

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Calhoun	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 30 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Oakland Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION *S OF FORT MOTTE OFF SC 26 ON SR 1*

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 115, Route 1

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Motte VICINITY

STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045 COUNTY: Calhoun CODE: 017

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: Nell Peterkin Reid

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 115, Route 1

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Motte STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Railroad Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: St. Matthews STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street (P.O. Box 11,669 Capitol Station)

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 045

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR

Built about 1800, Oakland is a clapboard raised cottage, typical of the early 19th Century houses built in lowcountry South Carolina. The one-and-one-half story house remains as originally designed except for two flanking wings, set back from the facade. House sits on brick foundations and has an enclosed basement. Medium-gable roof extends over the front porch. Porch has six square columns, a wooden balustrade with lattice work (added in the 1880s) and shiplap walls. Sills are hand-hewn pine, at least 18 inches wide, and extend the length and breadth of the house without piecing.

Door has three-part transom. Front entrance is flanked on either side by full-length French windows, lengthened from multi-paned windows. Two gabled dormer windows and two interior chimneys extend from the roof of the original cottage. The two wings have inside end chimneys.

Rear portico has been enclosed and is used as a sun porch, opening on either end to the two wings.

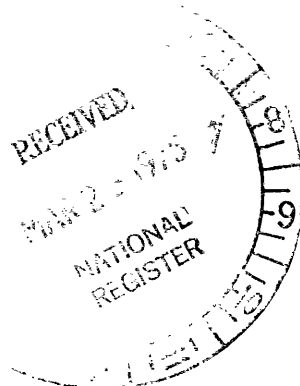
INTERIOR

A wide central hallway runs the length of the house and two rooms on either side. Hallway is divided by a spindle-work screen, added in the late 19th Century. Detail work original to the house includes pine-board wainscoting, chair rails, floors, and early mantels. Stairs are located in the rear part of the entrance hall.

SURROUNDINGS

Oakland is located in a rural section of Calhoun County, surrounded by farm land. The house and the original kitchen, separate from the house, are situated on a one acre lot. Magnolias, camellias, azaleas, and oaks are found on the grounds.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca 1800**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture _____ | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

A raised cottage, Oakland Plantation House was originally inhabited by a local political leader and grandson of a Revolutionary War hero. Easily adaptable to the various needs of succeeding generations, the white clapboard house is now occupied by a descendant of the original owner.

ARCHITECTURE

Oakland is an excellent example of a cottage built on a raised basement, a style popular in South Carolina in the early 19th Century. The white clapboard house with gable roof and square columns is characteristic of the raised cottage design often seen in Calhoun County and is presently one of the best maintained and least altered in the area.

The cottage design is typical: a one-and-one-half-story frame house raised eight feet from the ground, with porch columns, gable roof, and obvious attention to symmetry. The interior follows the basic plan of two rooms on each side of a central hall. With dormers and rear portico, Oakland is larger and more elaborate than many raised cottages and gives evidence of a prominent owner who chose a house of solid construction and fine craftsmanship.

POLITICAL

The first known occupant of Oakland was William Sabb Thomson (1785-1841). Thomson served as state senator from Parish of St. Matthew from 1830-34. A typical planter of the early 19th Century, he was educated by tutors and was a member of a family that owned several plantations in Calhoun County, then part of Orangeburgh District. Thomson's grandfather, William Thomson, served as a colonel in the Revolutionary War where he earned the nickname, "Old Danger".

A descendant of the Thomson family now lives in the house.

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