

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: Dillon	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 30 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hamer Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1 mile south of ^{N of Hamer} I-95 on U.S. 301

CITY OR TOWN:
Hamer *W.C.*

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Dillon CODE: 033

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 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) _____ _____ _____
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Flora Janie Hamer Hooker

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hamer Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Hamer

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
1303 West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dillon

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
1420 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
045

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	(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: Construction was begun ca. 1890 on this late Victorian house with elements of the Eastlake mode. The two-storied dwelling contains fourteen rooms and has three large porches.

The exterior walls are of solid brick construction some sixteen inches thick. On the left front corner is a turret with pyramidal roof topped by a lightning rod. The roof of the main house is a combination of gable and hip styles with off-centered cross gables. Star and decorative motifs are worked into the slate roof.

The one story front piazza has very elaborate ornamentation fashioned with chisel, gouge, and lathe. A centrally recessed second floor balcony also has the decorative woodwork in a fanlight design. The 1/1 windows are surmounted by brick arches.

Interior: The wide central hall is reached by front double doors of walnut containing hand-etched glass panels. The surrounds are walnut with a lionshead motif. The halls, with rooms to either side on both floors, contain wainscoting in a herringbone pattern. A solid walnut circular staircase contains twenty-one handpegged steps. The newel post and balusters are handcarved, and the staircase is supported only at the top and bottom.

On the right portion of the house are connecting parlor and music room. The parlor features a walnut mantel and overmantel with mirror.

The dining room and rear kitchen projection are reached by an enclosed cross passage that opens from the rear hall which contains doors with etched panels similar to the front doors.

A cast iron rear exterior stairway provides additional access to the second floor.

Surroundings: Three barns, a windmill, and water tank are located on the estate.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) ca. 1890

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hamer Hall, a late Victorian residence incorporating elements of the Eastlake style, was constructed ca. 1890 by Robert Pickett Hamer, Jr. Hamer was influential in the economic and political development of Dillon County.

Architecture: This large dwelling contains fourteen rooms and is of solid brick construction. Its numerous gables, corner turret, and slate roof, as well as its elaborate fretwork, decorative embellishments, and elaborate interior walnut stairway and woodwork make it an excellent example of Eastlake influence in South Carolina.

Government and Political Affairs: R. P. Hamer, Jr. was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, 1909-1910. He introduced the bill for the creation of Dillon County from portions of Marion and Marlboro Counties in 1910.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Faunt, Joan Reynolds, Rector, Robert W., and Bowden, David K. Biographical Directory of the South Carolina House of Representatives - Volume I - Session Lists 1692-1973. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1974.

Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina. Regular Session, Beginning Tuesday, January 11, 1910.

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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8 1/2 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **William H. Brabham -- Historic Preservation Division**

ORGANIZATION: **S. C. Department of Archives and History** DATE: **12/20/74**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1430 Senate Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia** STATE: **South Carolina** CODE: **045**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date February 27, 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Arthur Mortensen
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/30/75

ATTEST:

Charles A. Dennis
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5-30-75