within district