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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
Antioch Christian Church
AND/OR COMMON
Antioch Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *207 North 4th Street*
S. C. Highway 3, off U. S. Highway 301
CITY, TOWN Allendale VICINITY OF # 2
STATE South Carolina CODE 045 COUNTY Allendale CODE 005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED exterior	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mrs. Ruth E. Meadows
STREET & NUMBER
207 North 4th Street
CITY, TOWN Opelika VICINITY OF STATE Alabama

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allendale County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Memorial Avenue and Barnwell Highway
CITY, TOWN Allendale 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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Antioch Church, built ca. 1835, is a simple meeting house style church. Constructed of clapboard, it rests upon low brick foundations and has a hipped roof covered by pressed tin. The front (west) facade features double six-paneled doors with a five-paneled transom, flanked by a window on each side. The right side facade has a single six-paneled door with a four-paneled transom. This door is flanked by one window to the right and two on the left. The rear (east) facade reveals the only major alteration to the structure: in the 1930s two doors were cut from the two original windows to provide passage to Sunday School rooms. These rooms have since been torn down and the doorways covered with siding.

All windows are 9/9 with louvered shutters, and plain moldings surround both doors and windows. The cornice is boxed. Brick steps have been constructed, replacing the original wooden steps.

The simplicity of the design is carried out in the interior. The walls are plaster, and the original pews of hand-hewn pine remain intact.

In 1976 the church was renovated by the South Carolina Disciples of Christ. The interior, however, was not included in the repairs and presently needs to be restored.

SURROUNDINGS: Antioch Church is located in rural Allendale County. Included within the nominated acreage is a graveyard where many of Allendale's old families are buried.

NOTE: The photographs enclosed with this nomination were made in January 1975. Since then the church has been painted and maintenance considerably improved.

one door reduced to a window *LEBORNA*
12/15/77

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
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<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 ca. 1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Antioch Christian Church, built ca. 1835, was the second Disciples of Christ Church in South Carolina. Today, according to the South Carolina Disciples, it is the oldest standing structure of that faith in the state and has been referred to as the "Mother Church." Antioch is also significant as an excellent example of the meeting house style of church architecture.

The founding of Antioch Church was chronicled in 1904 in the Churches of Christ by John T. Brown. This account was written by J. D. Erwin, son of one of the founders of Antioch, and a religious leader in his own right. According to Erwin:

Among the first to espouse the cause of pure Bible Christianity in the state of South Carolina was Dr. W. R. Erwin, a deacon in the Kirkland church [Smyrna Baptist Church, National Register of Historic Places, 1976] in the lower part of Barnwell county. After long opposition he requested, at a meeting of the church, May 4, 1833, a letter of dismission. On the 6th of July he and Mrs. Rachel Robert were excommunicated, on the charge of heresy. Soon after Mrs. Julia Erwin gave notice of her withdrawal, and she was also excommunicated. In the latter part of 1833, the three above united as a church. In 1835 they completed and set apart a neat meeting house (grounds donated by Gen. James D. Erwin) on the outskirts of Erwinton, and called the place Antioch, from Acts 11:26. The building still stands and is in good repair.¹

As Erwin records, Antioch was on the outskirts of the community of Erwinton. In 1847 J. J. Trott, an evangelist, visited the area and reported:

Erwington [sic] is a most delightful place. It is not a city nor a town, but--something much more interesting--a Christian neighborhood, composed of a postoffice [sic], a male and female Academy, a neat and comfortable meeting house, and a congregation of Disciples.²

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¹John T. Brown, Churches of Christ (Louisville, Kentucky: John P. Morton and Company, 1904), pp. 279-280.

²Charles Crossfield Ware, South Carolina Disciples of Christ, A History (Charleston: Christian Churches of South Carolina, 1967), p. 38, as quoted from Telbert Fanning, The Christian Review, Franklin College, Tenn.; Vol. 4, No. 4, April 1847, p. 135.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brown, John T. Churches of Christ. Louisville, Kentucky: John P. Morton, Company, 1904.
 "Christian Church Plans 'Antioch Day' Sunday." Allendale County Citizen, April 21, 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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Latitude: 33° 56' 54"

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(see plat)

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

ORGANIZATION

S. C. Department of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 11,669, Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

Mrs. J. E. Kirkland, Jr.

