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DATA SHEET

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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

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Fairview Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fountain Inn

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

# 4

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Greenville

CODE

045

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

\_\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_BOTH

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_OBJECT

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_NO

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Fairview Presbyterian Church

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Fountain Inn

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina 29644

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Greenville County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

East North Street

CITY, TOWN

Greenville

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE

1973

\_\_\_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  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fairview Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1858 and is a white clapboard, two-story structure, virtually original.

Exterior: The front facade features a pedimented portico which is supported by five square masonry columns. The columns are ornamented with pointed, arch-headed, recessed panels. This motif is repeated in a window, located in the center of the pediment. (This window has been painted-over.) Two double doors with two panels apiece open directly into the church sanctuary.

The two side facades each feature seven 12/12 shuttered windows. On each side are two doorways opening into stairways leading to the gallery.

The roof is covered with tin and is pierced at its peak by a brick flue.

The only major alteration was in 1949 when a one-story, white clapboard addition was made at the rear.

Interior: The interior consists of a large central row of pews separated from two narrower rows by side aisles. Extending above each side aisle is a gallery supported by square wooden fluted columns. The walls are covered with flush board siding, and noteworthy interior details include fluting and corner blocks on the window and door jambs, and graining on the pews, doors, and gallery rail.

The original pews and pulpit are still being used, and the pine floors are carpeted only in the aisles.

The only alterations to the interior have been the addition of heating, lighting, and airconditioning, and the enclosing of doors and windows on the pulpit wall.

## 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

Organized in 1786, Fairview Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest churches in the South Carolina upcountry. According to tradition, its founders were immigrants who named Fairview in honor of a church in County Antrim, Ireland.

In 1787, Fairview was enrolled in the South Carolina Presbytery. In 1855, a Sunday School was organized, and by the outbreak of the War Between the States, church membership totalled 129 whites and 19 Negroes.

There have been four church buildings on the present site. According to church records, the third church was brick and was dedicated on August 11, 1818. This church was replaced by the present frame structure, dedicated May 15, 1858.

Fairview's cemetery is significant in its own right, the oldest graves dating from 1797. There are graves of seven Revolutionary War soldiers, plus those of soldiers in later wars; as well as those of slaves. A fieldstone wall surrounds the cemetery.

The congregation at Fairview continues many of the traditions of the early church. Holy Communion is served to communicants seated on benches at long tables, while offerings are collected in a cloth pouch at the end of a wooden rod.

Throughout its history, Fairview has remained a strong supporter of the Presbyterian faith in upcountry South Carolina. In 1926, it was claimed that Fairview "...has the proud distinction of being the mother of Presbyterianism in Greenville County, and of many, many churches in other states...."<sup>1</sup>

Architecture: Fairview Presbyterian Church, with its clapboard siding, square columns, and pedimented portico, exemplifies the Greek Revival style of architecture--a style prevalent in South Carolina church architecture throughout the mid 19th Century. Other features of the building, such as the twin entrances under the portico and the side doors which lead to the gallery, are also indicative of the meeting house style which frequently influenced rural churches. Original interior features still in use are the pulpit and pews, their feather graining intact. Although a one-story section was added to the rear in 1949, the building's architectural integrity has been retained.

1. F. D. Jones and W. H. Mills, eds., History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850 (Columbia, S.C.: R. L. Bryan, 1926), p. 706.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 6 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	385030	3834005	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				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

Kappy McNulty, Historic Preservation Division (Mrs. David Garrett)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Carolina Department of Archives and History August 23, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P. O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station (803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Columbia 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

*Charles E. Lee*

TITLE Charles E. Lee  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12-6-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <i>Charles McNulty</i>	DATE 8/26/77
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE 8-12-77

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