

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

For NPS use only

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

received FEB 25 1986  
date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic GEORGE P. HOFFMAN HOUSE

and or common SAME

2. Location

street & number North of County Rd. 54 N/A not for publication

city, town Blythewood N/A vicinity of

state South Carolina code 045 county Richland code 079

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Eugene L. Brantley

street & number 2008 Marion St., Suite E

city, town Columbia N/A vicinity of state South Carolina

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Richland County Judicial Center

street & number Main Street

city, town Columbia state South Carolina

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places  
has this property been determined eligible? yes  no

date 1980 federal  state county local

depository for survey records South Carolina Department of Archives and History

city, town Columbia state South Carolina

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The George P. Hoffman House, located in the town of Blythewood in upper Richland County, is a one-story, braced-frame residence believed to have been built ca. 1855. The building has been enlarged and remodeled in several phases, but the original structure is largely intact.

The house has a central, five-bay block with weatherboard siding and a masonry foundation. A pedimented porch spans the three central bays of the facade (west elevation). This porch has paneled piers and flushboard siding beneath the porch. The central entrance has a rectangular transom and sidelights. Windows have nine-over-nine sash with louvered shutters.

The rear (east) elevation is thought to have had a porch similar to the facade's; this was removed sometime in the early twentieth century, and a one-story, frame addition located in its place. One-story, frame additions were also built onto the north and south elevations, reportedly in the later nineteenth century; these additions have small porches similar to the porch of the main house.

The building's interior has been remodeled in several stages, with new finishes and ceilings and some new partitions.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1855 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The George P. Hoffman House, reputedly built ca. 1855, is the oldest building in the present-day town of Blythewood and is significant for its association with the early development of the community.<sup>1</sup> The construction of the house preceded Blythewood. A settlement known as Doko developed in this area around a stop on the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad line, which was completed in 1852. At this time this area was a part of Fairfield County.<sup>2</sup> In 1879 the village was incorporated as the Town of Blythewood and in 1913 Blythewood was included in a section of Fairfield County that was added to Richland County.<sup>3</sup>

George P. Hoffman was a native of North Carolina, who by 1860 had established a household in Fairfield County.<sup>4</sup> Hoffman owned six slaves and was farming only thirty-four acres in 1860.<sup>5</sup> At least by 1870, however, he was operating a substantial sawmill, which employed an average of twelve hands.<sup>6</sup>

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property .89

Quadrangle name Blythewood

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 

117	50125912	31781571810
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

--	--	--

D 

--	--	--

E 

--	--	--

F 

--	--	--

G 

--	--	--

H 

--	--	--

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County Tax map, number 15213, section 2, parcel 10, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state N/A code county N/A code

state N/A code county N/A code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John E. Wells, Mary W. Edmonds

South Carolina Department of

organization Archives and History

date 20 January 1986

street & number 1430 Senate Street

telephone 758-5816

city or town Columbia

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

Charles E. Lee

*Charles E. Lee* 2/11/86

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

For NPS use only

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

*Jayne M. McPherson*  
Keeper of the National Register

date 3/27/86

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only  
received  
date entered

Continuation sheet

1

Item number 8

Page 1

FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Dottie Ashley, "Historic House," Columbia (S.C.) Record, 13 September 1978.

<sup>2</sup>Blythewood Scrapbook (Blythewood, S. C.: Blythewood Garden Club, 1976), pp. 3-4; Samuel M. Derrick, "Transportation," in Helen Kohn Hennig, Columbia: Capital City of South Carolina, 1786-1936 (Columbia, S. C.: The R. L. Bryan Co., 1936), p. 356.

<sup>3</sup>Edwin L. Green, A History of Richland County, Volume One, 1732-1805 (Columbia: The R. L. Bryan Co., 1932), p. 3; Research, Planning and Development Board, Towns of South Carolina: Incorporated Dates, Population, Utilities, Communications, County Political Representation (Columbia, S. C.: n.p., 1947), p.51.

<sup>4</sup>Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967), Fairfield District, p. 227.

<sup>5</sup>Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina: Slave Schedules (Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967), Fairfield District, p. 29; United States Census: Agriculture, Industry, Social Statistics, and Mortality Schedules for South Carolina, 1850-1880 (Columbia, S. C.: Department of Archives and History Microfilm, 1971), 1860: Agriculture, Fairfield County p. 735.

<sup>6</sup>United States Census: Agriculture, Industry, Social Statistics, and Mortality Schedules for South Carolina, 1850-1880 (Columbia, S. C.: Department of Archives and History Microfilm, 1971), 1870: Industry, Fairfield County, p.4.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only  
received  
date entered

Continuation sheet 2

Item number 9

Page 1

Ashley, Dottie. "Historic House." Columbia (S.C.) Record, 13 September 1978.

Blythewood Scrapbook. Blythewood, S. C.: Blythewood Garden Club, 1976.

Derrick, Samuel M. "Transportation." In Helen Kohn Hennig, Columbia: Capital City of South Carolina, 1786-1936. Columbia, S. C.: The R.L. Bryan Co., 1936.

Green, Edwin L. A History of Richland County, Volume One, 1732-1805. Columbia, S. C.: The R. L. Bryan Co., 1932.

Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina: Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967.

Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: South Carolina: Slave Schedules. Washington: National Archives Microfilm Publications, 1967.

Research, Planning, and Development Board, Towns of South Carolina: Incorporated Dates, Population, Utilities, Communications, County Political Representation. Columbia, S. C.: n.p., 1947.

United States Census: Agriculture, Industry, Social Statistics, and Mortality Schedules for South Carolina, 1850-1880. Columbia, S. C.: Department of Archives and History Microfilm, 1971.