Debora L. Gwinn, former preservation planner, Lower Savannah Regional Council of Governments

DATE

February 28, 1977

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

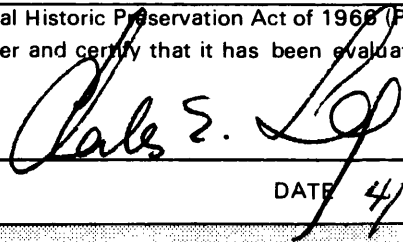
NATIONAL

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

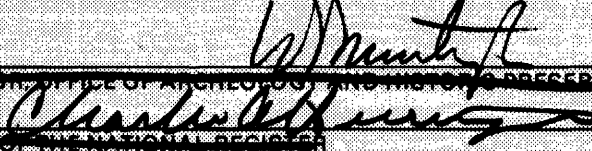


TITLE Charles E. Lee
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4/14/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: 

DATE 12/12/77
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 12.8.77

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Although the church has not been used since 1939, there is considerable interest in its preservation. In the 1960s, a South Carolina Historical Marker was erected; and most recently, in 1976, the exterior of the church was restored by the South Carolina Disciples of Christ. Services are now to be held there annually on the Sunday after Easter.

ARCHITECTURE: Antioch Church is an excellent example of the meeting house style of church architecture. Although simple in design, it is a well-proportioned structure with paneled doors, transoms, and a hipped roof with boxed cornice.

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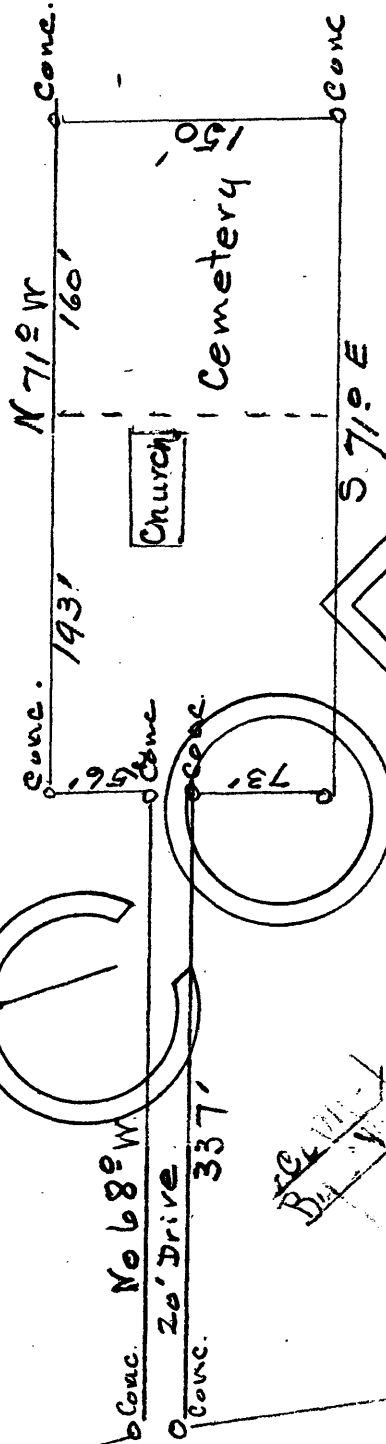
Lawton, Alexania Easterling, and Wilson, Minnie Reeves. Allendale on the Savannah. Bamberg, S.C.: Bamberg Herald Printers, 1970.

Ware, Charles Crossfield. South Carolina Disciples of Christ, A History. Charleston: Christian Churches of South Carolina, 1967.

Information and copies of family papers provided by Mrs. John E. Kirkland, Jr., of Allendale, South Carolina, July, 1975.

Telephone interview with Reverend Bennett, pastor, First Christian Church, Columbia, S. C., February 11, 1977.

Butterfield Estates.



Butterfield Estates.

Plat of

Old Antioch Church Cemetery.

Located approximately 8 miles South of Allendale, Allendale County, S. C.

Scale: 1" = 100'. Date: May 7, 1957

Surveyed by: Joe P. Miley, R.E.S.E.L.S.

South Carolina,
Allendale County }
Recorded May 31, 1957.
at 10:10 A.M. in Plat.
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conveys good & lawful
Clerk of Court.

REC'D - ALLLEN CLERK
ALLLEN COUNTY

S.C. Hwy 4-