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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located at the intersection of the old Pinckneyville and Georgia roads, a well-traveled stage route, Foster's Tavern has been a historic and architecturally unique upcountry landmark for more than 150 years. Not only is it an imposing reminder of stagecoach days, but its association with such nationally prominent leaders as John C. Calhoun and Bishop Francis Asbury also add to its historic significance.

The tavern was a favorite stage-coach stop for South Carolin's famous Senator Calhoun (the southwest corner room on the tavern's second floor is traditionally called the John C. Calhoun Room; other guests always moved out when Calhoun stopped here on his travels between Coumbia and Fort Hill). In an 1810 diary, Bishop Asbury, who founded Methodism in South Carolina and was one of the first two Methodist bishops in the United States, mentions that "We breakfasted with kind and attentive Anthony Foster and continued on to Robert Haile's."

Unique in both its architectural design and its brick construction, which was rare in the upcountry, Foster's Tavern is a valuable part of Spartanburg's visual history. It was built by Anthony Foster and appears on the Robert Mills map of 1825.



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As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na- tional 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 N Name Jone State Local N Title Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History						I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. <u>Europe A</u> <u>Description</u> <u>DEC 1 8 1970</u> Date <u>ATTEST:</u> <u>During A</u> <u>Decumananta</u>						
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According to Spartanburg, South Carolina architects Ray Lillard, A.I.A. and Carlisle McGarity, A.I.A., <u>Foster's Tavern</u> is also noteworthy for the following reasons: original pine floors on two upper floors; all woodwork original, including eight mantels and chair-rails in most rooms; fluted door casings; original window frames and sills (one replacement only) with original blown glass panes in many; soapstone hearths; wide, heart-pine treadboards on stairs; hand-shaped stair hand-rail and newel posts all the way to third floor and put together with wooden pegs. Outstanding scroll-work (hand-carved)on stair stringers; exquisite fan-shaped window over front door; beautiful hand-carved, panelled wainscoting in two rooms on right of downstairs hall. Original plaster throughout made with cattle hair. Pintels which held original outside shutters still on windows.

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