

STATE:  
South Carolina

COUNTY:  
Oconee

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ENTRY DATE  
JUL 24 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Ellicott Rock

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: *N of Walhalla off S.C. 107*  
3.4 Miles from Hwy 107 along NC-SC state line on Chattooga River, ~~Chattahoochee National Forest~~

CITY OR TOWN: Vicinity of Walhalla

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: SC 3

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 39 COUNTY: Oconee CODE: 073

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. AGENCY**

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture - Forest Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
Regional Forester

CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta

STREET AND NUMBER: 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW

STATE: Georgia CODE: 10

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Walhalla

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 39

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

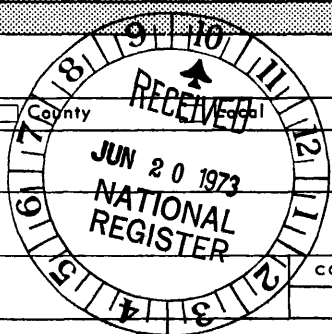
TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

The rock was located and carved in 1813 by the boundary commissioners for the states of North Carolina and South Carolina. It was to mark the latitude 35 at the Chattooga River; however, later surveys have located it variously at 34° 59' 34" in 1820, latitude 35° 00' 04.4" by USFS in the 1930s and 35° 00' 02.3" by Tennessee Valley Authority in the 1930s. The Commissioners marked the rock with the following inscription: "Lat 35 AD 1813 NC + SC." (This being noted in the Commissioners' notes and also Statutes at Large of South Carolina, I, 417.) This is the inscription on the rock now known as Ellicott Rock. The inscription is slowly weathering away due to high rainfall and water action of the Chattooga River.



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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1813

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" 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 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

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Ellicott Rock, in the Eastbank of Chattooga River, is the common corner of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. As a result of the division of the Carolina province into 2 colonies in 1727, a dispute arose over the boundary between North and South Carolina. Beginning at the sea the boundary line was gradually established until 1813 when the terminus of the SC-NC line was set by commissioners of the 2 states. This last line was run on the ground and approved by both states in 1815. In 1819 commissioners for North Carolina and Georgia used the rock as a focal point for attempted settlement of the boundary dispute between their two states. Although the NC-GA line dispute still erupts periodically, the rock is recognized as the fixed Common Corner of all three states - North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Andrew Ellicott's survey was made in 1811, and Ellicott's notes state that he marked a rock at that time with inscription NC-GA. A rock about 500 feet upstream bears this inscription. Local and regional usage has established the name Ellicott Rock for the rock inscribed in 1813.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Salley, A. S., Jr., The Boundary Line between North Carolina and South Carolina. Bulletin of the Historical Commission of South Carolina, no.10. Columbia, S. C.:The State Company, 1929.

Skaggs, Marvin Lucian, North Carolina Boundary Disputes involving her Southern Line. The James Sprunt Studies in History and Political Science, vol. 25, No.1. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina press, 1941. pp. 140-145.

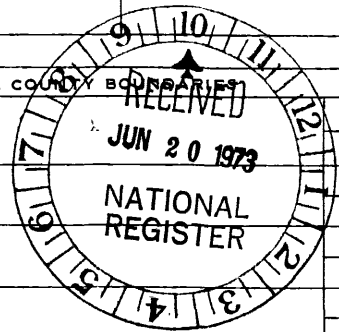
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		35	00	04.0
NE	° ' "	° ' "		83	06	30.5
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5

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: <b>John L. Connell, Visito Information Office</b>		DATE:
BUSINESS ADDRESS: <b>U. S. Forest Service</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>1801 Main Street, Jefferson Square</b>		PHONE: <b>803-765-5222</b>
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Columbia</b>	STATE: <b>South Carolina</b>	CODE: <b>39</b>

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

Yes  
 No  
 None

*Paul S. Lopez*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11596, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*Floyd Bond* 6/18/73  
 Federal Representative Signature Date

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 Title

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Robert M. Utley*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/24/73

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 7/23/73