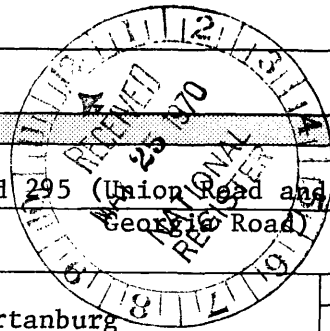


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Spartanburg	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Foster's Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
191 Cedar Spring Rd., Corner Highways 56 and 295 (Union Road and Old Georgia Road)

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45 COUNTY: Spartanburg CODE: 42

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)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ada Lancaster Ruff (Mrs. James P.)

STREET AND NUMBER:
191 Cedar Spring Rd. (Old Union Road)

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Spartanburg County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Magnolia Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Spartanburg

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: September, 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
S.C. Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211, 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE: 45

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)						
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)			(Check One)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Begun about 1801, this painstakingly crafted mansion took 7 years or more to complete. Constructed of bricks handmade in the area, walls 18" to 36" thick. Pedimented entrance portico with fanlight; second floor balcony. American Gothic or "tied" chimneys at each end of gable roof. Hand-carved woodwork includes two rare bowed mantels. The entrance portico was added in 1845, the porches about 1915.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1801-1807**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

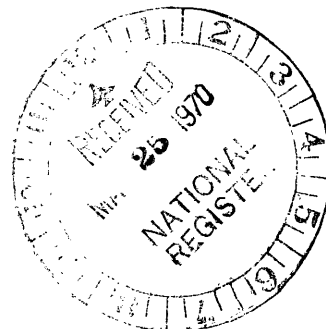
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

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 Carolina'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 Columbia 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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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robert Mill's Atlas of 1825
Landrum, History of Spartanburg County
WPA, A History of Spartanburg County, American Guide Series
Julien & Milling, Beneath So Kind A Sky
McCullough, E.H., Map of County of Spartanburg

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 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: Mrs. James W. Fant, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: S.C. Department of Archives and History

DATE: May 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 11,188, Capitol Station 29211, 1430 Senate St.

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 41

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 S. Fay

Title: Director, S.C. Department of Archives and History

Date: 5/19/70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 18 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Keatinge
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 1 1970

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According to Spartanburg, South Carolina, architects Ray Lillard, A.I.A. and Carlisle McGarity, A.I.A., Foster's Tavern 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.

There is still no central heating in house - grate fires only.

This house is a gem. The exterior and interior of the house are as original as any 170-year old house could be which has been occupied continuously since its construction.

